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Third-Round Leaderboard

Syncrude Oil Country Championship

| Pos. | Name | Scores |
|------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| T1 | Tyler McCumber (U.S.) | 67-68-65—200 (-13) |
| T1 | Yannik Paul (Germany) | 70-64-66—200 (-13) |
| 3 | Ian Holt (U.S.) | 66-71-65—202 (-11) |
| T4 | Patrick Fishburn (U.S.) | 69-68-66—203 (-10) |
| T4 | Mathias Dahl (Sweden) | 69-69-65—203 (-10) |
| T4 | George Cunningham (U.S.) | 67-64-72—203 (-10) |
| T4 | Chris Williams (U.S.) | 66-69-68—203 (-10) |
| T8 | Corey Pereira (U.S.) | 67-69-68—204 (-9) |
| T8 | Zach Wright (U.S.) | 69-68-67—204 (-9) |
| T8 | Paul Park (U.S.) | 69-69-66—204 (-9) |
| T8 | Greyson Sigg (U.S.) | 69-69-66—204 (-9) |
| T8 | Grant Hirschman (U.S.) | 69-69-66—204 (-9) |

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McCumber, Paul tied at Syncrude Oil Country Championship

EDMONTON, Alberta, Canada—Tyler McCumber has allowed himself to think about what it would mean to win the Syncrude Oil Country Championship on the Edmonton Golf and Country Club, a course his father designed. The younger McCumber also considered what it would mean to win back-to-back tournaments, having come off victory at the Osprey Valley Open two weeks ago.

McCumber could think such lofty thoughts playing the course his father, former PGA TOUR player Mark McCumber, designed 25 years ago, after shooting a 6-under 65 Saturday to get to 13-under. McCumber isn't alone atop the leaderboard, though, and Germany's Yannik Paul, a

pro since June after graduating from the University of Colorado, will undoubtedly have a little say in the matter. Paul finished birdie-birdie-birdie to catch McCumber at the end of the day. The duo is two shots ahead of Ian Holt, with Patrick Fishburn, Sweden's Mathias Dahl, Chris Williams and 36-hole leader George Cunningham three shots behind and tied for fourth.

"We had a bit of element conditions to battle with this morning, but it let up for a little bit before coming in," said McCumber, of the rain that plagued more than half his round. McCumber had just walked out of the scoring trailer when officials halted play for a little more than an hour due to lightning.

"I felt pretty good about it. I played solid, stayed aggressive," he added. "Just trying to keep making more birds."

McCumber had no complaints in that department. After making five birdies in each of his first two rounds, he added five more Saturday, with only one bogey for his 4-under 67. His best birdie may have come at the par-5 ninth hole. After trying to hoist his second shot over a tree, he clipped a limb that left his ball in the front of a bunker. With a little creativity, he hit what he called a "neat little bunker shot that I scraped out" and watched as the ball ran toward the cup. He made the birdie to get to 1-under for the day. Three more birdies and six pars on the back nine followed.

"Obviously, I still have a long way to go, only three-fourths of the tournament done. But I love the design, and I'm not just saying that because it's my dad. I really do love some of the holes," McCumber added

Holt was happy with his bogey-free round that included birdies at Nos. 2, 3, 4, 10, 14 and 18 as he seeks his first victory. His best finish this year is a tie for 10th at the Staal Foundation Open in June.

Key Information

- Yannik Paul became the first player this week to play holes 16-18 birdie-birdie-birdie. After hitting his 3-wood straight into the wind on the par-4 16th, he hit a 2-iron into the greenside bunker. All Paul did was hole the uphill-lying bunker shot from 20 yards. "A little bonus," he said. He made a 15-footer for birdie on No. 17 and then laid up on the par-5 18th hole, he hit his third shot to five feet and drained the putt from below the hole.
- Yannik Paul isn't the only Paul in the field. His twin brother, Jeremy, who also played collegiately at the University of Colorado, is at 3-under and tied for 33rd with 18 holes to play. "Sometimes he's better, sometimes I'm better. It's not a competition at all. I'm happy when he plays well, and he's happy when I play well," Yannik said.
- Mathias Dahl is a native of Haninge, Sweden, and he's familiar with North America, having played collegiate golf at the University of San Diego and spending time in Edmonton during summer—and not just this week—because this is where his girlfriend lives. In this his eighth tournament of the year, Dahl has made four cuts, his tie for 39th two weeks ago at the Osprey Valley Open his top outing. His career-best finish is a tie for 11th at the 2016 SIGA Dakota Open.

