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### Second-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Taylor Pendrith	65-62 – 127 (-13)
2	Jared Wolfe	63-65 – 128 (-12)
T3	Mark Blakefield	64-65 – 129 (-11)
T3	Nick Hardy	66-63 – 129 (-11)

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### Pendrith cards career-low round to lead at Wichita Open Supporting Wichita's Youth

**WICHITA, Kansas** – Taylor Pendrith fired an 8-under 62 on Friday to claim the 36-hole lead at the Wichita Open Supporting Wichita's Youth at 13-under 127. Jared Wolfe sits alone in second at 12-under 128.

Pendrith, who began the day two strokes off the lead, started the second round with two birdies on his first four holes. After his lone bogey of the day on the par-3 fifth, the Canadian took advantage of the short par-4 seventh with an eagle.

On the back, Pendrith tallied his third birdie of the round on the par-4 11<sup>th</sup>. After a par on No. 12, he caught fire with four consecutive birdies on Nos. 13-16 to reach 13-under for the week. He closed with pars on Nos. 17 and 18 to card an 8-under 62, good for a new career-low on the Korn Ferry Tour.

"I hit the driver really well," Pendrith said. "There are a couple holes here where you can get a little more aggressive and get it up close to the greens. I drove it really well and my putter was on. I didn't make too many mistakes and when I missed the green, I was in pretty simple spots where I could almost chip in."

Pendrith, who won twice on the Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada in 2019, has been one of the most consistent players on the Korn Ferry Tour this season. In 18 starts this season, Pendrith has recorded five top-10s and three runner-up finishes. Despite the close calls, the Kent State University product is still in search of his first Korn Ferry Tour title.

"It's a great spot to be. I've been in similar positions this year, but I haven't been able to close it out," he said. "It's nice to get off to a good start. I feel like at those other tournaments, I was always kind of trailing. I'll just try and make as many birdies as I can and see where we're at on Sunday. I'm looking forward to it."

After a great stretch of play on the Korn Ferry Tour earlier this summer, Pendrith earned a spot in last week's U.S. Open at Winged Foot Golf Club. Highlighted by a final-round 70, the 29-year-old earned a T23 result in his U.S. Open debut.

"That place (Winged Foot) is so hard. I'm happy to be back out here making birdies," he said with a laugh. "I played great on Sunday and shot even-par. That gives me a ton of confidence. A lot of the top guys out there struggled which is very easy to do there. I managed my game nicely and had a good week."

Wolfe, who held a share of the first-round lead, sits alone in second after a 5-under 65 on Friday. Beginning on the back nine, Wolfe carded two birdies and an eagle on his first eight holes to reach 11-under for the tournament. On the par-4 18<sup>th</sup>, Wolfe's tee shot narrowly fell out of bounds resulting in a double bogey. Despite the setback, he rallied with three birdies on his final nine holes to reach 12-under after two rounds.

"I know how I'm playing right now, and I know I like this course," Wolfe said. "I know how I'm putting it so, I'm just kind of waiting to see how each hole and each shot goes. Thankfully, I made a lot of birdies again today and hopefully I can keep that going on the weekend."

Third-round tee times will run from approximately 9:20 – 11:20 a.m. on Saturday with players teeing off Nos. 1 and 10.

#### **FRIDAY NOTES:**

- \* Friday's weather: Sunny, with a high of 89. Wind S/SW at 15-20 mph with gusts up to 25 mph.
- \* The cut came at 3-under with 74 players advancing to the weekend.
- \* This week's purse is \$600,000 with \$108,000 going to the champion. The champion will also receive 500 Korn Ferry Tour points.
- \* Taylor Pendrith's 8-under 62 was good for his lowest round on the Korn Ferry Tour. His 36-hole total of 127 was also good for the lowest of his career.
- \* This marks the second time Pendrith has led after 36-holes. Earlier this season, he held the 36-hole lead at the Panama Championship before finishing the week T24.
- \* Four of the 20 36-hole leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win this season. Curtis Luck most recently won after holding the second-round lead at the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship.
- \* Last season, Pendrith finished second on the Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada's Order of Merit behind Paul Barjon who currently sits T5 at 10-under. Jake Knapp, who also sits T5 at 10-under, finished third on the same Order of Merit a year ago.
- \* In his last 11 Korn Ferry Tour starts, Pendrith has made 11 cuts highlighted by three runner-up finishes.
- \* Wolfe, who won earlier this year at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at Baha Mar, looks to join Davis Riley as the only two-time winners on Tour this season.
- \* Nick Hardy (T3, -11) carded the lowest round of his Korn Ferry Tour career with a 7-under 63 on Friday.

- \* Wichita native Luke Gannon missed the cut after rounds of 72-70.
- \* 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-4 sixth hole (495 yards) played as the hardest hole on Friday with a scoring average of 4.421.
- \* The par-5 14<sup>th</sup> hole (501 yards) played as the easiest hole on Friday with a scoring average of 4.336.

**\*Crestview Country Club Scoring Average:**

	Front	Back	Total	Cumulative
R1	34.590	34.282	68.872	
R2	34.763	34.009	68.862	68.870

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