

Pre-Tournament Notes – AdventHealth Championship

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Dates: May 20-23, 2021

Where: Kansas City, Missouri

Course: Blue Hills Country Club (72 / 7,347)

Course Designer: Robert Dunning (1963)

Field: 156 players

Defending Champion: Michael Gellerman (2019)

Purse: \$675,000 (\$121,500/winner)

Format: 72-hole stroke play

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Things to Know

- This will be the 11th edition of the AdventHealth Championship
- The historic Blue Hills Country Club, a Robert Dunning design that opened in 1912 and moved to its current location in 1963, is hosting the AdventHealth Championship for the second time (2019)
 - Blue Hills is known for hosting Tom Watson’s charity event for 25 years, with legends such as Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Gary Player and Lee Trevino teeing it up over the years
- Defending champion **Michael Gellerman**, who grew up in Sterling, Kansas, returns looking to become the first player in the Korn Ferry Tour’s 32-year history to defend his title
- Other notable past champions of the AdventHealth Championship include current PGA TOUR members Shawn Stefani (2012), **Jamie Lovemark** (2013), Zack Sucher (2014) and Sepp Straka (2018); others include four-time Korn Ferry Tour champion Michael Sim (2009) and six-time Korn Ferry Tour champion Martin Piller (2015)
- The 2020 AdventHealth Championship was postponed to 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Field Notes (as of 5/18/21)

- Field headlined by six of the top-10, and 17 of the top-25 in the Korn Ferry Tour points standings, led by No. 2 **Greyson Sigg**
- Past champions of the AdventHealth Championship in the field include **Michael Gellerman** (2019) and **Jamie Lovemark** (2013)
- Field includes 53 past Korn Ferry Tour winners with 71 total wins, led by **Steven Alker** with four
- Field includes 11 PGA TOUR winners with 16 total victories, led by **Aaron Baddeley** with four
- 17 winners in the field from the current season: **Tyson Alexander, Paul Barjon, Hayden Buckley, Roberto Díaz, Brett Drewitt, Evan Harmeling, Lee Hodges, Kyle Jones, David Kocher, Max McGreevy, Andrew Novak, Seth Reeves, Davis Riley (x2), Greyson Sigg, Austin Smotherman, Curtis Thompson, Jared Wolfe (x2)**

2019 Recap (2020 tournament was cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Michael Gellerman	71	67	70	69	277 (-11)
T2	Harry Higgs	73	67	70	68	278 (-10)
T2	Nelson Ledesma	72	68	65	73	278 (-10)
T4	Paul Haley II	72	73	67	67	279 (-9)
T4	Henrik Norlander	69	72	71	67	279 (-9)

- Entering the final round three strokes back, **Michael Gellerman** outlasted Harry Higgs and Nelson Ledesma to earn his first Korn Ferry Tour victory
 - Gellerman went on to earn his first PGA TOUR card later that summer, finishing 21st in The 25
- Higgs, who grew up in Kansas City, electrified the crowd by hitting the flagstick with his approach shot on two of his final three holes but was unable to birdie the 72nd hole to force a playoff
- Four of the top-five finishers (Gellerman, Higgs, Ledesma and Norlander) went on to earn their PGA TOUR cards at the end of the summer

Past Champions

Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Margin
2019	Michael Gellerman	71	67	70	69	277 (-11)	1
2018	Sepp Straka	64	65	64	69	262 (-22)	1
2017	Marty Dou	65	67	61	66	259 (-25)	3
2016	Wesley Bryan	65	67	65	67	264 (-20)	Playoff
2015	Martin Piller	65	62	66	65	258 (-26)	4
2014	Zack Sucher	66	63	64	72	265 (-19)	3
2013	Jamie Lovemark	67	68	65	66	266 (-18)	1
2012	Shawn Stefani	68	68	67	64	267 (-17)	2
2011	James Nitties	65	63	65	65	258 (-26)	5
2009	Michael Sim	65	67	65	67	264 (-20)	2

Miscellaneous Notes

- Players with regional connections include defending champion **Michael Gellerman** (from Sterling, Kansas), former University of Kansas star **Chris Thompson**, and Kansas City natives **Alex Springer** and **Andy Spencer**
- No. 5 **Davis Riley**, and No. 12 **Jared Wolfe** are each seeking a third win for immediate promotion to the PGA TOUR
- Six players have reached the 1,700-point threshold the Korn Ferry Tour is currently using as its fail-safe number for players to finish inside of the top 25 of the 2020-21 points standings and secure PGA TOUR cards following the regular season: No. 1 Stephan Jaeger, No. 2 **Greyson Sigg**, No. 3 Will Zalatoris, No. 4 **Taylor Pendrith**, No. 5 **Davis Riley** and No. 6 David Lipsky
 - Zalatoris already has Special Temporary Membership on the PGA TOUR after a string of top-10s on TOUR last fall
- Eight qualifiers gained entry into the field at the Monday qualifier site (Creekmoor Golf Course), led by co-medalists **Kyler Dunkle**, **Patrick Flavin** and **Derek Ackerman**
- The AdventHealth Championship is the 10th Korn Ferry Tour tournament of 2021 and 33rd of the season

Last week on Tour – Visit Knoxville Open (May 13-16)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Greyson Sigg	61	68	65	66	260 (-20)
2	Stephan Jaeger	64	62	65	70	261 (-19)
3	Seth Reeves	68	64	70	61	263 (-17)
T4	Harrison Endycott	65	65	66	68	264 (-16)
T4	Max Greyserman	64	68	68	64	264 (-16)

- **Greyson Sigg** edged Stephan Jaeger in a thrilling finish last week at the Visit Knoxville Open at Holston Hills Country Club in Knoxville, Tennessee
- The win was the first for Sigg, a University of Georgia alumnus, in a season in which he has tallied 16 top-25s in 26 starts; his win vaulted him from 11th to second in the Korn Ferry Tour points standings
- Jaeger fell short of earning his third victory this season, which would have earned him an automatic promotion to the PGA TOUR

- **Seth Reeves** matched the course record Sunday to rise to solo third, his highest finish of 2021

Korn Ferry Tour 2020-21 Season

With the Korn Ferry Tour forming a combined 2020-21 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 AdventHealth Championship will be the 33rd tournament (of 43) of the 2020-21 regular season.

Twenty-five PGA TOUR cards will be awarded to the top-25 players in the Korn Ferry Tour standings following the conclusion of the regular season at the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna (Aug. 12-15). Additionally, 25 PGA TOUR cards will be awarded through the three-event Korn Ferry Tour Finals at the conclusion of the 2021 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance (Sept. 2-5).

With 11 events remaining in the regular season, the Korn Ferry Tour is currently using the 1,700-point threshold as its fail-safe number for players to finish inside the top 25. Greyson Sigg became the sixth player this season to cross that mark last week after his win.

Current Korn Ferry Tour Standings

Position	Player	Points	Wins	Top-10s	Points Behind	Starts
1	Stephan Jaeger	2,294	2	9	--	27
2	Greyson Sigg	1,934	1	8	360	26
3	Will Zalatoris	1,876	1	10	418	16
4	Taylor Pendrith	1,798	--	6	496	28
5	Davis Riley	1,781	2	6	513	27
6	David Lipsky	1,710	1	6	584	26
7	Paul Barjon	1,688	1	6	606	26
8	Lee Hodges	1,666	1	7	628	27
9	Brandon Wu	1,635	1	7	659	16
10	Chad Ramey	1,580	--	8	714	31