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Third-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Charlie Saxon	61-66-68—195 (-18)
2	Anders Albertson	69-62-65—196 (-17)
T3	Austen Truslow	67-67-63—197 (-16)
T3	Brett Drewitt	67-62-68—197 (-16)
5	Ben Kohles	65-68-66—199 (-14)

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**Charlie Saxon takes one-stroke lead into final round at
Lincoln Land Championship presented by LRS**

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – Charlie Saxon carded his third consecutive bogey-free round with a 3-under 68 on moving day at the Lincoln Land Championship presented by LRS to reach 18-under for the tournament. He takes a one-stroke lead over past champion Anders Albertson entering the final round.

“It was a weird day; I didn’t hit it as well today as I did the last couple of days, but I really hung in there with the putter,” said Saxon. “The putter was the MVP...It wasn’t the cleanest round, though my scorecard was lacking bogeys, but I’m happy with it and happy moving forward and keeping guys having to chase me.”

Saxon has led after each of the first three rounds with rounds of 61-66-68 thus far. The 27-year-old University of Oklahoma alum is looking to become the first wire-to-wire champion on the Korn Ferry Tour since the 2018 season. Over the past two months, Saxon has often found himself atop the leaderboard but has seemingly taken himself out of contention with one bad round at several tournaments.

“This was the round today where in past events I didn’t quite make the putts or get up and down to hold it together,” reflected Saxon, who has been inside the top-10 on the leaderboard after 12 of his last 16 rounds on Tour. “So I’m happy about that. It wasn’t a perfect day and it wasn’t quite what I had in mind coming in to today, but we’re moving forward and I’m happy with where I stand.”

While he has yet to break through on the Korn Ferry Tour, Saxon has plenty of experience winning. He won twice while at Oklahoma, one on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica and four times as a on PGA TOUR Series-China (where he is still the all-time leading money winner).

“Winning is hard,” laughed Saxon. “You have to play great golf, to win you literally have to beat everybody in the field...Just playing in contention a bunch of times on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica and in China, it’s something I’ve learned. Not to get lost in the moment. It takes reps in that situation and I’ve been fortunate to learn from failures and successes.”

To claim his first Korn Ferry Tour title on Sunday, Saxon will have to outlast someone who has had tremendous success at this tournament. Georgia Tech alum Anders Albertson finished one stroke shy of a playoff at the Lincoln Land Championship in 2017, then broke through with his first win at the tournament in 2018.

After an up-and-down first round, Albertson has carded 13 birdies and an eagle over his past 36 holes. He holed out for eagle at the par-4 eighth hole en route to a 65 on Saturday.

“That was a great wedge on No. 8 and it happened to go in, so that was obviously a bonus,” said Albertson. “I played well on the back side and birdied the par-5s. This is my second day in a row to go bogey-free which is always nice.”

Trailing Saxon (by two) and Albertson (by one) are rookie Austen Truslow and Australian Brett Drewitt. Ben Kohles rounds out the top five at 14-under, four strokes off the lead.

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

SATURDAY NOTES:

- * Saturday’s weather: Sunny with a high of 86 degrees and wind SW at 6-12 mph.
- * Saxon is looking to become the ninth 54-hole leader/co-leader to go on to victory this season in the 19th event of the year. The last player to go wire-to-wire on the Korn Ferry Tour was current PGA TOUR player Kramer Hickok at the 2018 DAP Championship.
- * After hitting 17 out of 18 greens in regulation during the first two rounds, Charlie Saxon hit 13 of 18 greens on Saturday. He entered the week ranked 28th in greens in regulation this season while hitting 72.08 percent of his greens.
- * Saxon is the only player in the field who has yet to record a bogey. Spencer Levin (-9, T18) is the only other player to tally less than two bogeys this week.
- * Anders Albertson entered the week 75th in the points standings but has recorded three top-15 finishes over his past five starts.
- * Brett Drewitt is one of six players who have played in all 19 tournaments this season. That streak includes the past 13 weeks in a row since the Return to Golf following the hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- * Austen Truslow carded a back-nine 6-under 30 to ascend the leaderboard on Saturday. The 63 sets a new career-best round on Tour, surpassing 66, a mark he had previously notched twice.
- * 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-3 17th hole (233 yards) and the par-4 ninth hole (446 yards) tied as the two toughest holes on Saturday with scoring average of 3.299 and 4.299, respectively.

* The par-5 16th hole (529 yards) played as the easiest hole on Saturday with a scoring average of 4.254.

	Front	Back	Total	Cumulative
R1	35.237	34.699	69.936	
R2	35.186	34.583	69.769	69.853
R3	34.985	34.642	69.627	69.777

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