



## Pre-Tournament Notes – Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance

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**Dates:** September 2-5, 2021

**Where:** Newburgh, Indiana

**Course:** Victoria National Golf Club (72 / 7,265)

**Course Designer:** Tom Fazio (1998)

**Field:** 132 players

**Defending Champion:** Brandon Wu

**Purse:** \$1,000,000 (\$180,000/winner)

**Format:** 72-hole stroke play

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### Things to Know

- The Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance is the third and final event of the Korn Ferry Tour Finals, with the second set of 25 PGA TOUR cards being awarded to The Finals 25 at the conclusion of this week's tournament
  - Following the final round of the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna (Sunday, August 15) – the 43rd and final event of the 2020-21 regular season – the first set of 25 PGA TOUR cards were awarded to the top 25 players in the regular season points standings
- Stephan Jaeger, who is not in this week's field, leads The 25 points standings by 362.655 points; he can only be overtaken if **Greyson Sigg** finishes solo third, four-way T2 or better, or wins, or if either **Chad Ramey** or **Adam Svensson** win the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance
  - The players who finish No. 1 in The 25 points standings and the Korn Ferry Tour Finals points standings will earn fully exempt status for the 2021-22 PGA TOUR season, as well as an exemption into the 2022 THE PLAYERS Championship
- Nine players have already crossed the 210-point threshold the Korn Ferry Tour is currently using as its fail-safe number for players to finish inside The Finals 25, leaving 16 available PGA TOUR cards this week
- Defending tournament champion **Brandon Wu** has a chance to make history this week, as no player in the Korn Ferry Tour's 32-year history has successfully defended a title
  - Past champions **Matt Every** (2009) and **Tom Lewis** (2019) are also in the field
- Victoria National Golf Club hosted the last two playings of the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance – which has been an annual event on the Tour schedule since 1993 (except for 2016, when the tournament was cancelled due to Hurricane Matthew)
- Prior to hosting the Korn Ferry Tour Championship, Victoria National Golf Club hosted the United Leasing & Finance Championship from 2012-18
  - Played anywhere from late April to early July, Victoria National became known as one of the toughest courses on the Korn Ferry Tour, with three of the seven champions finishing at 5-under par, a fourth finishing at 8-under par, and the remaining three finishing at 11-under par
  - Victoria National ranked among the top-three toughest courses on Tour six consecutive seasons from 2013-18, and it was the No. 1-ranked toughest course in 2015, 2016, and 2018

- GOLF Channel will have live telecast coverage of the first two rounds, and tape delay telecasts of the weekend rounds (all times are Eastern)
  - Thursday, September 2 – 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
  - Friday, September 3 – 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
  - Saturday, September 4 – 8-10 p.m. (Tape Delay)
  - Sunday, September 5 – 7-9 p.m. (Tape Delay)

**Finals 101**

The Korn Ferry Tour returns to Newburgh, Indiana for the final event of the three-event Korn Ferry Tour Finals. The Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance follows the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron and Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship. The Finals events include:

- The top-75 point leaders from the Korn Ferry Tour’s regular season points standings
- Players who finished 126-200 in the PGA TOUR’s FedExCup standings
- Non-members who have earned enough FedExCup points based on their performance on the PGA TOUR to place them 126-200 on that points list
- Players competing on PGA TOUR medical extensions

While 25 Korn Ferry Tour players already earned their PGA TOUR cards through the regular season, a separate points list for the Korn Ferry Tour Finals determines the remaining 25 PGA TOUR cards (The Finals 25). The player who earns the most points during the three Finals events (excluding The 25 from the regular season) will earn fully exempt status on the PGA TOUR for the 2021-22 season, as well as an invitation to THE PLAYERS Championship.

The ordering of all 50 players after the Korn Ferry Tour Finals will be done on an alternating basis, with the top position going to the leading points winner from The 25, and the second position going to the leading points winner from The Finals 25. The sequence then alternates between The 25 (Nos. 3, 5, 7, 9, etc.) and The Finals 25 (Nos. 4, 6, 8, 10, etc.) through the 25th player on both lists.

