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Second-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Austin Smotherman	66-69—135 (-9)
T2	Derek Ernst	69-68—137 (-7)
T2	Paul Barjon	67-70—137 (-7)
T2	Max McGreevy	67-70—137 (-7)
T2	Roberto Diaz	71-66—137 (-7)

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**Austin Smotherman takes 36-hole lead at
TPC San Antonio Championship at the Oaks**

SAN ANTONIO, Texas – A day after earning the first co-lead of his Korn Ferry Tour career, Austin Smotherman recorded a second-round 3-under 69 to attain his first solo lead in his 36th start. The Dallas native leads four players by two strokes entering the third round.

Smotherman tallied two birdies at the third and fourth holes to jumpstart his round but fell back to even-par after bogeys at the seventh and 10th. He rebounded with birdies on 14, 16 and 18 for a 69 and a 9-under tally through 36 holes.

“Getting out there and getting birdies early is always nice,” said Smotherman. “Especially on the two that I birdied, I birdied the long par-3 over the water and then the long par-4 and I hit it to three feet and two feet. And that was kind of the case for me on my birdies today, except my last one.”

The 24-year-old capped his round with a 15-foot birdie putt at the 18th. He has played Nos. 16-18 in 5-under over the first two rounds.

“I’m just enjoying the process and forgetting about the outcome right now,” said Smotherman. “I’m not trying to force shots. When I hit it to two or three feet, it doesn’t necessarily mean I’m staring the pin down. Like the shot on 16 today, it was 175 yards downwind, which is just a rip 9-iron for me. And I hit it to three feet past it. But I was never really looking to feed it over the right side there. I just want to keep thinking my way around the course.”

Smotherman is a former teammate of PGA TOUR pros Bryson DeChambeau and Harry Higgs while at Southern Methodist University. In his rookie season last year, Smotherman made less than half of his cuts but two top-10s (including a T3 in Prattville, Alabama) helped him retain

full status on Tour. While he has not yet recorded a top-10 this season, he has now made seven of 11 cuts and notched three top-25s.

San Antonio resident Roberto Diaz is one of the four players tied at 7-under, two strokes back of Smotherman. He joins Derek Ernst, Paul Barjon and Max McGreevy at T2 through 36 holes.

Diaz carded six birdies during a bogey-free round on Thursday, one of six flawless scorecards on the day. The 66 was a pleasant surprise after an eye-opening first hole.

“After the start I had, today was amazing; I had the worst shot of my career on the first hole,” laughed Diaz. “I topped it from the middle of the fairway into the rocks. It bounced back out and I got up and down for par which was good. But the next couple of holes I was very hesitant. After topping one it’s always in the back of your mind.”

Third-round tee times will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Friday off of the first and 10th tees.

THURSDAY NOTES:

- * Thursday’s weather: Mostly sunny with a high of 100 degrees and wind S/SE at 7-14 mph with gusts up to 20 miles per hour.
- * The cut was made at even-par 144 with 78 professionals advancing to the final two rounds.
- * Austin Smotherman’s best career finish on the Korn Ferry Tour came at the 2019 Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Championship (T3), while his only other career top-10 came in his first career start at the 2019 Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay (T9).
- * After a T6 on the Canyons Course last week, Roberto Diaz (-7, T2) is seeking back-to-back top-10 finishes in his hometown. He posted back-to-back top-10 finishes earlier this season (T7/runner-up).
- * Derek Ernst (-7/T2) had an electric start to his tournament on Wednesday when he carded five birdies and a double bogey over his first five holes. He carded a bogey-free 68 on Thursday and is seeking his third straight top-12 finish on the Korn Ferry Tour (T10/T12).
- * Paul Barjon (-7, T2), originally from the small French island of New Caledonia in the South Pacific, continued his streak near the top of the leaderboard. The 27-year-old former TCU star has been top-three on the leaderboard after nine of his last 18 competitive rounds on Tour.
- * Max McGreevy’s (-7, T2) position of T2 after 36 holes ties his best position after a round on Tour. He was also T2 after the second round of this year’s Panama Championship before going on to finish T3, his top career finish to date in 26 starts.
- * Eric Cole (-6, T6) carded the low round of the tournament thus far with a 7-under 65 after beginning the day outside the cutline.
- * 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 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-4 first hole (454 yards) played as the hardest hole on Thursday with a scoring average of 4.314. The par-5 14th hole (567 yards) played as the easiest hole on Thursday with a scoring average of 4.627.

	Front	Back	Total	Cumulative
R1	37.083	35.897	72.981	
R2	36.608	35.301	71.908	72.445

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