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Second-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
T1	Scott Langley	66-68—134 (-6)
T1	Lee Hodges	69-65—134 (-6)
T1	Paul Barjon	64-70—134 (-6)
T1	Ben Kohles	68-66—134 (-6)
T1	Kristoffer Ventura	66-68—134 (-6)

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Record-tying five players sit atop 36-hole leaderboard at Korn Ferry Challenge at TPC Sawgrass

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida – As the Korn Ferry Tour returned to play this week at the Korn Ferry Challenge at TPC Sawgrass (Dye’s Valley Course), a record-tying five players sit tied atop the 36-hole leaderboard at 6-under 134: Scott Langley, Lee Hodges, Paul Barjon, Ben Kohles and Kristoffer Ventura.

The five players ties the Korn Ferry Tour’s all-time record of players tied for a 36-hole lead, which had previously occurred seven times since 1991 and most recently at the 2016 DAP Championship.

Of the five, Langley was the only player to tee off in Friday’s morning wave, following up a first-round 66 with a second-round 68 to take the early clubhouse lead.

Like all 156 players in the field, the former PGA TOUR member entered the week wondering exactly what his game would look like after more than 100 days away from competition due to the coronavirus pandemic.

“I didn’t quite know what to expect with my competitive game coming in here because it’s basically been four months since my last tournament,” said Langley. “I’ve been playing, working hard at home the last month, but still you never really know what you’re going to get until you get out there.”

Langley entered the week at No. 85 on the Korn Ferry Tour points list with two made cuts in five starts. The former University of Illinois star spent five full seasons on the PGA TOUR

between 2013 and 2019, recording a pair of third-place finishes amidst 23 top-25s. The 2010 NCAA Individual Champion won the 2018 Panama Championship for his first and only Korn Ferry Tour title, but admitted on Friday that he often pays too much attention to his standing when on the course.

“This is actually probably a good exercise for me, playing with no scoreboards, because sometimes in my history, maybe I’ve cared a little too much about scoreboards, admittedly,” he said, referring to the Tour’s removal of all scoreboards this week as part of the event’s small footprint. “I haven’t looked at a single scoreboard, or anything online these whole two days yet.”

Hodges, in his second season on the Korn Ferry Tour, is one week removed from winning the 36-hole Back 2 Golf Challenge at Sea Island – a prep event which paired PGA TOUR and Korn Ferry Tour players together in a team format prior to golf’s official return to play this week.

The Huntsville, Alabama, native posted 10-under to win the individual title, holding off former U.S. Open champion Jim Furyk and PGA TOUR winner Harris English in the process, all while being paired with World Golf Hall of Fame member Davis Love III.

Hodges, 24, posted two top-10s in 24 starts last season on the Korn Ferry Tour, but is currently 24th on the 2020 points list thanks to four top-30 finishes in five starts, including a career-best T3 at the Panama Championship.

First-round leader Paul Barjon followed up a Thursday 64 with a round of even-par 70 on Friday. The 27-year-old reached 8-under for the week through nine holes of his second round, but closed with a 2-over 37 thanks to three bogeys on the back nine.

Barjon, who won the Order of Merit on the Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada last year, opened 2020 with two missed cuts before notching T27, T20 and runner-up finishes in his next three starts prior to the cancelation of play. At the El Bosque Mexico Championship by INNOVA, he three-putted the 72nd hole to fall into a playoff with David Kocher and Chad Ramey, which Kocher won with a birdie on the first extra hole.

Local resident Ben Kohles recorded bogeys on 1 and 18 on day two to offset six birdies for a 4-under 66.

The former University of Virginia golfer won the Tour’s Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship in his professional debut in 2012, then followed it up with another victory the next week at the Cox Classic. The back-to-back wins put the Cary, North Carolina, native on the PGA TOUR that fall, but he lost his card and has been fighting his way back ever since.

This year, Kohles is off to one of the fastest starts since his 2012 season, recording a second- and third-place finish in February to enter the week at TPC Sawgrass at No. 10 on the points list.

