

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, April 30, 2022

Course Setup: The Ledges (Par 70 / 7,114 yards)

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Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Harrison Endycott	63-67-64—194 (-16)
2	Ben Taylor	68-67-64—199 (-11)
3	Quade Cummins	68-64-68—200 (-10)
4	Erik Barnes	64-65-72—201 (-9)

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Harrison Endycott takes outright 54-hole lead at Huntsville Championship

HUNTSVILLE, Alabama – Harrison Endycott, a 25-year-old Australian in his 43rd career Korn Ferry Tour start, took the first outright lead of his career following a bogey-free 6-under 64 in the third round of the Huntsville Championship. Endycott reached 16-under par for the week and ended Saturday with a five-stroke lead, the largest 54-hole advantage at a Korn Ferry Tour event since the Dormie Network Classic at Briggs Ranch in April 2019.

Through the first nine events this season, no player led by more than one stroke after 54 holes. And through the first nine events of the season, no player who has led or co-led after 18, 36, or 54 holes went on to win the tournament.

Endycott's 16-under 194 through 54 holes at The Ledges also matched Chase Parker's 19-under 194 from the Veritex Bank Championship for the lowest 54-hole score this season.

"I've still a lot a lot of hard work to play tomorrow," Endycott said. "Guys out here are really good. I'm expecting someone to shoot a low one again tomorrow. I'm prepared for that, and I just want to get some sleep, have an easy night tonight, and try to get out and do my best again tomorrow, see what happens."

Endycott played out of the final pairing Saturday and began the round one shot behind 36-hole leader Erik Barnes. The Sydney, Australia native birdied all three par 5s (Nos. 4, 8, 10) and added three others at the par-4 seventh, 12th, and 15th. Those six birdies increased Endycott's total birdies this week to 17 (16 birdies, one eagle), tied for the most in the field.

More importantly, Endycott only has two bogeys through the first 54 holes, two fewer over-par holes than any player in the field this week.

“It was more just trying to hit fairways and greens. That was all I focused on today,” said Endycott, who hit 12 of 13 fairways, along with 16 of 18 greens in regulation Saturday. “I thought, you know what? My putting feels really good. If I can just give myself looks all day, I'm going to shoot a good score.”

Endycott turned professional and debuted as a 21-year-old at the 2017 New South Wales Open on PGA Tour of Australasia. After he spent the 2018 and 2019 seasons on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica, Endycott earned Korn Ferry Tour membership and finished T41 at Final Stage of the 2019 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament.

“In Australia, it's very challenging to play this tour and live there, so you make the career change and you pack up stuff and go and play overseas,” Endycott said. “That's what I intended to do since I was a small kid. Regardless of where I end up in my career or whatever, I'm doing something that I've always said I wanted to do. I proved a lot of high school teachers wrong, which is fantastic.”

As a rookie last season, Endycott logged three top-10s and six top-25s, including a career-high finish of T4 at the 2021 Visit Knoxville Open. Endycott struggled down the stretch, however, missing cuts in his final 10 starts and ultimately finishing 81st on the 2020-21 Regular Season Points List, which bounced him back to Final Stage of the 2021 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament.

Endycott recorded a top-25 in the season-opening 2022 The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay, but has not finished higher than T32 his other five starts. Those results left him No. 103 on the Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List ahead of this week's event.

“I felt like I played close to how I played this week nearly every week,” Endycott said. “I think there is probably two weeks out there where I didn't play that well. It was very hard to be optimistic about that because you got to focus on the process, but results kind of kick you in the face a little bit. You feel like you're doing the process really well and just the results aren't happening, it's frustrating. That's just part of the grind.”

In a [March 2021 interview with PGATOUR.com](#), Endycott said a bucket list item is, “to get on the PGA TOUR and be a TOUR winner. What motivates me is simply the TOUR.”

With a win Sunday, one of those bucket list items could become a reality before long.

Ben Taylor, who moved to solo second at 11-under par as he matched Endycott and Spencer Ralston for the lowest round of the day with a 6-under 64, will also play in the final group. Quade Cummins, six strokes off the lead in solo third, will round out the final group with Endycott and Taylor.

