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### Second-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Tyrone Van Aswegen	68-65 – 133 (-9)
T2	Daniel Summerhays	66-68 – 134 (-8)
T2	Joshua Creel	68-66 – 134 (-8)
4	Justin Lower	65-70 – 135 (-7)
T5	Five players tied	136 (-6)

### Tyrone Van Aswegen claims second-round lead at Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank

**Farmington, Utah**— Tyrone Van Aswegen used a second-round 6-under 65 to take the 36-hole lead at the Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank. Daniel Summerhays and Joshua Creel sit one stroke off the lead at 8-under 134, followed by Justin Lower at 7-under 135.

Van Aswegen began the day four shots off the lead, but ascended the leaderboard Friday afternoon in windy conditions. After playing his first six holes 1-under, he caught fire with an eagle on the par-5 seventh. He added birdies on Nos. 9, 10 and 13 to reach 9-under for the tournament and take the solo-lead.

“I just needed to get some opportunities to play and I’ve been hitting the ball really well,” said Van Aswegen. “It’s a good reflection this week. My putting is good, I’ve been striking the ball good, so I’m looking forward to the rest of the weekend.”

Van Aswegen finished last season ranked 127<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings after a missed cut at the Wyndham Championship. Prior to this week, the 37-year-old made only five starts on the Korn Ferry Tour this season and is currently ranked 158<sup>th</sup> in The 25. Van Aswegen has made three cuts in 11 starts on the PGA TOUR this season and is looking to find his game as he balances time between the PGA TOUR and Korn Ferry Tour.

“It’s tough,” he said of playing both the PGA TOUR and Korn Ferry Tour. “You want to get out there [PGA TOUR] and get some starts, because you base your thinking on the previous year. You don’t know when you’re going to get in and when you do get in, you have to play well, and I haven’t done that this year.”

Sitting one stroke off the lead is Utah native Daniel Summerhays. The 35-year-old, who grew up playing at Oakridge Country Club, carded four birdies against one bogey at his home course on Friday. Starting on the back nine, Summerhays recorded birdies on Nos. 12 and 13. After a bogey on the par-3 14<sup>th</sup>, Summerhays tallied two birdies and 11 pars over his last 13 holes, earning him a share of second place.

“I’m so glad that it’s windy,” Summerhays said. “They always joke that if it’s really difficult out, you’re going to see Summerhays up close to the top of the leaderboard. I pride myself in being able to think my way around the golf course and staying patient.”

Summerhays won the 2000 Utah State Amateur at Oakridge Country Club and continued his college career at Brigham Young University. The 35-year-old currently lives in Farmington, Utah, and had the local crowd behind him Friday morning.

“There’s a lot of distractions, and I love it,” Summerhays said of his family and friends in attendance. “I’ve got so many people out there that I love, and they love me. It’s fun performing at a high level. I feel like my game continues to get better and hopefully we’ll get a big crowd out tomorrow afternoon.”

Joshua Creel used a bogey-free 66 on Friday to earn a share of second place. The 29-year-old, making his first start in Utah, carded five birdies on Friday at Oakridge Country Club.

Creel is currently ranked 78<sup>th</sup> in The 25 and is playing in his first full season on the Korn Ferry Tour. With a good finish this week, he could become a serious threat to earn a PGA TOUR card.

“A good finish maybe locks up a spot in The 75 and into the Finals and being set for next year,” said Creel. “Then who knows, a win gets me on the brink of getting in the big show, so I’ll play as well as I can and see what happens.”

Justin Lower sits alone in fourth place after posting a second-round 1-under 70. Rob Oppenheim, Luke Guthrie, Lanto Griffin, Kyle Westmoreland and Zac Blair are tied for fifth at 6-under 136.

#### **FRIDAY NOTES:**

\*Friday’s weather: Mostly sunny and breezy, with a high of 90. Wind S 14-20 mph, with gusts up to 27 mph.

\* The 36-hole cut came at even-par 142, with 73 professionals advancing to the weekend.

\* In his 116<sup>th</sup> career start on the Korn Ferry Tour, Tyrone Van Aswegen holds a share of the 36-hole lead for the second time. He held a share of the 36-hole lead at the 2013 Mexico Championship, where he went to finish T20.

\* Joshua Creel (T2) is working towards his first top-10 finish since a T10 at the 2019 Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by MISTRAS in March. The Korn Ferry Tour rookie and Steven Alker were the only two players on Friday with bogey-free rounds.

\* Rob Oppenheim (T5) is seeking his second Korn Ferry Tour victory after a pair of 68s at Oakridge Country Club. His maiden victory came at the 2015 Wichita Open Supporting Wichita’s Youth, where he started the final round six shots off the lead.

\* After Monday qualifying into the field, Air Force Captain Kyle Westmoreland carded a 4-under 67 on Friday to sit three shots off the lead. The most recent Monday qualifier to win on the Korn Ferry Tour is Rick Lamb (2016 LECOM Health Challenge).

\* Utah native Zac Blair sits T5 following a 4-under 67 on Friday. Blair grew up in Salt Lake City, Utah and won the Utah State Amateur in 2009.

\* As the only amateur in the field, Preston Summerhays missed the cut at 2-over 144. Last year as a 15-year-old, the nephew of Daniel Summerhays won the Utah State Amateur at Oakridge Country Club, becoming the youngest player in state history to win the event.

\* This week's purse is \$725,000, with \$130,500 going to the champion. The winner will also receive 500 Korn Ferry Tour points.

\* Thirty-eight Korn Ferry Tour winners are in the field this week, combining for 56 victories.

\* The par-3 14th hole (179 yards) ranked as the toughest hole on the course on Friday with a scoring average of 3.362.

\* The par-5 15th hole (547 yards) ranked as the easiest hole on Friday. The hole played to an average of 4.487 and yielded five eagles and 75 birdies.

**\* Oakridge Country Club Country Club Scoring Average:**

	<b>Front</b>	<b>Back</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
<b>R1</b>	<b>36.442</b>	<b>35.221</b>	<b>71.662</b>	
<b>R2</b>	<b>35.987</b>	<b>35.257</b>	<b>71.243</b>	<b>71.453</b>

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