Ventura, who played alongside PGA TOUR winners Matthew Wolff and Viktor Hovland at Oklahoma State, is currently on the PGA TOUR after earning his card through the Korn Ferry Tour in 2019 – thanks to wins at the Utah Championship and Pinnacle Bank Championship.

The Norway native has made just 12 starts during the 2019-20 season on TOUR, but has managed to record a pair of top-25 finishes, including a T20 in his last start at the Puerto Rico Open – which Hovland won.

Ten players are tied for second, one shot back of the co-leaders at 5-under 135

FRIDAY NOTES:

- * Friday's weather: Mostly cloudy with a high of 83 degrees and winds SE at 8-12 mph.
- * This week's purse is \$600,000 with \$108,000 going to the winner. The champion will also receive 500 Korn Ferry Tour points.
- * The 36-hole cut fell at 1-under 139 with 65 players making it to the final two rounds of play.
- * With the lead at 6-under and the cut line at 1-under, the five-shot differential between the two ties the smallest in Korn Ferry Tour history dating back to the 1995 Buffalo Open.
- * Third-round tee times will run off of Nos. 1 and 10 from 8:08 to 9:58 a.m.
- * Before earning his Korn Ferry Tour card for the 2019 season, Hodges competed on the Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada in 2018, posting a pair of top-3 finishes en route to a 15th-place finish on the Order of Merit.
- * Barjon was born in France, but at age 2, his family moved to Dumbea, New Caledonia—a French territory in the South Pacific. When he was 16, Barjon moved back to France to play on the National Junior Team before moving to Texas to play golf at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas.
- * Barjon played the Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada for three years but had the best season of his professional career in 2019. He was one of only two players to make the cut in all 12 events, posting eight top-10 finishes, including two wins (Bayview Place DCBank Open and the Osprey Valley Open).
- * Barjon set a Mackenzie Tour record by playing 28 consecutive rounds under par to start the Mackenzie Tour season, spanning the length of seven full tournaments. He fell outside of the top 10 just once in that span, when he tied for 22nd at the Lethbridge Paradise Canyon Open.
- * PGA TOUR member Luke List held the outright lead for part of the second round after reaching 8-under for the week but fell back with a closing 39 thanks in part to a double-bogey on the par-4 18th. List is currently 124th in the FedExCup standings with two top-25s including a season-best T13 at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.
- * Former University of California golfer KK Limbhasut played bogey-free golf over his first 35 holes and was tied for the lead at 6-under heading to the par-4 18th, but closed with a bogey to post 5-under 135. Limbhasut was teammates with PGA TOUR winner Collin Morikawa at Cal, and recorded one of the better careers in program history with four wins.

* Australian Jamie Arnold recorded the week’s low round with a 7-under 63 on Friday, thanks to eight birdies and a lone bogey on the par-4 18th (his ninth). The round marked the second-lowest of his Korn Ferry Tour career, trailing a 9-under 62 in the final round of the 2018 BMW Charity Pro-Am.

* The newly created 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.

* This week’s field is the most accomplished since the 2019 Korn Ferry Tour Finals. There are currently 16 former PGA TOUR champions in the field (representing 36 wins) and 54 former Korn Ferry Tour victors with 87 total victories among them.

* This marks the first time the Korn Ferry Tour has played at the Dye’s Valley Course since the 2015 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United leasing & Finance. The course hosted the Tour Championship from 2013-2015 and prior to that, the Winn-Dixie Jacksonville Open from 2010-2012.

* The par-4 17th hole (499 yards) played as the hardest hole again on Friday with a scoring average of 4.406.

* The 326-yard par-4 seventh played as the easiest hole again on Friday with a scoring average of 3.661.

Dye’s Valley Course Scoring Average:

	Front	Back	Total	Cumulative
R1	34.845	35.774	70.619	
R2	34.723	35.606	70.329	70.474

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