- David Bradshaw didn't quite have the consistency on the final three holes that Yannik Paul did Saturday. Bradshaw, double-bogeyed the 6th, bogeyed the 17th and made a double eagle/albatross on the 18th, holing his second shot from 224 yards using a 4-iron. Bradshaw opened with a 5-under 66, shot a 1-over 72 in the second round and came back with a 68 Saturday. He's at 7-under and tied for 16th.
- A win by Tyler McCumber certainly would be a family affair, with his cousin, Josh McCumber, his caddie this week as they walk the course Mark McCumber designed. Josh McCumber is an accomplished player, as well. He played four career PGA TOUR tournaments, made 33 career Web.com Tour appearances and had two career Mackenzie Tour starts.
- The Mackenzie Tour's last double eagle came in 2016, by Cody Blick. He made a 2 in the first round of the ATB Financial Classic on the 13th hole at Country Hills GC. That season, three players had double eagles. In addition to Blick's, the others came from Ben Griffin and Brad Benjamin, both at No. 7 in the first round of the Bayview Place DC Payments Open at Uplands Golf Club in Victoria.
- Three groups after David Bradshaw's double-eagle heroics, Patrick Fishburn and Order of Merit Leader Zach Wright gave the fans more to cheer about. Wright, tied for eighth at 9-under, made birdie, while Fishburn jumped right into contention by hitting his second-shot approach to five feet and making the eagle putt to move to 10-under. In all, No. 18 gave up six eagles in the third round against only two bogeys.
- Fifty-four-hole leader George Cunningham made only one birdie all day—at No. 10—but he minimized his mistakes, with only two bogeys. Cunningham's 1-over 72 left him at 10-under overall and tied for fourth.
- The 16th and 17th holes played difficult Saturday, the par-4 16th the third-hardest (4.43) and the par-4 17th the second-hardest, at 4.52. But it was the par-4 seventh hole, the field averaging 4.54 strokes there, playing the most-difficult in the third round.
- Five of the seven 54-hole leaders have gone on to victory in 2018. The only players not to turn third-round leads into wins are Chris Williams (Lethbridge Paradise Canyon Open) and Blake Olson (Staal Foundation Open).
- Zach Wright began the week as the Tour's Birdies leader, with 138. He's added 14 more through three rounds.

Quotable

“With the (Osprey Valley Open) win, it gives you a little more confidence.” – **Tyler McCumber**

“They are always fun nerves being in the last group, and I think it gives you a bit of an edge coming off a win because you know you can do it. I'd say that's sort of an advantage.” – **Tyler McCumber**

“It's been a little more consistent. I've been working pretty hard on my game. I think it's a little bit tighter, everything, mentally, physically. I would attribute that to more of the consistency.” – **Tyler McCumber**

“I would take that finish [Sunday], too.” – **Yannik Paul on the three-birdie end to his round**

“I’m just looking for a spot where [the ball] should land. I hit that spot, and I was thinking, That should be close. I thought it was going to break left and miss, but fortunately it went in.” – **Yannik Paul on his 16th-hole bunker hole-out**

“You couldn’t just sit back. [Friday], par was a pretty good score. What George (Cunningham) did was some really good playing. Today you had to go out and attack. I saw one of the leaderboards early and saw some guys were going out and going low. I had to keep it rolling.” – **Ian Holt**

“I think you just have to stick to your gameplan. You can’t worry about what everybody else is doing. You’re going to look at the leaderboards. It’s bound to happen. But you have to play your own game.” – **Ian Holt**

“You definitely have to come tomorrow with the mindset of shooting 5-, or more, under par if you want to have a chance to win. Five-to 6-under, or more.” – **Patrick Fishburn**

“It has been a challenge getting the speed of the greens. They’ve kind of gradually gotten slower as the week has gone on. That’s just what happens when it rains this hard. Basically before every putt you have to tell yourself to hit it a little harder than you think.” – **Patrick Fishburn**

“I spend my off weeks here in Edmonton, and I don’t ever see this (weather). But there’s nothing you can do about it. Luckily, I’ve played well when it was raining. I kind of played my best golf.” – **Mathias Dahl**

“Once you’re walking up 14 tee box you’re already starting to think about 16 and 17 because they’re so hard. You have to remind yourself that you have 18 left, and you can take advantage of that. It kind of makes up for 16 and 17 being so hard.” – **Mathias Dahl**

“It feels good. I’ve played all season but I haven’t gotten myself into contention yet, so it should be fun [Sunday] to be out there and playing for something instead of 30th to 50th. That just doesn’t feel right on a Sunday. So, whether I play good or bad it will be exciting. You’re in the mix at least.” – **Mathias Dahl**

You Should Know

No player has ever won back-to-back since the Mackenzie Tour’s inception, in 2013. But in the final year of the Canadian Tour, Vancouver’s Eugene Wong won the final two events in history, the 2012 Canadian Tour Championship and The Great Waterway Classic. Wong won both tournaments by a stroke, defeating Joe Panzeri and Daniel Im, respectively.

Third-Round Weather: Overcast and rainy until 2:05 p.m. Sunny and warmer. Officials suspended play at 4:37 p.m., due to a dangerous weather situation, with lightning in the area. Three groups remained on the course. Play resumed at 5:45 p.m. High of 20. Wind NW at 4 kph, with gusts to 9 kph.