

# Completed Third-Round Notes - Sunday, April 25, 2021

Course Setup: Par 71 / 6,987 yards

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#### **Completed Third-Round Leaderboard**

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Theo Humphrey	64-63-65—192 (-21)
2	Chip McDaniel	67-63-65—195 (-18)
T3	Four tied	196 (-17)

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## Theo Humphrey claims 54-hole lead at Veritex Bank Championship

**ARLINGTON, Texas** – After completing the first 10 holes of his third round on Saturday evening before darkness set in, Theo Humphrey carded four more birdies – countered by a bogey – to reach 21-under and take his first 54-hole lead entering the final round at the inaugural Veritex Bank Championship. Chip McDaniel sits three strokes back at 18-under followed by four players at 17-under at Texas Rangers Golf Club.

Tee times for the final round began at 10 a.m. with the final group teeing off at 12:01 p.m. on Sunday.

"I felt pretty good; I finished pretty well with my round yesterday," said Humphrey. "I had about eight feet for birdie last night [on 11] and it was kind of dark, so that was my first shot today and I ended up making it which was nice. I kept it rolling from there, hit some wedges close and that made it easy."

Humphrey, a Dallas resident, has collected two top-10 finishes in his career and is in the midst of his rookie campaign on the Korn Ferry Tour. The 25-year-old entered the week 57 th in the Korn Ferry Tour points standings but projects to leap inside the top-25 with a win.

"Even last night, just overnight leading coming into the last day, I've thought about it a lot," said Humphrey of the prospect of earning his first win. "It's going to be a tough round of golf. I'm going to be nervous and it's going to be hard. But this is why I practice – this is what I'm here to do. You have to embrace that and let my game do the talking."

On Saturday morning, Humphrey birdied Nos. 14, 15 and 16 after putting wedge shots inside five feet on all three holes. The former Vanderbilt University star leads the field with 24 birdies this week.

McDaniel, a University of Kentucky alum, is seeking his first top-10 on the Korn Ferry Tour. He has tallied four top-25s during his rookie season, including a career-best T11 at the 2020 Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship. Brett Drewitt, Chandler Phillips, Ben Kohles and Dan McCarthy all sit four



strokes back at 17-under. Phillips is making just his fourth career start and has a previous top finish of T48 (2020 Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper).

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- Sunday's weather: Sunny with a high of 81 degrees and wind S at 8-14 mph
- The Veritex Bank Championship is the sixth event of 2021 and the 29th of the 2020-21 combined season; Humphrey projects to move inside the top-25 of the Korn Ferry Tour points standings with a win; 15 of 28 third-round leaders have gone on to win the tournament this season
- The 54-hole lead marks the first of Humphrey's career on the Korn Ferry Tour; his highest position through 54 holes was T2 at the 2020 Evans Scholars Invitational where he went on to finish T13
- Dan McCarthy was the only player in the field without a bogey this week prior to his final hole of the third round, the par-5 18th, before three-putting on that green
- Dallas residents Paul Haley II (T7) and George Cunningham (T11) join Humphrey and Phillips as Texans that are in contention
- Competing in just his fourth career event on the Korn Ferry Tour, Huntsville, Texas native Chandler Phillips (T3) is in contention entering the final round
- 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 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

### **Third-Round Course Statistics**

- Toughest Hole Par-4 third (4.388)
- Easiest Hole Par-5 ninth (4.164)
- Scoring Average (Front 9) 33.597
- Scoring Average (Back 9) 333.970
- Scoring Average (Total) 67.567
- Scoring Average (Cumulative) 68.347