

Second-Round Notes – Friday, July 9, 2021

Course Setup: Par 72 / 7,991 yards

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Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Tyson Alexander	65-66—131 (-13)
T2	Jonathan Randolph	66-67—133 (-11)
	Taylor Moore	63-70—134 (-11)
T4	Jared Wolfe	67-68—135 (-9)
	Kevin Yu	68-67—135 (-9)

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Tyson Alexander takes lead, breaks TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes 36-hole scoring record

BERTHOUD, Colo. – The first two iterations of the TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes featured a solo 36-hole leader with a score of 10-under 134. Both players – Nelson Ledesma in 2019, Will Zalatoris in 2020 – went on to win the tournament. Tyson Alexander broke the event’s 36-hole scoring record Friday, following up a 7-under 65 with a 6-under 66 and taking a two-stroke lead into the weekend, where he will bid to become the third outright 36-hole leader in as many attempts to win at TPC Colorado.

“I feel comfortable out here,” Alexander said. “It’s kind of long, and I’m on the longer side. That doesn’t scare me. There are some holes I can pick on. I definitely feel comfortable out here.”

After Thursday’s opening round saw Alexander card eight birdies and one bogey, the University of Florida alum made seven birdies and a bogey Friday. Alexander’s 15 birdies are tied with Jonathan Randolph, who sits in T2 position, for the most in the field this week.

Alexander opened his second round with birdies at the par-4 10th and 11th, then made another at the par-3 16th, which will be the featured hole for Saturday’s [PGA TOUR LIVE broadcast](#). A birdie at the par-5 first took him to 11-under par, but a bogey at the par-4 third cost him a stroke. Alexander bounced back with three consecutive birdies and closed with three straight pars en route to a 13-under 131.

“I’m putting it pretty good, giving myself a lot of opportunities hitting greens,” said Alexander, who hit 26 of the first 36 greens in regulation. “I feel pretty comfortable out here. I’ve been working on it. I switched to a new putter in Wichita. I was off last week and didn’t go to Maine, so maybe a little extra practice at home has helped.”

This is the second outright 36-hole lead of Alexander's Korn Ferry Tour career (with this being his 56th start), as he previously carried a one-stroke lead into the weekend at the 2020 Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna. The 32-year-old eventually finished T2, one stroke behind the champion.

Alexander also beat his previous career-low 36-hole score relative to par by three strokes. The previous 36-hole best for Alexander was 10-under par at the 2019 Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics, the 2019 Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna, and the 2021 Veritex Bank Championship – which culminated in his [first career Korn Ferry Tour victory](#) this past April.

In Alexander's six starts between his win at the Veritex Bank Championship and this week, he posted just one top-25 and had three missed cuts. Those results dropped Alexander to 44th in the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour points standings, but a win this week projects to move him to 23rd as he chases his first PGA TOUR card down the closing stretch of the regular season.

"I feel like if I play well it'll take care of a lot," Alexander said. "I don't want to be staring at the points and wondering, 'What if?' If I play well, it'll be good enough. Everyone is different. Some guys love staring at it, and they know exactly what they need to do each week. I'm just not that guy."

Randolph and Taylor Moore also broke the previous 36-hole scoring record, with the two sharing T2 position with matching 11-under 133s.

Saturday's third round will feature live streaming coverage from PGA TOUR LIVE beginning at 12 p.m. ET and concluding at 7 p.m. ET. Coverage will start with a featured hole, the par-3 16th, and transition into a featured group.

Third-round tee times will run in groups of three from 6:45 a.m. through 12 p.m. local time off No. 1 tee.

