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### Third-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Tom Lewis	68-66-66—200 (-16)
2	Lanto Griffin	69-65-68—202 (-14)
3	Grayson Murray	73-66-65—204 (-12)
	Fabian Gomez	69-69-66—204 (-12)
	Scottie Scheffler	71-65-68—204 (-12)

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### Tom Lewis takes third-round lead at Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance

**NEWBURGH, Ind.** — Tom Lewis carded his second consecutive 6-under 66 to claim the 54-hole lead at the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance. The Englishman reached 16-under through three rounds to lead by two entering the final round at Victoria National Golf Club.

“We all feel pressure; it just depends on your own pressure,” said Lewis. “For me, I’m trying to have as much fun as I can and I had a good time today. The last few holes were stressful because I felt like I left a bit out there between holes 11 and 13, but I held on well and hit some good shots in. So I’m chuffed with the way I finished.”

Lewis ascended the leaderboard with a flawless front nine, recording birdies on four out of his first five holes before adding a fifth at the par-4 eighth to turn at 5-under 31. The 28-year-old tacked on birdies at the 10<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, countered by a bogey at the 11<sup>th</sup> to finish at 16-under for the day.

“I played solid that front nine,” said Lewis. “I played really well this week, so it would be really nice tomorrow to go out and do the same sort of thing and be a bit more stress-free on that back nine because it’s tough out there. You can tell the other players are nervous, you start getting nervous.”

Lewis is making his first start on the Korn Ferry Tour after spending the majority of his professional career on the European Tour. He has earned two wins in 187 starts in Europe and entered the week 85<sup>th</sup> in the Official World Golf Ranking. He also won Rookie of the Year on the European Tour in 2011.

In addition to his success across the pond, Lewis made waves in two different Open Championships over the past decade. In 2011, he shared the opening-round lead as an amateur after a 65 at Royal St. George’s Golf Club becoming the first amateur to lead a major since Mike Reid in the 1976 U.S. Open. In 2019, he finished T11, even with the likes of Justin Thomas, Jon Rahm, Francesco Molinari and Alex Noren.

“I played well at the beginning of the year,” said Lewis. “It’s nice to play well in big events and playing well in The Open as well. I didn’t make it through at [World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies] Match Play, but I enjoyed it, played solid there. I’m just happy to be here. I’m playing well and if I can continue that, then a win at the end of the year [this week] would be brilliant.”

Lanto Griffin sits two shots back at 14-under through three rounds. The Virginia Commonwealth University alum carded two eagles, four birdies and four bogeys for a 68, his third consecutive round in the 60s.

“When you're not hitting it well, eagles go a long way,” said Griffin. “I'm right there, just [need to] clean it up a little bit. I got a couple good breaks to shoot 4-under. Looking at the two bogeys on the last two [holes], I can't be too picky on those, kind of brush it off. [If] Those two eagle putts go don't go in, I par the last two, 4-under is still a great score. That's the way I'm going to look at it.”

Griffin entered the week with a different mindset than most in the field. The 31-year-old secured his return to the PGA TOUR through the Regular Season when he finished sixth in The 25. With his TOUR card already locked up, Griffin is playing for positioning on the combined points list.

Final-round tee times will run from 6:35 a.m. – 12:35 p.m. off of the first tee.

#### **SUNDAY NOTES:**

- \* Sunday's weather: Partly sunny with a high of 88. Winds S/SW 5-10 miles per hour. Preferred lies were used during the third round.
- \* This week marks the concluding event of the Korn Ferry Tour Finals. Twenty-five PGA TOUR cards were awarded following the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz. An additional 25 cards are up for grabs this week, as well as positioning for all 50 cards.
- \* Ten of 25 third-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win this season on the Korn Ferry Tour, most recently Kristoffer Ventura at the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Chevrolet. Earlier this season, the BMW Charity-Pro Am presented by SYNEX Corporation was shortened to 54 holes.
- \* Tom Lewis (1<sup>st</sup>, -16) ranks T1 in putts per greens in regulation through three rounds with 74 putts on 47 greens.
- \* Lewis looks to become the first player since Sungjae Im (2018 Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay) to win in his first Korn Ferry Tour start.
- \* Lewis and Grayson Murray (T3, -12) lead the field in birdies converting 21 birdies through the first three rounds.
- \* Murray had the low round of the day on Sunday, posting a 7-under 65.
- \* Of the 25 players that earned 2019-20 PGA TOUR cards during the Regular Season that made the cut, Lanto Griffin leads the group in solo-second at 14-under 202. Griffin looks to become the fifth player to win twice on the Korn Ferry Tour this season joining Robby Shelton, Xinjun Zhang, Kristoffer Ventura and Scottie Scheffler. Griffin won earlier this season at the inaugural Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Championship.
- \* Chris Baker, who led after the first two rounds, sits T6 at 11-under 205. The 33-year-old is in search of his first PGA TOUR card.
- \* 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.
- \* It is estimated that players with 200 points or more at the conclusion of the Korn Ferry Tour Championship will secure a 2019-20 PGA TOUR card.
- \* Sixty-four former Korn Ferry Tour champions are competing in the field, amounting to 99 victories, as well as 18 PGA TOUR champions (equaling 42 victories).
- \* This marks the first time Victoria National Golf Club has hosted the Korn Ferry Tour Championship. The course previously hosted the Korn Ferry Tour's United Leasing & Finance Championship from 2012-2018.

\* Last season, Victoria National Golf Club ranked as the hardest course on the Korn Ferry Tour playing to an average of 74.49. The par-4 14<sup>th</sup>, par-4 18<sup>th</sup> and par-4 sixth ranked as the three hardest holes on Tour in 2018.

\* The par-4 18<sup>th</sup> hole (432 yards) ranked as the toughest hole on the course on Sunday with a scoring average of 4.447.

\* The par-5 10<sup>th</sup> hole (543 yards) ranked as the easiest hole on Sunday with an average of 4.461.

\* **Victoria National Golf Club Scoring Average:**

	<b>Front</b>	<b>Back</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
<b>R1</b>	<b>35.557</b>	<b>36.115</b>	<b>71.672</b>	
<b>R2</b>	<b>35.305</b>	<b>35.932</b>	<b>71.237</b>	<b>71.467</b>
<b>R3</b>	<b>35.408</b>	<b>35.566</b>	<b>70.974</b>	<b>71.303</b>

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