



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 21, 2018

Contact: Royce Thompson
(321) 246-7687

First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Willy Wilcox	66 (-6)
	Wyndham Clark	66 (-6)
	Seth Reeves	66 (-6)
	Hank Lebioda	66 (-6)

Four tied for lead at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic

GREAT ABACO, The Bahamas – Willy Wilcox, Wyndham Clark, Seth Reeves and Hank Lebioda carded matching 6-under-par 66s to take a share of the first-round lead halfway through day one of The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club at Winding Bay.

Play was suspended for the day due to darkness and will resume Monday morning with the second round expected to start on time.

Clark, 24, carded 72-80 in his Web.com Tour debut at The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay. Clark's second round at Emerald Bay was shocking considering his success at the collegiate level. Clark admitted that he feels the pressure of the expectations bestowed upon him but understands it comes with the territory.

"Missing the cut last week was kind of a bummer," said Clark. "I had a good college career and am one of the guys that should be in contention in that tournament and I missed the cut by a lot. It doesn't feel good and people text you asking what's going on. It adds a little pressure, but at the same time it's a good spot to be in. It's good to have your name brought up; it means you've played good and people think you're a good player."

Clark turned pro last summer and is still getting acclimated to the nuance of playing for money. One concept the Denver, Colorado native is still adjusting to is making the cut. Even though he doesn't like to think about it, he admitted that it creeps into his mind if he is close to the number.

"The biggest difference for me is the cut," he said. "You really have to start well in tournaments and grind it out. You can make the cut on the number and be right there but also, it's so easy to miss cuts and that's something you don't have in amateur golf as much. It's something I've had to adjust to."

Clark, who is one of the longer hitters on Tour, feasted on the par-5s. He had three birdies and an eagle on Sunday. Clark believes his distance is an advantage, especially when he's hitting fairways with the driver.

"My goal is to always try and play them 4-under," said Clark. "I played them one better than my goal. Usually I have irons into them, so I try to be aggressive and attack. It's definitely huge for me when I take advantage."

Reeves is another long hitter and recently got married. The 26-year-old from Atlanta, Georgia missed the opening event to spend his honeymoon in Costa Rica. In his rookie season on Tour, Reeves made 10 cuts in 25 starts and posted two top-10s. He ended the season No. 60 on the money list retaining his card for 2018.

“It’s frustrating, to put in the work and then kind of not get paid,” said Reeves. “To not see the fruit of your labor, but eventually it’s going to come together, and I needed time off to find some of those answers, and I kind of found them, and with the added experience that I had last year, it’s going to be a completely better season, because everything is working for me now, as if last year everything was working against me.”

One thing Reeves did in the offseason, besides get married on New Year’s Eve, was alter with his equipment. The only club that made the cut from 2017 was his putter. The drastic change has reinvigorated Reeves as he looks to make his mark in 2018.

“I’ve got new woods, irons, wedges, switched balls,” he said. “I mean, everything, but I just felt like, I remember telling my coach at end of last year, this needs to be the most productive offseason of my life because so many things were wrong. I was almost lost throughout most of the season, just not hitting it well, and I knew I needed to find something different in my swing, really figure out what was wrong, and change some equipment because I knew that was off, but I just didn’t know what, and I felt like I found those answers this offseason.”

Since turning pro in 2016, Lebioda has spent time on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica and the Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada. The former Florida State University standout had two runner-up finishes in Latin America and competed in the Aruba Cup after a T30 at the Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament last December. The trend of needing a passport to play professional golf will continue into March as the first five events of the Tour schedule are outside of the United States of America.

“I wonder what my game will be like when I get back to the States,” said Lebioda. “It is what it is. Most of the time you’re flying somewhere anyways, you just need to take your passport and maybe speaking a different language. You try and simplify it as much as possible and realize it’s still golf.”

THURSDAY NOTES:

- * Thursday weather: Cloudy, high of 73.
- * This week’s purse is \$600,000, with \$108,000 going to the winner.
- * The first round was suspended at 5:44 p.m. local time and will resume at 7:15 a.m. on Monday. The second round will start on time.
- * Kramer Hickok is playing with Carlos Ortiz’s backup driver after discovering his driver was cracked. Hickok went out and posted a 4-under-par 68 on Sunday.

The Abaco Club	Front (36)	Back (36)	Total (72)
R1	35.506	37.466	72.972

* NEXT WEEK: The Web.com Tour is off for four days before returning to action in Panama City, Panama for the Panama Championship January 29 – February 4. The Tour then heads to Bogota, Colombia for the Club Colombia Championship February 5 – 11.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INTERVIEWS from today’s play are available via the following FTP site:
website: <https://moveit.pgatourhq.com> <<https://moveit.pgatourhq.com/>>

Username: webcom_Highlights Password: pgatour13

* First click on “FOLDER” on the top left of the main page. From there, navigate to the following folders: /Home/Highlights and then locate the event folder of your choice.

* All footage is HD and use is free.

For the latest information and updates on the Web.com Tour visit www.pgatourmedia.com

Scores available at www.pgatour.com or on the Associated Press wire

Follow the Web.com Tour on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/webdotcomtour> on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/WebDotComTour and on Instagram at www.instagram.com/webdotcomtour