**Field Notes (as of 8/31/21)**

- Field headlined by 19 members of The 25, including five of the top 10 in the points standings
- Field includes 72 past Korn Ferry Tour winners with 98 total wins, led by **Tommy Gainey** and **Adam Svensson** with three apiece
- Field includes 21 PGA TOUR winners with 35 total wins, led by **Aaron Baddeley**, **Sean O’Hair**, and **Camilo Villegas** with four apiece

**Korn Ferry Tour Finals Points Standings (excluding The 25)**

Rank	Player	Points
1	Bronson Burgoon	528
2	Aaron Rai	508
3	J.J. Spaun	490
4	Vincent Whaley	335
5	Callum Tarren	261
6	Lucas Herbert	240
7	Matthias Schwab	238
8	Scott Gutschewski	227
9	Alex Smalley	217
10	Sahith Theegala	200
11	John Huh	171
T12	Kelly Kraft	170
T12	Hayden Buckley	170

14	Taylor Montgomery	153
15	Christiaan Bezuidenhout	145
16	Peter Uihlein	142
17	Joseph Bramlett	139
18	Joshua Creel	139
19	Roberto Diaz	135
T20	Michael Gligic	127
T20	Dawie Van Der Walt	127
22	Kiradech Aphibarnrat	117
23	Tom Whitney	112
24	Curtis Luck	108
T25	Ben Taylor	100
T25	Trey Mullinax	100
T25	Tom Lewis	100
<b>Top 25 Earn PGA TOUR Card</b>		
28	Ryan McCormick	98
29	Satoshi Kodaira	98
30	Stuart Macdonald	92

*\*Adam Svensson leads the Korn Ferry Tour Finals points standings with 1,080 points*

#### 2020 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance Recap (August 27-30)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Brandon Wu	67	69	69	65	270 (-18)
2	Greyson Sigg	65	69	66	71	271 (-17)
T3	Vince India	70	64	70	68	272 (-16)
	Seth Reeves	65	69	68	70	272 (-16)
	Dan McCarthy	69	67	65	71	272 (-16)

- **Brandon Wu** entered the final round in T8 position and five shots behind the outright 54-hole leader, Greyson Sigg, but rallied to victory with a final-round 7-under 65 (seven birdies, zero bogeys)
- Wu's victory came in his sixth start of the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour season
- Sigg surrendered the outright lead and fell back to 17-under par for the tournament following a double bogey at the par-4 14th
- Sigg had a birdie putt inside of 10 feet on the 72nd hole, but it missed and he finished a stroke behind Wu
- Wu, Sigg, and **Seth Reeves** (T3) all went on to earn PGA TOUR cards by finishing in the top 25 of the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour regular season points standings
- **Vince India's** T3 remains the highest finish of his Korn Ferry Tour career
- **Dan McCarthy's** T3 was his second top-three finish in a span of three starts, with the other being a T2 at the 2020 Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron two weeks prior

#### Past Champions

Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Margin
2020	Brandon Wu	67	69	69	65	270 (-18)	1
2019	Tom Lewis	68	66	66	65	265 (-23)	5
2018	Denny McCarthy	64	65	67	65	261 (-23)	4
2017	Jonathan Byrd	64	65	64	67	260 (-24)	4
2016	CANCELLED						
2015	Emiliano Grillo	66	64	67	69	266 (-14)	1
2014	Derek Fathauer	65	66	67	68	266 (-14)	1

