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Third-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Will Zalatoris	67-68-65—200 (-10)
T2	Joseph Bramlett	69-68-64—201 (-9)
T2	Luke List	66-70-65—201 (-9)
T2	Chase Wright	66-69-66—201 (-9)
T2	Lee Hodges	69-65-67—201 (-9)

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**Will Zalatoris stands alone atop crowded leaderboard
at Korn Ferry Challenge at TPC Sawgrass**

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida – Will Zalatoris birdied two of his final three holes Saturday to break through a crowded leaderboard and cement a one-shot advantage heading into the final round of the Korn Ferry Challenge at TPC Sawgrass.

But 10 other players trail by three strokes or less on the Dye’s Valley Course, including Joseph Bramlett, whose 64 netted him the low round of the day and a tie for second alongside Luke List, Chase Wright and Lee Hodges at 9-under 201.

“It’s anybody’s ballgame,” Zalatoris said. “Sure, I’ve got a one-shot advantage, but you don’t even look at it as sitting on a lead, if you will. I’ve still got to go get it tomorrow.”

The 23-year-old Zalatoris carded a third-round 65 to move to 10-under 200 for the week and in position for the first Korn Ferry Tour victory of his career. The Plano, Texas, resident has a pair of top-10 finishes so far this season, including a tie for fourth at the season-opening Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay.

“A win’s a win. I’m going to give a boring answer here that you’ve heard a million times, but I’m just going to go about my business,” he said. “I’ve shot 10-under the last three days on a pretty tough golf course, and I feel like every aspect of my game is clicking. So just keep going about my business with what I’m doing. If I win, great, if not, it’s still a learning experience. The ultimate goal is just to get better every day.”

The Wake Forest University product opened his day with a pair of birdies, then added a third at No. 8 en route to a front-nine 32. His lone hiccup of the day came on a bogey at the par-3 11th, but he rebounded with a birdie at the next and two more at Nos. 16 and 18 to overtake Bramlett by a stroke.

The 32-year-old Bramlett is likewise in search of his maiden professional victory. And his performance Saturday has turned that longtime goal into a reality, as the Stanford product surged to the top of the leaderboard with a round that at one point saw him within earshot of a 59.

Bramlett was 8-under with six holes to play on the par-70 course before bogeys on two of his final four holes ultimately undid those aspirations. But it was nevertheless an impressive round for the Las Vegas resident, who carded four birdies and an eagle over his first nine holes, jumpstarted by a 40-foot birdie at the 10th.

“That always gives you those good vibes for the day,” said Bramlett, who is making his first Korn Ferry Tour start of the season. “Kind of kept it rolling from there. My wedges were just very dialed in today. I had a lot of good chances, probably Nos. 13 through 16, and then I hooped it on 17 from 170 yards, and then I birdied 18, and then I birdied one, and all of the sudden we were rolling. It’s good to be back playing tournament golf and get on a run like that.”

Bramlett is looking to become just the second African American to win on the Korn Ferry Tour after Cameron Champ accomplished the feat at the 2018 Utah Championship. He is motivated to add his name to that shortlist on Sunday, spurred on in part by the fact that Harold Varner III is also deep into contention this week at the PGA TOUR’s Charles Schwab Challenge.

“I just feel like I’ve had a lot of great support and I have a lot of good vibes right now,” said Bramlett, who has a trio of top-25 finishes this season on the PGA TOUR. “Coming off the long break, I’m excited to be back competing, and accompany that with everything going on in the world, I just feel a little closer to people that are in my life right now. I feel like I’m in a really good place. I see Harold doing what he’s doing and I honestly want to catch him. If he’s going to win, I want to win too.”

“It would mean a lot,” he continued. “I have not won out here yet, and I feel like I’m good enough to do it. But it’s not good enough until you get it done. It would mean a lot. I’m really excited about the chance I have tomorrow.”

SATURDAY NOTES:

* Saturday’s weather: Mostly cloudy with a high of 83 degrees and winds SE at 8-12 mph.

* Final-round tee times will run from 8:08 a.m. to 9:58 a.m. with play beginning on Nos. 1 and 10 tees.

- * After the 36-hole cut fell at 1-under, the entire field who advanced to weekend play began Saturday's third round within five shots of the lead, tying a 25-year-old Korn Ferry Tour record. Entering Sunday, there are 18 players within five shots of Zalatoris.
- * The 54-hole lead marks the first of Zalatoris' Korn Ferry Tour career. His previous best was a T2 standing through three rounds of this year's Bahamas Great Exuma Classic, where he wound up T4 on the week.
- * Will Zalatoris is attempting to become the third player this season (in seven events) to convert a 54-hole lead into a victory. In 2019, 11 of 26 54-hole leads (42 percent) were converted into wins.
- * At 8-under through 12 holes, Bramlett was striving to become the eighth player in the history of the Korn Ferry Tour to break 60. Stephan Jaeger is the lone player to card a 58, while six others have shot a 59. The most recent player to break 60 was Atlantic Beach native Sam Saunders at the 2017 Korn Ferry Tour Championship. Both Jaeger (T20) and Saunders (T27) are in the field this week.
- * In 132 career starts across the PGA TOUR and the Korn Ferry Tour, Bramlett has never sat higher than T3 entering the final round (2018 Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship).
- * Bramlett was a rookie on the PGA TOUR in 2011 but lost his card after finishing No. 199 in the FedExCup. While competing on the Korn Ferry Tour in June of 2013, he suffered an annular tear to his L4 and L5 discs and did not return to full competition on Tour until 2018. He returned to the PGA TOUR last fall after securing his card in the Korn Ferry Tour Finals. He is currently No. 117 in the FedExCup.
- * Bramlett is making his second trip around Dye's Valley Course this week having competed in the Tour's Winn-Dixie Jacksonville Open in 2012, where he finished T15 with an even-par 280 total.
- * Bramlett's eagle on the par-4 17th is the only eagle of the week on the hole so far. The hole, a converted par-5 at 499 yards, is playing as the toughest hole on the course this week with a cumulative scoring average of 4.371.
- * Chase Wright earned his PGA TOUR card via the Korn Ferry Tour in 2018 and posted two top-10s in his first five starts as a rookie before failing to advance to the FedExCup Playoffs. He missed nine of 10 cuts from January through April during that first season, which in turn left him without a TOUR card for the 2019-20 season. He entered this week with one top-25 in six starts in 2020 – a T15 at the Panama Championship.
- * At one point on Saturday morning, 12 players were tied for the lead at 6-under.
- * 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 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 eighth hole (503 yards) played as the hardest hole on Saturday with a scoring average of 4.354.

* The par-5 first hole (558 yards) played as the easiest hole on Saturday with a scoring average of 4.554, including three eagles and 26 birdies.

	Front	Back	Total	Cumulative
R1	34.845	35.774	70.619	
R2	34.723	35.606	70.329	70.474
R3	34.692	35.092	69.785	70.244

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