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### Third-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Willy Wilcox	69-70-69-208(-8)
	John Oda	68-70-70-208(-8)
	Erik Compton	69-65-74-208(-8)
4	Vincent Whaley	73-68-69-210(-6)
5	Three players tied	211(-5)

*\*Final-Round Golf Channel Coverage: 2-5 p.m. ET*

### Willy Wilcox, John Oda and Erik Compton tied at the top in the Bahamas

**GREAT ABACO, Bahamas** – Battling windy conditions all day at The Abaco Club on Winding Bay, Willy Wilcox, John Oda and Erik Compton sit tied for the lead after 54 holes. The trio is tied at 8-under 208 through three rounds, two strokes clear of the field at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club.

“I love playing in the wind,” said Wilcox, who tied for the round of the day at 3-under 69. “I lived down on an island for a little while so I’ve played a ton of wind golf. I love doing it. That back nine was awfully difficult today though, but my new putting and everything seems to be working pretty well.”

Wilcox referenced the new style of putting he has played with over this season’s first two events, an arm-lock style. Wilcox turned in 4-under 32 today before bogeying the 11<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, along with a birdie at the 16<sup>th</sup> to finish at 3-under 69.

“My second shot on nine today – to make birdie – was huge,” said Wilcox who finished T4. “That was a really difficult pin and to be able to birdie that one and make the turn in 4-under, that was great. It was still 20 feet away on the green, but it was like 155 yards and I just belted a 6-iron to get it there.”

After turning at even-par 36, Oda added late birdies at the 15<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup> to finish at 2-under 70 on the day. Oda joins Wilcox as players in contention for the second week in a row. The 22-year-old also finished T4 in Great Exuma last week after leading after the first and second rounds.

“I grew up in Hawaii and in Kapalua it gets really windy,” said Oda. “I’ve had a few tournaments on that side of the island when it gets really windy, when it’s blowing 30 and I’m hitting 5-iron from 150 yards or less. This wind is challenging, but it’s not new to me.”

Compton, who led after the second round, carded a 2-over 74 on Tuesday to fall into a tie for first. The 39-year-old struggled on the greens, putting off of the 10<sup>th</sup> (double bogey) and 14<sup>th</sup> greens (bogey).

“I don’t have to eat dinner because I ate so much sand out there,” said Compton. “It was really tough today, each hole was very difficult. I really did what I wanted to do from tee-to-green, I just struggled on the greens. I putted a couple of balls off the green, but I think that’s to be expected with everybody this week. But I’m proud I hung in there and gave myself a chance going in to tomorrow.”



The journeyman carded just two birdies during the third round after 12 birdies and an eagle combined over the first two rounds.

“Being at the top of the leaderboard going into the final round is what you work for,” said Compton. “It’s a great feeling. I love the feeling of the heart racing and having to execute shots when it counts.”

The trio of players at the top leads Vincent Whaley by two strokes entering the final round. Whaley is a rookie on the Web.com Tour after competing on the All Pro Tour in 2018.

Final-round tee times will run from 7:42 to 11:45 a.m. off of the first tee.

#### **TUESDAY NOTES:**

\* Tuesday’s weather: Partly cloudy, high of 72, winds E/SE at 20-26 miles per hour, with gusts up to 35 miles per hour.

\* The second round concluded on Tuesday morning, with exactly 65 players making the cut at 2-over 146.

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

\* Forty-one former Web.com Tour champions are in the field, amounting to 56 victories, as well as nine PGA TOUR champions (equaling 21 victories).

\* Each of the past two champions of the tournament have gone on to earn their PGA TOUR card for the following season (Andrew Landry, Adam Svensson). Svensson set the tournament record in 2018 at 17-under 271.

\* Only six players shot rounds under par on Tuesday with winds averaging 20-25 miles per hour. Willy Wilcox (T1) and Vincent Whaley (solo fourth) had the rounds of the day at 3-under 69. They were joined by John Oda (-2), Billy Kennerly (-1), Wade Binfield (-1) and Brett Coletta (-1) with rounds under par in the third round. The Tuesday scoring average of 75.369 is the highest so far in 2019 and is the highest since the third round of the 2018 United Leasing & Finance Championship (75.897).

\* Web.com Tour veterans Rafael Campos and Cameron Percy each carded even-round 72s to sit T5. Tyler McCumber joined them at T5 after a third-round 76. McCumber triple-bogeyed the fifth hole after pulling his tee shot left into the penalty area. After trying to hit the ball out twice, McCumber took relief by going back to the tee to hit his fifth shot. He drove the green and two-putted for triple bogey.

\* Rookie Scottie Scheffler, who won low amateur honors at the 2017 U.S. Open, sits T8 at 3-under 213. This is Scheffler’s first made cut on the Web.com Tour (in his third attempt).

\* Sponsor’s exemption Wade Binfield moved up 24 spots to T14 with a 1-under 71.

\* Vince Covello, who holds the 18-hole tournament record at 8-under 64 (2018, second round), sits T18 at even-par 216.

\* The par-4 11<sup>th</sup> hole (460 yards) ranked as the toughest hole on the course on Tuesday with a scoring average of 4.738. The 11<sup>th</sup> hole played as the toughest at The Abaco Club and the ninth-toughest all year on Tour. Australian Jamie Arnold was the only player to birdie the hole during the third round.

\* The par-5 first hole (560 yards) ranked as the easiest hole on Sunday. The hole played to an average of 4.262.

\* The Abaco Club on Winding Bay Scoring Averages:



	Front (36)	Back (36)	Total (72)	Cumulative
R1	37.177	37.329	74.506	
R2	35.675	36.871	72.545	73.296
R3	36.262	39.108	75.369	74.087

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