

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, April 2, 2022

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

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Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Mark Anderson	66-67-68—201 (-15)
T2	Carl Yuan	64-73-65—202 (-14)
	Ryan Blaum	71-65-66—202 (-14)
4	Grant Hirschman	70-66-67—203 (-13)
T5	T.J. Vogel	69-67-68—204 (-12)
	Erik Barnes	66-65-73—204 (-12)

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Mark Anderson takes outright 54-hole lead at the Club Car Championship at The Landings Club

SAVANNAH, Georgia – With a 4-under 68 in the Saturday's third round, two-time Korn Ferry Tour winner Mark Anderson took the outright lead after 54 holes played at the Club Car Championship at The Landings Club. Anderson reached 15-under par with back-to-back birdies at Nos. 17 and 18, giving him a one-stroke lead over Carl Yuan, who won two weeks ago, and Ryan Blaum, a 2016 Korn Ferry Tour Finals graduate who played predominantly on the PGA TOUR since fall 2016.

Through 36 holes this week, the 36-year-old Anderson stood solo second and had 12 birdies against just one bogey. Anderson's second bogey of the week came Saturday at the par-5 third, but he quickly negated it with a birdie at the par-5 sixth. The University of South Carolina alum jumped atop the leaderboard with a 4-under 32 on the back nine, highlighted by birdies at Nos. 10, 13, 17, and 18.

Anderson's birdie at No. 17 was all the more impressive given the fact the 184-yard par 3 was tied for the toughest hole of the third round on The Landings Club's Deer Creek course. The 17th is also the sixth-toughest hole for the entire tournament.

"It was a little sketchy to start," Anderson said. "I struggled with the speed of greens early and got in my head for the rest of the round. It was a great way to finish. Really nice solid back nine. Wasn't playing that easy, and to birdie No. 17 was huge, and No. 18 was a nice bonus to get me in the final group. I was just trying to make a four (on No. 18). Made it the hard way. Really, really happy with the birdie on 17 more than anything."

Making his 162nd career start on the Korn Ferry Tour this week, Anderson holds the third 54-hole lead of his career. Anderson successfully converted both of his previous 54-hole leads into victories, winning

the 2013 BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX and 2019 Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard, with the latter being a four-stroke victory.

"I've been doing this for a long time now, so taking the good with the bad," Anderson said. "It's easier to stay calm and ride the wave. I'm pretty relaxed regardless of how I play. One step at a time."

Anderson, who turned professional in 2010, also has 103 starts on the PGA TOUR. He graduated to the TOUR for the first time via the Korn Ferry Tour at the conclusion of the 2011 season, when he finished 22nd on the official money list. Anderson graduated through the regular season once again in 2013, 2016, and 2019.

In his 37 PGA TOUR starts the last two seasons, Anderson's highest finish was T8 at the 2021 Rocket Mortgage Classic. In his four Korn Ferry Tour starts this year, Anderson has one top-25, which was a T12 two weeks ago at the Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by MISTRAS.

A resident of Beaufort, South Carolina, Anderson lives approximately one hour from The Landings Club, allowing friends and family to travel to Savannah and follow along while he pursues a third Korn Ferry Tour win.

"This is a bonus week," Anderson said. "It's not really an away game. I get to stay at home and be comfortable. I've got my family here. Routine at the house is put the kids to bed, make them breakfast; doesn't really change. I think wife has appreciated it."

Final-round pairings will run from 7:14 a.m. through 1:10 p.m. off the first tee.

Third-Round Notes

- Through the first seven events of the Korn Ferry Tour season, no player who has led or co-led after 18, 36, or 54 holes has gone on to win
- **Mark Anderson** (1st / -15) and **Grant Hirschman** (4th / -13) are the only players in the field with fewer than four over-par holes this week; they both have two bogeys
 - **Hirschman** carded his second consecutive bogey-free round, and it was one of three bogey-free rounds recorded Saturday; his last bogey came at No. 16 in the first round
- If **Carl Yuan** (T2 / -14) finishes solo 19th or higher Sunday, 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
- **Yuan** shot the lowest third round score, a 7-under 65 highlighted by eight birdies, four which came in his last five holes; he played those same holes (Nos. 14-18) at 4-over par in his second round
- **Ryan Blaum** (T2 / -14) sits inside the top five after 54 holes of a Korn Ferry Tour event for the second time in his career; he stood T1 after the third round of the 2014 BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX
 - **Blaum** played predominantly on the PGA TOUR since he earned membership via the 2016 Korn Ferry Tour Finals; he made FedExCup Playoffs appearances in the 2016-17 and 2017-18 seasons
- Outright 36-hole leader **Erik Barnes** (T5 / -12) fell four places after a 1-over 73
- **Shad Tuten** (T16 / -6), a graduate of Armstrong State University and an Augusta native, shot a 2-under 70 Saturday and climbed seven spots on the leaderboard

- **Erik Compton** (T38 / -2) leads the trio of University of Georgia alums who made the cut; the others are **Spencer Ralston** (T54 / E) and **Joey Garber** (T67 / +3)
- **Will Dickson** (T46 / -1) and **Davis Lamb** (T60 / +1), the only Monday qualifiers who made the cut, both carded over-par rounds Saturday
 - **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
- Rookie **Pontus Nyholm** (T10 / -9) made a hole-in-one at the 188-yard par-3 12th with a 6-iron; the hole's actual yardage for the third round was 189 yards
- 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

Third-Round Course Statistics

- Scoring Average (Total): 72.465 [+0.465]
- Scoring Average (Front Nine): 35.479 [-0.521]
- Scoring Average (Back Nine): 36.986 [+0.986]
- Toughest Hole: No. 8, Par 3, 202 yards / No. 9, Par 4, 454 yards / No. 17, Par 3, 184 yards [+0.268]
- Easiest Hole: No. 3, Par 5, 538 yards – 4.521 [-0.479]

Cumulative Course Statistics

- Scoring Average (Total): 72.062 [+0.062]
- Scoring Average (Front Nine): 35.489 [-0.511]
- Scoring Average (Back Nine): 36.574 [+0.574]
- Toughest Hole: No. 2, Par 3, 189 yards – 3.357 [+0.357]
- Easiest Hole: No. 3, Par 5, 551 yards – 4.638 [-0.362]