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Third-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
T1	Paul Barjon	69-67-66—202 (-11)
T1	Lee Hodges	70-64-68—202 (-11)
3	Anders Albertson	70-65-69—204 (-9)
4	Charlie Saxon	69-64-72—205 (-8)
T5	Two tied at	206 (-7)

Projected U.S. Open Exemptions

Projected Rank	Rank Entering the Week	Name	Tournament Position
1	2	Will Zalatoris	T7
2	1	Davis Riley	-
3	7	Paul Barjon	T1
4	15	Lee Hodges	T1
5	3	Taylor Pendrith	T36
6	5	<i>Mito Pereira</i>	<i>T20</i>
7	4	<i>Dylan Wu</i>	<i>MC</i>
8	6	<i>Jared Wolfe</i>	<i>T20</i>

**Top five in the points standings after the tournament receive a U.S. Open exemption*

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**Paul Barjon, Lee Hodges share third-round lead
at WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz**

NORTH PLAINS, Oregon – Both Paul Barjon and Lee Hodges have grown accustomed to the top of the leaderboard of late. Barjon has finished inside the top three on three different occasions this year, while Hodges has earned five straight top-20 finishes. The duo has done everything but win so far this season, but each will be looking to change that narrative entering the final round of the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz.

Barjon and Hodges are each 11-under through 54 holes at the Witch Hollow course at Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club, two clear of the field. While both will be focused on earning the biggest win of their careers to date, another incentive is in play. The top-five players in the season-long Korn Ferry Tour points standings at the conclusion of the tournament will receive exemptions into the 2020 U.S. Open at Winged Foot. Both players would likely jump into the top-five of the standings with a top-two finish.

“We’re [basically] playing sectionals this week, right?” laughed Barjon. “That’s how I take it...I’ve never played a major, not even close, so it’s in your mind...Playing a major, and it being a U.S. Open, the toughest of the four, that would mean a lot. That would be a great experience.”

Barjon grew up in New Caledonia, a small French island in the South Pacific, where he lived until he was 16. He then moved to France during high school before coming to America to play golf at Texas Christian University.

At one point this season, Barjon had been positioned inside the top-three of the leaderboard after 11 rounds in a 20-round stretch. He suffered a back-breaking defeat in a playoff at the El Bosque Mexico Championship by Innova in February. The 27-year-old entered the par-5 18th hole on Sunday tied for the lead and hit the green in two, setting himself up for a two-putt birdie to win the tournament. A three-putt from 70 feet left him in a playoff where he eventually fell to David Kocher. The tournament ended up being the final event before the COVID-19 pandemic forced a three-month shutdown.

“Over four days and 270+ golf shots, a lot of different things can happen,” said Barjon. “If you finish one shot back did you really play that much worse than the guy who won? I want to have a chance on the back nine on Sunday, that’s what my TCU golf coach used to say. He used to say the Masters doesn’t start until the back nine on Sunday. If I can have a chance on the back nine here at Pumpkin Ridge, that will be cool.”

On the other hand, Hodges will make his debut in the final pairing on a Sunday on the Korn Ferry Tour. The 25-year-old has been very consistent this season with eight top-25s in 12 starts.

“It would be awesome to win,” said Hodges. “I think it’s been a long time coming. I’ve been playing some really, really nice golf. It feels like every tournament I’ve played in lately I’ve had a chance. Hopefully tomorrow I get it done.”

Hodges had an up-and-down front nine on Saturday and turned at even par but hit a 6-iron to 25 feet at the par-5 11th before sinking the eagle putt to jump into contention. He added a closing birdie at the 18th to reach a three-day total 11-under.

“I’ve been playing smart, hitting it nice, chipping and putting it nice, I haven’t been doing anything poorly,” said Hodges, a University of Alabama alum. “I kind of know who I am a little more and don’t try to be someone that I’m not. I’m not trying to hit it further; I’m just trying to be Lee Hodges. It’s been good enough for the past few weeks for me lately.”

While Barjon and Hodges will each be seeking a win tomorrow, several other players will have a close eye on the leaderboard with U.S. Open exemptions on the line. The top-three players in the points standings are likely safe (Davis Riley, Will Zalatoris and Taylor Pendrith), but players

like Mito Pereira (projected sixth) and Jared Wolfe (projected eighth) will try to improve their standing on the final day.

Barjon and Hodges hold a two-stroke advantage over Anders Albertson and a three-stroke lead over 54-hole co-leader Charlie Saxon.

SATURDAY NOTES:

- * Saturday’s weather: Partly cloudy with a high of 79 degrees and wind NW at 6-12 mph.
- * The top-five players on the Korn Ferry Tour points list at the conclusion of the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz will receive exemptions into the 2020 U.S. Open at Winged Foot. The top-five players on the points list entering the week, in order, were Davis Riley, Will Zalatoris, Taylor Pendrith, Dylan Wu and Mito Pereira. Riley and Zalatoris have already mathematically secured two of the exemptions, while Pendrith will earn an exemption barring an extremely unlikely scenario. If either Barjon or Hodges were to win, they are projected to jump to third in the points standings. Either would also likely secure a spot in the top five with a top-two finish.
- * Paul Barjon has not held a 54-hole lead in his career on the Korn Ferry Tour in 32 career starts, though he has led/co-led after three rounds on Tour this season. Lee Hodges has led after two rounds on Tour in his career, but never after the third round. Only five of 14 54-hole leaders have gone on to win so far this season.
- * Hodges ranks second on Tour in both scoring average (69.02) and greens in regulation (77.04 percent).
- * Will Zalatoris (-6, T7) is approximately 46 points behind roommate Davis Riley for the top spot in the Korn Ferry Tour points standings. Zalatoris is projected to surpass Riley with a solo-22nd finish or better this week.
- * This week’s purse is \$800,000 with \$144,000 going to the champion. The champion will also receive 550 Korn Ferry Tour points.
- * The combined 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour schedule will conclude with 25 PGA TOUR cards awarded at the 2021 WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz, with an additional 25 cards awarded at the conclusion of the 2021 Korn Ferry Tour Finals.
- * The par-4 14th hole (470 yards) played as the hardest hole on Saturday with a scoring average of 4.435.
- * The par-5 fourth hole (533 yards) played as the easiest hole on Saturday with a scoring average of 4.275.

	Front	Back	Total	Cumulative
R1	36.878	35.192	72.071	
R2	36.132	34.263	70.395	71.233
R3	36.290	34.957	71.246	71.237

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