Final-round tee times will run from 8:30 a.m. through 10:42 a.m. local time off the first and 10th tees.

Third-Round Notes

- **Harrison Endycott** (1st / -16) carded one of three bogey-free rounds Saturday, with the others being a 6-under 64 by **Spencer Ralston** (T5 / -8) and a 4-under 66 by **Theo Humphrey** (T7 / -7)
 - There have been three bogey-free rounds each of the first three days
- Endycott's five-stroke lead marks the largest 54-hole lead since Xinjun Zhang's five-stroke lead at the 2019 Dormie Network Classic at Briggs Ranch, which Zhang won by five strokes

- Endycott stands at 16-under par through 54 holes, while the lowest score at last year's inaugural Huntsville Championship was 15-under par, which forced a playoff between eventual champion Paul Barjon, Billy Kennerly and Mito Pereira
- Endycott's previous career-high 54-hole position on the Korn Ferry Tour was T3 at the 2021 Visit Knoxville Open, where he recorded a career-high finish of T4
- Endycott's only previous leads in Korn Ferry Tour events were both 18-hole co-leads (2021 Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by MISTRAS, 2022 Huntsville Championship)
- **Seonghyeon Kim** (T5 / -8) needs a two-way T6 or higher to cross the 900-point threshold the Korn Ferry Tour is currently using as its fail-safe threshold for players to finish among The 25 and earn a PGA TOUR card at regular season's end
- **Ben Taylor** (2nd / -11) stands T2 or higher through 54 holes for the seventh time in 88 career Korn Ferry Tour starts, one of which came earlier this season when he co-led The Panama Championship after the third round
- Rookie **Quade Cummins** (3rd / -10), making his sixth start of the season and eighth of his Korn Ferry Tour career, stands inside the top 10 through 54 holes for the first time; his previous high 54-hole position was T14 at The Panama Championship, which he Monday qualified into and where he finished T15 for his only top-25 to date
 - Cummins finished No. 6 in the inaugural PGA TOUR University Class of 2021 and earned PGA TOUR Canada status for 2021 (two top-10s, including a T3, across seven starts) as well as an exemption to Second Stage of the 2021 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament; he qualified for Final Stage and earned membership for this season, but a T127 finish left him without guaranteed starts
- Outright 36-hole leader **Erik Barnes** (4th / -9) fell out of the top three after a 2-over 72; he stands T5 or higher through 54 holes for the third time this season, as he was previously T3 at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club and T4 at the Club Car Championship at The Landings Club
- Sponsor exemption and University of Alabama alum **Wilson Furr** (T10 / -6), a PGA TOUR Canada member making his Korn Ferry Tour debut and playing in his third PGA TOUR-sanctioned event, can qualify for next week's Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation with a top-25
 - Furr was a 2021 All-Southeastern Conference First Team selection, won one individual title, and captured stroke play medalist honors at the 2020 U.S. Amateur Championship
- **Chip McDaniel** (T14 / -5), who recorded a top-25 in his only start this season and five top-25s across 40 events as a Korn Ferry Tour rookie last season, leads the three Monday qualifiers who survived the 36-hole cut
- University of Alabama alum **Robby Shelton** (T23 / -4) moved into the top 25 with a 3-under 67
- Auburn University alum **Michael Johnson** (T23 / -4) remained at T23 with a 2-under 68
- The Huntsville Championship is the 10th 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 - Par 70): 70.164 [+0.164]
- Scoring Average (Front Nine): 34.701 [-0.299]
- Scoring Average (Back Nine): 35.463 [+0.463]
- Toughest Hole: No. 15, Par 4, 505 yards – 4.343 [+0.343]
- Easiest Hole: No. 10, Par 5, 548 yards – 4.403 [-0.597]

Cumulative Course Statistics

- Scoring Average (Total - Par 70): 70.655 [+0.655]
- Scoring Average (Front Nine): 35.217 [+0.217]
- Scoring Average (Back Nine): 35.438 [+0.438]
- Toughest Hole: No. 15, Par 4, 505 yards – 4.467 [+0.467]
- Easiest Hole: No. 10, Par 5, 548 yards – 4.637 [-0.363]