

BC3's Morgan pulls into contention for All-American in golf

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(Chautauqua, N.Y.) Noah Morgan, a sophomore on the Butler County Community College golf team, shaved 1 stroke from his score Tuesday and 4 strokes from his front-nine performance Wednesday to move into a six-way tie for 18th place in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division III national championships at Chautauqua Golf Club.

The top 18 golfers after Friday's final round become All-Americans.

Morgan, the only of BC3's five 2019 golfers to play for a second consecutive year in the national championships, followed a front-nine 42 Wednesday with a 38 on the back nine to post an 8-over 80.

The Allegheny-Clarion Valley High graduate has a two-round 161 and is 11 strokes behind Trey Capps, of Sandhills Community College, Pinehurst, N.C., who leads the field of 85 golfers nationwide with a 150 after a 1-over 73 on Wednesday.

"Noah played very well today," Pioneers coach Bill Miller said. "He has been very consistent and good around the greens. He's playing smart. He knows the golf course and has done very well."

BC3 freshman Carmen Oliva, a Neshannock High graduate, shot his second consecutive 83; sophomore Tucker Skerbetz, a Laurel High School graduate and BC3's first-round leader, and Tyler Johnson, a sophomore and graduate of Armstrong High, had 87s. Luke Ostermeyer, a Laurel High graduate and BC3 sophomore, had his second consecutive 93.

Morgan leads the Pioneers with a two-round 161; Oliva and Skerbetz are tied at 166; Johnson has a 184 and Ostermeyer, a 186.

"My drives on Tuesday weren't the best," Morgan said. "I actually had to put my driver away for a couple of holes and bring out a club that could put me in the fairway. The driver was better today, and my putting has been going well the past two days. That is what really saved me. Both days were pretty good."

Morgan said he hopes to score in the mid- to high-70s on Thursday and Friday.

"That," he said, "is the goal."



Butler County Community College golfer Noah Morgan is in contention for All-American status after two rounds.

The Pioneers are in eighth place among 11 teams with a 673. Minnesota State Community and Technical College, Fergus Falls, Minn., leads the four-round tournament with a 628. Only the top four scores of each player are tallied in the team standings.

Morgan is tied with Hunter Hubel, Cayuga Community College, Auburn, N.Y.; Cameron Mendoza, Rowan College, Sewell, N.J.; Dylan Quaratiello, Massachusetts Bay Community College, Wellesley Hills, Mass.; Grant Gilbert, Sandhills Community College; and Trevor Buss, Northampton Community College, Bethlehem, Pa.

BC3 has been awarded five All-American honors in golf, most recently Thomas Dimun and Stefan Carlsson in 2015.

Carlsson, of Knoch, finished 15th and Dimun, of Butler, 16th, at Chautauqua Golf Club in 2015, when the Pioneers placed sixth as a squad.