



## Wichita Open Supporting Wichita's Youth

Crestview Country Club | Wichita, Kansas | September 24 – 27, 2020

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### Quick Facts

**Golf Course:** Crestview Country Club (Par 70, 6,910 yards)

**Course Designer:** Robert Trent Jones, Jr., Robert Trent Jones, Sr. (1969)

**Purse:** \$600,000 (Winner: \$108,000 / 500 points)

### Field Overview (as of September 22)

- 49 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 67 victories
- Two PGA TOUR winners with two victories
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### Tournament History

The Wichita Open Supporting Wichita's Youth is one of the four original tournaments from 1990 still on the Korn Ferry Tour schedule. This year will mark the 31<sup>st</sup> playing of the event and the 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive year at Crestview Country Club. Last season, Henrik Norlander survived the Korn Ferry Tour's first five-man playoff to win in Wichita.

Many distinguished Korn Ferry Tour alumni have played in Wichita on their way to the PGA TOUR. Former No. 1 ranked player in the world and 1996 Open Championship winner, Tom Lehman, took home the inaugural title in 1990. Lehman is the only golfer to win player of the year honors on the Korn Ferry Tour, PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions. Major championship winners David Duval (1993), David Toms (1995) and Jason Dufner (2001) each earned victories in Wichita en route to the PGA TOUR as well. In 2017, Aaron Wise set the tournament scoring record at Crestview Country Club winning by five strokes. A year later, he went on to win PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year honors and the PGA TOUR's AT&T Byron Nelson. In the event's 30-year history, the tournament has gone to extra holes eight times including three out of the last four years.

### Past Champions

Year	Champion	Scores	To Par	Margin
2019	Henrik Norlander*	63-68-68-66 – 265	-15	Playoff
2018	Brady Schnell*	72-64-64-66 – 266	-14	Playoff
2017	Aaron Wise	62-62-67-68 – 259	-21	5
2016	Ollie Schniederjans*	68-67-61-67 – 263	-17	Playoff
2015	Rob Oppenheim	67-67-69-64 – 267	-13	1
2014	Sebastian Cappelen	66-65-65-66 – 262	-18	1
2013	Scott Parel	69-66-67-64 – 266	-18	3

2012	Casey Wittenberg	63-70-67-66 – 266	-18	2
2011	Mathew Goggin	66-65-66-69 – 266	-18	1
2010	Jhonattan Vegas	65-68-67-64 – 264	-20	1
2009	Chris Tidland	67-68-68-65 – 268	-16	1
2008	Scott Piercy	64-62-65-71 – 262	-22	2
2007	Brad Elder	65-64-71-65 – 265	-19	4
2006	Kevin Johnson	65-68-67-66 – 266	-18	1
2005	Joe Daley*	71-67-65-65 – 268	-16	Playoff
2004	Bradley Hughes*	71-65-69-65 – 270	-14	Playoff
2003	Jeff Klauk	66-69-64-66 – 265	-19	1
2002	Tyler Williamson	68-67-71-66 – 272	-8	1
2001	Jason Dufner	67-67-64-68 – 266	-22	3
2000	Ben Crane	67-63-66-67 – 263	-25	3
1999	Brad Elder	66-65-66-71 – 268	-20	2
1998	Emlyn Aubrey	66-61-71-67 – 265	-23	1
1997	Ben Bates	67-72-64-66 – 269	-19	Playoff
1996	Rick Cramer	68-68-66-67 – 269	-19	1
1995	David Toms	67-67-68-67 – 269	-19	Playoff
1994	Dennis Postlewait	66-66-69-70 – 271	-17	1
1993	David Duval	62-70-69-70 – 271	-17	1
1992	Jeff Woodland*	70-65-69 – 204	-12	Playoff
1991	Eric Hoos	61-66-72 – 199	-17	1
1990	Tom Lehman	66-69-67 – 202	-14	1

\*Playoff Victory

### **Local Players in the Field**

Andy Spencer leads the local contingent of players in the field this week. Spencer was born in Kansas City, Missouri, and was a standout at the University of Kansas before turning professional. As an amateur, he won the 2015 Kansas Class 6A State Championship at Carey Golf Course in Hutchinson, Kansas.

This week will mark Spencer's first start on the Korn Ferry Tour. Last December, he finished T92 at the Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament's Final Stage.

Luke Gannon, a Wichita native, will also be in the field this week. Gannon earned a spot in the field through Monday qualifying and will be making his second start of the season. Earlier this year, Gannon missed the cut at the Lincoln Land Championship presented by LRS after Monday qualifying. As an amateur, Gannon was a standout at Southern Illinois University and was the 2014 Wichita City Junior Champion.

