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Final Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Chris Kirk	66-65-64-67—262 (-26)
2	Justin Lower	65-65-67-66—263 (-25)
T3	Joseph Bramlett	68-69-64-64—265 (-23)
T3	Will Zalatoris	65-66-66-68—265 (-23)
5	Wes Roach	68-63-67-68—266 (-22)

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Chris Kirk wins The King & Bear Classic at World Golf Village

ST. AUGUSTINE, Florida – Chris Kirk completed a major comeback Saturday at the Korn Ferry Tour’s King & Bear Classic at World Golf Village.

Sure, he started the day four shots behind the 54-hole leader and birdied the 18th hole to win by one. But this time last year, Kirk was in the middle of an indefinite leave of absence from the PGA TOUR. He ultimately took six months off as he worked through his alcohol abuse and depression, and now he’s back in the winner’s circle for the first time since 2015.

“It gives me a deeper sense of appreciation and gratitude for everything. I’m a completely different person than I was two years ago,” Kirk said. “I can’t wait to get home tonight and give my wife and three boys a hug and that’s what I care more about now. It’s amazing seeing the complete shift in my mentality as far as that’s concerned.”

Though he was bogey-free and 21-under through three rounds, Kirk trailed Vince India by four at the start of the day. However, India’s lead was gone in a matter of just seven holes, as the 54-hole leader started the day 2-over while Kirk was 4-under through seven.

“It was definitely a day that didn’t play out like I had envisioned,” Kirk said. “With Vince (India) playing so well, I thought I’d need to be 30-under to have a chance.”

A three-putt double bogey on No. 10 “shocked the system” and knocked Kirk back into a tie for the lead, but he regained the edge with birdies on Nos. 14 and 15. A short birdie putt on the par-5 18th solidified his final-round 67 and 26-under total.

Since returning to competition at the 2019 Mayakoba Golf Classic, Kirk has missed the cut in five of his seven starts on TOUR. He finished T60 last week at the Charles Schwab Challenge, site of his last PGA TOUR win five years ago, and he traveled to St. Augustine for his first start on the Korn Ferry Tour since he won twice during the 2010 season.

“I noticed at Colonial, playing a golf course where I won before and my favorite golf course on Tour, just walking around the putting green I didn’t feel like I was one of the best players there,” Kirk said. “I’m hoping that some of the shots I hit down the stretch today will give me a bit more of that (belief in myself) when I return to the PGA TOUR because I know my good is plenty good enough. It’s just a matter of seeing and feeling it and having some momentum carrying over.”

A day after India matched the course record with a 10-under 62, he was unable to record any birdies and shot a 4-over 76 to fall into an eight-way tie for sixth. Despite the disappointing finish, it was his second straight top-10 and he has improved from 134th to 38th in the standings the last two weeks.

Playing alongside Kirk and India was Will Zalatoris, who was in the final round’s last tee time for the second week in a row. After closing with a 1-over 71 and finishing T6 last week, Zalatoris shot 4-under 68 Saturday and finished T3, tied for his best finish on Tour. Overall, it was his fourth top-10 in seven starts this season.

Playing six groups ahead of Kirk, Joseph Bramlett closed his round with the shot of the tournament, as he holed a 6-iron for double eagle on the par-5 18th, briefly giving him a share of the lead at 23-under. He went on to finish three shots back and in a tie for third, a week after he finished T2 at the Korn Ferry Challenge at TPC Sawgrass.

Justin Lower also made a late charge and birdied the last three holes to complete a 6-under 66, giving him a share of the lead at 25-under. Unfortunately for Lower, Kirk could win with a birdie on the par-5 18th, a hole that played to a 4.241 average and didn’t give up a single bogey the entire day. Kirk capitalized, as he got up-and-down for birdie and completed his comeback.

Next week, the Korn Ferry Tour travels to Oakridge Country Club in Farmington, Utah, for the Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank.

SATURDAY NOTES:

- * Saturday’s weather: Partly sunny with a high of 88 degrees and wind S at 6-12 mph.
- * This week’s purse was \$600,000 with \$108,000 going to Kirk. He will also receive 500 Korn Ferry Tour points.
- * Despite a T21 finish, Mito Pereira remains atop the Korn Ferry Tour points list with 796 points to date, followed by Davis Riley (736) and Jared Wolfe (655).
- * Kirk’s win comes five years and 27 days after his last PGA TOUR victory at the 2015 Charles Schwab Challenge, and nine years, nine months and 22 days since his last win on the Korn Ferry

Tour (2010 Visit Knoxville Open). The latter marks the eighth-longest duration between victories in Korn Ferry Tour history.

* Lower's runner-up effort ties his career-best on the Korn Ferry Tour, dating back to the 2019 Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by MISTRAS.

* After a runner-up finish at last week's Korn Ferry Challenge, Bramlett's T3 at the King & Bear Classic marked the first time in his career that he's recorded back-to-back top-5s in a TOUR-sanctioned event.

* Bramlett's double-eagle on the par-5 18th was the third of the 2020 Korn Ferry Tour season. Prior to today, Mike Weir (LECOM Suncoast Classic) and Paul Barjon (El Bosque Mexico Championship) were the only players to do so this year.

* Ryan McCormick, who Monday qualified for the Korn Ferry Challenge at TPC Sawgrass, used a T14 to gain entry into this week's event before finishing T6 to secure a spot in next week's Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank. It will mark the first time in his career that McCormick has played three straight weeks on the Korn Ferry Tour.

* Three of the eight Monday Qualifiers made the cut, including Paul Peterson (T16), whose top-25 finish puts him in next week's Utah Championship as well. Peterson posted a 66 at Marsh Landing C.C. to Monday qualify by one shot, thanks to an eagle-par-birdie-birdie finish.

* 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.

* The par-3 14th hole (200 yards) played as the hardest hole this week with a scoring average of 3.064.

* The par-5 18th hole (563 yards) played as the easiest hole this week with a scoring average of 4.378.

	Front	Back	Total	Cumulative
R1	34.994	34.583	69.577	
R2	34.549	34.673	69.222	69.400
R3	34.113	34.063	68.175	68.991
R4	34.620	34.620	69.241	69.054

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