

### Third-Round Notes – Saturday, July 10, 2021

**Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,991 yards

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#### Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
T1	Tyson Alexander	65-66-71—202 (-14)
	Taylor Moore	63-70-69—202 (-14)
3	Tag Ridings	70-68-66—204 (-12)
T4	Taylor Pendrith	70-70-65—205 (-11)
	Adam Svensson	73-65-66—205 (-11)
	Kevin Yu	68-67-70—205 (-11)

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#### Tyson Alexander, Taylor Moore share 54-hole lead at TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes

**BERTHOUD, Colo.** – Another day, another scoring record taken down at the TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes. Tyson Alexander and Taylor Moore both experienced rollercoaster rounds Saturday, finishing the evening with 14-under 202s and breaking the tournament’s 54-hole scoring record by a stroke. Alexander and Moore hold a two-stroke lead over 46-year-old Tag Ridings, who will join them in the final group Sunday.

Brett Coletta and eventual champion Nelson Ledesma previously set the 54-hole scoring record with matching 13-under 203s in the inaugural TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes in 2019.

Sunday will be new territory for both Alexander and Moore. Neither has held a share of the 54-hole lead in a Korn Ferry Tour event, with this being Alexander’s 56th start and Moore’s 93rd. The best 54-hole position for Alexander on Tour was solo third at the 2019 Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna, where he finished T9. Moore’s highest position after 54 holes was fourth on four different occasions, with the most recent being solo fourth at the 2021 REX Hospital Open last month; he finished T3.

Alexander entered the day with a two-stroke lead, which he took to the 18th tee. A bogey at the last for a 1-under 71, coupled with a bounce back birdie by Moore created a two-shot swing and left the Southeastern Conference duo tied atop the leaderboard.

“I had a pretty easy shot with a wedge (into the 18th) and just hit a bad one, but that’s golf,” said Alexander, a University of Florida alum. “All in all, I’m in a good spot. My putting was a little off today.

My speed was a little weird. Some were long, some were short. But I'll go work on it and we'll figure it out."

After 26 putts in the first round and just 24 in the second round, Alexander had 30 Saturday. The Gainesville, Florida native three-putted for bogey at the par-4 fourth, which came amid an opening seven-hole stretch of four birdies and three bogeys.

"I couldn't make a par," Alexander said. "But the greens are a little faster, a little firmer. It's a little harder today. I've just got to clean it up and be a little less sloppy."

On the back side, Alexander birdied the par-4 10th, and rebounded from a bogey at the 773-yard par-5 13th with a birdie at the par-3 14th, putting him a stroke ahead of Moore.

Moore, a University of Arkansas alum, played the front side at 3-under par and blasted a 5-wood onto the par-5 15th which set up a two-putt birdie and tied Alexander's lead of 15-under par. However, a drive into the steep fairway bunker at the par-4 17th turned into a costly miscue for Moore.

"I had an uphill lie, tried to go with an 8-iron and open the face a little bit and caught it a touch thin," Moore said. "I had to just get it back in the fairway and take my medicine from there after compounding the mistake."

Moore quickly shook off the double bogey, throwing a 160-yard approach to three feet and birdieing the par-4 18th, TPC Colorado's toughest hole this week.

"Just hit a hard gap wedge and let it ride the wind," Moore said. "There are a lot of golf holes left. There are a lot of other people in this tournament as well. I just need to go out and worry about me, control what I can do, and see what happens in the end."

A win for Moore projects to take him from 21st to seventh in the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour points standings. It would also push him over the 1,700-point threshold the Korn Ferry Tour is currently using as its fail-safe number for players to finish inside the top 25 and earn a PGA TOUR card for this fall. And although Moore does not have a Korn Ferry Tour victory, he did win the 2016 Staal Foundation Open presented by Tbaytel on the Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada.

Alexander projects to jump from 44th to 22nd in the points standings with what would be his second win of the season.

Sunday's final 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 drivable par-4 third, and transition into a featured group.

