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Third-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Robby Shelton	64-73-65 – 202 (-14)
T2	Henrik Norlander	71-68-66 – 205 (-11)
T2	Brian Campbell	71-67-67 – 205 (-11)
T2	Chase Seiffert	68-67-70 – 205 (-11)
T5	Six players tied	206 (-10)

Shelton separating from field at Nashville Golf Open Benefitting the Snedeker Foundation

NASHVILLE, Tennessee – Robby Shelton continued his stellar play of late on Saturday, leading the field with a 7-under 65 at the Nashville Golf Open Benefitting the Snedeker Foundation. After consecutive top-five finishes, he will look to lock up his first Web.com Tour victory on Sunday, where he will arrive with a three-shot lead over three others.

Shelton's bogey-free performance moved him to 14-under 202 for the week. Tied for second are Brian Campbell, Chase Seiffert and Henrik Norlander at 11-under 205. Xinjun Zhang, who leads The 25, is tied for fifth alongside five others.

"Playing the way I have over the last two weeks really definitely helps," Shelton said. "It helps the confidence. I finished second and T4, so I'm really wanting a win. I know I can do it, I've just got to let it happen."

Shelton relinquished his 18-hole lead with a 1-over 73 on Friday, but the University of Alabama product wasted little time in reclaiming the advantage a day later. He surged to the top of the leaderboard with birdies on Nos. 2, 3 and 4, the latter of which he poured in from 30 feet.

He took the lead for good with a birdie at the par-5 7th, built on it with a 10-foot birdie putt at No. 9, then maintained the margin with a critical 12-foot par save at the 10th.

"I hit a poor 7-iron in there and had a hard putt, had to putt across the fringe," Shelton recalled of the two-putt. "Just to make that for par and keep the momentum going into No. 11 was key."

Two more birdies on the back-nine helped him stave off the charging Norlander, who posted one of two 6-under 66s alongside Drew Weaver. After making the turn at 2-under, Norlander posted birdies at Nos. 10 and 11 before carding an eagle at the par-5 13th when he hit his approach shot to 4 feet.



The native of Sweden pulled within a shot of Shelton with another birdie at No. 15, but a bogey at the 16th when he overshot the green eventually settled him into a tie for second.

Norlander, who missed the first five cuts of the season, completely revamped his putting grip on Monday after five-plus years. He credited the change to this week's success.

"I've actually made more putts this week than I have all year," he said. "It feels weird every time I stand over it, but I see the ball go in and I feel good over it. I had to make a change. It couldn't get worse. It got to the point where I questioned every read I had and couldn't get any feedback on the putts I missed because I didn't know if it was the read or a bad putt. Now I'm excited every time I get to putt."

Campbell also credited strong putting to his performance, as he shot a bogey-free 67 to climb nine spots up the leaderboard. Three straight birdies on Nos. 5 through 7, plus two more at Nos. 10 and 13, have vaulted him into contention entering the final round.

"I stuck to my game and played the shots I knew how to play," he said. "My putting was good on the front nine, I definitely missed a few on the back, but I can't complain after a bogey-free 5-under so I'm happy with the day. The weeks where you can really get comfortable with the greens and rolling it really frees up the rest of your game."

Seiffert shot a bogey-free 70 to join Norlander and Campbell. He led after 36 holes with Ryan Brehm, who is tied for fifth after a 1-under 71, and Scottie Scheffler, who dropped to T16 with a 74. Scheffler double-bogeyed the opening hole after hitting his tee shot into the water, and bogeyed the par-4 second when his par putt lipped out.

All of them will have to chase down the rising Shelton, who lost in a playoff two weeks ago at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Championship before finishing tied for fourth at the Dormie Network Classic at Briggs Ranch.

"My freshman year in college was just like this, just super confident with my game," he said. "Just swinging it well, the putts were going in. I had no fear at all. Just going at pins and playing. It's really fun. It makes golf a lot of fun. I haven't had it in a while. I've played decent golf the past couple years, but nothing too great. It's finally clicking again."

SATURDAY NOTES:

* Saturday's weather: Rain, high of 71, winds W/NW 4-8 mph.

* The second round was completed early Saturday morning. The cut came at even-par with 76 players advancing.

* Round three began at 10 a.m. CST with groups teeing off both sides. Preferred lies were used for the third round.

* The final round will begin at 8:48 a.m. with groups teeing off Nos. 1 & 10.



* Robby Shelton looks to become the sixth 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) and Xinjun Zhang (Dormie Network Classic at Briggs Ranch.

* Robby Shelton held a one-stroke lead after the third round of the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Championship earlier this season before finishing second.

* Shelton currently ranks T2 in putts per green in regulation with 66 putts on 40 greens.

- * Henrik Norlander's 6-under 66 was his low round of the 2019 season.
- * Norlander switched his putting grip of five years on Monday upon arriving in Nashville.
- * Chase Seiffert has made par or better on 122 of his last 126 holes.
- * MJ Daffue currently leads all Monday qualifiers at T19.
- * Tennessee native Braden Thornberry (T73) birdied four of his last six holes to make the cut.

* Garrett Osborn (T19) made an ace on No. 8 using a 3-hybrid, good for the third hole-in-one made this week.

* Rookie Andy Zhang (T5) leads the field in birdies with 19 over the first three rounds.

* It is estimated that players with 830 or more Web.com Tour Points at the end of the Regular Season will likely secure their PGA TOUR card.

- * This week's purse is \$550,000, with \$99,000 going to the champion.
- * Forty-one Web.com Tour winners are in the field, combining for 58 victories.
- * Hardest Hole: Par-4 No. 1 (+0.276) 5 birdies, 17 bogeys, 3 double bogeys
- * Easiest Hole: Par-5 No. 13 (-0.724) 3 eagles, 51 birdies, 2 bogeys

*Nashville Golf & Athletic Club Scoring Average:

	Front	Back	Total	Cumulative
R1	37.406	35.529	72.935	
R2	36.669	34.929	71.597	72.226
R3	36.368	34.671	71.039	71.857

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