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### Third-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Xinjun Zhang	63-64-65 – 192 (-24)
2	Lanto Griffin	67-65-65 – 197 (-19)
3	Steven Alker	65-64-69 – 198 (-18)
4	Ryan Brehm	68-65-66 – 199 (-17)
T5	Three players tied	201 (-15)

### Xinjun Zhang takes commanding lead at Dormie Network Classic at Briggs Ranch

**SAN ANTONIO, Texas** – Xinjun Zhang continued his dominant play and extended his lead to five shots on Saturday at the Dormie Network Classic at Briggs Ranch. Zhang followed his opening rounds of 63-64 with a 7-under 65 on Saturday, good for a three-day total of 24-under 192.

Zhang began the day with three consecutive pars before birdies on Nos. 4 and 5. After a par on the par-4 sixth, Zhang took advantage of the par-5 seventh making an eagle. Zhang suffered a bogey on No. 9 but immediately rebounded with back-to-back birdies on Nos. 10 and 11. Zhang added two birdies down the stretch on Nos. 14 and 17 to close out his round.

“I stayed patient and kept the positive mentality throughout the round,” Zhang said. “I hit my irons really well today. We haven’t been able to make any birdies coming down the stretch this week. We were able to make one on No. 17 and I hit it really well on No. 18 and just missed the putt, but overall we played those last four much better today.”

With a victory, Zhang would move to No. 1 in The 25 standings and earn an additional 500 Web.com Tour Points, all but guaranteeing his return to the PGA TOUR. It is estimated that players with 830 points or more at the end of the Regular Season will likely earn their PGA TOUR card. Zhang made 28 starts in his rookie TOUR campaign during the 2017-18 season.

“I’m definitely excited and the hard work is finally paying off,” Zhang said. “These past couple of years with the long hours on the range, putting green and in the gym are finally started to show some rewards.”

Zhang often practices with fellow Web.com Tour member Marty Dou, who won the first event of the season at The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay. The two constantly motivate each other to play their best golf. Both Dou and Zhang earned PGA TOUR cards during the 2017 Web.com Tour season. Zhang credits Dou for motivating him to think more aggressively.

“Marty motivates me a lot,” Zhang said. “Marty has the ‘I’m going to win’ mentality when he plays. Before, I would have the mentality of just getting a top-10, but now I’m starting to have that same mentality to win now.”

Lanto Griffin sits in second place after surging up the leaderboard on Saturday shooting his second consecutive 7-under 65. Griffin got off to a hot start in the third round with birdies on

Nos. 1, 3 and 5. He rebounded after a bogey on the par-4 sixth with an eagle on the par-5 seventh and a birdie on No. 8. After a stretch of pars, Griffin closed out his round with birdies on Nos. 16 and 18 to finish five shots off the lead.

"I just kept it in front of myself," Griffin said. "It got a little windier today and I just wanted to play solidly. I didn't take advantage of the par-5s on the back which was frustrating, but that made me focus the last couple of holes. I wanted to get two birdies on the last four and No. 15 is a tough par-3, so I was able to par that and birdie Nos. 16 and 18."

Griffin defeated Robby Shelton in a playoff last week to win the inaugural Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Championship. The former PGA TOUR member earned his TOUR card through the 2017 Web.com Tour Regular Season and looks to keep his momentum going into the final round.

"When you win and you're playing well, you have to ride the momentum," Griffin said. "Golf is a big game of momentum, and if I come out here and lose focus, all that momentum goes away. I'm more focused this week than I was last week. I'm in a good space with my swing and putting, and it helps that this course really fits my eye well."

Steven Alker is alone in third place after shooting a 3-under 69 on Saturday, while Ryan Brehm is one stroke behind in solo-fourth. Brett Drewitt, Chase Seiffert and Charlie Saxon sit T5 at 15-under 201.

Final-round tee times will run from 7:10 a.m. to 1:10 p.m. on Sunday.

#### **SATURDAY NOTES:**

- \* Saturday's weather: Sunny, high of 88, winds S 8-16 mph.
- \* The cut came at 5-under with 74 players advancing to the weekend.
- \* This week's purse is \$550,000, with \$99,000 going to the champion.
- \* Xinjun Zhang looks to become the fifth 54-hole leader/co-leader to go on and win this season joining Marty Dou (The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay), Mark Anderson (Country Club de Bogotá Championship), Mark Hubbard (LECOM Suncoast Classic) and Dan McCarthy (Savannah Golf Championship).
- \* Xinjun Zhang has made as many birdies as he has pars this week with 24 of each.
- \* Xinjun Zhang, Lanto Griffin, Robby Shelton and Ricky Barnes tied for the low round of the day shooting 7-under 65s.
- \* Through three rounds, Xinjun Zhang and Harry Higgs lead all players in greens in regulation hitting 44/54.
- \* Zhang is in position to challenge the 72-hole Web.com Tour scoring record in relation to par of 30-under currently held by Daniel Chopra (2004 Henrico County Open) and Stephan Jaeger (2016 Ellie Mae Classic at TPC Stonebrae).
- \* Lanto Griffin will be playing in the final group for the second week in a row.
- \* It is estimated that players with 830 points at the end of the Regular Season are likely to secure their PGA TOUR cards.
- \* Five Monday qualifiers made the cut, currently led by Grant Hirschman at T36.



- \* Michael Gligic is donating \$25 per birdie and \$50 per eagle to Els for Autism this week.
- \* The Dormie Network Classic at Briggs Ranch is the first Web.com Tour event in the state of Texas since the 2015 Greater Dallas Open.
- \* Forty-seven former Web.com Tour champions are in the field, combining for 71 total victories.
- \* Hardest Hole: Par-3 No. 15 (+0.437) - 3 birdies, 25 bogeys, 5 double bogeys
- \* Easiest Hole: Par-5 No. 7 (-0.689) - 5 eagles, 45 birdies, 4 bogeys

\*Briggs Ranch Golf Club Scoring Average:

	Front	Back	Total	Cumulative
R1	34.904	34.814	69.718	
R2	35.039	35.250	70.289	70.004
R3	34.784	35.068	69.851	69.953

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