

### Final-Round Notes – Sunday, March 21, 2021

**Course Setup:** Par 71 / 7,067 yards

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#### Final-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Roberto Diaz	69-65-64-68—266 (-18)
2	Peter Uihlein	67-67-66-67—267 (-17)
3	Tom Whitney	69-71-65-63—268 (-16)
4	Stephan Jaeger	68-68-68-65—269 (-15)
5	Harrison Endycott	67-70-68-65—270 (-14)

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### Roberto Diaz breaks through with first win at Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by MISTRAS

**BROUSSARD, La.** – Beginning the day with a two-stroke lead, 34-year-old Roberto Diaz hung on for his first Korn Ferry Tour victory at 18-under 266 at the Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by MISTRAS. Diaz edged Peter Uihlein by one stroke and Tom Whitney by two strokes at Le Triomphe Golf & Country Club.

“Oh, man, where do I start; it’s been a long road for me,” said an emotional Diaz. “All I could think about on the course is just sustain the moment, it sounds so cliché...you have to stay in the moment...This win means a lot for me, for my family, for my team, for different reasons, not only for the sentimental part of it. But like I told you, the monkey on my back is off. I feel a lot of relief, I feel a lot of weight off me. There’s only one thing that I wanted, it was to win. When my kid came along, I kind of put that off my mind, and now I have two things off my mind now.”

Diaz had increased his advantage to four strokes after an eagle at the par-5 seventh hole, but after a bogey at the 13th, Uihlein had narrowed the gap to one. Uihlein followed that up with a chip-in birdie at the 14th to tie the lead. Both players made pars on Nos. 15 and 16 before Uihlein three-putted at the 17th to drop back to 17-under. Uihlein found the water with his tee shot on 18, and while he was able to save par, the opening was enough for Diaz to comfortably two-putt for the win.

As Diaz walked off the final green, he received FaceTime calls from his wife and fellow pro Abraham Ancer.

“Abe just told me congrats, good playing,” said Diaz. “He knows how hard it’s been for me. It was great. He knows how hard I work, how tough it’s been for me. He’s there with me every day at practice, at the gym, at home, playing, struggling, he’s a great friend. It means a lot to me that he was there with me. Dale, his caddie, he FaceTimed with me last night for an hour. It’s nice for me to do this for them. It’s good.”

Prior to his win, Diaz had been a professional for 13 years and accumulated 193 starts across the PGA TOUR, Korn Ferry Tour and PGA TOUR Latinoamérica. He had earned four runner-up finishes in that time (three on Korn Ferry Tour, one on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica), but had never found the winner's circle.

"Oh, yeah, last event [in contention] I think I lost by six or seven, finished 14th, and I called my putting coach Ramon, he's been there the whole way, and I said, you know what, I'm never going to win," reflected Diaz. "I'm just never going to win. I don't care if I do, if I do it's going to be great, but I'm never going to win. [told him] I'm not a winner, I'm just out here to make money, it's my business and I'm going to take it as a business, I'm not going to take it as a competitor. And [now] here I am...Hopefully the second comes soon...I wouldn't like to play against me now."

Diaz moves from 22nd to ninth in the Korn Ferry Tour points standings and puts himself in prime position to earn a PGA TOUR card at the end of the season. Diaz graduated from the Korn Ferry Tour in 2017 and competed on the PGA TOUR for two seasons before returning to the Korn Ferry Tour in 2020.

In the end, Diaz fired a final-round 68 and parred his final five holes to hold off Uihlein, a 31-year-old Oklahoma State alum.

"Roberto played great, he played solid, there was no chink in the armor today," said Uihlein after his round. "He was very impressive. I had to make something happen on 12, and was able to execute, and the chip on 14 to get tied. But hats off to Roberto, he played very solid today."

The Korn Ferry Tour returns next week in Savannah, Georgia, at the Club Car Championship at The Landings Club.

### Sunday Notes

- Sunday's weather: Partly cloudy with a high of 70 degrees and wind E at 4-8 mph
- Diaz becomes the first Mexican winner on the Korn Ferry Tour since 2018 (Jose de Jesus Rodriguez/United Leasing & Finance Championship); other recent Mexican winners on Tour include Abraham Ancer (2015 Nova Scotia Open) and Carlos Ortiz, who won three times in 2014 to earn his PGA TOUR card; Ortiz became the first Mexican player to win on the PGA TOUR since 1978 when he won the 2020 Vivint Houston Open in November
- Diaz helped his alma mater, the University of South Carolina Aiken, to a Division II national championship as a freshman in 2006; Diaz ranks second on the all-time career scoring average list for USC Aiken at 72.97
- Peter Uihlein made two eagles during his round on Sunday (Nos. 1 & 12), one of just three players this week to tally two eagles in the same round (Carl Yuan/R3, Erik Barnes/R3)
- Jack Maguire (-9, T19) made an albatross at the par-5 first hole on Sunday, the 76th albatross in Korn Ferry Tour history; Maguire also had the most recent albatross on Tour at the 2020 TPC San Antonio Championship at the Oaks (R2/No. 14); the double eagle was the second in tournament history (1992/R.W. Eaks/R2/No. 5)
- Tom Whitney (-16, third) and Harrison Endycott (-14, fifth) each got into the field as alternates during tournament week before posting top-10s, the third of Whitney's career and the second of Endycott's; the finishes are a career-high for both players
- Sahith Theegala (-9, T19) birdied his final hole to cap a final-round 66 to leap inside the top-25 in his first career start; with the top-25 finish, Theegala earns entry into next week's Club Car Championship at The Landings Club; Theegala won the Haskins Award, the Ben Hogan Award

and the Jack Nicklaus Award in 2020 to become just the fifth player to win all three in the same season (Patrick Rodgers, Ryan Moore, Bill Haas, Hunter Mahan)

- The Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by MISTRAS was the second event of 2021 and the 25th of the 2020-21 combined season
- This week's purse was \$600,000 with \$108,000 going to Diaz. He also receives 500 Korn Ferry Tour points and leaps to ninth in the Korn Ferry Tour standings
- The combined 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour schedule will conclude with 25 PGA TOUR cards awarded in August at the 2021 Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna, with an additional 25 cards awarded at the conclusion of the 2021 Korn Ferry Tour Finals

#### **Final-Round Course Statistics**

- Toughest Hole – Par-4 18th (4.189)
- Easiest Hole – Par-5 first (4.378)
- Scoring Average (Front 9) – 34.041
- Scoring Average (Back 9) – 34.459
- Scoring Average (Total) – 68.500
- Scoring Average (Cumulative) – 70.437