

Second-Round Notes – Friday, April 1, 2022

Course Setup: The Landings Club - Deer Creek (Par 72 / 7,165 yards)

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Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Erik Barnes	66-65—131 (-13)
2	Mark Anderson	66-67—133 (-11)
3	Mark Hubbard	64-70—134 (-10)
T4	Four Tied	136 (-8)

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Erik Barnes takes 36-hole solo lead at the Club Car Championship at The Landings Club

SAVANNAH, Georgia – Following a bogey-free 7-under 65 Friday, Erik Barnes sits alone atop the leaderboard at 13-under par after 36 holes at the Club Car Championship at The Landings Club. It marks the second 36-hole lead in 159 career starts for Barnes on the Korn Ferry Tour.

Thursday's first round, which was interrupted by inclement weather, concluded Friday morning.

Barnes, who plays from Marion, Indiana, was a part of the late-early wave of tee times the first two days, something he admitted was advantageous this week. In Thursday's opening round, Barnes teed off in the afternoon, avoided strong wind gusts and inclement weather which ultimately caused an 80-minute delay, and carded a 6-under 66.

The 34-year-old began his second round Friday at the par-4 10th and made his first birdie at the par-3 12th. Barnes closed his first nine with birdies at Nos. 15 and 16, and the par-5 18th. Barnes' trio of birdies on the front nine came on par 4s (Nos. 4, 5, and 7). The seven birdies recorded by Barnes were tied for fourth among players in the second round.

"We got really lucky on the (afternoon) wave," Barnes said. "It seems like a lot of times, you feel like you're always on the bad end of the draw, but there's no denying we got the good end of the draw here. When the storm blew through, the wind laid down a lot. It was a big advantage to play the late-early wave."

Barnes' only bogey of the tournament came Thursday at the par-3 12th. The Austin Peay State University alum is one of four players in the field with a single bogey through 36 holes.

"I've been hitting it good, for the most part, all year," Barnes said. "I'm just not risking too much on the holes that you feel like you can make a big number. Fortunately, I've been avoiding too many mistakes. But if you take your eye off the ball just for a minute, you'll make a quick score you didn't want to make, and then all of a sudden you drop a couple."

Barnes' only other instances leading a Korn Ferry Tour event were last July at the 2021 Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS, where he led outright after 36 holes and shared the 54-hole lead before Taylor Moore overtook him with a 6-under 65 in the final round. Barnes finished three strokes behind Moore, who shot an 11-under 60 in the third round, for the third runner-up finish of his Korn Ferry Tour career.

While Barnes has not found the podium this year, in the first seven events he already has three top-10s, only one less than his highest single-season total on the Korn Ferry Tour (four across 26 starts in 2018, and four across 38 starts in 2020-21). Barnes, now the only player with made cuts in all eight events this season, has a top-10 in each month thus far, finishing T4 at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club in January, T5 at The Panama Championship in February, and a T5 at the Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by MISTRAS two weeks ago.

"I've been trying to take the mentality that I'm not playing that great this year so I'm in grind mode," said Barnes, who entered the week ranked No. 13 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List. "It's been working out so far this year. It's going to be tough the next two days no matter what happens, but I'll keep myself thinking I'm not playing that great and in grind mode, and maybe I can keep playing well."

Barnes has been on the Korn Ferry Tour since 2015, finishing top 75 in the regular season four times (2015, 2016, 2018, and 2020-21), including a career-high 31st last season. Also of note last season, when the COVID-19 pandemic hit in March 2020, Barnes [stocked shelves as a Grocery Replenishment Specialist](#) at Publix to help support his family financially.

As Barnes pursues his first career Korn Ferry Tour win, his support system will be along for the journey, as his wife, Ashleigh, and their two sons, Jaxton and Tucker, made the trip to Savannah.

After Barnes capped his second round with a par at the challenging par-4 ninth, Jaxton and Tucker sprinted to him as he walked off the green.

"I drove (from the Lake Charles Championship) back to Birmingham Sunday night after final round, then we all drove together Monday afternoon here," said Barnes. "Being able to try to get away a little bit and focus on family instead of thinking about golf so much, that's always positive. I guarantee (Jaxton and Tucker) they're going to want to play baseball in the driveway. We'll do that until the no-see-ums bite me enough to where I go back inside."

