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**Lindo off to good start at Long Drive**

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**BULLHEAD CITY** - Jeff Lindo had the best score of the day at 117 to head the opening day of Long Drive Championship being held at the Laughlin Ranch Golf Club through Saturday night.

The second group of 64 qualifiers tee off today. Four groups were in action Thursday.

Lindo had the best score in Group B, followed by David Buckles of San Diego with a 115 to head Group C. Also in that grouping, Ludoff Beukes had a total of 105. Mike Tominc racked up a score of 101 in B grouping, 16 points behind Lindo.

No one else had a score over 100. The best score in Group A was an 89 by Christopher Zirkle. Next was Kyle Kulling with cumulative score of 87. Jason Swihart had 77.

Behind Lindo and Tominc in Group B were a pair of 80s, turned in by Dustin Merrill (84) and Jeremy Chandler (81).

In C Group, Josh Segich had the third best score with 97. Tom Brundage finished with 89 and Austin Kincade shot an 88. James McCullough was next with 82. Jamie Hinkle checked in with 78.

Rick Steele had the best score of 86 in the D grouping. He was followed by Steve Hogg and George Banks (84).

Groups E through H give the 2005 Pinnacle Exceptional Driver Championship a go today. The two winners from the upper group (A-D) and the two from the bottom advance.

The U.S. National Long Drive Championship started off as a low-key affair

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with a purse of \$50,000. RE/MAX then became involved in a major way.

Now it's a worldwide competition with a \$400,000 purse and an avid following around the globe. It has produced a superstar in Canadian Jason Zuback, a pharmacist-turned-golfer from Calgary, Alberta.

He won four consecutive RE/MAX World Long Drive Championships from 1996-99.

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