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Second-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Scott Gutschewski	68-61—129 (-11)
	Edward Loar*	64-uf. (-11)
3	Scott Harrington	65-66—131 (-9)
	Zac Blair	66-65—131 (-9)

**Through eight holes in second round*

Scott Gutschewski, Edward Loar lead in suspended second round at Ellie Mae Classic at TPC Stonebrae

Hayward, Calif. — Scott Gutschewski and Edward Loar sit tied atop the leaderboard at 11-under during a suspended second round at the Ellie Mae Classic at TPC Stonebrae. After play was suspended due to fog at 6:50 p.m. on Thursday, resumption of the first round was delayed until 11 a.m. on Friday due to more fog. Gutschewski completed 36 holes on Friday afternoon, but Loar’s round was suspended due to darkness through eight holes.

Entering Thursday at just 1-under (through 16 holes of his first round), Gutschewski capped his first round with a birdie before going low with a second-round 9-under 61 to take the lead on Friday afternoon.

“It’s the type of course where you hit a couple of good shots, make a couple of putts and get a couple of lucky bounces and all of the sudden you’re off and running,” said Gutschewski, who is No. 100 in the season-long Korn Ferry Tour points standings. “That’s how it went, I hit some good shots, obviously made some putts and the mediocre shots still got good bounces.”

Beginning his second round at the 10th hole, Gutschewski carded birdies at Nos. 10, 12, 15 and 16, offset by a bogey at No. 11 to turn in 3-under 32. The 42-year-old turned on the jets on his second nine, carding four birdies and an eagle at the par-3 fifth hole to close in 6-under 29.

“I hit a 4-iron in on my second shot on No. 3,” said Gutschewski. “It rolled up the hill and back down to about three feet for eagle. Even three-footers on poa greens are never stress-free, so it was good to make that one...I looked at my card when I got done and said ‘Oh my gosh, I made four twos.’ That’s pretty good. Ben Hogan said twos were like skipping a hole.”

Loar wrapped up his first round early on Thursday afternoon, but was forced to wait until 6:12 p.m. on Friday to tee off in his second round. Despite the extended gap between rounds, Loar fired five birdies in eight holes to join Gutschewski at 11-under going into Saturday.

Loar, a 41-year-old from Dallas, Texas, was the only player in the field to card two birdies during Thursday’s opening round (Nos. 3 and 15). His low round of the season was a 66 entering the week. He carded a 64 on Thursday and is 5-under through eight holes in his second round.

The Oklahoma State University alum enters the week 98th on the season-long Korn Ferry Tour points list. With a high finish, Loar could jump inside the top 75 on the points list, earning him entry into the three-event Korn Ferry Tour Finals. With a win, Loar would put himself squarely in contention to lock up a PGA TOUR card at next week’s season-ending WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz.

Gutschewski and Loar lead Scott Harrington and Zac Blair by two strokes. Both players are finished with their second round.

The second round will resume beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday morning.

FRIDAY NOTES:

* Friday's weather: Mostly sunny with a high of 75. Winds W/SW at 8-16 miles per hour. A fog delay prior play on Friday morning pushed back the resumption of the first round until 11 a.m., while second-round tee times began at noon. Second-round play was suspended due to darkness at 8:10 p.m. and will resume at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday.

* The projected cutline is currently at 1-under 139, though zero players in the afternoon wave have finished their round.

* Gutschewski's 9-under 61 is the lowest round of the week so far and the lowest 18-hole score at the tournament since Alex Prugh's 10-under 60 during the second round in 2018. Gutschewski's previous low round of the year was a 63 in the final round of the BMW Charity Pro-Am.

* The top-two players after the first round, Matt Atkins and Matthew NeSmith, both hail from North Augusta, South Carolina. Both players are T5 during their second round, with Atkins through four holes and NeSmith through six.

* Through 22 events thus far this season, only five second-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win the tournament. The most recent was Kristoffer Ventura, who held a one-stroke lead after 36 holes before going on to win the Pinnacle Bank Championship.

* Spencer Levin (-5, T23) leads the contingent of Monday qualifiers. After a 2-over 72 during the first round, Levin rebounded with a 7-under 63 on Friday to leap inside the projected cutline.

* Only three players remain who have not carded a bogey: Mark Hubbard (through 28 holes), Billy Kennerly (through 28) and Todd Baek (through 23).

* Two players eagled the drivable par-4 during the second round: Danny Walker (T37) and Nyasha Mauchaza (T45). Mauchaza also eagled the par-5 third hole, making him the second player this week with two eagles in a round (Edward Loar, first round).

* Stanford alum Maverick McNealy (-8, T5) sits in the top 10 through nine holes of his second round. McNealy sits 28th in The 25. Stanford University is approximately 35 miles away from TPC Stonebrae across the bay.

* This week's purse is \$600,000, with \$108,000 going to the champion. The winner will also receive 500 Korn Ferry Tour points.

* Thirty-nine Korn Ferry Tour winners are in the field this week, with a combined 57 victories between them. Ten past PGA TOUR champions are in the field as well combining for 19 victories.

* The par-4 11th hole (461 yards) ranked as the toughest hole on the course on Friday with a scoring average of 4.233.

* The par-5 third hole (625 yards) ranked as the easiest hole on Friday. The hole played to an average of 4.205.

* TPC Stonebrae Scoring Average:

	Front (35)	Back (35)	Total (70)	Cumulative
R1	35.270	35.308	70.578	
R2	33.693	34.358	68.050	

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