Third-round pairings will run from 7:24 a.m. through 1:10 p.m. local time off the first tee.

Second-Round Notes

- The 36-hole cut was made at 2-under par with 71 players advancing to the weekend
- **Eric Cole** (T15 / -8) shot the round of the day with an 8-under 64
- **Erik Barnes** (1st / -13) entered the week as one of two players with made cuts in the first seven Korn Ferry Tour events, with the other being **Matt McCarty**, who missed the cut this week

- In his 159th career Korn Ferry Tour start, **Barnes'** 13-under 131 matched his fourth-lowest 36-hole score, four strokes off the career-low 15-under 127 he established at the 2021 Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS last July
 - 15-under 127 – 2021 Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS (finished 2nd)
 - 11-under 129 – 2021 Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics (finished T5)
 - 13-under 129 – 2015 Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron (finished T45)
 - 11-under 131 – 2018 Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank (finished T4)
- **Mark Anderson** (2nd / -11) parred the par-4 ninth for a 6-under 66 and completed one of three bogey-free first rounds; he made his first bogey of the tournament at the par-3 eighth, ending a streak of 25 consecutive holes without a bogey
 - **Anderson** is a native of Beaufort, South Carolina, approximately 50 miles from Savannah
 - The other two bogey-free first rounds were completed Thursday by **Mark Hubbard** (8-under 64) and **Zecheng Dou** (7-under 65)
- **Hubbard** (3rd / -10), who shared the 18-hole lead after an 8-under 64 Thursday, sits inside the top five after 36 holes for a third consecutive Korn Ferry Tour start; he stood T3 after the second round of the Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by MISTRAS (finished T5) and the LECOM Suncoast Classic (finished T6)
 - **Hubbard** plays out of the “Nos. 126-150 in 2020-21 FedExCup Standings” category on the PGA TOUR, and has made nine starts on TOUR this season; he played the 2019-20 and 2020-21 seasons on TOUR
 - **Hubbard** is playing this week via the “Tournament Winner” category, as he won the 2019 LECOM Suncoast Classic and later graduated to the PGA TOUR via The 25
- **Barnes, Anderson, and Hubbard** are three of the four players in the field with a single bogey through 36 holes; the other is **Pontus Nyholm** (T17 / -5), who has one double bogey
- If **Carl Yuan** (T8 / -7) finishes solo 19th or higher this week, he would become the first player to cross the 900-point threshold the Korn Ferry Tour is currently using as its failsafe threshold for players to finish among The 25 and earn a PGA TOUR card at regular season's end
- **Shad Tuten** (T23 / -4), a graduate of Armstrong State University and an Augusta native, moved up the leaderboard with a 3-udner 69
- University of Georgia alums **Joey Garber** (T44 / -2), **Spencer Ralston** (T44 / -2) and **Erik Compton** (T44 / -2) all made the cut
- **Reed Lotter** (MC / +10), a 17-year-old from Savannah playing on a sponsor exemption, missed the cut at this event for a second consecutive year
 - Lotter earned a sponsor exemption by virtue of his win at the 2021 Sam Burns Classic at The Landings Club last July; he intends to play collegiately at Auburn University
- **Will Dickson** (T33 / -3) and **Davis Lamb** (T44 / -2) are the only Monday Qualifiers to make the cut
 - Dickson Monday qualified into the tournament and is making his first start in a PGA TOUR-sanctioned event; he turned professional last fall out of Georgia Tech, where he played three seasons (2018-21), and made his professional debut last October at the Savannah Quarters Open
- There were 10 bogey-free rounds recorded in the second round
- The Club Car Championship at The Landings Club is the eighth of 23 regular season events on the 26-event 2022 Korn Ferry Tour schedule; the first set of 25 PGA TOUR cards will be awarded at the regular season finale, the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna (August 11-14), and an additional 25 TOUR cards will be awarded following the three-event Korn Ferry Tour Finals, which conclude with the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance (September 1-4)

- This week's purse is \$750,000, with \$135,000 going to the champion; the champion will also receive 500 Korn Ferry Tour points
 - All 2022 Korn Ferry Tour regular season events feature a minimum purse of \$750,000, a 25 percent increase from last season, and will boast minimum purses of \$1 million in 2023 for a [total increase of 66.7 percent](#) from 2021 to 2022