



Bufs' Baird in hunt to make match play

Darkness leaves CU senior with work to do at U.S. Amateur

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DALY CITY, Calif. — Jason Kokrak's 3-under-par topped the two-day leaderboard at the U.S. Amateur on Tuesday, though 54 players had yet to complete all 36 holes before darkness halted stroke play at The Olympic Club.

University of Colorado golfer Michael Baird was among those still out on the course. He was at plus-4 through nine holes on the Lakeside Course. Baird fired an even-par 70 on the Ocean Course in the first round. The senior stands in a tie for 32nd. Only the top 64 players advance to match play that is set to begin after the second round wraps up today.

Meanwhile, if Kokrak's 137 remains the best of the first two days, he will become the top seed in the match-play portion of the tournament.

Kokrak, who didn't finish his first round Monday night, played 25 holes Tuesday. He credited his overall score to control off the tee.

"I'm hitting a three-iron on almost every hole," he said. "If you're not hitting the fairway, it's tough."

Alex Prugh, a quarterfinalist at last year's U.S. Amateur, was at 2 under after 36 holes, shooting a tourney-best 66 on the slightly easier Ocean Course on Tuesday. David Merkow was also at 138 after back-to-back 69s.

Trevor Murphy, a Junior Olympic skier, was the only other player under par after two complete rounds, with a 1-under 139.

When darkness fell Tuesday, 48 golfers were six over or better through 36 holes, while 17 others were six over or better though 27 holes. Sixty-three golfers went to the clubhouse at seven over, and another 20 golfers were seven over or better through 27 holes.

A tie for 64th place, which is typical, will force a playoff to determine which players move on.

As for the other Coloradans at the U.S. Amateur, former CU golfer Ryan Anderson finished with a 158 total, Fort Collins' Drew Stoltz 148, Lone Tree's Aaron Weston a 154, and Pueblo West's Zachary Zarembo a 156.

U.S. Amateur

At The Olympic Club

San Francisco

l-Lakeside Course, 6,948 yards, par 70

o-Ocean Course, 6,786 yards, par 70

Partial Second Round

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Note: Play suspended due to fog with 54 players not finishing. Round will be completed this morning.

Jason Kokrak, Warren, Ohio 69l-68o—137

Alex Prugh, Spokane, Wash. 72l-66o—138

David Merkow, Hartland, Wis. 69l-69o—138

Trevor Murphy, St Johnsbury, Vt. 71o-68l—139

Kyle Stanley, Gig Harbor, Wash. 69o-71l—140

Josh Dupont, Poway, Calif. 70o-70l—140 140

Danny Lee, New Zealand 69o-71l—140 140

Daniel Kefale, Woodbridge, Va. 70o-70l—140

Drew Weaver, High Point, N.C. 72o-69l—141

Ji Moon, Severna Park, Md. 73l-68o—141

Derek Sipe, Yorba Linda, Calif. 70l-71o—141

Kevin Schultz, Richardson, Texas 69l-72o—141

G. Elliott, W. Des Moines, Iowa 73l-68o—141

George Zahringer, New York 71o-71l—142

Joseph Bramlett, Saratoga, Calif. 70o-72l—142

Kyle Dickey, Summerville, S.C. 68o-74l—142

Ricky Jones, Thomaston, Maine 70l-72o—142

Harris English, Thomasville, Ga. 72l-70o—142

Cheng Tsung Pan, Chinese Taipei 73o-70l—143

Kyle Ellis, Senatobia, Miss. 68o-75l—143

David McDaniel, Tucson, Ariz. 71l-72o—143

Webb Simpson, Raleigh, N.C. 73o-71l—144

J. Hodge, Strwbrry Plains, Tenn. 70o-74l—144

Estanislao Goya, Argentina 66o-78l—144

Derek Ernst, Clovis, Calif. 68o-76l—144

Marius Thorp, Norway 73o-71l—144

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J. Schram, Buffalo Grove, Ill. 73o-71l—144

Phil Hendrickson, Danville, Ky. 72l-72o—144

Mark Harrell, Hazlehurst, Ga. 74l-70o—144

Jhonattan Vegas, Venezuela 72l-72o—144

Colt Knost, Dallas 69l-75o—144

Sihwan Kim, Buena Park, Calif. 73l-71o—144

Also

Drew Stoltz, Fort Collins 71o-77l—148

Aaron Weston, Lone Tree 74l-80o—154

Zachary Zaremba, Pueblo West 74o-82l—156

Ryan Anderson, Greeley 79o-79l—158



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