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# Phillips proves point, shoots 69

## Coconut Creek golfer stays in contention at Florida Open

By GRANT WAHL  
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In the past three weeks, Coconut Creek golfer Dustin Phillips has lost his sponsor, his house and his car. At the Florida Open Friday, he showed quite plainly that he hasn't lost his golf game.

Phillips, a graduate of Florida State, shot a two-under-par 69 to move into a tie for fourth in the tournament, which continues through Sunday at Pompano Beach's Palm-Aire Country Club. P.J. Cowan leads after shooting 68 Friday to move one stroke ahead of the field, two ahead of Phillips.

How did Phillips lose almost everything, including the kitchen sink, in a month's time? It all happened three weeks ago when, in a variation on the classic schism between artist and patron, he split with his sponsor.

The sponsor provided Phillips with a house, car and small salary to support him while he played on the Nike Tour, the level just below the PGA Tour. But their relationship soured — and Phillips' amenities disappeared — when he refused to compete in Europe and the sponsor expressed dissatisfaction with his results on the Nike Tour.

"But how was I unsuccessful if I had an exemption on the Nike Tour and I was 50th on the money list when I left the tour?" Phillips asked.

Tired of the Nike Tour's traveling — "I hated the life," he said — he left the tour, rejoined the South Florida circuit, and

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moved in with his parents. And now, although he has started a regular job teaching lessons at the South Florida Academy, Phillips is competing on credit alone.

"Right now Visa's my sponsor — with a cash advance from the ATM to pay for these tournaments," Phillips said.

Despite his new job, he won't be able to afford the \$3,000 fee for the PGA qualifying school that begins in two weeks. "I might be the only guy on the South Florida Tour who's not going to tour school this year," said Phillips, who reached the third and final stage of Q-school in 1995 and earned a Nike Tour exemption for the year.

"A lot of guys who definitely have the potential to get through it don't have the money," said Anthony Ballesterio, Phillips' former teammate at FSU who has gone sponsor-less on the South Florida Tour for two years. "There's just not much money on the mini-tour to be made."

Said Phillips: "Growing up I wanted to be a tour player, and I really got serious when I got a sponsor. But there are only 1,000 guys in the world who make a good living playing golf, and it's not like that for everyone else."

"That's why I'm playing the percentages and working. I didn't want to be 35 years old and bagging clubs."

On Palm-Aire's Cypress Course Friday, Phillips managed to recover from a disastrous opening two holes, a four-putt double-bogey on the first hole followed by a bogey on No. 2.

With his game breaking into smotherers before him, the same old thoughts came rushing back.

The same old positive thoughts. Two years ago, when Phillips was playing on the Asian Tour, Jack Nicklaus' son Gary gave him a book called *Zen and the Martial Arts*, an Eastern analog of *The Power of Positive Thinking*.

"That changed everything for me," said Phillips, 27. "I've read it 50 times. It teaches you to deal 100 percent with what's going on in the present, and when you're done you go on to something else."

Those who follow golf may recognize the book as the same one championed by positive-thinking antihero Greg Norman (insert snicker here), but for Phillips the message has worked.

"Today, when I doubled the first hole, that could very easily have turned into an 80," Phillips said. "But I used those thoughts, and I ended up two-under for the day."

**Lendl misses cut**

Tennis great Ivan Lendl, playing in his first Florida Open, failed to make the cut of 150 after shooting 81 Friday. He struggled to an 84 on Thursday.

# Dvorak, Washburn get praise

By DAVID J. NEAL  
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HAMILTON, Ont. — Certainly it was possible the Panthers would have a new young center after training camp.

Now, it's figuring out if it's going to be Steve Washburn or Radek Dvorak.

Washburn made his strongest bid to stay on the roster and Dvorak, who spent his rookie season at left wing, then right wing, centered the Panthers strongest overall line in a 2-2 tie with Toronto Friday night.

Dvorak centered right wing Ray Sheppard and converted center Martin Straka. What was supposedly only an experiment might become a permanent thing.

