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Third-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Jared Wolfe	63-65-65 – 193 (-17)
T2	Taylor Montgomery	67-64-65 – 196 (-14)
T2	Taylor Pendrith	65-62-69 – 196 (-14)
T4	Four players tied	198 (-12)

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Jared Wolfe takes three-stroke lead after third round at Wichita Open Supporting Wichita's Youth

WICHITA, Kansas – Jared Wolfe carded a 5-under 65 on Saturday to claim the 54-hole lead at the Wichita Open Supporting Wichita's Youth at 17-under 193. Taylor Montgomery and Taylor Pendrith sit three strokes off the lead at 14-under 196 after three rounds.

Wolfe, who began the day one stroke off the lead, used a birdie-eagle-birdie start to gain the lead after his first three holes on a windy day at Crestview Country Club. After a bogey on the par-4 fourth, he settled into the round with four consecutive pars. The Murray State University product tallied his third birdie of the day on No. 9 to make the turn at 16-under.

On the back nine, Wolfe converted another birdie on the par-4 11th to reach 17-under. After dropping a shot on the par-5 14th, the 32-year-old rebounded with a birdie on No. 15 to get back to 17-under for the week. After a birdie on the par-3 17th, he stumbled with a bogey on the par-4 18th to finish the third round three strokes clear of the field.

"I got off to a dream start," Wolfe said after the round. "I just kind of kept things going with some good par saves. It was a good day."

Earlier this season, Wolfe captured his first Korn Ferry Tour title at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at Baha Mar. Entering the final round in the Bahamas, Wolfe held the 54-hole lead and went on to secure the victory. Once again, he has the 54-hole lead and his second Korn Ferry Tour title within reach.

"It always helps," he said of his win earlier this season. "Thankfully, that's kind of the way most of the wins I've had have been. I know my game right now and I know it's solid. If I play my game, I feel like things should go well."



In 17 starts this season, Wolfe has made 13 cuts with four top-10s and entered the week ranked 15th in The 25. With a victory tomorrow, he would join Davis Riley as the only two-time winners on the Korn Ferry Tour this season.

"That'd be awesome (to win again)," he said. "I feel like this year has been the best year that I've had. I want to cash in on how I feel like I've been playing this year."

Montgomery carded a 5-under 65 on Saturday to claim a share of second place after 54-holes. Like Wolfe, Montgomery played his first three holes 4-under to start his round. After making the turn at 12-under for the week, he tallied two birdies on his back nine to reach 14-under for the tournament.

In his first full season on Tour, Montgomery has made eight cuts in 15 starts highlighted by two top-10s. Earlier this season, he finished solo-third at the LECOM Suncoast Classic and T2 at the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship. The 25-year-old entered the week ranked 32nd in The 25 and in search of his first Korn Ferry Tour title.

Pendrith, who began the day one stroke clear of the field, carded four birdies against three bogeys on Saturday to reach 14-under after three rounds.

Pendrith, who entered the week ranked third on The 25, is still in search of his first Korn Ferry Tour title. In 18 starts this year, the 29-year-old has made 16 cuts highlighted by three runner-up finishes.

Final-round tee times will run from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. on Sunday with players teeing off Nos. 1 and 10.

SATURDAY NOTES:

* Saturday's weather: Sunny and windy with a high of 90. Wind S/SW at 15-20 mph with gusts up to 28 mph.

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

* Earlier this season, Wolfe held the 54-hole lead at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at Baha Mar en route to winning his first Korn Ferry Tour title.

* With a victory tomorrow, Wolfe would join Davis Riley (Panama Championship, TPC San Antonio Championship at the Oaks) as the only two-times winners on Tour this season.

* Nine of the 20 54-hole leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win this season. Curtis Thompson most recently won after holding the third-round lead at the Evans Scholars Invitational.

* Last season on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica, Wolfe recorded nine top-25s and a victory at the Buenaventura Classic.

* Through three rounds, Wolfe leads the field with 20 birdies.



* Earlier this summer, Taylor Pendrith recorded three consecutive second-place finishes (2nd/TPC San Antonio Challenge at the Canyons, T2/TPC San Antonio Championship at the Oaks, T2/Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna).

* Last week, Pendrith finished T23 at the U.S. Open at Winged Foot Golf Club.

- * In his rookie season on Tour, Taylor Montgomery has recorded six top-25 finishes.
- * Julián Etulain (T4, -12) had the low round of the day with a 7-under 63 on Saturday.

* Competing as an amateur this week, Noah Norton sits T12 at 10-under 200 after three rounds. Norton earned a place in the field after winning the 2019 Patriot All-America Invitational.

* 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 Saturday with a scoring average of 4.384.

* The par-5 second hole (563 yards) played as the easiest hole on Saturday with a scoring average of 4.342.

*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
R3	34.342	34.384	68.726	68.822

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