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**Second-Round Leaderboard**

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Will Zalatoris	67-67 – 134 (-10)
T2	Ben Kohles	67-69 – 136 (-8)
T2	Chase Johnson	70-66 – 136 (-8)
T2	Callum Tarren	70-66 – 136 (-8)
5	Brett Coletta	68-69 – 137 (-7)

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**Will Zalatoris claims 36-hole lead at TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes**

**BERTHOUD, Colorado** – Will Zalatoris carded his second-consecutive 5-under 67 at TPC Colorado to claim the 36-hole lead at the TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes at 10-under 134. Ben Kohles, Chase Johnson and Callum Tarren sit T2 at 8-under 136. The cut line fell at 1-under with 72 players advancing.

Zalatoris found himself in a seven-way tie atop the leaderboard after Wednesday’s opening round. Beginning Thursday’s round on the back nine, Zalatoris reached 7-under for the week after back-to-back birdies on Nos. 12 and 13. He carded his first bogey of the tournament on the par-3 14<sup>th</sup> but rebounded with a birdie on the par-3 16<sup>th</sup> to get back to 7-under.

After making the turn, Zalatoris pulled into a tie for the lead at 8-under with a birdie on the par-5 first. After pars on Nos. 2-4, he tallied three straight birdies on Nos. 5-7 to take the solo-lead at 11-under. Despite a double-bogey on difficult par-3 eighth, the Wake Forest product closed with a birdie to finish at 10-under 134 after 36 holes.

“I really played solid all around. I kind of just had two little mistakes the whole day,” Zalatoris said after the round. “We had the wind right today on a lot of the holes where I could send driver over the bunkers. It was a big advantage and the greens are firming up big time so, it’ll be a fun weekend.”

Last week, the 23-year-old came within inches of earning a spot in a playoff at the Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank. On the 72<sup>nd</sup> hole at Oakridge Country Club, Zalatoris’ birdie putt hit the hole but lipped out, leaving him on the outside looking in.

The solo-fourth last week was just another part of an incredible stretch from Zalatoris since the Tour's Return to Golf. In his last three starts, he has finished T6-T3-4<sup>th</sup> and now finds himself ranked fourth in The 25.

"Every week, I feel like I've done something a little bit better," he said. "I really feel like every aspect of my game has been clicking over the past few weeks, but it's been trending every single week as well."

In 2019, Zalatoris began the Korn Ferry Tour season with no status. He relied on Monday qualifying to earn starts and eventually finished 60<sup>th</sup> on the Regular Season points list to secure his status for this season.

"It's a new level of comfort," he said. "I've said it a lot, last year it felt like every week I needed a top-25 to play the next week. This year, being a year and a half long, it's basically go win three times. It's just try to get to the PGA TOUR as fast as I can. In a weird way, that kind of frees me up."

Kohles, Johnson and Tarren sit two strokes off the lead after 36 holes. After nine consecutive pars to start the second round, Johnson carded six birdies over his final nine holes to reach 8-under for the week.

Johnson, who began the season with conditional status, is making his second career Korn Ferry Tour start this week. He made his Tour debut two weeks ago at The King & Bear Classic at World Golf Village where he finished T54.

"This is what we all work for," Johnson said. "We're out here trying to give ourselves the best chance to win each week. It means a lot, especially with the conditional status I have, to give myself the chance to move up. That's what we work for and I'm looking forward to the weekend."

Third-round tee times will run from approximately 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. MT with players teeing off Nos. 1 and 10.

#### **THURSDAY NOTES:**

- \* Thursday's weather: Sunny with a high of 93. Wind S/SE at 6-12 mph with gusts up to 20 mph.
- \* This week's purse is \$600,000, with \$108,000 going to the champion. The winner will also receive 500 Korn Ferry Tour points.
- \* The cut came at 1-under with 72 players advancing.
- \* This marks the first time that Will Zalatoris has held the 36-hole lead on the Korn Ferry Tour.
- \* Zalatoris currently leads the Korn Ferry Tour with five top-10s so far this season and has not missed a cut this season in nine starts.
- \* In the 14 rounds of the Tour's Return to Golf, Zalatoris has shot above 70 one time (Korn Ferry Challenge at TPC Sawgrass/Final Round).

- \* Chase Johnson is making just the second start of his Korn Ferry Tour career this week. Two weeks ago, he earned a spot in the field at The King & Bear Classic at World Golf Village through open qualifying.
- \* Kevin Roy (T6, -6) and John VanDerLaan (T15, -5) matched the course record after shooting 8-under 64s on Thursday.
- \* Erik Barnes sits T6 at 6-under 138. During the Tour's three-month hiatus, Barnes worked at a local Publix to support his family.
- \* Nick Hardy (T6, -6) carded a second-round 69 on Thursday. The round was good for his 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive round of 70 or better since the Korn Ferry Tour's Return to Golf.
- \* Last week, Kyle Jones became the first 36-hole leader/co-leader to go on and win this season.
- \* The 7,991-yard course is the longest course the Korn Ferry Tour has played in the Tour's history. The 773-yard 13th hole (par-5) is the longest hole ever played on Tour.
- \* The par-4 17<sup>th</sup> hole (495 yards) and the par-4 18<sup>th</sup> hole (531 yards) ranked as the toughest holes on Thursday with a scoring average of 4.305.
- \* The par-5 fifth hole (624 yards) ranked as the easiest hole on Thursday with a scoring average of 4.552.

**\* TPC Colorado Scoring Average**

	Front	Back	Total	Cumulative
R1	35.632	36.832	72.465	
R2	35.481	36.396	71.877	72.171

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