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Caland notches No. 4

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Ooh, the drama. Sure, it wasn't Taxi Driver-esque, but it had a few of the key ingredients that make up a suspense-filled cocktail. The event is the Strathcona Invitational. Your characters are Kyler Murphy and Barry Caland, both previous winners of the storied event. The setting is the 18th green. The story's climax on Monday is about to develop. A winner is about to be decided. It seemed, though, the winner had been decided about two hours ago, after the front-nine had been completed by the two hackers. Caland led by four holes and looked to be giving a golf lesson to the younger Murphy, who knew his back was against the metaphorical wall.



"I was just hoping not to get drummed really," Murphy snickers. He didn't. "You've just got to chip away," Murphy adds. And he did. By the time the 18th hole was upon them, Murphy was down by just one hole, looking for the playoff. Both golfers hit good drives, but Murphy's was slightly better, landing just a few feet short of the left side of the green, while Caland's was about 10 yards behind. Both golfers hit mediocre chips, and both golfers had similar putt tries.

Caland's ball was about 30 feet from the cup, and if he made the ball disappear it would give him the win and, in turn, give him his fourth Invitational title, two short of the record of six held by Bob Devine. Caland found his line. Took a deep breath. Thought back to the last three times he's won. Remembered how those wins came against previous champions. Recalled how he birdied the last hole each of those times to win.

His read was flawless. His speed was right on. His ball vanished. Says Murphy, "Right when he hit it, I knew he had enough speed to get to the hole so it had a chance." "I was very happy to see that ball disappear," smiles Caland, taking a page of Tiger Woods' How-to-Celebrate-Guide by thrusting his fist into the air when the dimpled orb dropped.

But Murphy's head didn't. It's been quite a while since his name was last seen on the championship flight's final pairing, and the last time that happened, six years ago, his name was alone as the event's winner.

Murphy, a recent graduate from the University of Detroit Mercy and now living in London, Ont. where he works at a golf course, will now set his sights on the Canadian Amateur Championships, taking place next week in Saskatoon where Darcy Donaldson will also be, and though the summer hasn't treated him in the best of fashions, his confidence got a major boost from the way he played this past weekend.

"It's nice to be back," Murphy says with a sly smile. Ditto for Caland.

It's been four years since he last won the Invitational, and although he's a threat to win any tournament he's in, he hasn't been able to make it to the final pairing since he last won it. That's a testament to how many good golfers are in the city, but Caland, who beat the defending champ Rollie Turrie in the semifinal, has had his mind on more important things the past little while, or more specifically, the past 16 months.

"That's how long his son, Evan, has been around for, and he, not golf, is the priority. "Being a father now, you look at everything a little bit differently," Caland says.

Like on the 16th tee. After seeing his lead drop to one hole after giving up the 15th – he had a to take a stroke penalty after his drive took a bad bounce, landing underneath a tree – Caland walked to the tee box, the momentum starting to go Murphy's way, and then saw his son, who by the way, is probably the cutest kid in the city. Caland's wife of six years, Pam, had just arrived after she received a phone call from her husband after the ninth hole had been completed, and after being told of how well he was playing, she decided to V-line it to the Strathcona Golf Course. Caland is glad she did.

"You get out of this game mode for a minute, and you smile and you think about him," says Caland, now 36, who actually broke a small bone in his right foot a few weeks ago, and Monday was the first time he was able to wear a shoe. "I saw my son and the nerves settled down. It's just a golf shot, so hit it."

He sent a screamer don't the middle of the fairway, and although the two split the hole, it stopped the momentum from building Murphy's way. The two split the next hole, setting up a showdown on 18th, but, thanks to Caland's clutch putt, a playoff was not in store, although that's what most in the large gallery were hoping for.

Not Caland, of course. "If I finish in about 15 minutes, I get to play with him (Evan), and see that little smile of his," he says. "I didn't want to play any more golf. I really didn't."

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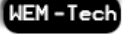
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