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Final-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Lee Hodges	70-64-68-71—273 (-11)
T2	David Lipsky	71-68-71-65—275 (-9)
T2	Carl Yuan	69-67-73-66—275 (-9)
T2	Chad Ramey	71-70-68-66—275 (-9)
T2	Paul Barjon	69-67-66-73—275 (-9)

U.S. Open Exemptions

Rank	Rank Entering the Week	Name	Tournament Finish
1	2	Will Zalatoris	6 th
2	1	Davis Riley	-
3	15	Lee Hodges	T1
4	3	Taylor Pendrith	T22
5	7	Paul Barjon	T2

**The top-five players in the points standings after the WinCo Foods Portland Open received a U.S. Open exemption*

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Lee Hodges earns first title at WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz

NORTH PLAINS, Oregon – A year ago at the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz, Lee Hodges got up and down for birdie from just short of the 18th green to “keep his job.” He finished 73rd in the points standings, knowing the top 75 retain their Korn Ferry Tour status for the following year, when a par would have left him on the outside looking in.

On Sunday, Hodges again got up and down for birdie from just shy of the 18th, this time for his first Korn Ferry Tour victory and a spot in the 2020 U.S. Open.

“It was pretty emotional down the stretch, I just tried to keep it together,” said Hodges. “It has not sunk in yet. It probably won’t sink in today, maybe tomorrow. It’s special. You look back on it and you see how hard you fought and it’s pretty cool. I didn’t feel like I had my best game this week, obviously I played well, but I didn’t feel like I was clicking on all cylinders. To get a win while doing that, that’s special.”

The win is the biggest of Hodges’ young career after spending a year on the Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada and two years on the Korn Ferry Tour. The 25-year-old had finished top-20 in

five straight tournaments entering the week and finally broke through with an even-par 71 on Sunday for a two-stroke victory on the Witch Hollow Course at Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club. Hodges began the week 15th on the Korn Ferry Tour points list but is projected to jump to third after his win. Most significantly, he jumped inside the top five to earn an exemption into the 2020 U.S. Open at Winged Foot. Hodges joined Will Zalatoris (1), Davis Riley (2), Taylor Pendrith (4) and Paul Barjon (5) as players to receive exemptions through their standing. Zalatoris, Riley and Pendrith were safely inside the top five when the week began, but Hodges and Barjon (started the week seventh) were forced to earn their exemption through strong play in Portland.

“It will be sweet to play in a major; it will be special,” said Hodges. “I’ve always admired the U.S. Open, the way you have to play out there, it’s proper golf. I think I play a lot of proper golf and I hope to go and play well.”

The University of Alabama alum got emotional when talking about his support system back home. He had to pause to call his fiancée, Savannah, and his dad before accepting the trophy.

“Everybody was pretty emotional when I called them back home,” reflected Hodges, who played collegiately for two years at UAB before transferring to the Crimson Tide. “Just super happy. This means a lot to a lot of people back home and a lot of people in north Alabama. It’s not just me, it’s everybody back home. I’m sure they’re celebrating a lot in north Alabama right now. We’re going to do some 12-ounce curls.”

It was far from smooth sailing for Hodges during his round. He opened with a bogey but followed it up with a 30-foot birdie at the second hole to recapture the lead. After a string of pars, Hodges bogeyed the ninth before getting back to even with a birdie at the par-5 11th. He entered the 14th hole with a two-stroke lead, but bombed his approach shot over the green and had to take a drop.

“I didn’t even know it at the time, but 14 was probably the biggest hole of my life,” laughed Hodges. “I had 168 yards in and we thought it was straight into the wind. I hit an 8-iron just to make sure I didn’t go long and I just flushed it. It was the best swing I’ve made all day. I just rocketed it over the green and then hit a great chip...I told myself to just hit a solid stroke and get out of there with a bogey. It almost went in and it was nice to make a bogey there.”

With his lead narrowed to one stroke, Hodges parred the next three holes before a closing birdie to stretch the final margin to two strokes.

“It’s really nice to know that you can get it done when you have to,” said Hodges. “It creeps into your mind down the stretch that you have to hit these shots and when you do, it’s very rewarding. It was a very rewarding day.”

Four players finished in a tie for second: David Lipsky, Carl Yuan, Chad Ramey and Paul Barjon. It was the third runner-up finish of the year for Barjon, while it was the highest finish of Yuan's career.

With the ascension into the top-five, Barjon will make his debut in a major championship at Winged Foot.

"My goal at the beginning of the week was that U.S. Open spot," said Barjon, a Frenchman and Texas Christian University alum. "Obviously the goal every week is to win, but this week there was a little extra incentive. I didn't know where I had to finish, but I figured top-10 and I would have a chance to jump a couple of guys."

SUNDAY NOTES:

- * Sunday's weather: Sunny with a high of 84 degrees and wind N at 8-14 mph.
- * The top-five players on the Korn Ferry Tour points list at the conclusion of the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz received exemptions into the 2020 U.S. Open at Winged Foot. Those five players were Will Zalatoris, Davis Riley, Lee Hodges, Taylor Pendrith and Paul Barjon. Dylan Wu and Mito Pereira were inside the top five entering the week but were passed by Hodges and Barjon after their strong weeks in Portland. Wu missed the cut while Pereira finished T14.
- * While five exemptions for the U.S. Open are now locked up, another five are available through the next three tournaments. The top-five players on a points list specific to the next three tournaments will earn exemptions into the major championship.
- * Lee Hodges is now one for one in attempts to convert a 54-hole lead. He becomes the sixth 54-hole leader/co-leader to convert the lead into a win in 15 tournaments.
- * Hodges ranks second on Tour in both scoring average (69.02) and greens in regulation (77.04 percent). On Sunday he hit 14 of 18 greens in regulation.
- * Hodges competed collegiately at UAB for his first two years of college, earning the honor of Conference USA Freshman of the Year in the process. He later transferred to Alabama where he was teammates with Davis Riley under head coach Jay Seawell.
- * With a solo-sixth finish, Will Zalatoris reclaimed the top spot in the Korn Ferry Tour points standings from his roommate Davis Riley. Zalatoris and Riley, who have known each other since they were 9-year-olds competing in national junior golf tournaments, live together in Dallas, Texas.
- * A year after a heartbreaking double bogey on the 72nd hole led to a solo-fifth finish in Portland, Vince India (+1, T54) carded an ace at the par-3 12th during the final round. The ace was the ninth in tournament history.
- * This week's purse was \$800,000 with \$144,000 going to the champion, Lee Hodges. Hodges also receives 550 Korn Ferry Tour points.
- * 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 third hole (475 yards) played as the hardest hole on Sunday with a scoring average of 4.507. The final five holes (Nos. 14-18) each played over par on Sunday.

* The par-5 11th hole (553 yards) played as the easiest hole on Sunday with a scoring average of 4.435.

	Front	Back	Total	Cumulative
R1	36.878	35.192	72.071	
R2	36.132	34.263	70.395	71.233
R3	36.290	34.957	71.246	71.237
R4	36.435	35.159	71.594	71.326

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