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First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Martin Trainer	62 (-10)
2	Alex Prugh	63 (-9)
	Rafael Campos	63 (-9)
	Kyle Jones	63 (-9)

Martin Trainer in search of second Web.com Tour win at Price Cutter Charity Championship

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Martin Trainer thought he spent too much time working on his putting at Highland Springs Country Club in preparation for the Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr. Pepper. The 27-year-old from Marseille, France might reconsider after turning in his lowest score of the Web.com Tour season.

Trainer made 10 birdies on Thursday and carded a first-round 10-under 62 to take a one-stroke lead over Alex Prugh, Rafael Campos and Kyle Jones.

“I played unbelievable all around,” said Trainer. “In order to shoot 10-under you have to have everything go your way. Everything kind of went perfectly and of course I ended up making my putts.”

Trainer hit 17 of 18 green in regulation and needed just 28 putts on Thursday. The 2018 El Bosque Mexico Championship winner has recorded 20 rounds under par, four of which came during his maiden Tour win. Two weeks ago, in Utah, the former Southern California Trojan posted a 63 in round one and a final-round 64 en route to a T9.

“I’ve never shot a score like this,” said Trainer. “There’s no precedent for it. I wonder what my over under is for tomorrow. Hopefully it’s below 70.”

Trainer arrived in Springfield No. 24 on the money list. Winning one of the largest Regular Season purses has helped the PGA TOUR Latinoamérica alum remain inside the top 25 on the money list for the majority of the year. Each time Trainer has posted a score of 64 or lower, he has failed to break 70 the next round. Coming off a missed cut at the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Heartland Chevy Dealers, the Palo Alto native hopes he can take advantage of his great start.

“My game has either turned around or still bad because I either play really well or really bad,” he said. “Hopefully this will be one of the weeks where I play really well.”

Prugh played with Wes Roach and Mito Pereira. The trio recorded a combined 20-under-par on Thursday. Prugh is making his sixth start at the Price Cutter Charity Championship this week. The 33-year-old from Spokane, Washington also posted 63 on the Robert Trent Jones Jr. design in 2013 and ended the tournament solo fifth.

“I just told my caddie, ‘I think if I do that three more rounds it will be good.’ Fortunately, our group played well as a team,” he said. “We just kind of fed off each other and hopefully we can keep that momentum for tomorrow.”

Prugh is coming off a T10 at last week's Pinnacle Bank Championship after a final-round 64. At No. 32 on the money list with just three tournaments left in the Regular Season, the three-time Tour graduate isn't ready to push the panic button yet

"I'm in a good position right now," said Prugh. "I need some good weeks, but realistically good golf takes care of that. If you keep it in front of you and let the putter get hot, that's what you need to do."

To say 2018 has been a frustrating year for Campos would be an understatement. The 30-year-old from San Juan, Puerto Rico has been plagued with back issues dating back to last season. Campos has fought through the pain and it looked like he was poised for a breakout year after a T3 at The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay and a T2 at the Panama Championship. As the pain got worse, so did Campos' results. The seven-year-pro has not posted a top-25 since February and has dropped from No. 4 to No. 42 on the money list.

"It's been five months and I haven't been close," said Campos. "I've been playing bad and this is what I needed. I just needed one round where everything fell together. You don't have to hit it good, you just have to figure out whatever you're hitting that day, try and figure out a way to player. It feels really good. I'm relieved that everything clicked for one round and hopefully we have that confidence to keep on going and play even better the next couple of days."

Campos is aware of what he needs to secure his PGA TOUR card for next season. The Virginia Commonwealth University graduate knows a win or solo second this week would push him over the threshold to end 25 the Regular Season inside the top 25.

"All I need is one good finish to get my mind back on track," he said. "I really have struggled this year with the exception of the first couple of events. My game has really been bad, and I've been in a big slump."

"It's been hard to get out of it," continued Campos. "Today was a great day and I want to see what I can do the next three days and keep that momentum going and just finish the year strong. I really want to be up there. I really want to be on the PGA TOUR."

Thursday Notes:

* Thursday weather: Partly cloudy. High: 82, Winds: S-SE 4-8 mph.

* The Price Cutter Charity Championship is the 20th of 23 Regular Season events on the Web.com Tour. The first 25 of 50 available PGA TOUR cards for 2018-19 will be determined when the Regular Season concludes at the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by Kraft Heinz on Aug. 19.

* Two first-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win during the 2018 season, most recently Cameron Champ at the Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank

* Through 18 holes of play, there are five international players, including Martin Trainer, inside the top 10 on the leaderboard. The last four Price Cutter Charity Championship winners have been international-born players (Ben Silverman – Canada, Mackenzie Hughes – Canada, Dawie van der Walt – South Africa, Cameron Percy – Australia). Thus far in 2018, the Web.com Tour has had winners from seven different countries claim titles in the first 19 events: Argentina, Canada, England, Germany, Mexico, South Korea and the United States.

* The Web.com Tour has produced 17 first-time winners this year. With 54 holes to play at Highland Springs CC, there are currently 13 players inside the top 10 looking for their first Tour title.

* Kyle Jones opened with a 9-under 63 to tie his season-best. Jones has carded 63 two previous times this year (Utah Championship – R2, LECOM Health Challenge – R3). Jones has posted three top-10s this season with his best showing, a T2 coming at the LECOM Health Challenge. Jones is currently No. 29 on the money list and would need a three-way tie for third or better to secure his PGA TOUR card for the first time.

* Wes Roach made 10 birdies and two bogeys en route to a first-round 8-under 64. Roach entered the week No. 20 on the money list after five top-10s in his last nine events (T4 – Knoxville Open, T6 – Rex Hospital Open, T4 – Wichita open Supporting Wichita's Youth, T10 – Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Heartland Chevy Dealers). Roach has won once on Tour (2015 – El Bosque Mexico Championship). Roach has played the Price Cutter Charity Championship three previous times with his best finish coming in 2015 (T39).

* Jared Wolfe's 8-under 64 on Thursday tied his lowest score on Tour this season. Wolfe posted a 64 in the first round of the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by SYNEXX Corporation and the final round of the Chitimacha Louisiana

Open presented by NACHER. Wolfe has not posted a top-10 this season and entered the week No. 106 on the money list.

* Taylor Moore took last week off because of an illness but returned with a 7-under 65 on Thursday. Moore has posted four top-10s in 16 starts and is currently No. 27 on the money list. Last year Moore carded 68-72 at Highland Springs and missed the cut.

* Brandon Matthews posted a 7-under-par 65 in the first round. It was his first bogey-free round of the season. Matthews has recorded two top-10s in 17 starts this season. He entered the week No. 71 on the money list. The top 75 on the money list after the WinCo Foods Portland Open qualify for the Web.com Tour Finals.

* Leading money winner Sungjae Im posted a 5-under 67 in the first round. Im has led the money list the entire season and has a \$109,343 lead over Scott Langley after a runner-up performance at the Pinnacle Bank Championship. Im has played 66 rounds this season and posted just eight scores over par.

Scoring Average for Highland Springs Country Club for the week:

	Front (36)	Back (36)	Total (72)
Round 1:	34.426	34.387	68.813

* **NEXT WEEK:** The Web.com Tour heads Kansas City for the KC Golf Classic at Nicklaus Golf Club at LionsGate (Aug. 2-5), the 21st of 23 Regular Season events on the schedule. Last year, Marty Dou became the first Chinese-born player to win on the Web.com Tour on his way to securing his PGA TOUR card for 2017-18.

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