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### Second-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Nelson Ledesma	65-69—134 (-10)
2	Joseph Winslow	68-68—136 (-8)
	John Oda	69-67—136 (-8)
4	Rico Hoey	67-70—137 (-7)
	Lee Hodges	69-68—137 (-7)

### Nelson Ledesma maintains lead after second round at TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes

**Berthoud, Colo.** — Nelson Ledesma backed up his first-round 65 at the TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes with a second-round 3-under 69 to reach 10-under through 36 holes. The Argentinian leads by two entering Saturday's third round.

"It was nice to finish strong yesterday and then have the early tee time today," said Ledesma, who finished his round before the lightning delay. "It was easier for me to continue my confidence into today. I didn't feel as good as yesterday, but it was still a good round overall."

With four birdies in his first 10 holes, Ledesma reached 11-under before a bogey at the 11<sup>th</sup> and seven consecutive pars halted his momentum. He is coming off a T13 finish at last week's LECOM Health Challenge – a tournament he won in 2018 – and has tallied six top-25s this season.

"Last week I was confident going in...you have to be confident somewhere where you've won," said Ledesma. "My overall game is really good right now, a lot better than it was a few weeks ago. This course sets up really well for me. It's nice and long so I'm able to use driver a lot. It fits my game off of the tee and is a perfect course for me."

Despite winning in his rookie year last year, Ledesma has enjoyed a much more consistent year in 2019. His lone win was his only top-10 in 2018, while he has four top-10s thus far this season. A three-way tie for fourth or better would lock up his PGA TOUR card this week for the 2019-20 season.

The 28-year-old referenced a friendship with former major champion and fellow Argentinian Ángel Cabrera on the course this year.

"I actually played a practice round with Ángel Cabrera on Tuesday," said Ledesma. "He helped me quite a bit and has been a great leader and resource for me throughout my career. I'm proud that we're both from Argentina and appreciate the help that he has given me."

TPC Colorado is the longest course the Korn Ferry Tour has played in its 30-year history at 7,991 yards. The back nine is more than 200 yards longer than the front, highlighted by the 773-yard 13<sup>th</sup> (par-5) and the 273-yard 14<sup>th</sup> (par-3).

Joseph Winslow carded his second consecutive 68 on Friday to reach 8-under, two shots back of Ledesma. After making the turn at 3-under on the more difficult back nine, Winslow tallied birdies at Nos. 3, 5 and 6 (offset by bogeys at Nos. 1 and 8) to rise to second after the second round. The 26-year-old ranks 15<sup>th</sup> on Tour in driving distance and has averaged 341 yards per drive this week at TPC Colorado.

"I was really excited to get out here this week," said Winslow. "Even last week I was already hearing really good things about this course and sure enough it's one of my favorite places we've been to this year. I think it suits my game really well. You have to hit it a long way and it's kind of a fader's golf course. I like to hit big bomb fades off of the tee."

John Oda made a late run just before dusk to reach 8-under after the second round. The UNLV alum overcame a double bogey at the 18<sup>th</sup> with six birdies and an eagle at the par-4 sixth after driving the green.

"On No. 6 I hit it to about six feet and made the eagle putt somehow which was pretty cool," said Oda. "It was probably a little over 370 yards to the hole, downhill and downwind, and it just landed perfectly."

The cutline fell at 1-under 143 with 73 professionals advancing to weekend play. Third-round tee times will run from approximately 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday off of the first and 10<sup>th</sup> tees.

#### **FRIDAY NOTES:**

\* Friday's weather: Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms and a high of 95. Wind N/NE at 7-14 mph. The second round was delayed due to lightning at 3:09 p.m. and resumed at 4:17 p.m. The round was delayed due to high winds for seven minutes from 4:30 p.m. to 4:37 p.m.

\* Only three out of 19 36-hole leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win the tournament this year. Nelson Ledesma has held the 36-hole lead once in his career (2018 Panama Championship) and went on to finish T11.

\* Rico Hoey (-7, T3) was tied for the lead at 10-under with two holes to play but bogeyed the 17<sup>th</sup> and double-bogeyed the 18<sup>th</sup> to finish at 7-under. On the 531-yard 18<sup>th</sup>, Hoey found the steep fairway bunker and had to pitch out into the fairway. He birdied the hole on Thursday, one of only eight birdies on the hole over the first two days.

\* Lee Hodges (-7, T3) chipped in from the fairway for eagle at the par-4 sixth hole, his second eagle of the day (No. 15). The achievement marked the 34<sup>th</sup> time this season a player has carded multiple eagles in the same round. Chad Ramey had two eagles during the first round.

\* Ethan Tracy was the last player into the field as an alternate after Ryan Brehm withdrew on Wednesday. Tracy made the cut on the number at 1-under (T55).

\* MJ Maguire, James Love and Zahkai Brown each made the cut on the number after Monday qualifying into the event. Both Love and Brown hail from the state of Colorado.

\* Michael Gellerman (T22) carded a 6-under 66 after a Thursday 74 to jump inside the cutline. Dawie van der Walt (T10) also carded a 66 (after a 73 on Thursday) to make the cut. The 66s were the two lowest rounds of the day, one stroke off the low round of the tournament (Ledesma's 65 on Thursday).

\* The 7,991-yard course is the longest course the Korn Ferry Tour has played in the Tour's 30-year history. The 773-yard 13<sup>th</sup> hole (par-5) is the longest hole ever played on Tour, while the 273-yard 14<sup>th</sup> is the longest par-3 played on Tour this year. The par-4 18<sup>th</sup> hole (531 yards) is the longest par-4 hole played on Tour this year as well.

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

\* Forty-nine Korn Ferry Tour winners are in the field this week, with a combined 70 victories between them. Eight past PGA TOUR champions are in the field as well combining for 24 victories. Major winner David Duval leads the pack with 13 career TOUR wins.

\* The par-4 18<sup>th</sup> hole (531 yards) ranked as the toughest hole on the course on Friday with a scoring average of 4.429. The hole yielded two five birdies and caused 62 bogeys or worse.

\* The par-5 fifth hole (624 yards) ranked as the easiest hole on Thursday. The hole played to an average of 4.500 and yielded 78 birdies and two eagles.

\* **TPC Colorado Scoring Average:**

	<b>Front (36)</b>	<b>Back (36)</b>	<b>Total (72)</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
<b>R1</b>	<b>35.506</b>	<b>36.571</b>	<b>72.077</b>	
<b>R2</b>	<b>36.000</b>	<b>36.422</b>	<b>72.422</b>	<b>72.256</b>

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