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First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Tommy Gainey	62 (-9)
2	Charlie Saxon	63 (-8)
3	Brett Stegmaier	64 (-7)
T4	Ten tied at	65 (-6)

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**Tommy Gainey ties career-low round with 62 to lead at
Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco**

BOISE, Idaho – A week after shooting an 81 in Portland – his worst round in more than three years – Tommy Gainey began the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco with a 9-under 62 to take a one-stroke lead after 18 holes. Gainey hit all 18 greens and tallied nine birdies in his bogey-free round, a fitting way to celebrate his 45th birthday on Thursday.

“I’ve had some great rounds in my career on my birthday in the past, but none as low as 62,” laughed Gainey. “My last few tournaments I’ve gotten off to really bad starts, like always bogeying the first hole. On No. 10 today, my first hole, I hit it to about 12 feet and made the putt for birdie. When you go from a bogey start to a birdie start, right away you’ve got momentum built.”

Gainey birdied his first three holes of the day and didn’t look back, turning at 5-under 30 and tacking on four more birdies on the front nine coming in. The 62 tied his lowest career round, a mark he previously set in 2010 and again in 2014.

“I shot 81 in the first round in Portland last week and then shot 67 in the second round,” said Gainey. “That second round I found something and carried it on into today. I made some putts, I think I had 27 putts out there today, and I hit every green and a lot of fairways.”

Gainey, a former PGA TOUR champion and three-time winner on the Korn Ferry Tour, won the first event of the year at The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay. Since then, he has made just three of nine cuts and dropped to 21st in the Korn Ferry Tour points standings.

“That’s just golf,” said Gainey, remarking on his inconsistencies this season. “If you’re not hitting it all that well and putting it well, then you won’t make birdies. Out here, if you don’t

make birdies, you don't make cuts. I started making some birdies today and I'm going to try and build off that for the first two days."

Charlie Saxon continued his recent tear with an opening-round 63 to sit one shot back. The 27-year-old has earned top-20 finishes in three of his last five starts and co-led through 36 holes last week before a disappointing weekend. Still, he has risen from 113th on the points list a month and a half ago to 63rd entering this week at Hillcrest Country Club.

"It was a rough start to the year, but I was working really hard," said Saxon, who set a new career-low round on Tour with the 63. "I feel like I've been working on some of the right things here lately and it's starting to come to fruition. I've been playing some good golf and I'm confident in what I'm doing. Golf can feel really hard sometimes and it did at the beginning of the year, but right now it's starting to feel pretty easy. You just ride these times out while you can."

Second-round tee times will run from 7:30 a.m. to 2:31 p.m. on Friday. The tournament will be broadcast live on GolfChannel.com from 3-6 p.m. MT and tape-delayed on Golf Channel from 7-9 p.m. MT on Friday.

THURSDAY NOTES:

- * Thursday's weather: Sunny with a high of 88 degrees and wind NW at 6-12 mph.
- * The Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco serves as the first event of the three-event Korn Ferry Tour Championship Series, which includes elevated purses and points. Five exemptions into the 2020 U.S. Open are also available to the top-five players (not otherwise exempt) in a points list specific to the three tournaments. The top-10 players on the Korn Ferry Tour's overall point standings following the conclusion of the third tournament (the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance) will also earn entry into the PGA TOUR's additional events (also known as opposite-field events) during the 2020-21 season.
- * This marks the fifth first-round lead/co-lead of Gaine's career on the Korn Ferry Tour, including earlier this year at The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay when he went on to victory. Gaine is one of only three first-round leaders this season to go on to win.
- * Kevin Dougherty's 28 on his first nine (the back nine) of the tournament is the lowest nine-hole score of the year. Fifteen players had recorded a 29 over nine holes this season. Three players shot a 28 over nine holes last season.
- * Charlie Saxon began the 2019 Albertsons Boise Open with a 64 before rounds of 67-70-70 resulted in a T11 finish.
- * Brett Stegmaier countered one bogey with eight birdies for an opening-round 64 to sit solo-third after the first round. The position after the first round is his highest since the 2017 DAP Championship (T3) while the 64 is his lowest round on Tour since 2015 (63 at the Small Business Connection Championship at River Run).
- * This week's purse is \$1,000,000 with \$180,000 going to the champion. The champion will also receive 600 Korn Ferry Tour points.

- * The combined 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour schedule will conclude with 25 PGA TOUR cards awarded at the 2021 WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz, with an additional 25 cards awarded at the conclusion of the 2021 Korn Ferry Tour Finals.
- * The par-3 13th hole (216 yards) played as the hardest hole on Thursday with a scoring average of 3.174.
- * The par-5 16th hole (535 yards) played as the easiest hole on Thursday with a scoring average of 4.368. In 2019, the hole played as the second-easiest hole on Tour (of 522 holes) with a scoring average of 4.323.

	Front	Back	Total	Cumulative
R1	35.410	34.042	69.451	

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