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Third-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
T1	Justin Lower	65-70-67—202 (-11)
T1	Daniel Summerhays	66-68-68—202 (-11)
T3	Charlie Saxon	66-73-64—203 (-10)
T3	Kevin Dougherty	69-68-66—203 (-10)
T3	Rob Oppenheim	68-68-67—203 (-10)
T3	Joshua Creel	68-66-69—203 (-10)

Daniel Summerhays and Justin Lower share 54-hole lead at Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank

Farmington, Utah— Playing in front of his friends and family in his hometown of Farmington, Utah, Daniel Summerhays carded a 3-under 68 on Saturday to join Justin Lower atop the leaderboard at the Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank. Competing at his home club of Oakridge Country Club, the 35-year-old looks to take advantage of playing in familiar territory for his first Korn Ferry Tour victory in almost 12 years.

Starting the third round one stroke back, Summerhays made the turn in 1-under 35, before reeling in three more birdies on Nos. 12, 14 and 15. He carded his second bogey of the day on No. 17 en route to a 3-under 68. The Farmington, Utah native had plenty of encouragement on site, where an army of his friends and family cheered him on through every shot.

“I got choked up because of all the support,” said Summerhays. “Honestly no matter what, win or not tomorrow, I honestly feel like I’ve done myself proud and all of my friends and family proud.”

Summerhays grew up playing at Oakridge Country Club, where he spent countless hours honing his game. A framed picture of the 35-year-old proudly hangs by the clubhouse entrance, reminding guests and members of Summerhays’ original roots. The Brigham Young University alum looks to draw upon his experiences at this site and use it to his advantage in the final round.

“I think it’ll be more of a comfort than anything else,” said Summerhays of playing at his home course. “It’ll be unique, but I think I’ll be more comfortable here than any other big setting I’ve been in.”

Summerhays’ sole victory on the Korn Ferry Tour came almost twelve years ago, competing as an amateur at the 2007 Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship. He won the event by two strokes over Chris Nallen and Chad Collins, becoming the first amateur to win a Korn Ferry

Tour title. Even though he couldn't accept the \$126,000 award, the victory boosted his golf career, earning him a full exemption for the remainder of the season and all of 2008. He eventually made it to the PGA TOUR in 2011, where he owns two runner-up finishes in 214 career starts.

"I've played in almost every big golf tournament in the world and have been in the last several groups in major championships and things like that," said Summerhays. "A lot of those things I've learned in those situations, whether it was the U.S. Open, PGA Championship or the Memorial, all of those experiences will aid me tomorrow."

Joining Summerhays in the final group, Lower is seeking his maiden Korn Ferry Tour victory in his fourth full season on Tour. Entering the week 27th in The 25, Lower will secure his PGA TOUR card for the 2019-20 season with a victory tomorrow. In 2018, Lower finished at No. 29 in the Korn Ferry Tour Finals, missing his card by less than \$500.

"It's nerve-wracking for sure," said Lower of being paired in the final group. "It's where you want to be and it's what you live for. It's why we do it week-in and week-out, so it'll be fun."

SATURDAY NOTES:

* Saturday's weather: Sunny with a high of 88. Wind SW 6-12 mph.

* Daniel Summerhays holds at least a share of the 54-hole lead for the fifth time in his Korn Ferry Tour career and has converted one of those instances into a victory. (2007 Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship)

* Justin Lower held the 54-hole lead earlier this season at the Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by MISTRAS. Lower went on to finish second after losing in a playoff. The result was good for his best finish on the Korn Ferry Tour.

* With a win tomorrow, Lower would pass the 830-point total estimated to secure players a PGA TOUR card for the 2019-20 season.

* Charlie Saxon (-10, T3) matched his career-low round on the Korn Ferry Tour on Saturday with a 7-under 64. He previously shot a 7-under 64 at Oakridge Country Club in the second round of the 2017 Utah Championship.

* In 2018, Saxon became the all-time money leader on the PGA TOUR Series-China.

* Kevin Dougherty sits T3 at 10-under 203. Last week, Dougherty lost in a five-man playoff to Henrik Norlander at the Wichita Open Supporting Wichita's Youth.

* With a victory Sunday, Robby Shelton (-9, T7) would become the 12th player in Korn Ferry Tour history to earn the "Battlefield Promotion" immediately advancing him to the PGA TOUR. The last player to earn the promotion was Wesley Bryan in 2016.

* Robert Garrigus, who held the first-round lead, sits T7 at 9-under 204.

* Of the five Monday qualifier that made the cut, Steele DeWald leads the group at T22. With a top-25 finish tomorrow, DeWald would earn a spot in the LECOM Health Challenge next week.

* Utah native Zac Blair sits T22 following an even-par 71 on Saturday. Blair grew up in Salt Lake City, Utah and won the Utah State Amateur in 2009.

- * 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-4 10th hole (517 yards) ranked as the toughest hole on the course on Saturday with a scoring average of 4.644.
- * The par-5 15th hole (547 yards) ranked as the easiest hole on Saturday. The hole played to an average of 4.315 and yielded five eagles and 44 birdies.

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

	Front	Back	Total	Cumulative
R1	36.442	35.221	71.662	
R2	35.987	35.257	71.243	71.453
R3	34.890	34.767	69.658	70.854

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