

### Third-Round Notes – Saturday, August 6, 2022

**Course Setup:** Oakridge Country Club (Par 71 / 7,045 yards)

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#### Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Mark Anderson	67-66-64—197 (-16)
T2	Pierceson Coody	68-67-63—198 (-15)
	Harrison Endycott	67-68-63—198 (-15)
	Pontus Nyholm	65-64-69—198 (-15)
T5	Eight Tied	199 (-14)

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### Mark Anderson takes outright 54-hole lead at the Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank

**FARMINGTON, Utah** – With a 7-under 64 in Saturday’s third round, two-time Korn Ferry Tour winner Mark Anderson took the outright 54-hole lead at the Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank. Anderson holds a one-stroke lead over three players, two of which won earlier this season (Pierceson Coody and Harrison Endycott), and the third being 36-hole leader Pontus Nyholm.

The 36-year-old Anderson carded eight birdies and one bogey in his third round. Anderson opened with back-to-back birdies at Nos. 1 and 2, then added another at the par-4 fourth. The Beaufort, South Carolina resident posted back-to-back birdies at Nos. 6 and 7 and turned at 5-under par. A bogey at the par-4 16th was an afterthought, as Anderson made three birdies on the back nine (Nos. 13, 15 and 17) for the outright lead.

“It’s been fun,” Anderson said. “I love coming out here. I’ve always enjoyed coming to Utah to play. Played really solid. Today was really nice to make a move and get in contention. It will be fun tomorrow.”

Making his 174nd career start on the Korn Ferry Tour this week, Anderson holds the fourth 54-hole lead of his career and second of the season. Anderson successfully converted two of his previous 54-hole leads into victories, winning the 2013 BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX and 2019 Astaro Golf Championship presented by Mastercard, winning both in runaway fashion. Earlier this season at the Club Car Championship at The Landings Club, however, Anderson carried a one-stroke lead into the final round and finished T2, one stroke behind eventual champion T.J. Vogel.

Anderson, who turned professional in 2010, also has 103 starts on the PGA TOUR. The University of South Carolina alum graduated from the Korn Ferry Tour via the regular season four times (2011, 2013, 2016, 2019).

The last two seasons on the PGA TOUR, Anderson finished outside the top 150 in the FedExCup Standings, relegating him to the Korn Ferry Tour for the 2022 season. Anderson entered this week at No. 42 on the Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List, and a win Sunday afternoon at Oakridge Country Club would be enough for him to cross the #TOURBound threshold and once again secure a PGA TOUR card.

“Mentally and physically, really in a much better spot,” Anderson said in response to what has changed in his game since earning his first PGA TOUR card. “I feel really comfortable with my game. I have all year, so I’m just looking forward to the next few weeks and seeing what we can do with it.”

Final-round pairings will run from 8:40 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. off the first tee.

### Third-Round Notes

- The 36-hole cut was made at 5-under Saturday morning, with 77 players continuing on
- **Mark Anderson** (1st / -16) and **Pontus Nyholm** (T2 / -15) need a win to cross the 875-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
  - **Harrison Endycott** (T2 / -15) needs a 3-way T3 or higher
  - **Pierceson Coody** (T2 / -15) needs a 2-way T2, solo 2nd, or a win
  - **Justin Suh** (T20 / -12) needs a 2-way T22 or higher
- Endycott, Coody, and **Trevor Cone** (T5 / -14) all won earlier this season, and no Korn Ferry Tour player has won twice this year
- **Mac Meissner** (T5 / -14) moved up 41 spots with an 8-under 63, tied with **Harrison Endycott** and **Pierceson Coody** for the low round of the day; Meissner’s previous career-low round on the Korn Ferry Tour was a 65, which he recorded on two occasions this season
- Players with Utah ties to survive the 36-hole cut included sponsor exemption **Peter Kuest** (T5 / -14), **Patrick Fishburn** (T13 / -13), **Zac Blair** (T26 / -11), **Joe Highsmith** (T30 / -10), and sponsor exemption **Daniel Summerhays** (T41 / -9)
- Monday qualifiers who survived the 36-hole cut were **Kevin Velo** (T26 / -11), **Austen Christiansen** (T30 / -10), and **Hayden Springer** (T41 / -9)
- 11 players carded bogey-free rounds on Saturday
- The Utah Championship is the 22nd 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 71): 68.558 [-2.442]
- Scoring Average (Front Nine - Par 36): 34.442 [-1.558]
- Scoring Average (Back Nine - Par 35): 34.117 [-0.883]
- Toughest Hole: No. 10, Par 4, 517 yards – 4.351 [+0.351]
- Easiest Hole: No. 7, Par 5, 551 yards – 4.260 [-0.740]