2013	Chesson Hadley	65	66	70	69	270 (-10)	2
2012	Justin Bolli	65	71	67	65	268 (-16)	2
2011	Ken Duke	72	68	70	68	278 (-10)	2
2010	Brendan Steele	66	71	65	73	275 (-13)	Playoff
2009	Matt Every	70	63	67	67	267 (-21)	3
2008	Matt Bettencourt	68	67	63	69	267 (-17)	1
2007	Richard Johnson	66	64	67	67	264 (-20)	1
2006	Craig Kanada	73	64	72	66	275 (-13)	1
2005	David Branshaw	71	65	69	71	276 (-12)	2
2004	Nick Watney	69	64	71	69	273 (-15)	3
2003	Chris Couch	66	67	65	72	270 (-18)	3
2002	Patrick Moore	71	69	66		206 (-10)	2
2001	Pat Bates	71	72	72	69	284 (-4)	3
2000	Spike McRoy	74	64	65	69	272 (-16)	5
1999	Bob Heintz	68	68	75	72	283 (-5)	Playoff
1998	Bob Burns	73	69	67	74	283 (-5)	3
1997	Steve Flesch	69	68	68	73	278 (-10)	4
1996	Stewart Cink	66	71	71	73	281 (-7)	4
1995	Allen Doyle	72	68	72	71	283 (-5)	Playoff
1994	Mike Schuchart	69	67	68	73	277 (-7)	1
1993	David Duval	69	68	72	68	277 (-7)	1

#### Course Information – Victoria National Golf Club

- Years Hosted Korn Ferry Tour Championship: 2019-present
- Course Record: 63, Chris Baker (2019) and Sebastián Vázquez (2016 United Leasing & Finance Championship)
- Scoring Average (2020): 70.925 / -1.075
- Toughest Hole (2020): No. 14, Par 4, 471 yards – 4.265 / +0.265
- Easiest Hole (2020): No. 9, Par 5, 558 yards – 4.519 / -0.481

#### Tournament Scoring Records

- Low 18-Hole Score: 59, Sam Saunders (2017, Round 1, Atlantic Beach Country Club)
- Low 36-Hole Score: 125, Sam Saunders (2017, Atlantic Beach Country Club)
- Low 54-Hole Score: 193, Jonathan Byrd (2017, Atlantic Beach Country Club)
- Low 72-Hole Score: 260, Jonathan Byrd (2017, Atlantic Beach Country Club)
- Largest Margin of Victory: 5, Spike McRoy (2000) and Tom Lewis (2019)
- Playoffs: 3 (last in 2010)

#### Last week on Tour – Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship (August 26-29)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Adam Svensson	67	68	65	67	267 (-17)
T2	Bronson Burgoon	67	69	67	66	269 (-15)
	Stephan Jaeger	63	69	66	71	269 (-15)
T4	Six Tied					270 (-14)

- The Ohio State University Golf Club’s Scarlet Course hosted the Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship in Columbus, Ohio last week
- **Adam Svensson** turned a two-stroke 54-hole deficit into a two-stroke victory, earning his second win of the season and third victory of his Korn Ferry Tour career
- Svensson became the seventh player with multiple Korn Ferry Tour wins this season; the only other seasons in Tour history with seven multi-time winners were 1995 and 1999

- In the final round, Svensson shot a 5-under 31 on the front nine, then played the back nine at 1-over par; he became just the second player this season to win a tournament without making a birdie on the back nine of the final round (**Roberto Díaz** was the other, with his last under-par hole at the 2021 Chitimacha Louisiana Open being an eagle on No. 7)
- Five players secured their PGA TOUR cards by crossing the 210-point threshold the Korn Ferry Tour is currently using as its fail-safe number for players to finish inside The Finals 25 – Bronson Burgoon, **Scott Gutschewski**, **Alex Smalley**, **Callum Tarren**, and **Vincent Whaley**
- **Sahith Theegala** three-putted for bogey on the 72nd hole and fell to T4; he moved to 10 in The Finals 25 points standings, but finished 10 points shy of the 210-point threshold
- Stephan Jaeger's T2 marked his fourth runner-up finish of the 2020-21 season and his third consecutive top-four finish
- In his final 22 starts of the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour season, Jaeger recorded 12 top-10s – including two wins, four runners-up, a solo fourth, and two T4s