Final-round tee times will run in groups of three from 6:35 a.m. through 11:50 a.m. local time off No. 1 tee.

#### Saturday Notes

- **Tyson Alexander** entered the final round of his eventual win (his only Korn Ferry Tour victory) at the 2021 Veritex Bank Championship this past April in T7 position and closed with a 7-under 64

- **Tag Ridings** (3rd / -12), who is currently 138th in the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour points standings, sits in his highest 54-hole position since he was solo second at the 2016 Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship
- Ridings, 46, won his only PGA TOUR-sanctioned event at the 2002 WNB Golf Classic, a Korn Ferry Tour event in Midland, Texas, where he entered the final round in T3 position
- Ridings' last top-five finish was a T3 at the 2017 Barbasol Championship on the PGA TOUR, while his last top-five on the Korn Ferry Tour was a solo third at the 2016 Servientrega Championship presented by Efecty
- **Taylor Pendrith** (T4 / -11) is seeking his first career Korn Ferry Tour victory and sits inside the top five after 54 holes for the fourth time this season; he finished no worse than T3 on the previous three occasions
  - 2020 TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes – T2 after 54 holes, finished T3
  - 2020 TPC San Antonio Challenge at the Canyons – solo third after 54, finished solo second
  - 2020 Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics – T2 after 54, finished solo second
- Pendrith has four second-place finishes and a T3 finish this season, but is without a win; his T3 finish came at last July's TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes
- **Adam Svensson** (T4 / -11) is positioned inside the top five after 54 holes for the third time this season; he stood T2 at the 2021 MGM Resorts Championship at Paiute this past April (finished T22) and was solo third at the 2021 Evans Scholars Invitational presented by First Midwest Bank this past May (finished solo second)
- Svensson carded a second consecutive 6-under 66, marking the first time since the first two rounds of the 2020 Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron he shot back-to-back rounds of 66 or better (he opened with rounds of 65 and 66 there)
- Svensson won the 2021 Club Car Championship at The Landings Club this past March and began the final round four strokes off the lead
- **Kevin Yu** (T4 / -11), who finished No. 4 in the inaugural [PGA TOUR University class](#), remained in T4 position with a 2-under 70; he has finishes of T20-T5-T25 in his first three Korn Ferry Tour starts
- **Austin Smotherman** (T17 / -8) made his first hole-in-one in a PGA TOUR-sanctioned tournament with an 8-iron at the par-3 eighth (188 yards Saturday); he said his last hole-in-one was July 23rd, 2020 on No. 8 at Trinity Forest Golf Club, his home course
- **Chandler Eaton** (T48 / -4) continues to lead the three Monday qualifiers who survived the 36-hole cut; he is making his sixth Korn Ferry Tour start following a standout 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
- The lowest round of the day was a 7-under 65 carded by Pendrith (T4 / -11), **James Nicholas** (T17 / -8), **Stephan Jaeger** (T17 / -8), and **Luke Guthrie** (T17 / -8)
- After three bogey-free rounds were recorded each of the first two days, Guthrie (65) and Nicholas (65) carded Saturday's only bogey-free rounds
- Weather: Sunny, high of 86 degrees, wind ENE at 8-15 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 (4.277 – 38 birdies, 123 bogeys, 11 double bogeys or worse)
- **Easiest Hole** – No. 5, Par 5, 624 yards (4.579 – 12 eagles, 170 birdies, 25 bogeys or worse)
- **Scoring Average (Front 9)** – 35.155
- **Scoring Average (Back 9)** – 36.293
- **Scoring Average (Total)** – 71.448

#### Third-Round Course Statistics

- **Toughest Hole** – No. 17, Par 4, 495 yards (4.341 – five birdies, 27 bogeys, three double bogeys)
- **Easiest Hole** – No. 5, Par 5, 624 yards (4.341 – seven eagles, 44 birdies, three bogeys or worse)
- **Scoring Average (Front 9)** – 34.732
- **Scoring Average (Back 9)** – 36.232
- **Scoring Average (Total)** – 70.963