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Third-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Marcelo Rozo	67-68-67 – 202 (-14)
2	Vince Covello	68-65-70 – 203 (-13)
Т3	Michael Gligic	73-65-66 – 204 (-12)
Т3	Tyler McCumber	65-72-67 – 204 (-12)
T5	George Cunningham	68-69-68 – 205 (-11)
T5	Luke Guthrie	68-68-69 – 205 (-11)

Marcelo Rozo claims 54-hole lead at Evans Scholars Invitational

GLENVIEW, Illinois – For the first time in his career, Marcelo Rozo holds a 54-hole lead on the Web.com Tour. The 29-year-old posted a three-day total of 14-under 202 to lead by one at The Glen Club. Vince Covello is alone in second at 13-under 203, while Michael Gligic and Tyler McCumber are tied for third at 12-under 204.

Rozo began his third round with three consecutive pars before birdies on Nos. 4 and 5. He added four consecutive pars to make the turn at 11-under for the tournament. Rozo quickly added a birdie on the par-4 10th but gave it back with a bogey on No. 11. After a par on No. 12, Rozo used birdies on Nos. 13, 14 and 18 to take the solo-lead into Sunday.

"I played pretty good off the tee and with my putter," Rozo said. "They were tough conditions, but I stayed patient. I managed myself and didn't look at the leaderboard throughout the whole round. I just did my thing."

Rozo is making only his 25th start on the Web.com Tour this week. His best finish to date is a T16 at the 2018 WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz. Rozo has made four cuts in nine starts this year but ranks 142nd in The 25. The lack of experience doesn't seem to bother Rozo, who has taken a new approach to his mental game this week.

"I was struggling before, but you always learn," Rozo said. "Just keeping calm and having fun out there is the most important thing for me. We are blessed to play golf for a living, and sometimes we forget that. It's good to put it back in perspective and that's what I've been doing this week."

Rozo has plenty of previous experience to draw back on. The Bogota, Colombia, native has three victories and four runner-up finishes in 92 starts on the PGA TOUR Latinoamerica circuit.

"I miss this, the nerves," Rozo said. "When I'm in the hunt for a tournament, I enjoy it. There's a lot of good players on Latinoamerica that have won here, and I played against all of them. But I



need to stay in the present and keep doing the same things. That's why we play golf, to give ourselves a chance on Sunday."

Vince Covello is one stroke off the lead at 13-under 203. Covello fired a third-round 70 that featured four birdies against two bogeys. He began the day with birdies on Nos. 1 and 4. After a bogey on No. 7, he played his final 11 holes at 1-under to finish alone in second.

Covello earned his first Web.com Tour title earlier this year at the Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by MISTRAS, where he entered the final round tied for second. With a solo-second or better tomorrow, the 36-year-old would pass the 830-point threshold that is estimated to earn players a PGA TOUR card next season.

"Tomorrow I'm going to go out and stick to my process and do my thing," Covello said. "All I can do is play my game and execute the best that I can. It was kind of the same situation, Justin Lower had the lead last time in Louisiana, so I might get a little better sleep tonight. But we'll see, I'm looking forward to it."

Final-round tee times will run from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Sunday with groups teeing off Nos. 1 and 10.

SATURDAY NOTES:

* Saturday's weather: Partly cloudy, windy, high of 83, winds SW 10-20 mph with gusts up to 30 mph.

*Preferred lies were used during Saturday's round.

- * This week's purse is \$550,000, with \$99,000 going to the champion.
- * The cut came at 2-under with 78 players advancing.
- * Round three began at 10:30 a.m. with players teeing off Nos. 1 and 10.

* Marcelo Rozo looks to become the eighth 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), Dan McCarthy (Savannah Golf Championship), Xinjun Zhang (Dormie Network Classic at Briggs Ranch) and Robby Shelton (Nashville Golf Open Benefitting the Snedeker Foundation & Knoxville Open).

* Michael Gligic had the low round of the day with a 6-under 66.

* Among the seven Monday qualifiers that made the cut, MJ Daffue leads the group, sitting T7 through 54 holes. A top-25 finish will earn him a start at next week's Rex Hospital Open.

* 18-hole leader Tyler McCumber (T3/-12) entered the week No. 8 on the Regular Season points list. A solo-third or better would put McCumber past the 830-point threshold estimated to secure a PGA TOUR card.

- * 36-hole leader Rob Oppenheim sits T9 after a third-round 4-over 76.
- * Local favorites Vince India and Nick Hardy sit T9 and T48, respectively.
- * The Glen Club previously hosted the Web.com Tour's Bank of America Open from 2003-2008.



- * Fifty-three Web.com Tour winners are in the field this week, combining for 71 victories.
- * Hardest Hole: Par-4 No. 16 (+0.500) 2 birdies, 33 bogeys, 4 double bogeys
- * Easiest Hole: Par-5 No. 14 (-0.641) 4 eagles, 45 birdies, 3 bogeys

*The Glen Club Scoring Average:

	Front	Back	Total	Cumulative
R1	37.090	35.654	72.744	
R2	35.204	34.849	70.053	71.399
R3	36.321	35.603	71.923	71.573

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