

## First-Round Notes – Thursday, August 19, 2021

**Course Setup:** Hillcrest Country Club – Par 71 / 6,880

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### First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Wes Roach	63 (-8)
T2	Hayden Buckley	64 (-7)
T2	Ted Potter, Jr.	64 (-7)

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### Wes Roach cards 63 to lead Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron

**BOISE, Idaho** – Wes Roach capped a first-round 63 with a chip-in birdie at the last to take the lead at 8-under at the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron. Roach leads Hayden Buckley and Ted Potter Jr. by one stroke at Hillcrest Country Club.

The Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron is the first of three tournaments in the 2021 Korn Ferry Tour Finals. The top-25 players in the Finals points standings at the conclusion of the three tournaments will earn PGA TOUR membership for the 2021-22 season.

Roach, a Duke University alum from Knoxville, Tennessee, gained entry into the Korn Ferry Tour Finals via his finish in the 2019-20 FedExCup standings (173rd). Competing on partial status on the PGA TOUR in 2020-21, Roach finished 209th in the FedExCup.

“That’s the main goal, to get back to the PGA TOUR,” said a matter-of-fact Roach. “We have three weeks here and I’m certainly happy with the start today.”

“Yeah that was nice,” said Roach of his chip-in at the ninth. “I think I had about 165 hole and I missed it a little right, but it was in a great spot. I hit a nice pitch and it was a bonus to hole it out.”

Starting at the 10th, Roach made the turn at 4-under 31 after three birdies, a bogey and an eagle at the par-5 16th. He tallied four more birdies on his second nine at the first, third, sixth and ninth holes to reach 8-under.

For Buckley, the 7-under 64 is his third 64 or better in his last three weeks. He carded rounds of 64-61 on the weekend at the Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank to rise from the cut line to a T2 finish.

“Just to go out and get it,” said Buckley of his mindset entering the three-event Korn Ferry Tour Finals. “No matter what, at worst, I’m back here. I have nothing to lose...Especially with my weekends recently,

I shot 17 on the weekend in Utah, I've had a couple of events this year where I made the cut on the number and finishing close to the top-10...If I can get off to good starts like today, hopefully I can build on it and not be coming from behind on the weekend and maybe compete."

Buckley, a University of Missouri alum who won the LECOM Suncoast Classic in February, is joined by Potter Jr. at 7-under. Potter Jr., a 37-year-old, has two career wins on each of the PGA TOUR and Korn Ferry Tour, most recently winning the 2018 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am on TOUR.

The second round will run from 7:30 a.m. to 2:20 p.m. off of the first and 10th tees at Hillcrest Country Club.

### **First-Round Notes**

- Thursday's weather: sunny with a high of 80 degrees and wind NW at 10-15 mph
- The Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron is the first event of the Korn Ferry Tour Finals, a three-event series to determine the second set of 25 PGA TOUR cards given out for the 2021-22 season; the first set of 25 PGA TOUR cards was given out last week to the top-25 point earners through the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour regular season
- With the Korn Ferry Tour Finals consisting of three tournaments, players who finish inside the top-five at each of the three tournaments are projected to finish inside the Finals 25
- The 63 by Wes Roach was his lowest round on the Korn Ferry Tour (or PGA TOUR) since the second round of the Korn Ferry Tour's King & Bear Classic in June of 2020 (also a 63)
- After finishing runner-up at last year's tournament, Brandon Wu (-6, T4) opened with a 65
- Defending tournament champion Stephan Jaeger opened with a 69 (T45); no player in the Korn Ferry Tour's 32-year history has successfully defended their title; additionally, a win would be his seventh on Tour, matching the all-time record currently held by Jason Gore
- Making his Korn Ferry Tour debut, Austrian professional Matthias Schwab carded a 6-under 65 to sit T4; Schwab finished T27 at the Tokyo Olympics last month
- The Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron is one of the original four tournaments from 1990 that are still on the Korn Ferry Tour's schedule; famous Korn Ferry Tour alumni have played in Boise on their way to the PGA TOUR, including Jason Day (2007), Bubba Watson (2005), Xander Schauffele (2016) and Justin Thomas (2014)
- This week's purse is \$1,000,000 with \$1 million going to the champion; the champion will also receive 1,000 Korn Ferry Tour points

### **First-Round Course Statistics**

- Toughest Hole – Par-3 13th (3.258)
- Easiest Hole – Par-5 16th (4.265)
- Scoring Average (Front 9) – 35.636 (par-36)
- Scoring Average (Back 9) – 34.197 (par-35)
- Scoring Average (Total) – 69.833