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Second-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Alex Prugh	64-60-124 (-16)
2	Josh Teater	64-62-126 (-14)
3	Samuel Del Val	63-64-127 (-13)
	Trevor Cone	64-63-127 (-13)
5	Adam Long	63-66-129 (-11)

Stephen Curry misses cut at Ellie Mae Classic; Alex Prugh shoots 10-under 60 to take the lead

HAYWARD, California – Two-time NBA MVP Stephen Curry carded a 16-over 86 Friday at the Ellie Mae Classic at TPC Stonebrae to finish his first two rounds at 17-over 157. Curry missed the cut in his second Web.com Tour appearance but bested his 18-hole scores from the previous year with his opening 1-over 71. Alex Prugh fired the low round of the day with a 10-under 60 to take the solo lead by two strokes at 16-under 124 heading into the weekend.

Trouble struck early for Curry, who parred the first hole before picking up a bogey at the par-3 second. His struggle continued with back-to-back out-of-bounds tee shots on No. 3, which ultimately led to a quadruple-bogey for the 30-year-old.

“As always, it's an amazing opportunity,” Curry said after his round, “to be out here to test my game under the ultimate pressure, stressful situations. Today was interesting all the way around. I knew sort of what I had to shoot [to make the cut]. I played the first holes okay and then the wheels fell off on the third hole.

“I couldn't hit a driver to save my life today, so that's how golf goes. One day you have it, or at least in the amateur world, one day you have it and one day you completely lose it and you have no idea what you're doing over the top of the ball.”

Despite making the turn with an 11-over 46 on the front nine, the two-time NBA champion refused to quit, fighting on the par-4 10th to pick up his first birdie of the round.

“It's the same way I do on the court when I'm not making shots,” Curry commented when asked how he kept a level head on the course, “you just find something to focus on that you can do. For me, it was just trying to take each shot and just have fun with it and trying to hit a good shot and not really get too down about the result if it wasn't what I was expecting. The round kept my attention the whole way, I was trying to just grind...”

Curry picked up another birdie on No. 14 before ultimately ending the day at 16-over 86. While the father-of-three admitted to being frustrated with the results of his round Friday, he ultimately views the week as a testament to the level of play on the Web.com Tour and hopes that his play will shed light on golf's next wave of stars.

“If that's what the conversation is out of this,” Curry said about skeptics who might view Friday's round as a sign he shouldn't have been competing, “I think you're missing the point of how hard it is to play on this Tour; how, as a professional, these guys are just so good... These guys can figure it out and that's why a guy like Cameron Champ, who really didn't have much going today, scrambled and found a way to make the cut, and Martin [Trainer] is

working on stuff to come back next week in Portland and have a good round and good tournament and that's why he's got his [PGA] TOUR card [locked up already].

“For me particularly, I'm really proud of the first three rounds that I've had in this tournament and I will have a short memory on this if I come back next year. But it's all about continuing to raise awareness for the guys out here on the Web.com Tour, the game of golf in general and take advantage of that opportunity.”

Prugh, a West Coast native, looked like he might steal the show from Curry for a while with a potential sub-60 round in the morning wave. After carding just two birdies on his front nine, the former Web.com Tour winner went on a heater after making the turn, carding seven straight birdies on Nos. 10-16 before settling for par on No. 17. Prugh went on to birdie the par-4 closing hole to card a back-nine 27, tying the lowest nine-hole score in Tour history, and finishing the day with a 10-under 60, the lowest round of his Web.com Tour and PGA TOUR careers.

“I actually didn't drive the ball that well,” Prugh said when asked about his birdie streak. “I had one two-putt birdie, which was the drivable hole. That was probably my best drive of the day. Then I just hit wedge shots – I had a ton of 6- to 8-footers and just kind of lipped a couple in early and then the hole started getting a little bigger.”

The birdie streak was a career-best for Prugh, whose longest streak on the Web.com Tour sat at five heading into the week (occurring in 2009 and 2013). Friday's performance is not surprising from the University of Washington alum, who has been riding a wave of momentum as of late.

After opening the season with fairly inconsistent play, Prugh picked up his first top-10 of the year at the Rust-Oleum Championship, where he fell short of the title in a playoff to finish the week in solo-second. The 33-year-old picked up another top-10 at the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Heartland Chevy Dealers in late July (T10), which he backed up with a T7 the following week in Missouri and a T17 at last week's KC Golf Classic. The late-season surge propelled Prugh to No. 24 on the Regular Season money list as he eyes a return to the PGA TOUR.

“My putter has been a little streaky here and there,” Prugh remarked of his summer play, “but when it's on, it's on. I've been making putts and fortunately whenever that happens it makes everything easier. I've always driven the ball really well and I keep it in play, and that's basically what I've been doing – just keeping it in play and giving myself birdie opportunities when I need to.”

FRIDAY NOTES:

* Friday weather: Hazy, High of 87, Winds W/NW 10-15 mph with gusts of 15-20 mph.

* This week's purse is \$600,000, with \$108,000 going to the champion.

* In the history of the Web.com Tour, only two former professional athletes competing in events have broken par in a round: Ralph Terry (1990 Dakota Dunes Open / 71) and Grant Fuhr (2008 Ford Wayne Gretzky Classic / 70). Of the 11 non-golf professional athletes to compete on Tour, none have made the cut (including Stephen Curry).

* Only one second-round leader has gone on to win the Ellie Mae Classic (Stephan Jaeger, 2016). Through 21 events, five 36-hole leaders/co-leaders have converted their leads into titles, with the most recent being Sepp Straka at last week's KC Golf Classic.

* Friday's cut came at 4-under 136, with 67 players advancing to weekend play. Only three times has the tournament's cutline been at even- or over-par, with the most recent being 3-over 143 in 2012.

* The Web.com Tour has produced 18 first-time winners this year. With 36 holes to play at TPC Stonebrae, there are currently six players inside the top 10 looking for their first Tour title.

* Andrew Novak carded a 7-under 63 Friday to move to T6 heading into the weekend. Novak, a rookie on Tour, is seeking the first top-25 finish of his career.

* Through 36 holes of play, there are two international players inside the top 10 on the leaderboard. Thus far in 2018, the Web.com Tour has had winners from seven different countries claim titles in the first 21 events: Argentina, Canada, England, Germany, Mexico, South Korea and the United States. Four international players have won the Ellie Mae Classic (Stephan Jaeger, Si Woo Kim, Daniel Chopra, Michael Sim).

* TPC Stonebrae scoring average:

	Front (36)	Back (35)	Total (70)	Cumulative
R1	34.390	34.766	69.156	
R2	34.221	34.195	68.416	68.792

* NEXT WEEK: The Web.com Tour travels up the west coast to Oregon for the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by Kraft-Heinz, the final event of the Regular Season.

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