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**Second-Round Leaderboard**

Pos.	Name	Scores
T1	Vince India	63-66—129 (-15)
T1	Brett Coletta	63-66—129 (-15)
T3	Mickey DeMorat	66-64—130 (-14)
T3	Justin Lower	65-65—130 (-14)
T3	Dawson Armstrong	67-63—130 (-14)

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**Vince India, Brett Coletta share 36-hole lead at King & Bear Classic at World Golf Village**

**ST. AUGUSTINE, Florida** – Taking advantage of favorable scoring conditions on Thursday, Vince India and Brett Coletta continued their strong play and co-lead The King & Bear Classic at World Golf Village for the second consecutive day, each following up opening-rounds of 63 with a 66 to reach 15-under.

“It’s always really hard to follow up a good round with another one,” said India, who played his first 35 holes of the event bogey-free. “I just tried to give myself as many opportunities as I could and let my putter do the work.”

Beginning his day on the back nine, the Deerfield, Illinois, native made birdie on his second hole of the day and added three more on hole Nos. 15, 16 and 18 before making the turn.

“I think the key to this place is not being short-sided or scrambling for pars,” said the University of Iowa alum and 2011 Big Ten Player of the Year. “You’re going to make four or five or six birdies a round, it’s just the nature of the golf course.”

India finished his round with seven circles on his card and heads into the third round of a Korn Ferry Tour event with a lead/co-lead of the 36-hole lead for the second time of his career.

“I’m thinking my way around the golf course pretty well and staying pretty calm and in the present, which is awesome and something I struggled with historically,” said India. “I’m just taking care of business.”

India managed his first top-10 since the 2019 WinCo Foods Portland Open last week at the Korn Ferry Challenge at TPC Sawgrass, finishing T10 due in part to a third-round 65.

The work has paid off thus far for the 31-year-old, who will be paired with 23-year-old Brett Coletta on Friday. Coletta has also only made one bogey through the first two rounds.

“It always feels good to be in contention,” said Coletta, a Melbourne, Australia, native. “That’s what you play for and what you come here to do. I’m stoked to be back in contention for sure.”

While Coletta fell behind the leaders early in the day, making the turn at 1-under, five birdies in his final seven holes propelled him into the first 36-hole lead of his Korn Ferry Tour career.

“I wasn’t mad about my front nine at all,” said Coletta, who finished the 2019 season in 27<sup>th</sup> place on the points list, just two spots outside earning a PGA TOUR card. “I’m not faulting the start; it was just a little bit slower...I’m very happy with how I’m playing.”

Mickey DeMorat, Justin Lower and Dawson Armstrong each enter the third round one stroke off the lead while Chris Kirk, Will Zalatoris, Wes Roach and Callum Tarren are two strokes back.

Friday’s third round will run from 7:50 a.m. to 10 a.m. off of the first and 10<sup>th</sup> tees.

#### **THURSDAY NOTES:**

- \* Thursday’s weather: Partly cloudy, a high of 86 degrees and wind S/SE at 5-15 mph with gusts up to 20 miles per hour in the afternoon.
- \* The cut was made at 6-under 138 with 80 professionals making the cut. At 6-under, the cut is the lowest since the 2019 BMW Charity Pro-Am. The lowest cut in the Tour’s 31 years is 7-under, which has occurred four times.
- \* The score of 15-under 129 to start by Vince India and Brett Coletta is the lowest opening 36-hole total (to par) on the Korn Ferry Tour since Michael Miller opened the 2019 BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by SYNEX with rounds of 65-63—128 (15-under).
- \* India’s 15-under 129 total marks his career-best 36-hole start on the Korn Ferry Tour. His previous best came at the 2019 WinCo Foods Portland Open, where he opened 64-65—129 (-13) to sit atop the leaderboard after two rounds. He finished solo-fifth that week, marking his first top-10 on Tour in his 91st career start. He earned his second top-10 on Tour last week at the Korn Ferry Challenge at TPC Sawgrass (T10).
- \* The made cut is the first of the year for Brett Coletta in his fifth start. In 2019, his rookie season, he made only eight of 22 cuts but took advantage with three top-five finishes. His year was highlighted by a runner-up finish at the TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes.
- \* Dawson Armstrong (-14, T3) carded back-to-back eagles at Nos. 4 and 5 on Thursday. It marked only the fourth time this season that a player has carded back-to-back eagles. Armstrong has two of those instances, also going back-to-back during the first round of the Country Club de Bogota Championship. After starting his day with a bogey and two pars, Armstrong went 10-under over the next 10 holes from Nos. 4-13.
- \* After finishing at Liberty University in 2018, Mickey DeMorat (-14, T3) made it through local and sectional U.S. Open qualifying to wind up in the field at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club. DeMorat

made headlines when – without a single sponsor on him – he posted rounds of 72-72—144 to sit T14 through 36 holes. He eventually finished T57. The final round that week was played on June 17, 2018, nearly two years ago to the day.

\* Justin Lower (-14, T3) carded matching 65s over the first two days of competition. The former Malone University standout started on the back nine and went par-birdie-birdie-eagle over his first four holes on Thursday.

\* Wes Roach (-13, T6) joined Armstrong in carding a 9-under 63 on Thursday, tying the competitive course record at The King & Bear set on Wednesday by Brett Coletta and Vince India. The record entering the week was 64, originally set by Hugh Baiocchi at the Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf in 2002. The mark was matched by Thongchai Jaidee in 2003 at the Second Stage of the PGA TOUR Qualifying Tournament and Austin Hitt at the 2017 U.S. Amateur Qualifier held at The King & Bear.

\* Three of the eight Monday Qualifiers made the cut, including Paul Peterson (-7, T41), Steve Marino (-7, T41) and Chase Johnson (-6, T64). Marino has competed in 222 PGA TOUR events through his career without a win, though he does have five runner-up finishes (including two in a playoff).

\* The tournament marks the first time the Korn Ferry Tour has played at The King & Bear, but the course is no stranger to professional golf. The course hosted the Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf on PGA TOUR Champions in 2001 and 2002 and played host to a match between the course’s co-designers, Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus, as a part of Shell’s Wonderful World of Golf series in 2001.

\* 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 purse is \$600,000 with \$108,000 going to the champion. The champion will also receive 500 Korn Ferry Tour points.

\* The par-4 17<sup>th</sup> hole (427 yards) played as the hardest hole on Thursday with a scoring average of 4.118.

\* The par-5 fifth hole (546 yards) played as the easiest hole on Thursday with a scoring average of 4.405.

	<b>Front</b>	<b>Back</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
<b>R1</b>	<b>34.994</b>	<b>34.583</b>	<b>69.577</b>	
<b>R2</b>	<b>34.549</b>	<b>34.673</b>	<b>69.222</b>	<b>69.400</b>

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