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### First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
T1	Dylan Wu	66 (-6)
T1	Greyson Sigg	66 (-6)
T1	Jimmy Stanger	66 (-6)
T1	Jack Maguire	66 (-6)
T1	T.J. Vogel	66 (-6)
T1	Jamie Arnold	66 (-6)
T1	Dan McCarthy	66 (-6)
T1	Taylor Montgomery	(-6) Thru 16 holes

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### Eight tied for lead in suspended first round at LECOM Suncoast Classic

**LAKESWOOD RANCH, Fla.** — Jimmy Stanger carded just one par over his last nine holes Thursday morning at the LECOM Suncoast Classic. He tallied three consecutive bogeys at one point during that stretch, which he capped with a double at the par-4 fourth. He will enter Friday tied for the lead.

It was that kind of day at Lakewood National Golf Club, where seven players shot 6-under 66 to pace the leaderboard. Taylor Montgomery was also 6-under through 16 holes until play was suspended due to darkness at 6:25 p.m.

The day was headlined by Stanger, who was 5-under and bogey-free through his first 10 holes but went bogey-bogey-double bogey on Nos. 2 through 4. And yet, he managed to hole out for eagle from a divot at the par-4 fifth, then birdied three of his final four holes to surge back into contention.

“I was questioning what was going on with my game,” Stanger said afterward. “And then I holed out for eagle on five from 120 yards and all of the sudden golf was easy again. Following up that tough stretch with eagle-birdie-birdie was great. I love golf and I hate golf at the same time.”

“This is probably the craziest round I’ve ever played,” he added. “One par on my back nine, that doesn’t happen much. I played with Tyson Alexander today who shot 4-under and didn’t make a bogey. Meanwhile I’m over here making eight birdies and an eagle and shooting 6-under. Who knows with golf.”

Matching Stanger at 6-under 66 were Dylan Wu, Greyson Sigg, T.J. Vogel, Dan McCarthy, Jamie Arnold and local product Jack Maguire. Maguire, Arnold and Sigg—a Korn Ferry Tour rookie—were all bogey-



free for the day. Montgomery, meanwhile, has a 12-foot putt for birdie on No. 17 to potentially claim the solo lead Friday morning. Play will resume at 7:45 a.m. on Friday.

“You’ve got to get a lot of breaks, and that’s what it takes to have a good week,” said Sigg, whose round was highlighted by a 35-foot birdie putt from the fringe at No. 5. “Today I was able to get a couple to fall in my favor.”

Vogel was 7-under until a bogey at the 17th, but he still left encouraged about his day. He finished with six birdies and an eagle at the par-5 6th.

“I drove the ball really well, didn’t really put myself in any tough positions today,” he said. “The only bogeys I had were three-putts. There’s not too much to complain about ball-striking wise. It’s obviously nice the way that I hit it.”

Wu, meanwhile, has become accustomed to first-round contention. He was tied for second after 18 holes at the season-opening Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay and last week held a share of the lead at the Country Club de Bogota Championship. The 23-year-old, who has a pair of top-10 finishes so far, continued that torrid stretch Thursday with just one bogey, at the par-3 third, and an eagle at the ninth where he hit a 258-yard approach shot to inside seven feet.

“I sound like a broken record, but all I’ve been doing is try to play every round and every tournament like it’s a clean slate and like nothing happened the week before,” he said. “The points are at zero and I just try to play my best golf and move onto the next shot. If you hit a bad one, just move on, try to stay mentally tough out there.”

McCarthy maintained his own mental toughness, as a pair of birdies to start his day were quickly erased by a double bogey on his third hole. But the 34-year-old rallied with three more birdies on the back nine before posting a bogey-free 33 on the front.

“I got off to a good start with birdies on the first two, then just made a bad swing and hooked it into the water,” he said. “But if you’re hitting it good out here, there’s enough par-5s that you’ll have a birdie opportunity. I just tried not to let it upset me and continued onward...Only one bad swing all day long, and other than that, I was pretty consistent.”

Consistent is probably not how Stanger would have described his day. But that’s moot now. He’s tied atop the leaderboard at a course he is comfortable and familiar with.

“The way this course sets up, I am very comfortable out there,” said Stanger, who finished tied for third here a year ago. “It sets up great for my game. It has a lot of wide-open fairways and the greens are rolling so well. ... It’s always nice to get through a rough stretch early in the tournament. You kind of feel invincible if you are able to weather it.”

#### **FIRST-ROUND NOTES:**

\* Due to darkness, the first round was suspended on Thursday at 6:25 p.m. with 15 players remaining on the course. The round will resume on Friday at 7:45 a.m.



- \* Thursday's weather: Sunny, high of 84, winds S 12-18 mph with gusts up to 25 mph. Due to fog, play was delayed 10 minutes (7:10 a.m. start).
- \* Though the round is not yet complete, if the round were to be completed with eight players at 6-under, it would match the record for most players tied for the lead after a round in Korn Ferry Tour history. It has occurred four times, most recently at the 2012 Chiquita Classic.
- \* Seven of the eight first-round co-leaders came from the morning wave. Taylor Montgomery (through 16 holes) is the only player from the afternoon wave to reach 6-under.
- \* First-round co-leader Jimmy Stanger carded one eagle, eight birdies, six pars, two bogeys and a double bogey during his first round. He made the turn at 4-under (four birdies and five pars) before recording only one par on his second nine. Stanger is the highest returning finisher from last year's tournament (T3).
- \* Co-leader Dylan Wu carded a first-round 66, his 10<sup>th</sup> round in the 60s out of 17 total rounds this season. Out of players that have made all four cuts this season, Wu leads the Tour in scoring average at 69.06.
- \* Co-leader Greyson Sigg is competing in his rookie season on the Korn Ferry Tour. He has finished in the top-25 in all four of his career starts (all this season).
- \* The hardest hole on Thursday (by scoring average) was the par-4 second (491 yards) at 4.555. Last year, the second hole ranked as the second-toughest hole on Tour (by scoring average) at 4.538. On Thursday, the hole relinquished only four birdies (compared to 58 bogeys and 13 double bogeys or worse).
- \* There were only 28 combined birdies on the first, second and third holes on Thursday (with 144 attempts at each). Co-leader Jamie Arnold had two of those birdies (the first and the third).
- \* The easiest hole on Thursday was the par-5 ninth (581 yards) with a scoring average of 4.316. Fifteen eagles and 73 birdies were made at the hole, compared to nine bogeys or worse.

**Lakewood National Golf Club Scoring Average:**

	Front	Back	Total	Cumulative
R1	35.472	35.283	70.755	

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