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Charity Pro-Am
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First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Cameron Champ (TC)	63 (-8)
	Taylor Moore (CV)	64 (-8)
	Vince India (TC)	63 (-8)
	Jin Park (CV)	64 (-8)
	Luke Guthrie (FG)	62 (-8)

FG=Furman University GC, CV=The Cliffs Valley, TC=Thornblade Club

**Five tied for lead at BMW Charity Pro-Am
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GREENVILLE, S.C. – On Wednesday, tournament officials announced a five-year extension of the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by SYNnex Corporation. While the Web.com Tour celebrated this that day, the fireworks were delayed until Thursday when five players, on three different golf courses, posted 8-under-par rounds to grab a share of the first-round lead.

Cameron Champ and Vince India got the party started at the Thornblade Club with matching 63s. Taylor Moore and Jin Park entered the fray with rounds of 64 at The Cliffs Valley and Luke Guthrie rounded out the quartet with a career-tying 62 at Furman University Golf Club.

Champ is coming off a T32 at the Knoxville Open, where his final three rounds were under par after an opening 75. Lofty expectations were bestowed on the former Texas A&M Aggie after his performance at the 2017 U.S. Open at Erin Hills where he placed T32. After the first seven events of the season, Champ used the week off to reevaluate his start and alter his strategy moving forward.

“There was a little frustration,” said Champ. “I don’t feel like I’ve been playing bad, I just haven’t put things together. To see today and my last three rounds last week is pretty exciting.”

Champ is currently No. 73 on the money list and admitted that he hopes his caddie dons a gold bib soon. The thought of getting inside the top 25 is in the back of his mind, but he’s not letting it affect his play on the course.

“That’s the ultimate goal,” said Champ, about getting inside the top 25. “I just want to take small steps toward it. My game hasn’t felt off, but I wasn’t able to put scores together. It’s always in the back of our minds because it is the ultimate goal, but I need to take small steps to get there.”

Champ, 22, played against Sam Burns in college and has played some practice rounds with him this season. The Sacramento, California native lit up after his round when talking about Burns’ win at the inaugural Savannah Golf Championship earlier this season.

“It’s was a huge confidence boost for me,” he said. “Seeing one of my good friends do that, that quick is impressive. I know it’s possible to do it and get to the next stage.”

India arrived in Greenville, fresh off a T17 at the Costa Rica Classic on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica. The 29-year-old from Deerfield, Illinois has conditional status on the Web.com Tour this season and missed the cut in his first three starts.

“Honestly the last year and a half have been pretty dismal,” said India, who ended last season No. 110 on the Web.com Tour money list. “I’ve kind of dug it out of the earth here and there. I think I’ve rebuilt some confidence that hasn’t been there in a while in the last couple of weeks on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica. There’s probably a little pressure but I’m just going to play golf and take it one shot at a time.”

India’s resurgence is due to a new outlook on the game and also the format this week. The University of Iowa graduate feels like he’s back at home playing with friends when talking to the amateurs in the group between shots. He’s also trying to keep things light and not get too worked up when he hits a bad shot.

“It’s almost like I have to care less,” he said. “Sometimes you can get into a habit of trying too hard in this profession in general. I don’t know if I’ve ever struggled as much as I have this year. I just kind of went through the ebbs and flows. It’s going to happen, you’re going to miss cuts. This is probably going to stop sooner or later.”

Park, like India, is looking for a spark to jump-start his season. In his last six rounds on the Web.com Tour, the 38-year-old from Seoul, South Korea had not broken par before his season-low 64 on Thursday. At No. 89 on the money list, Park knows there is plenty of golf left in the season.

“It’s tough to stay patient at times,” he said. “Sometimes you start getting ahead of yourself and you see guys that have made \$100,000-plus dollars already and you see yourself at 80th on the money list. So, when you do come to a place like this where it is scorable, you feel like you want to get out there and chase after the birdies but fortunately today I hit a lot of good shots and stayed patient and the putting did the work for me.”

Moore is on the verge of entering the winner’s circle. The Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada alum has posted three top-10s in 10 starts and is currently No. 15 on the money list. Moore, who finished No. 38 on the money list in his rookie season, has a knack for going low. With a scoring average of 70.53, the former Arkansas Razorback is No. 12 on Tour.

So, what exactly does Moore do when he starts to record multiple birdies in a round?

“I don’t really think about it honestly,” he said. “I just try to hit golf shots and stick to my game plan. I don’t really get too high or too low out there. I just try to stay as patient as I can and execute to the best of my ability.”

Thursday Notes:

* Thursday weather: Mostly sunny, High: 81, Winds: S-SE 5-10 mph.

Scoring Averages at the par-71 Thornblade Club (host):

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	33.125	34.696	687.821	---

Scoring Averages at the par-72 The Cliffs Valley:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.893	34.125	69.018	---

Scoring Averages at the par-71 Furman University Golf Club:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	33.661	34.964	68.625	---

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