Friday Notes

- The 36-hole cut was made at 1-under par, with 82 professionals and an amateur advancing
- While this is the second time **Tyson Alexander** holds an outright 36-hole lead, he also held a share of the 36-hole lead at the 2019 Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics, where he eventually finished T14
- Alexander's 36-hole score of 131 is the second-lowest score of his career, only trailing the 10-under 130 he shot at the 2019 Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics
- Alexander's father, Buddy, won the 1986 U.S. Amateur Championship and coached the University of Florida men's golf team for 27 years, winning the 1993 and 2001 NCAA Championships; Alexander's grandfather, Skip, played on the 1949 and 1951 Ryder Cup teams and won three times on the PGA TOUR
- **Taylor Moore's** (T2 / -11) highest finish of the 2020-21 season is a T3 at both the 2021 Veritex Bank Championship and 2021 REX Hospital Open; his career-high finish on the Korn Ferry Tour is a solo second at the 2018 Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by MISTRAS
- A T2 is Moore's highest 36-hole positioning on the Korn Ferry Tour since standing T2 at the 2018 WinCo Foods Portland Open
- Although Moore does not have a Korn Ferry Tour victory, he won the 2016 Staal Foundation Open presented by Tbaytel, a Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada event

- **Jonathan Randolph** (T2 / -11) made six consecutive birdies on Nos. 3-8, tying the third-longest birdie streak of the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour season
- Randolph sits inside the top five after 36 holes of a Korn Ferry Tour event for the first time since he was T1 at the 2019 Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper
- **Jared Wolfe** (T4 / -9) finished T10 at this event last year and is seeking his third win of the 2020-21 season for a Three-Victory Promotion to the PGA TOUR
 - Wolfe's highest finish since his second win of the season at the 2020 Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics last September was a T28 the following week; he has not finished higher than T30 in the 14 starts since then
- **Kevin Yu** (T4 / -9), who finished No. 4 in the inaugural [PGA TOUR University class](#), shot a bogey-free 5-under 67 and moved into the top five; he has finishes of T20-T5-T25 in his first three Korn Ferry Tour starts and held the outright 54-hole lead at last month's Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics
- **Wade Binfield** (T6 / -8) followed a 7-under 65 with a 1-under 71; he is coming off his first top-25 of the 2020-21 season (T25 at the Live and Work in Maine Open), which marked his highest finish on Tour since a T18 at the 2019 WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz
- **Chandler Eaton** (T24 / -5) leads the three Monday qualifiers who survived the 36-hole cut; he is making his sixth Korn Ferry Tour start following a standout collegiate career at Duke (2016-20)
 - Following his junior season at Duke, Eaton finished T41 at the 2019 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament's Final Stage, missing guaranteed starts on the Korn Ferry Tour by a single stroke; he then returned to Duke for his senior season
- Three bogey-free rounds were recorded Friday, the same number as Thursday – **Brandon Wu** (66), **Kevin Yu** (67), **Anders Albertson** (68)
- Weather: Partly cloudy, high of 97 degrees, wind ENE at 5-15 mph (gusts up to 20 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
- The TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes is the 16th event of 2021 and the 39th of the 2020-21 combined season
- The combined 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour schedule will conclude with 25 PGA TOUR cards awarded in August at the 2021 Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna, with an additional 25 cards awarded at the conclusion of the 2021 Korn Ferry Tour Finals

Cumulative Course Statistics

- **Toughest Hole** – No. 18, Par 4, 531 yards (4.305 – 28 birdies, 105 bogeys, eight double bogeys or worse)
- **Easiest Hole** – No. 6, Par 4, 370 yards (3.620 – four eagles, 128 birdies, 18 bogeys or worse)
- **Scoring Average (Front 9)** – 35.367
- **Scoring Average (Back 9)** – 36.323
- **Scoring Average (Total)** – 71.690

Second-Round Course Statistics

- **Toughest Hole** – No. 8, Par 3, 194 yards (3.307 – 16 birdies, 34 bogeys, 13 double bogeys or worse)
- **Easiest Hole** – No. 5, Par 5, 624 yards (4.556 – two eagles, 72 birdies, seven bogeys or worse)
- **Scoring Average (Front 9)** – 35.379
- **Scoring Average (Back 9)** – 36.072
- **Scoring Average (Total)** – 71.451