### **Course History**

Crestview Country Club is the only 36-hole club in the state of Kansas and features two dramatic parkland style golf courses. Crestview Country Club's North Course has been home to the Wichita Open since 2001. Winning scores have ranged from 21-under (2017) to 8-under (2002). Last season, Crestview Country Club ranked as the 17<sup>th</sup> most difficult course on the Korn Ferry Tour with a scoring average of 69.228. The par-4 sixth hole ranked as the 50<sup>th</sup> most difficult hole on Tour in 2019 and boasted a scoring average of 4.226. The par-70 layout is one of the shorter courses on Tour at 6,910 yards, but still requires players' attention with water coming into play on 11 holes.

### **By the Numbers: Crestview Country Club**

**Hardest hole (2019):** No. 6 (par 4, 495 yards) – 4.266 average, 105 bogeys, 16 double bogeys or worse

**Easiest hole (2019):** No. 14 (par 5, 501 yards) – 4.428 average, 18 eagles, 259 birdies

**Tournament Record (18 holes):** 61 (-11), Eric Hoos (Rd. 1, 1991), Greg Fleischer (Rd.2, 1991), Emlyn Aubrey (Rd.2, 1998)

**Tournament Record (72 holes):** 259 (-21), Aaron Wise (2017)

**Top Five to Watch**

- **Taylor Pendrith** – The 29-year-old returns to action this week after a T23 finish at the U.S. Open at Winged Foot Golf Club. Pendrith enters the week ranked third in The 25 and in search of his first Korn Ferry Tour title.
- **Curtis Thompson** – Fresh off his first Korn Ferry Tour title in Chicago two weeks ago, Thompson returns to action this week as the most recent winner on the Korn Ferry Tour.
- **Davis Riley** – Riley enters the week ranked second in The 25 and in search of his third Korn Ferry Tour title of the season and a Battlefield Promotion to the PGA TOUR.
- **Lee Hodges** – Despite missing the cut at Winged Foot, Hodges enters the week ranked fourth in The 25. The 25-year-old has five top-10s in 17 starts this season.
- **Kevin Dougherty** – The Oklahoma State University product returns to Wichita where he finished T2 last year in a five-man playoff. The 29-year-old has made eight cuts in 16 starts this season.

**Season Recap**

1. *The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay* – Tommy Gainey birdied his final three holes to pull away from the field and earn the first title of the 2019 season. It was the 44-year-old's first win since the 2012 RSM Classic on the PGA TOUR.
2. *The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at Baha Mar* – Jared Wolfe ran away from the field with birdies on three of his final four holes at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at Baha Mar. Wolfe battled windy conditions in the final round to clinch the first Korn Ferry Tour title of his career.
3. *Panamá Championship* – After an eagle on the back nine during his final round, Davis Riley held on to win the Panama Championship by one stroke over Roberto Díaz. The victory was Riley's first on the Korn Ferry Tour and came in just his 21<sup>st</sup> Tour start.
4. *Country Club de Bogota Championship* – Mito Pereira carded a final-round 64 to claim his first Korn Ferry Tour victory at the Country Club de Bogota Championship. Entering the 72<sup>nd</sup> hole tied at the top, Pereira sunk a long eagle putt to clinch the two-stroke victory.
5. *LECOM Suncoast Classic* – Andrew Novak birdied each of his last two holes, including a 10-foot putt at the last, to win the LECOM Suncoast Classic last week by one shot over John Chin. He finished at 23-under 265 at Lakewood National Golf Club in his first career Korn Ferry Tour victory.
6. *El Bosque Mexico Championship by INNOVA* – David Kocher survived a three-man playoff to claim his first Korn Ferry Tour victory. The 23-year-old defeated Paul Barjon and Chad Ramey on the first playoff hole to capture the title at El Bosque Country Club.
7. *Korn Ferry Challenge at TPC Sawgrass* – Three months after beginning competition at THE PLAYERS Championship before the cancellation, Luke List returned to TPC Sawgrass and eventually edged a tight leaderboard at 12-under to win the Korn Ferry Challenge at TPC Sawgrass.
8. *The King & Bear Classic at World Golf Village* – Chris Kirk erased a final-round four-stroke deficit to win The King & Bear Classic at World Golf Village. After taking six months off from golf as he worked through alcohol abuse and depression, Kirk returned to the winner's circle for the first time since 2015.
9. *Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank* – Kyle Jones held off local favorite Daniel Summerhays and Paul Haley II to win the Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank. Jones clinched the win with a birdie on the second playoff hole at Oakridge Country Club.
10. *TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes* – Will Zalatoris broke through with his first professional win with a one-stroke victory at the TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes. A final-round 3-under 69 was enough to hold off Chase Johnson by one stroke and springboard Zalatoris to the top spot on the Korn Ferry Tour points list for the first time in his career.
11. *TPC San Antonio Challenge at the Canyons* – A day after matching Fred Couples' competitive course record (62) on moving day, David Lipsky capped off an incredible week with a final-round 66 to finish four strokes clear of the field at 25-under 263 at the TPC San Antonio Challenge at the Canyons.
12. *TPC San Antonio Championship at the Oaks* – Davis Riley became the first player this season to win twice on Tour with a two-stroke win at the TPC San Antonio Championship at the Oaks. Riley posted a final-round 5-under 67 on Saturday and finished at 16-under for the week to top Paul Barjon and Taylor Pendrith.
13. *Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper* – Max McGreevy carded a bogey-free, 8-under 64 on Sunday to win the Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper by one stroke at 21-under 267. McGreevy held off José de Jesús Rodríguez, who finished the week in solo-second at 20-under 268.

