

Second-Round Notes – Friday, November 5, 2021

Course Setup: The Landings Club – Marshwood (Par 71 / 7,000) and Magnolia (Par 70 / 6,954)

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Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Jonathan Brightwell	64-68—132 (-9)
2	Rafael Becker	67-66—133 (-8)
T3	Zack Fischer	67-67—134 (-7)
	Tripp Kinney	68-66—134 (-7)
	Sam Stevens	65-69—134 (-7)

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Jonathan Brightwell continues to lead amid cool, rainy conditions at Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament's Final Stage

SAVANNAH, Ga. – Temperatures dipped into the 40s and what began as a light drizzle turned into a day-long rain shower, but [first-round leader](#) Jonathan Brightwell was unfazed on The Landings Club's Magnolia Course – which once again played tougher than Marshwood, the host course for the Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament's Final Stage. Brightwell carded a 2-under 68 Friday and maintained a one-stroke lead over the field.

A University of North Carolina-Greensboro graduate who played his fifth and final collegiate season (awarded to NCAA student-athletes because of the COVID-19 pandemic) at University of Oklahoma, Brightwell played his first 10 holes at 1-over par. Even as conditions worsened, Brightwell gave himself birdie looks on Magnolia's front nine, capitalizing on Nos. 2, 5, and 8.

"I hit it really close on No. 8," Brightwell said. "It's a weird-looking green. The pin looked like it was in the water. I got it in there to two or three feet. Having a good look coming in when it started getting cold and rainy was huge."

An Edmond, Oklahoma resident, Brightwell received a spirited text message following Thursday's opening round. Brightwell was rather surprised the message came from Matthew Wolff. The two played numerous friendly matches at Edmond's Oak Tree Country Club, along with several other professionals ranging from PGA TOUR players to fellow Final Stage competitors, but Brightwell figured Wolff was preoccupied with this week's World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba.

"I didn't know what to do," Brightwell said, noting Wolff led the PGA TOUR event following a 10-under 61. "He's busy during these weeks, but he reached out and I sent him something back. We were pumped."

The 13 lowest scores to par Friday were recorded on Marshwood. Thursday's opening round saw 20 of the 23 lowest scores to par come from Marshwood. The lowest score on Magnolia Friday afternoon was a 2-under 68 recorded by six players.

The biggest reason for the scoring differential? Extreme slopes on Magnolia's green complexes, which were redesigned this year, present a far greater challenge than Marshwood's more traditional contours.

"They're very similar off the tee, and then Magnolia's greens are unreal," Brightwell said. "They're hard but very fair. You just don't see much like it. It's just two-putt, get it up and in. They're very similar (courses) but present a completely different test if you're either out of position or (on the) wrong side of the green."

The Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament's Final Stage determines which players earn guaranteed starts for the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour season.

- The medalist (and ties) receives fully exempt status for 2022
- Finishers 2-10 (and ties) are guaranteed entry into the first 12 events of the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour season
- Finishers 11-40 (and ties) are guaranteed entry into the first eight events of the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour season
- The remainder of the field receives conditional status for 2022

Through two rounds, the cutoff for guaranteed starts is a 13-way T37 at even par.

Third-round tee times will run from 9-11:12 a.m. ET off the first and 10th tees of both courses. PGA TOUR LIVE will have [live streaming coverage](#) for Sunday's final round via the NBCA Sports App and GolfChannel.com.

Second-Round Notes

- **Jonathan Brightwell** finished 10th in the inaugural PGA TOUR University presented by Velocity Global; he earned status on the 2021 Forme Tour, posting two top-25s across eight starts, and earned an exemption into the Second Stage of the Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament
 - While on the Forme Tour, Brightwell went without a caddie and carried his own bag
- **Rafael Becker** (2nd / -8) carded a 5-under 66 on Marshwood Friday; he is a native of Sao Paulo, Brazil who played predominantly on PGA Tour Latinoamérica since turning professional in 2013
- **Sam Stevens** (T3 / -7), an Oklahoma State University alum who turned professional in 2018, shot a 1-under 69 on Magnolia Friday; he is a third-generation professional golfer, as his grandfather, Johnny, made 30 PGA TOUR starts and made 21 cuts (mostly across the 1968 and 1969 seasons), and his father, Charlie, played collegiately at Oklahoma and Texas Christian University before he made two Korn Ferry Tour starts in 1992
 - Since the start of 2019, Sam Stevens earned \$203,692 across 26 starts on the All Pro Tour; he won six events, with two victories coming earlier this year
- **Tripp Kinney** (T3 / -7) recorded a 5-under 66 on Marshwood Friday; he is one of eight players who played through all stages of this year's Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament, beginning with pre-qualifying
 - Kinney turned professional earlier this year following a five-season career at Iowa State University, where he was an All-America Honorable Mention in 2019

- Kinney is the only one of the eight players who played through all stages of this year's Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament, beginning with pre-qualifying, currently inside the top 50
- **Zack Fischer** (T3 / -7) carded a 4-under 67 on Marshwood Friday; he last had Korn Ferry Tour status in 2017, when he had a top-25 and made 13 cuts in 22 starts, and only has nine PGA TOUR-sanctioned starts since the start of 2018
- Weather: cloudy with showers, high of 52 degrees, wind NE at 8-15 mph (gusts up to 25 mph)
- This week's purse is \$480,000, with \$50,000 going to the medalist

Second-Round Course Statistics (Marshwood Course)

- Toughest Hole – No. 13, Par 4, 511 yards (4.667)
- Easiest Hole – No. 2, Par 5, 563 yards (4.573)
- Scoring Average (Front 9 – Par 36) – 36.120
- Scoring Average (Back 9 – Par 35) – 35.947
- Scoring Average (Total – Par 71) – 72.067

Second-Round Course Statistics (Magnolia Course)

- Toughest Hole – No. 16, Par 4, 526 yards (4.838)
- Easiest Hole – No. 1, Par 4, 349 yards (3.838)
- Scoring Average (Front 9) – 36.446
- Scoring Average (Back 9) – 37.311
- Scoring Average (Total – Par 70) – 73.757