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### Second-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
T1	Scottie Scheffler	66-64—130 (-10)
T1	Tyson Alexander	66-64—130 (-10)
T3	Bryan Bigley	67-64—131 (-9)
T3	Erik Compton	64-67—131 (-9)
T3	David Lingmerth	64-67—131 (-9)
T3	Henrik Norlander	63-68—131 (-9)

### Scottie Scheffler and Tyson Alexander share 36-hole lead at Wichita Open Supporting Wichita's Youth

**WICHITA, Kan.** – Scottie Scheffler and Tyson Alexander battled through difficult conditions Friday at the Wichita Open Supporting Wichita's Youth, sharing the 36-hole lead at 10-under 130. With daytime highs reaching 96 degrees and winds gusting up to 35 miles per hour, the two co-leaders excelled at Crestview Country Club with matching 6-under 64s.

"It was brutal," said Scheffler about the powerful winds. "It was blowing really hard. I kind of got through the front nine. There were a lot of into-the-wind holes. Just kind of survived those and I was able to make a few good putts on the back."

Scheffler's day was highlighted by two eagles on Nos. 7 and 14 en route to a 6-under 64. The former University of Texas star is seeking his second victory of the season in his rookie year.

His maiden Korn Ferry Tour victory came at the Evans Scholars Invitational in May, beating Marcelo Rozo on the second playoff hole. He rallied from a six-shot deficit with a final-round 9-under 63. The 22-year-old has been on an amazing stretch, recording a victory and two runner-up finishes in his last six starts on Tour.

"I feel like my game is in a good spot," added Scheffler. "I've been in a good place mentally. I'm not letting the little things bother me and I'm keeping it rolling."

Thanks to a string of successful finishes on the Korn Ferry Tour, Scheffler has already locked up his PGA TOUR card for the 2019-20 season. The Texas native is fighting for the coveted No. 1 position on The 25, which awards a fully exempt position for the upcoming TOUR season, including a spot into THE PLAYERS Championship.

"I definitely want to get to No. 1, but it's not something you play every week for," said Scheffler. "We're setting our own schedule now and making sure we get the proper rest. You definitely want to get off to a good start in the beginning of next year, so it's really important."

Scheffler competed in his third U.S. Open last week and played his first major championship as a pro. In 2017, he edged Cameron Champ for low-amateur honors at Erin Hills, finishing T27. Things didn't fare as well for him in 2019, missing the cut with rounds of 72-74.

"It was fun," said Scheffler about his rounds at Pebble Beach. "It was a little different playing as a pro, but I enjoyed it. I wish I would've played a little better... It was a good learning experience and it's something to build off of."

Joining Scheffler atop the leaderboard, Alexander chipped in three times and only needed 19 putts en route to a 6-under 64. Despite only hitting eight of 18 greens on a blustery day, the University of Florida product got up-and-down nine of 10 times.

"I think in the wind, if you're a little off, your misses are worse than they really are," said Alexander. "But my short game was unbelievable today... so whenever you do something like that, it's your day."

In his rookie season on the Korn Ferry Tour, Alexander has made four of nine cuts, with a T53 at the KC Golf Classic as his best finish. Entering the week No. 189 on the Regular Season points list, the 30-year-old is hoping for a good finish to boost up the standings this week.

"I enjoy getting better and I think that's what pushes me the most," Alexander commented. "Seeing improvement and trying to get better and better each year, I think that's what pushes me."

In a four-way-tie for third, Erik Compton sits at 9-under 131 after a 3-under 67 on Friday. The two-time heart transplant recipient owns three top-10 finishes at this event, posting 18 of his 24 rounds under par entering the week. He almost held the trophy in 2004, losing in a four-man playoff to Bradley Hughes on the first extra hole.

#### **FRIDAY NOTES:**

- \* Friday's weather: Partly cloudy and windy, high of 96, winds S 25-25 mph, with gusts up to 35 mph.
- \* The 36-hole cut came at 1-under 139 with 74 professionals advancing to the weekend
- \* This week's purse is \$625,000, with \$112,500 going to the champion. The winner will also earn 500 points in the Korn Ferry Tour points system.
- \* Among the 12 Monday qualifiers in the field, three players made the cut; MJ Daffue (-6, T11), Ryan Baca (-1, T63), Kevin Kring (-1, T63)
- \* Missing nine of his last ten cuts entering the week, Steven Ihm (T7) posted the round of the day with a 7-under 63. His day was highlighted by five straight birdies on Nos. 14-18.
- \* University of Kansas grad Chase Hanna carded a 5-under 65 (T11) for his career-low round on Tour. The 24-year old resides in Leawood, Kansas and is playing in his third start of the year.

\* Bryan Bigley (-9, T3) made the field last-minute, flying into Wichita Tuesday night. The 34-year-old wasn't able to get a practice round in at Crestview Country Club, but instead prepared at a local public course on Wednesday. He's seeking his first Korn Ferry Tour victory in his 71<sup>st</sup> career start.

\* Entering the week, Bigley made just two cuts in 12 starts, with a scoring average of 73.88 through 26 rounds. His best finish of the year came at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club, where he finished 65<sup>th</sup> after rounds of 80-86 on the weekend.

\* Sebastian Cappelen (-3, T34) has finished inside the top 10 in four of his past five starts at this event, including a victory at the 2014 Wichita Open in his first career start. He leads the all-time Wichita Open money list with \$169,438 in career earnings.

\* The par-4 18th hole (487 yards) ranked as the toughest hole on the course on Friday with a scoring average of 4.371

\* The par-5 14th hole (501 yards) ranked as the easiest hole on Friday. The hole played to an average of 4.563 and yielded three eagles and 76 birdies.

**\*Crestview Country Club Scoring Average:**

	<b>Front</b>	<b>Back</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
<b>R1</b>	35.161	34.161	69.323	
<b>R2</b>	35.430	34.828	70.258	69.790

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