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Second-Round Leaderboard

| Pos. | Name | Scores |
|------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Wyndham Clark | 68-64—132 (-12) |
| | Lanto Griffin | 65-67—132 (-12) |
| 3 | Josh Teater | 65-68—133 (-11) |

Wyndham Clark and Lanto Griffin tied at Nashville Golf Open Benefitting the Snedeker Foundation

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Wyndham Clark looked poised to take the outright clubhouse lead at the Nashville Golf Open Benefitting the Snedeker Foundation after a career-low 8-under 64 in the second round. The 24-year-old from Denver, Colorado went out in the first group off the first tee and posted a 36-hole total of 12-under 132. Defending champion Lanto Griffin dashed Clark's hopes with a 5-under 67 to tie for the lead.

Playing alongside Clark, Josh Teater turned in a 4-under 68 on Friday morning and trials the pair by one halfway through the second round. Play was suspended at 7:50 p.m. local time leaving the afternoon wave, including country music sensation Jake Owen, stranded on the golf course. Play will resume on Saturday morning at 7 a.m.

It's been feast or famine for Clark this season. The former PAC-12 Player of the Year at the University of Oregon has made five cuts in 10 starts and recorded three top-10s including a runner-up at the United Leasing & Finance Championship and a solo third at the Knoxville Open. Clark, who entered the week No. 11 on the money list, has made \$109,900 in the last four events he's competed in.

"It's fun to make the weekend any time," said Clark. "It would be really fun to be in contention again. I can build off what I've done in previous events where I did finish well."

In the last month, Clark's best scores have come on the weekend. In Evansville he battled through adverse conditions for a final-round 67 to end the tournament one-stroke behind champion Jose de Jesus Rodriguez. Two weeks later, the Las Vegas resident posted a 65 on Sunday in Knoxville to move inside the top five.

"You never know until the back nine on Sunday," he said. "I've proven that a couple times where I've gone low on the back nine. I really just want to focus on tomorrow, try and play well and set myself up for Sunday."

Nashville Golf and Athletic Club continued to favor Griffin, who managed a second-round 67 to retain a share of the lead going into the weekend. Backtracking to last year, the PGA TOUR rookie has shot rounds of 62, 68, 65 and 67 in his last four rounds at the course.

The Mount Shasta, California native was on his final hole of the day when his round came to an abrupt halt, caught in the first of two weather delays. Not phased, Griffin returned from the locker room an hour later to knock in a 15-footer to cap off his six-birdie day.

"The birdie made (the delay) feel a little better," said Griffin. "It was only an hour, but after five-hours out in this heat on these hills we were ready to get out of there - but that's the way it goes."

Griffin began his day on a scoreable back-nine that took him just 29-shots to complete a day prior. While he couldn't match that today, the 29-year-old built momentum with a birdie on hole 11 before three straight from 14-16 allowed him to make the turn in 32.

"I didn't birdie 13 or 18, the par-5s, which you have to do," said Griffin, disappointed after failing to get up-and-down from the greenside bunker on both holes. "But other than that, I played well on the other seven holes; making the turn at four under is good."

The Virginia Commonwealth University graduate gave one back on the par-4 fourth but closed with two birdies in his last three to put him at 12-under heading into the third round.

Teater is enjoying his best start to a tournament this season thanks to a renewed confidence in his putting. The 39-year-old from Lexington, Kentucky got a front-row seat for Clark's best round of the season and held his own as well. After a bogey on his second hole of the round, Teater birdied five holes, including the par-5 finishing hole to pull within one of the lead.

"It's hard to play well when guys are struggling," he said. "Wyndham played great both days and Stuart played great today. We kind of got it rolling the last 13 holes, which was fun."

Friday Notes:

- * Friday weather: Scattered storms and a high of 83 degrees with winds were NE 6-12
- * Play was suspended from 1:44 p.m. to 3:25 and then 4:05 p.m. to 5:55 p.m. Round two will resume at 7 a.m. on Saturday and the plan is to start the third round at 10 a.m. on No. 1 and 10 tee.
- * Scoring Averages for the week:

Front (36) Back (36) Total (72) **R1** 36.955 34.731 71.686

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