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Texas Teams Clinging to One Shot Lead After Second Round of 52nd Champions Cup

Hanging onto their one shot lead from round one, the Texas team of Matt Cordell and Bryant Lach combined for a solid three under par 68 to maintain their one-shot lead after 36 holes of the 52nd annual Champions Cup Invitational, held on the swirling wind, challenging 7,450-yard, par 71 Cypress Creek Course at Champions Golf Club, Houston, Texas. Their one eagle, two birdie, one bogey round, allowed them to maintain their lead heading into round three on Saturday with a 36-hole score of 133, 9 under par.

Coming on strong in round two was the team of Nick Ushijimia (Japan) and Bowen Osborn (FL) with their four under 67, for a 36 hole of 134, 8 under par, consisting of five birdies and one bogey.

Three teams are tied two shots back with 36-hole totals of 135, 7 under par.

Donnie Aldrich and Brett Widner (IN) carded 65, six under par for round two, which was the low round of the day. Sam Braver and Ben Klaus (OK) & Ty Comerford and Dustin Sloat (IL) both shot four under par 67's in round three on Saturday.

Fifty-Six two-man mid-am (players must be over 25 years of age) teams, from 27 states, and the countries of Japan, Canada and Scotland are competing in prestigious national 4-ball event. The field is loaded with top mid-amateur golfing talent that included over 800 appearances by the competitors in various USGA national championships.

Average handicaps of the 112 players is +2.7 strokes per round. Average team score for day one was 71.98, nearly one full shot over par on the challenging the par 71 Cypress Creek course.

This 52nd annual event is being held Champions Cypress Creek Course, which has hosted multiple USGA, Sectional and Texas events over the years. Included on that list include the Ryder Cup, US Open, Five Tour Championships, US Amateur, and will play host to the 2020 USGA Women's Open.

Round Three is scheduled for Saturday, and the tournament is scheduled to complete on Sunday afternoon.