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Third-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Martin Trainer	62-68-65—195 (-21)
2	Steven Ihm	66-68-63—197 (-19)
3	Mark Baldwin	65-64-69—198 (-18)

Martin Trainer holds 54-hole lead at Price Cutter Charity Championship

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – After a 62 on Thursday, Martin Trainer wasn't sure if he would break 70 on Friday. Traditionally it is tough to follow up a career-low, but the 27-year-old from Marseille, France has carded 68-65 the last two rounds to grab the 54-hole lead at the Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper. Trainer's 21-under 195 total puts him two clear of Steven Ihm and three ahead of Mark Baldwin.

The trio will start their final round at 11 am local time.

Trainer won in his first start of the season at the El Bosque Mexico Championship to become a full member. The victory in Leon moved Trainer to No. 5 on the money list. Since the celebration in Mexico, the former Southern California Trojan has missed nine cuts and dropped to No. 24 on the money list. Now that he's on the bubble and in danger of falling out of the top 25, Trainer has managed to rekindle the magic that secured his maiden win.

"Today I had a lot of good breaks and made," said Trainer, who tied his lowest third-round score this season. "Lots of good putts. I could've easily seen my round be maybe one or two under. Ultimately, you need a little good luck."

"All I can do is control what I can control and if it's good enough, it's good enough," he continued. "We'll see tomorrow."

Trainer's carefree attitude has carried him through some tough times this season. Outside of a T9 at the Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank a few weeks ago, he hasn't played well but hasn't let that affect him this week.

Trainer has torched Highland Springs Country Club the first three rounds and was two shots shy of tying Dawie van der Walt's recorded setting performance from 2015. If the five-year-pro is nervous, he's certainly not showing any signs as players tried to chase him down Saturday afternoon.

"Obviously, these guys are making birdies all over the place," he said. "I couldn't believe how low the scores were once again. I just had to do my best to keep up."

Trainer did more than that, he answered the bell multiple times when his lead was threatened. On the bank nine alone, he made three birdies including one at the last. After hitting his second in the water the first two days, the Palo Alto resident hit it over the green in two and made a routine up-and-down birdie to extend his lead.

"I check the scoreboard and I saw how they were doing and that they were playing great," he said. "Ultimately, I'm just over the ball and I'm trying to hit it and I'm trying to make a birdie."

“What difference does it make if I’m in first or 10th,” he continued. “I’m just trying to do my best. I saw that they were making a move and did my best to make birdies.”

Trainer is one round away from securing his PGA TOUR card. A win on Sunday would catapult him to No. 3 on the money list and closer to Player of the Year honors and a shot at the money title. He will be the only player in the final group who has won on Tour and the only player in the top 10 that has won in the past four years. All of the arrows point to Trainer delivering one last heroic performance to hoist the trophy. Despite having every advantage, Trainer believes it is far from over.

“Theoretically experience helps a little bit,” said Trainer, who holds the first 54-hole lead of his career. “But everyone out here has done well in tournaments before and played well under pressure. Whether it’s pressure to win or pressure to keep your card or pressure to make the cut. It’s all sort of under one umbrella, which is playing under pressure and all these guys can do that.”

Ihm is looking to become the 18th first-time winner this season. The 26-year-old from Dubuque, Iowa started the year with conditional status and had seen his stock rise in the last month. In just four events, Ihm has managed a T20 at the LECOM Health Challenge and a solo second at the Utah Championship. He entered the week No. 49 on the money list and has a chance to secure his PGA TOUR card with a victory on Sunday.

University of Iowa graduate is excited about the challenge of chasing down Trainer for his shot at glory.

“Playing in the last group is fun,” he said. “It’s awesome to have a crowd and have people around. It can be a little bit distracting, but I’ve always liked the big stage, it’s where you want to be.”

Saturday Notes:

* Saturday 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.

* Four third-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win during the 2018 season, most recently Eric Axley at the North Mississippi Classic.

* The Web.com Tour has produced 17 first-time winners this year. With 18 holes to play at Highland Springs CC, there are currently eight players inside the top 10 looking for their first Tour title.

* Alex Prugh is looking for his second Tour win on Sunday., Prugh, 33, entered the final round of the 2009 New Zealand Open trailing the leader by one and carded a 64 to win by three. A three-time graduate of the Web.coM Tour, Prugh last played a full season on the PGA TOUR in 2015.

* Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament medalist Lee McCoy missed five cuts in a row entering the week. McCoy posted a third-round 64 at the Price Cutter Charity Championship. And is five back heading into Sunday McCoy, a former standout at the University of Georgia, is currently No. 111 on the money list. The top 100 after Portland will be exempt into the final stage of the Qualifying Tournament and given conditional status for the following season

* Leading money winner Sungjae Im posted a third-round 71, his highest third-round score since April. 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
Round 2:	34.825	34.740	69.565
Round 3:	34.771	34.829	69.600

* **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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