



Pre-Tournament Notes – Emerald Coast Classic at Sandestin

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Dates: April 1-4, 2021

Where: Miramar Beach, Florida

Course: Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort - Raven GC: 70 / 6,891

Course Designer: Robert Trent Jones Jr. (2000)

Field: 156 players

Defending champion: n/a (new event)

Purse: \$600,000 (\$108,000/winner)

Format: 72-hole stroke play

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Things to Know

- Field headlined by eight of the top-10 in the Korn Ferry Tour points standings
- After winning the Club Car Championship at The Landings Club last week, **Adam Svensson** is seeking to become the first player to win consecutive tournaments on the Korn Ferry Tour since Michael Putnam in 2013 (El Bosque Mexico Championship by INNOVA/Mid-Atlantic Championship)
- Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort's Raven Golf Club hosted The Boeing Championship at Sandestin, a PGA TOUR Champions event, in 2006 and 2007

Field Notes (as of 3/29/21)

- 23 of the top-25 in the Korn Ferry Tour standings, led by No. 2 **Taylor Pendrith**
- No. 5 **Brandon Wu** is returning to the Korn Ferry Tour this week after three PGA TOUR starts, highlighted by a T7 at the Puerto Rico Open
- 63 past Korn Ferry Tour winners with 91 total victories, led by **Martin Piller** with six and **Stephan Jaeger** with five
- 12 PGA TOUR winners with 19 total wins, led by **Robert Allenby** with four and **Rod Pampling** with three
- 21 winners in the field from the current season: **Hayden Buckley, Brett Drewitt, Roberto Díaz, Tommy Gainey, Evan Harmeling, Lee Hodges, Stephan Jaeger, Kyle Jones, David Kocher, David Lipsky, Curtis Luck, Max McGreevy, Trey Mullinax, Andrew Novak, Mito Pereira, Seth Reeves, Davis Riley, Adam Svensson, Curtis Thompson, Jared Wolfe, Brandon Wu**

Miscellaneous Notes

- 13 players in the field competed collegiately in the state of Florida: three at University of Florida (**Tyson Alexander, Brett Stegmaier, T.J. Vogel**), two at Florida Atlantic University (**Steve LeBrun, Ben Silverman**), and one at each of Barry University (**Adam Svensson**), Florida Gulf Coast University (**Derek Lamely**), Florida Southern College (**John VanDerLaan**), Florida State University (**Jack Maguire**), Lynn University (**Marcelo Rozo**), Rollins College (**Austen Truslow**), University of North Florida (Sean Dale), and University of West Florida (**Chandler Blanchet**), which is in nearby Pensacola
- The Emerald Coast Classic at Sandestin is the fourth Korn Ferry Tour tournament of 2021 and 27th of the season
- No. 3 **Davis Riley** and No. 7 **Jared Wolfe** are both seeking a third win for immediate promotion to PGA TOUR

- Eight qualifiers gained entry into the field at two sites Monday, led by co-medalists at each course, **Dylan Meyer** and **Motin Yeung** (65/Emerald Bay GC) and **Josh Hart** and **Steve Lewton** (66/Burnt Pine GC)

Last week on Tour – Club Car Championship at The Landings Club (March 25-28)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Adam Svensson*	68	68	69	66	271 (-17)
2	Max McGreevy	65	67	69	70	271 (-17)
T3	George Cunningham	68	69	69	66	272 (-16)
	Shad Tuten	67	70	66	69	272 (-16)
	Brett Coletta	67	67	69	69	272 (-16)

*Won via birdie on second playoff hole

- The Landings Club’s Deer Creek Course hosted the Korn Ferry Tour last week for the fourth Club Car Championship at The Landings Club in Savannah, Georgia
- **Adam Svensson** defeated **Max McGreevy** with a birdie on the second playoff hole for his second career Korn Ferry Tour win, and his first since The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club in 2018
- Svensson carded a 6-under 66 Sunday and played the final 10 holes of regulation at 5-under par, with birdies at Nos. 17 and 18 to post 17-under par from the fourth-to-last group
- With the win, Svensson moved from 40th to 12th in the Korn Ferry Tour points standings
- McGreevy lost a share of the lead with a four-putt double bogey at the par-4 14th, but rallied and forced a playoff with birdies at Nos. 17 and 18
- McGreevy held the 18-, 36-, and 54-hole leads; he would have become the first wire-to-wire winner since Kramer Hickok at the 2018 DAP Championship presented by NewBrick
- **Shad Tuten** held a two-shot lead following a birdie at the par-4 13th, but the six-year Savannah resident eventually fell to T3 for the second top-five finish of his rookie season
- **Brett Coletta** finished T3 and has top-15 finishes in each of his last four starts
- **George Cunningham** carded a final-round 66 to finish T3; he has top-10 finishes in three of his last five starts
- **Dawie van der Walt** and **Andrew Novak** made holes-in-one, marking the fourth tournament this season where multiple holes-in-one were made

PGA TOUR Champions History at Sandestin Resort – Raven GC

- Winners of The Boeing Championship at Sandestin were Bobby Wadkins (2006) and Loren Roberts (2007)
- Roberts’ winning 54-hole score was 16-under 197, while Wadkins’ winning score was 10-under 203
- Wadkins survived a furious rally by Raymond Floyd, who shot an 8-under 63 to finish a shot behind; Wadkins birdied the par-5 17th to pull ahead of Floyd and sealed the second of four career PGA TOUR Champions titles
- Raven GC’s toughest holes in 2006 and 2007 were No. 9, a 460-yard par 4, and No. 18, a 431-yard par 4 – both holes will be played at the same yardages this week
 - No. 18 was the toughest hole on PGA TOUR Champions in 2006 with an average score of 4.577, while No. 9 ranked as the seventh-toughest hole in 2006 (4.410 average score)

Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	Total	Margin
2007	Loren Roberts	65	67	65	197 (-16)	3
2006	Bobby Wadkins	62	71	70	203 (-10)	1

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 Emerald Coast Classic at Sandestin will be the 27th 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 in August (following the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna). Additionally, 25 PGA TOUR cards will be awarded at the conclusion of the three-event Korn Ferry Tour Finals in August/September.

Current Korn Ferry Tour Standings

Position	Player	Points	Wins	Top-10s	Points Behind	Starts
1	Will Zalatoris	1,876	1	10	--	16
2	Taylor Pendrith	1,659	--	6	217	23
3	Davis Riley	1,593	2	5	283	22
4	Lee Hodges	1,492	1	6	384	22
5	Brandon Wu	1,471	1	5	405	10
6	Greyson Sigg	1,423	--	7	453	22
7	Jared Wolfe	1,411	2	5	465	23
8	Stephan Jaeger	1,372	1	6	504	21
9	Chad Ramey	1,353	--	7	523	25
10	Roberto Díaz	1,334	1	5	542	23