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**Armstrong takes two-shot lead after two rounds**

Dawson Armstrong continued his incredible run at the Dogwood Invitational and put himself in position to win another championship.

Armstrong, a senior at Lipscomb University, shot a second-round 65 on Thursday at Druid Hills Golf Club and stands alone in first place at 13-under 131.

Armstrong won the Dogwood Invitational in 2015 and tied for second in 2016. No player has won the tournament twice since play was resumed in 1994. The last multiple winner of the tournament was Bill Harvey in 1967 and 1971.

“I started off really slow,” Armstrong said. I had a wedge in my hand on the first hole and made bogey.”

That – and a bogey at No. 4 -- were rare mistakes. He made four birdies on the front and five more on the back.

“I gave myself a ton of looks inside five feet,” Armstrong said. “I think I may have made one putt outside six feet all day. I was hitting my wedges well, my short irons were better and I was able to take advantage of the holes you have to take advantage of.”

Armstrong starts the weekend with a two stroke lead over first-round leader Bryson Nimmer of Clemson, Georgia Tech sophomore Andy Ogletree and Duke sophomore Adam Eaton. Ogletree shot 64, the lowest score posted during the tournament.

“I hit a bad wedge at No. 11, but was able to get up and down and I felt that was probably the turning point of the round,” Ogletree said. “I got lucky and birdied No. 17 and had 30 coming in. It was pretty fun.”

The three players tied at 10-under 134 are recent Campbell University graduate Gaston Bertinotti, recent Seton Hall graduate Lloyd Go, and Douglasville's Austin Fulton, who will be a freshman this fall at Mississippi State.

Four shots back at 9-under is the group of Georgia Tech sophomore Luke Schniederjans, N.C. State sophomore Benjamin Shipp, Georgia Southern junior Steven Fisk, Guilford college golf coach Justin Tereshko and Auburn junior Jacob Solomon.

Fisk was a recipient of a Reynolds Scholarship that is funded through the tournament. He had played the par 5s in 9-under par. He hit a 5-iron to within six feet on No. 7 and made eagle on Thursday after holing out a 70-yard shot from the fairway for eagle at No. 14 on Wednesday.

Defending champion Charles Huntzinger, a junior at Penn State, rallied from a horrible first nine to shoot 71 and stands tied for 17<sup>th</sup> at 6-under. Huntzinger started on the back nine and went triple-bogey, bogey, bogey to shoot 38. He rebounded to birdie three of the final four holes and remains in contention.

The cut fell at 3-under, leaving 42 players to compete on the weekend.

The threat of bad weather on Friday has caused tournament officials to begin competition at 7:30 a.m. Players will be grouped in threesomes and will start on the first and 10<sup>th</sup> tees.

### **About The Dogwood Invitational**

The Dogwood Invitational is an elite amateur golf championship established to promote the game of amateur golf and support junior golf organizations. Held at Druid Hills Golf Club in Atlanta, Georgia, the tournament is an internationally ranked top amateur golf event that began in 1941. The tournament is run by The Dogwood Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit, and proceeds from sponsorships are directed to the Georgia Junior Golf Association and Druid Hills Golf Club Foundation. Find out more at [www.thedogwood.com](http://www.thedogwood.com).

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