14. *Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna* – Seth Reeves carded a final-round 7-under 64 to rise from T27 to begin the day to his first Korn Ferry Tour victory at 11-under 273, edging five players by a stroke at the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna.
15. *WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz* – Entering the final round tied for the lead, Lee Hodges carded an even-par 71 to hang on for a two-stroke victory at the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz. The win was Hodges' first as a professional and earned him a U.S. Open exemption by virtue of moving inside the top five of the points standings.
16. *Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco* – Stephan Jaeger carded a final-round 68 to take home his fifth Korn Ferry Tour title at the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco. With the victory, Jaeger became one of 13 players to win five or more times on the Korn Ferry Tour.
17. *Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship* – Australian Curtis Luck, who won the 2016 U.S. Amateur, got up-and-down on the 72<sup>nd</sup> hole at Ohio State's famed Scarlet Course to claim his first Tour title at the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship. The victory enabled Luck to earn one of the Tour's exemptions into the 2020 U.S. Open at Winged Foot Golf Club.
18. *Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance* – Rookie Brandon Wu carded a final-round 65 – the low round of the day – to earn a one-stroke victory at the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance. The win was his first as a professional and earned him an exemption into the 2020 U.S. Open at Winged Foot nearby his hometown in Scarsdale, New York.
19. *Lincoln Land Championship presented by LRS* – Australian Brett Drewitt captured his first title in his 116<sup>th</sup> career start at the Lincoln Land Championship presented by LRS. Drewitt two-putted each of the last two holes for par, the two toughest holes on the course) to edge three players by one stroke.
20. *Evans Scholars Invitational* – Curtis Thompson birdied his final hole to edge Will Zalatoris and Jimmy Stanger by one stroke and earn his first Korn Ferry Tour title at the Evans Scholars Invitational. With the win, the 27-year-old jumped to 12<sup>th</sup> in The 25.

#### Revised 2020 Korn Ferry Tour Season schedule:

- June 8-14: Korn Ferry Challenge at TPC Sawgrass, TPC Sawgrass (Dye's Valley), Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida
- June 15-20: The King & Bear Classic at World Golf Village, The King & Bear GC at World Golf Village, St. Augustine, Florida (Saturday finish)
- June 22-28: Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank, Oakridge CC, Farmington, Utah
- June 29-July 5: TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes, TPC Colorado, Berthoud, Colorado
- July 6-12: TPC San Antonio Challenge at the Canyons, TPC San Antonio (Canyons Course), San Antonio, Texas
- July 13-18: TPC San Antonio Championship at the Oaks, TPC San Antonio (Oaks Course), San Antonio, Texas (Saturday finish)
- July 20-26: Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper, Highland Springs CC, Springfield, Missouri
- July 27-August 2: Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna, The Club at Indian Creek, Omaha, Nebraska
- August 3-9: WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz, Pumpkin Ridge GC (Witch Hollow), North Plains, Oregon
- August 10-16: Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco, Hillcrest CC, Boise, Idaho
- August 17-23: Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship, Ohio State University GC (Scarlet Course), Columbus, Ohio
- August 24-30: Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance, Victoria National GC, Newburgh, Indiana
- August 31-September 6: Lincoln Land Championship presented by LRS, Panther Creek CC, Springfield, Illinois
- September 7-13: Evans Scholars Invitational, Chicago Highlands Club, Westchester, Illinois
- September 21-27: Wichita Open Supporting Wichita's Youth, Crestview CC, Wichita, Kansas
- September 28-October 4: Savannah Golf Championship, The Landings Club (Deer Creek), Savannah, Georgia
- October 5-11: Orange County National Championship presented by Knight 39, Orange County Golf Center & Lodge (Panther Lake), Winter Garden, Florida

#### About Korn Ferry Tour

Founded (1990), owned and operated by the PGA TOUR, the Korn Ferry Tour identifies and develops those players who are ready to compete and win on golf's biggest stage. In 2013, the Korn Ferry Tour became The Path to the PGA TOUR with all 50 available PGA TOUR cards coming through the Tour and the season culminating at the Korn Ferry Tour Finals. This season marks the 30th year of competition on the Korn Ferry Tour. Three out of four PGA TOUR members are Korn Ferry Tour alumni. Tour alumni have won more than 500 PGA TOUR titles, including 24 major championships and eight PLAYERS Championships. To learn more about the PGA TOUR, the Korn Ferry Tour and to follow the season-long quest for a PGA TOUR card, visit [PGATOUR.COM](http://PGATOUR.COM), or follow the Tour on social media via Instagram (@KornFerryTour), Twitter (@KornFerryTour) and Facebook ([facebook.com/KornFerryTour](https://facebook.com/KornFerryTour)).