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Second-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Ryan Brehm	67-63—130 (-12)
2	Charlie Saxon	64-67—131 (-11)
3	Tyler Duncan	65-67—132 (-10)
	Zac Blair	66-66—132 (-10)
	Grayson Murray	64-68—132 (-10)

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Ryan Brehm claims 36-hole lead at Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco

BOISE, Idaho — Ryan Brehm equaled the round of the week on Friday with an 8-under 63 to ascend to the top of the leaderboard through 36 holes at the 30th Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco. At 12-under 130, Brehm leads Charlie Saxon by one stroke entering the weekend at Hillcrest Country Club.

Brehm, a 33-year-old from Mount Pleasant, Michigan, started on the 10th hole and carded eight birdies during a bogey-free round, including six straight from Nos. 15-2.

“I don’t remember the last time I had a streak like that,” said Brehm. “I actually looked at the scoreboard on the par-5 third and realized I had made six in a row, and I was in perfect position off the tee. I thought to myself let’s go get a seventh, and then of course I made a par. At least I made a birdie on the next hole.”

The Michigan State University alum posted 15 birdies through his first two rounds, countered by one bogey and one double bogey on Thursday. Brehm finished 13th in The 25 during the Regular Season, earning a return to the PGA TOUR. He previously competed on TOUR during the 2016-17 season, making 17 of 25 cuts, but only tallying one top-25. This year, Brehm has accumulated five top-10s, highlighted by his second career win at the LECOM Health Challenge.

While some players have taken a different approach at the shorter layout of Hillcrest Country Club, Brehm has continued doing what he does best: hitting driver off the tee. He ranks 10th on Tour in driving distance and fourth this week with an average of 354 yards per drive.

“I’m hitting driver as much as I can out here; it’s as simple as that,” said Brehm. “I think I hit it nine times today. There are a few times where I don’t because if it’s not perfect then you can get yourself in trouble, but I’m going to live and die by the sword. I’m going to keep sending it over the next two days and see what happens.”

Brehm hit 16 of 18 greens in regulation on Friday, T7 in the field. His shot of the day came at the par-3 17th, where he put it to one foot. Despite the fireworks at the penultimate hole, his shot on the hole was overshadowed by one he witnessed.

“I threw a couple of darts; I threw one into No. 17 to about a foot away and had a kick-in birdie,” said Brehm. “I was walking by earlier in the round – I think I was on No. 13 – and I saw Brett Stegmaier hit a hole-in-one there. And then I hit it close, so that hole was just fun today.”

Saxon, the 18-hole co-leader, backed up a first-round 64 with a second-round 67 to reach 11-under through two rounds. The 26-year-old carded five birdies and one bogey on Friday to remain near the top of the leaderboard.

“That was the goal coming into today, to get somewhere comfortably into double digits and go out there and stick to the process I’ve been doing and play a solid round,” said Saxon. “It wasn’t quite as clean as yesterday but for the most part I’m pretty pleased with how my round went.”

Saxon, who is the career money leader on PGA TOUR Series-China, is competing in a full slate of Korn Ferry Tour events this season for the first time. He competed in 15 events in 2017 but earned only one top-25. This year, the University of Oklahoma alum has seven top-25s in 22 starts.

Saturday’s third-round tee times will run from 7:50 a.m. to 1:40 p.m.

FRIDAY NOTES:

- * Friday’s weather: Sunny with a high of 87. Wind from the NW at 5-10 mph.
- * 71 players made the cut at 3-under 139.
- * Brett Stegmaier aced the 131-yard par-3 17th, and it was part of a four-hole stretch where he went birdie-birdie-eagle-birdie (Nos. 15-18). It was the 19th hole-in-one on the Korn Ferry Tour this season and first of Stegmaier’s Tour career. He made the cut on the number after carding rounds of 72-67.
- * After a double bogey on the par-3 13th, first-round co-leader Grayson Murray was 1-over for the day. Murray recovered with an eagle-birdie-birdie finish to post a 3-under 68 and is in a three-way tie for third at 10-under.
- * Justin Harding leads the field with 16 birdies through 36 holes. After making a triple-bogey on the par-3 17th on Thursday, he birdied No. 18 and then carded an 8-under 63 on Friday. He is T10 at 8-under. Harding is the highest-ranked player in the field (No. 52 in the OWGR). He has six top-10s in 21 worldwide starts this season, including a win at the European Tour’s Commercial Bank Qatar Masters in March.
- * Zac Blair is T3 after carding back-to-back rounds of 5-under 66. Blair and leader Ryan Brehm are the only two players from The 25 among the top-10 through 36 holes.
- * The best second-round score was 8-under 63, shot by three players: Brehm (1st/-12), Harding (T10/-8) and Kevin Dougherty (T17/-7).
- * Tyler Duncan carded a second-round 67 and is T3 at 10-under. When he played in Boise in 2017, he finished T5 en route to earning his PGA TOUR card through The Finals 25. This was his second season on TOUR and he finished 163rd in the FedExCup after posting two top-25s (best: T5, AT&T Byron Nelson).
- * After a first-round 72, Hunter Mahan improved from T93 to T23 after a second-round 64. Mahan is making his eighth start on the Korn Ferry Tour and is coming off a missed cut (75-72) at last week’s Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship.

* Five of the 25 second-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win this season, most recently Kristoffer Ventura at Pinnacle Bank Championship. Last year's champion, Sangmoon Bae, was part of a three-way tie for the 36-hole lead at 10-under.

* This week marks the penultimate event of the Korn Ferry Tour Finals, a three-event series that concludes at the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance next week in Evansville, Indiana. Twenty-five PGA TOUR cards were awarded following the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz. An additional 25 cards are up for grabs during the three Finals events, as well as positioning for all 50 cards.

* Entering its 30th year, the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco is one of four original tournaments from 1990 that are still on the Korn Ferry Tour schedule. The Knoxville Open, the Wichita Open Supporting Wichita's Youth and the Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper round out the original tournaments from 1990.

* This week's purse is \$1,000,000, with \$180,000 going to the champion. The champion will also receive 1,000 Korn Ferry Tour points.

* Sixty-seven former Korn Ferry Tour champions are competing in the field, amounting to 97 victories, as well as 19 PGA TOUR champions (equaling 44 victories).

* Through two rounds, the par-5 16th is the easiest hole. It has yielded 23 eagles and 151 birdies and is playing to a 4.261 average. The 448-yard par-4 5th and the 216-yard par-3 13th are the hardest holes, as both are playing +.210.

*** Hillcrest Country Club Scoring Average:**

	Front (36)	Back (35)	Total (71)	Cumulative
R1	35.837	34.209	70.047	
R2	35.344	33.703	69.047	69.547

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