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## **JEFF KLAUK MAINTAINS LEAD AT MELWOOD PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY OPEN**

Mitchellville, MD - Jeff Klauk was asked to compare his first two rounds of the Melwood Prince George's County Open. In round two, he didn't hit the ball as close to the hole, didn't play the par-5s as well and didn't make as many putts. Still, the 30-year old St. Augustine, FL, resident finds himself in the same position in round two as round one - squarely at the top of the leaderboard.

Klauk's 2-under-par 70, added to a first-day 64, put him at 10-under 134 and one stroke in front of fellow North Florida resident, Andy Bare of Jacksonville, one of 14 Open Qualifiers this week and Chad Ginn. Bare fired a 3-under 69 at The Country Club at Woodmore while Ginn was among the late finishers with a 7-under 65.

Klauk and Bare may live about 20 minutes from each other, but they'll meet and play together for the first time in Saturday's third round, in the final pairing.

Texan Matt Weibring (70) holds down third place in the Nationwide Tour's \$650,000 event, two shots back of Klauk. Canada's David Hearn (69) is three back, along with Bryan DeCorso and John Kimbell, who shot 64 to tie Klauk's one-day old course record.

"Days like yesterday make you keep coming back," said Klauk, who holds a 36-hole lead for the first time in his career. "It's just like the club guy that breaks 80 or 70 for the first time. It's a crazy game but it always keeps you coming back the next day."

Klauk had four birdies and hit 15 of 18 greens but needed seven more putts Friday (31) than Thursday (24).

"The 64s don't come around all the time," said Klauk. "I just had it going yesterday and took advantage of it. I played a nice solid round today. Seventy is a good score, it's not an easy golf course."

Bare, a mini-tour player since graduating from UNC-Greensboro four years ago, had a share of the lead until he bogeyed the final hole, the par-3, 9th.

"I hit a perfect 6-iron and it wound up over the green in that bank," said Bare, who then faced a delicate downhill pitch to a tight pin. "I was just trying to make four at that point. I couldn't leave it up there. I just had to get it down there and have a putt at it."

Bare got off to a poor start with two bogeys in his first four holes but rallied with a par-save on the following hole and then piled up five birdies before the final hiccup.

"I didn't really hit good shots on those early holes and thought I needed to right the ship a little bit," said the 28-year old Maryland native. "I need to go work on a few things. I got out of rhythm a bit today but closing with those last five holes I got it back. I know you're going to make bogeys and you've got to expect that. To battle back with those five birdies was about equally as good."

Ginn "didn't do anything crazy" in shooting his best round of the year. The 37-year old Mississippi native was bogey-free, rolling in six birdie putts from inside of 12 feet. He had several other chances and watched three of his birdie attempts lip out.

"It was solid, just like yesterday," said Ginn, one of two players without a bogey for the first 36. "I just had a few more putts go in today. The key is to stay out of the rough and I've been able to do that for the most part."

Second-Round Notes - Ricky Barnes broke the course record with a 9-under-par 63. Barnes was tied for 102nd place after an opening-round 75. He moved up 94 spots Friday and is now tied for eighth at 6-under-138...Ricky Barnes' 12-stroke improvement (75-63) was not the best of the first two days. David Long cut 17 shots off his first-day 89...Friday's second-round scoring average was 72.085...A total of 66 players made the 36-hole cut, which came at even-par 144.

NOTE: Scores available on the Internet at [PGATOUR.com](http://PGATOUR.com) or on the Associated Press Wire

(See attached file: Round Two - Melwood Prince George's County.doc)

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