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## Michael O'Connor-Kirk Stauffer (21 Points) Lead PGA Four-Ball Stableford Team Championship

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**PORT ST. LUCIE (Feb. 2, 2020)** - Michael O'Connor of Erie, Pa., and Kirk Stauffer of Bradford, Pa., made an eagle and eight birdies Sunday to take the first-round lead in the PGA Four-Ball Stableford Team Championship at PGA Golf Club.

Stauffer eagled the par-5 seventh hole on the Wanamaker Course and they had 21 points to lead by five over Chad Proehl of Urbandale, Iowa and JC Anderson of Bonita Springs. Proehl and Anderson had eight birdies on the Dye Course.

Four teams are tied for third place with 15 points: Mark Brown of Glen Head, B.Y., and Joshua Rackley of Brookville, N.Y. (five birdies and an eagle on the Dye Course); Rich Berberian Jr of Hooksett, N.H. and Sean McCarty of Solon, Iowa; Craig Czerniejewski of Hartford, Wisc., and Mick Smith of Summit, Wisc., Rick Sutton of Lake Worth and Jeff Waber of Boca Raton with 15 points. The latter two teams each had eight birdies and a bogey.

Tied for seventh place with 14 points were Mitchell Gray of Elmsford, N.Y., and Bill Harvey of Albuquerque, N.M.; Kirk Hanefeld of South Hamilton, Mass., and James Mason of Dillard, Ga.; Danny Lewis of Deal, N.J., and Ray Ferrari of Staten Island, N.Y., and David Damesworth of Orlando and Nick Frontero of Oviedo, Fla.

Under the Stableford format, eagles are worth five points, birdies two points, pars zero points, bogeys minus-1 points and double bogeys minus-3 points.

The top 40 teams after 36 holes advance to Tuesday's final round on the Wanamaker Course.

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