"I liked the Straka-Dvorak-Sheppard line tonight," Panthers coach Doug MacLean said. "Tonight, they had 10 quality scoring chances."

Dvorak said, "It was my second game at center — in my life. I have lots of room for skating — over here, over here, back and front."

Sheppard said, "I thought he played very well. It's tough to play a new position, especially at this level. The good thing with Radek is he has so much speed, with his size, coming up the middle, he'll be tough to stop."

The Panthers skated 14 of their regulars and Mark Fitzpatrick went the whole way in goal. The Leafs skated nine regulars and went the full 60 with goalie Marcel Cousineau, from their St. John's AHL farm team. Cousineau played a solid game, including a glove save on Washburn with 34.8 seconds remaining in regulation after a giveaway at high in the Toronto zone.

Washburn, centering right wing Jody Hull and left wing Mike Hough, proficiently stick-checked everybody in a Toronto jersey except for the concession-



**EXCUSE ME:** Panthers center Steve Washburn is shoved by Maple Leafs defenseman Jamie Macoun during Friday's game in Hamilton, Ontario.

Washburn would be looking at being the fifth center in Florida and probably getting less playing time than is recommended for a player two years out of juniors.

"If Washburn makes the team, it's going to be as the 13th or 14th forward," MacLean said.

Kevin Weekes, who'll stop by his home in the Scarborough section of Toronto before heading down to join the Monarchs in Greensboro, N.C. Left wing Peter Worral was told to bring his stuff up from Florida in case the Panthers wanted him to report to his junior team in Hull, Quebec, from

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# Funk (65) tied with 4 others

From Herald Wire Reports

Fred Funk shot a seven-under-par 65 Friday to move into a five-way tie for the lead at the halfway point of the rain-soaked Buick Challenge in Pine Mountain, Ga.

It was another sparkling round in a six-week run filled with them.

"I've had only one bad round in six weeks," said Funk, the defending champion at Callaway Gardens and the winner last week in the B.C. Open. "I've just hit my irons well, giving me chances for birdies. I'm not throwing away shots, either."

Also tied for the lead at 10-under 134 after two rounds were Michael Bradley, John Maginnis, Davis Love III and Lan Mattiace. First-round leader Bobby Wedkins dropped to three back with a 1-over 73.

Over the past two weeks, Funk is 31-under for 97 holes, counting six holes that were washed out by rain last weekend and the birdie he had on a playoff hole against Pete Jordan to win the B.C. Open.

**Graham leads by 1**

Defending champion Gall Graham shot her second consecutive five-under 67 to take a one-shot lead after the second round of the Fieldcrest Cannon Classic in Cornelius, N.C.

Dottie Pepper and Kim Sakli were a stroke back after 67s on a day when shifting winds gradually gained intensity on the layout along Lake Norman.

The wind was particularly tough in the late afternoon, when first-round leader Robin Hood was trying to follow up on her opening 65, the lowest score of her nine-year career. She bogeyed two of her first six holes, but rallied for a 71 that left her alone at eight-under 136.

**Colbert shoots 66**

Jim Colbert, hoping for a late-season charge to repeat as Senior Tour money leader, shot six-under 65 and took the first-round lead in the \$1.5 million Vantage Championship in Clemmons, N.C.

Colbert, a two-time winner at Tanglewood (1991-92), entered the second-richest event on the tour in third place on the earnings list, more than \$311,000 behind Hale Irwin. However, a victory on the par-71, 6,680-yard layout this weekend would earn Colbert \$225,000 and close that gap with six tournaments remaining.

**Payne, Rocca tied**

England's Jim Payne and Italy's Costantino Rocca were tied for the lead with scores of 137 after the second round of the European Open in Dublin, Ireland.

Payne shot three-under 69 and Rocca 70. They were one stroke ahead of Spain's Miguel Angel Martin, England's Paul Broadhurst, and first-round leader Padraig Harrington of Ireland.