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### **Third-Round Leaderboard**

<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Scores</b>
1	Kyle Jones	64-65-63—192 (-21)
2	Sepp Straka	63-66-64—193 (-20)
3	Bo Hoag	66-67-65—198 (-15)
	Chris Thompson	67-64-67—198 (-15)

### **Kyle Jones breaks 54-hole scoring record at KC Golf Classic**

**OVERLAND PARK, Kan.** – Kyle Jones and Sepp Straka had some good mojo going Saturday afternoon at the KC Golf Classic. The duo combined for 15-under-par. Jones got the better of Straka in the third round, posting 8-under 63 to take a one-stroke lead into Sunday. His 21-under-par 192, broke the 54-hole scoring record at Nicklaus Golf Club at LionsGate.

Six back in a tie for third are Bo Hoag and local favorite Chris Thompson.

“We had a lot of fun today,” said Jones, who met Straka for the first time on Saturday. “He played well today so we were able to feed off each other. Of course, we are out here to take care of business as well.”

Everything points to a two-man race with the distance between Straka and the pair tied for third. Despite the large cushion between the final group and the rest of the field, Jones thinks it’s still anyone’s tournament to win.

“This course and the fact that it’s the Web.com Tour, you know guys are going to go low,” said Jones. “That’ kind of implanted in your brain and you deal with it. You have to do the same thing if you want to compete.”

The last time Jones held the outright 54-hole lead in a Web.com Tour event was the Rust-Oleum Championship where he posted a 1-over 73 and ended the week tied for sixth. The 25-year-old Baylor grad has a total of three top-10s this season and has grown comfortable playing under pressure. At No. 32 on the money list, that last thing no Jones’ mind is the fact that a win would secure his PGA TOUR card.

“Right now, the only thing I’m thinking about is I need to go out and play a good round tomorrow,” said Jones, who has carded five rounds of 63 this season. “People can come out and shoot low, so I need to go out and put up a good number.”

So, what’s Jones strategy for the final round?

“Just pretend like it’s any other round,” he said. “I know that there is a lot on the line, but I still have to come out and play.”

Like Jones, Straka came away impressed by his playing partner after meeting him on the two. The pace-of-play didn’t allow the pair to exchange a lot of pleasantries but Straka and Jones did have a few chances to get to know one another. Straka, who bogeyed the last hole to lose a share of the lead, enjoyed the Saturday’s round.

“He’s good,” said Straka, about his playing partner. “That was a fun round of golf. We both had it going, we both it a lot of good shots. It seemed like we were trading punches out there.”

At No. 130 on the money list, Sunday’s final round is Straka has a chance to turn around his season. The 25-year-old from Vienna, Austria has never been in the position on Tour before. A victory on Sunday moves the University of Georgia graduate one-step closer to a PGA TOUR card.

“I’ll think about it,” said Straka. “But at the end of the day all I have to do is go play golf and try and win a golf tournament. That’s why we play the game. It will be a lot of fun.”

### **Saturday Notes:**

\* Saturday weather: Partly cloudy. High: 92, Winds: S 10-20 mph.

\* The KC Golf Classic is the 21<sup>st</sup> of 23 Regular Season events on the Web.com Tour. The first 25 of 50 available PGA TOUR cards for 2018-19 will be determined when the Regular Season concludes at the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by Kraft Heinz on Aug. 19.

\* Five third-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win during the 2018 season, most recently Martin Trainer at the Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper.

\* The Web.com Tour has produced 17 first-time winners this year. With 36 holes to play at Nicklaus Golf Club, there are currently 14 players inside the top 10 looking for their first Tour title.

\* Local favorite Chris Thompson birdied the final three holes for a 4-under 67. Thompson entered the week No. 43 on the money list with top-10s including a T3 at the Price Cutter Charity Championship. Thompson would secure his PGA TOUR card with a solo second or better on Sunday. His final-round scoring average in 2018 is 69.64.

\* Bo Hoag arrived in Overland Park No. 59 on the money list and posted a third-round 65 to move into a tie for third after 54 holes of the KC Golf Classic. Hoag has recorded two top-10s this season and has a final-round scoring average of 69.92.

\* At No. 24 on the money list with \$151,866, Adam Long needs a solo ninth or better to secure his PGA TOUR card for the first time in his professional career. Long opened the KC Golf Classic with 65-70-67 and is 10 back heading into Sunday. Long has posted four top-10s in 20 starts including a T2 at the Lincoln Land Championship presented by LRS. Long has played in Overland Park four previous times and made the cut once (2015 – T33). His final-round scoring average this season is 69.46.

\* Leading money winner Sungjae Im posted a 71 on Saturday. Im has led the money list the entire season and has a \$109,343 lead over Scott Langley after a runner-up performance at the Pinnacle Bank Championship. Im has played 67 rounds this season and posted just eight scores over par.

### **Scoring Average for Nicklaus Golf Club at LionsGate for the week:**

	Front (35)	Back (36)	Total (71)
Round 1:	35.098	34.519	69.618
Round 2:	35.430	35.013	70.444
Round 3:	34.130	34.522	68.652

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