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Second-Round Leaderboard

| Pos. | Name | Scores |
|------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Charlie Saxon | 61-66—127 (-15) |
| 2 | Brett Drewitt | 67-62—129 (-13) |
| 3 | Vincent Whaley | 63-67—130 (-12) |
| T4 | Harry Hall | 69-62—131 (-11) |
| T4 | Anders Albertson | 69-62—131 (-11) |

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**Charlie Saxon maintains lead at
Lincoln Land Championship presented by LRS**

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – A day after his career-best round of 61, Charlie Saxon followed it up with a 5-under 66 to reach 15-under at the midway point of the Lincoln Land Championship presented by LRS. The 27-year-old opened up a two-stroke lead over Brett Drewitt at Panther Creek Country Club.

“It’s definitely difficult to back up a really good round with another one,” said Saxon. “I don’t know why that is, it wouldn’t seem to be the case, but today I just looked at it as starting from ground zero again. I wanted to go do it again today. It’s a long tournament on a relatively easy golf course, so you’re just going to have to make birdies out here.”

Starting the day at the par-4 10th, Saxon birdied Nos. 11-13 and added another at the 16th to turn at 4-under 32. He tacked on eight pars and birdie at the sixth on his second nine to reach 15-under for the tournament. For the second consecutive day Saxon hit 17 of 18 greens in regulation.

Saxon’s hot start to the tournament comes as no surprise after residing near the top of the leaderboard over the past month. The former University of Oklahoma star has been inside the top-10 on the leaderboard after 11 of his last 15 rounds on Tour. Though he hasn’t broken through with a win yet, he does have a strong track record. He won twice while at Oklahoma and four times as a professional on PGA TOUR Series-China (where he is still the all-time leading money winner).

“Just knowing that I’ve won and done it quite a lot,” reflected Saxon. “I haven’t done it here on this Tour yet, but I’m confident that I will. Whether it’s this weekend or some other weekend, I

think I'm going to win. Just knowing that I've got the goods and I've played well down the stretch in tournaments to close the deal, I try to rely on those thoughts."

Saxon has finished in the top-20 in five of his past eight starts, climbing from No. 113 to 51st in the Korn Ferry Tour points standings during that stretch. With a win this week, he would project to move inside the top-15 in the standings.

Drewitt tied the low round of the day with a bogey-free 9-under 62. The 29-year-old Australian has played in all 18 tournaments this season but had made just six cuts entering the week. On Friday he carded six birdies in a seven-hole stretch (Nos. 11-17, except the 14th) to ascend the leaderboard.

Vincent Whaley, who carded a 63 on Thursday, tacked on five more birdies on Friday for a second-round 67 to sit solo-third at 12-under.

The tournament will continue with the third round on Saturday with tee times from 8:00 a.m. to 10:01 a.m. off of the first and 10th tees.

FRIDAY NOTES:

- * Friday's weather: Sunny with a high of 79 degrees and wind NW at 6-12 mph.
- * The cutline fell at 4-under 138 with 67 professionals advancing to the weekend. Three players, Jared du Toit (-17, T16), Peyton White (-5, T37) and Billy Tom Sargent (-4, T53) each made the cut in their Korn Ferry Tour debuts.
- * This marks the fourth time Saxon has held at least a share of the lead after a round on Tour, including yesterday's first-round lead. He previously co-led after the first round of the 2019 Albertsons Boise Open (before finishing T11) and after the second round of the 2020 WinCo Foods Portland Open (finishing T14). He is looking to become the fifth 36-hole leader to go on to win this season in the 19th event of the year.
- * Saxon and Max Greyserman (-5, T37) are the only players in the field to remain bogey-free through the first two rounds. Saxon has accumulated 21 pars and 15 birdies, while Greyserman has 32 pars, one eagle and three birdies.
- * The 9-under 62 marks Harry Hall's (-11, T4) best round as a pro, surpassing an 8-under 63 he had at the 2020 Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank. The rookie is a former Walker Cup and Palmer Cup participant while at UNLV. The start is the Englishman's fifth on the Korn Ferry Tour while the made cut is his second.
- * Past champion Anders Albertson (-11, T4) carded six consecutive birdies from Nos. 3-8 to leap into contention. Albertson won the 2018 Lincoln Land Championship presented by LRS.
- * George Cunningham (-4, T11) carded an ace at the par-3 fifth hole with a 7-iron. The ace is the 13th of the season on the Korn Ferry Tour and Cunningham's second on Tour (2019 Savannah Golf Championship). He is the only player to card an ace in each of the past two seasons. The ace is also the fifth in the tournament's history in five years.
- * Corbin Mills (-5, T37), a 30-year-old Clemson alum, sunk a 25-foot birdie at the last to make his first cut on the Korn Ferry Tour. He had previously competed in two events on each of the

PGA TOUR and Korn Ferry Tour, including the 2012 Masters Tournament, but had never made a cut. He Monday qualified to get into the field, his first start on the Korn Ferry Tour since 2014.

* Three-time PGA TOUR champion Martin Laird (-5, T37) is competing in his first Korn Ferry Tour event since 2008 and first professional event since the 2020 PLAYERS Championship, which was cancelled. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Laird tore his meniscus.

* This week's purse is \$600,000 with \$108,000 going to the champion. The champion will also receive 500 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-4 first hole (510 yards) played as the hardest hole on Friday with a scoring average of 4.154.

* The par-5 16th hole (529 yards) played as the easiest hole on Friday with a scoring average of 4.282.

| | Front | Back | Total | Cumulative |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| R1 | 35.237 | 34.699 | 69.936 | |
| R2 | 35.186 | 34.583 | 69.769 | 69.853 |

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