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### **Second-Round Leaderboard**

| <b>Pos.</b> | <b>Name</b>          | <b>Scores</b>   |
|-------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1           | Wyndham Clark        | 66-68—134 (-10) |
| 2           | Adam Svensson        | 68-67—135 (-9)  |
|             | Gonzalo Fdez-Castano | 67-68—135 (-9)  |
|             | Brad Hopfinger       | 67-68—135 (-9)  |

### **Wyndham Clark takes outright lead at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic**

**GREAT ABACO, The Bahamas** – Web.com Tour rookie Wyndham Clark birdied his final two holes to take the outright lead halfway through the second round of The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club. The 24-year-old from Denver, Colorado was greenside in two on the par-5 18th, tied for the lead with Adam Svensson, Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano and Brad Hopfinger, and blasted his third to 10 feet below the hole. Clark drained the birdie bid to move into sole possession of the clubhouse lead at 10-under-par 134.

“I’ve really attacked the par-5s,” said Clark, who has played them in 9-under-par this week. “That’s been the biggest key. I’ve also made a lot of par-saving putts to keep the momentum going.”

What a difference a week makes. In the season-opening event at The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay, Clark posted 72-80 and missed the cut. The former Oregon Duck spent the extra time at Sandals Emerald Bay grinding on the range in preparation for this tournament.

“It was the first tournament of the year,” he said. “It was a course I didn’t feel comfortable on and I had some time off, so I was a little rusty and didn’t play well. I definitely was bummed about it and worked hard in the days I had to get ready for this. I feel more comfortable on this golf course and I think it’s led to my good play.”

Great things are expected from Clark since turning pro last summer. In his redshirt senior season in Eugene, Clark was a Ben Hogan Award finalist, PAC-12 Player of the Year and a First-Team All-American. The list of accolades doesn’t stop there, as Clark was also named Big-12 Player of the Year in his redshirt freshman season at Oklahoma State University. While he certainly has the pedigree to be a world beater, the Las Vegas, Nevada resident doesn’t view the expectations as a burden.

“It’s a good place to be in because it means you had a good career,” said Clark. “I mean, you’d like to be in that position. At the same time, I try to play my game and not worry about that. I think if you get caught up in that, you can get lost a little bit and worry too much about results and what other people think.”

Last year, Clark watched fellow alum Aaron Wise win on Tour and earn his PGA TOUR card. The duo practice together at TPC Summerlin and share a swing instructor, Jeff Smith. With Wise competing on TOUR this season, Clark knows he can emulate his good friend’s accomplishments.

“I think if anything it just gives me confidence knowing he came out here and did really well” said Clark. “I think I can do the same thing because we play together all the time.”

Fernandez-Castano has status on the European Tour this season but has elected to focus on the Web.com Tour. The 37-year-old Spaniard played 22 PGA TOUR events in 2017 and recorded just one top-25. Fernandez-Castano, who has seven victories in Europe, has his sights set on eventually winning on TOUR.

“I think I have the game to play over there, even though I haven’t shown it yet,” said Fernandez-Castano. “That’s something I can’t take away from my mind; that’s the reason I’m still here, still trying, still grinding.”

Svensson narrowly missed out on competing on the PGA TOUR through the Web.com Tour Finals last year. After a T5 at the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco, the 24-year-old from Surrey, Canada missed the cut in the final two events and ended the season one spot shy of earning his TOUR card.

“It sucked for a couple weeks,” he said. “Obviously it got a little better. I used it as confidence, like I know I can be out there. You’ve just got to get over it.”

### **MONDAY NOTES:**

\* Monday weather: Cloudy, high of 78. Winds were E/NE 5-10.

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

\* The second round was suspended at 5:44 p.m. local time and will resume at 7:15 a.m. on Tuesday.

| <b>The Abaco Club</b> | <b>Front (36)</b> | <b>Back (36)</b> | <b>Total (72)</b> |
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| <b>R1</b>             | 35.477            | 37.447           | 72.924            |
| <b>R2</b>             | 34.729            | 36.563           | 71.292            |

\* 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.

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