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Texas Team Widens Lead After Third Round of 52nd Champions Cup

With blustery southeast winds averaging 15-20 mph, Texans Matt Cordell and Bryant Lach increased their lead from one to five shots, shooting a crafty five under par 66 in the third round of the 52nd annual Champions Cup Invitational, held on the challenging 7,450-yard, par 71 Cypress Creek Course at Champions Golf Club, Houston, Texas.

The Houston, Texas team's round of 66 included six birdies and one bogey and puts the leaders at 14 under par for 54 holes. Cordell and Lach are looking for their 2nd Champions Cup title after winning their first in 2017.

Chasing the Texans, with 54-hole totals of 204, 9- under par are the teams of Nick Ushijimia (Japan) and Bowen Osborn (FL) with one-under par 70, Ty Comerford and Dustin Sloat (IL) with two-under par 69 and Shane Heise and Justin Kaplan (TX) matched the leader with their own five-under round of 66 in Saturday's third round.

Average team score for day three was 72.10, which is the highest scoring average over the first three rounds 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.

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.

Round Four is scheduled to tee off at 9:30am on Sunday.