



Pre-Tournament Notes – Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship

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Dates: August 26-29, 2021

Where: Columbus, Ohio

Course: The Ohio State University Golf Club – Scarlet Course (71 / 7,444)

Course Designer: Alister MacKenzie (1938), Jack Nicklaus (renovation, 2005)

Field: 139 players

Defending Champion: Curtis Luck

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

Format: 72-hole stroke play

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Things to Know

- The Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship is the second event of the Korn Ferry Tour Finals, with the field consisting of players who finished Nos. 1-75 in the Korn Ferry Tour regular season points standings, as well as players who finished Nos. 126-200 in the FedExCup standings
- The Ohio State University Golf Club’s Scarlet Course has hosted the tournament every year since its inception in 2007, and the course has been one of the top-five toughest courses on the Korn Ferry Tour at the end of seven different seasons, including 2014, when it was the toughest course on Tour
- Defending tournament champion **Curtis Luck** 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
- GOLF Channel will have live telecast coverage of the first three rounds, and a tape delay telecast of the final round
 - Thursday, August 26 – 12:30-2:30 p.m.
 - Friday, August 27 – 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
 - Saturday, August 28 – 5-7 p.m.
 - Sunday, August 29 – 7-9 p.m. (Tape Delay)

Finals 101

The Korn Ferry Tour returns to Columbus, Ohio for the second event of the three-event Korn Ferry Tour Finals. The Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship precedes the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance. The Finals events include the following players:

- 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 have 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 8/24/21)

- Field headlined by eight of the top 10, and 23 of the top 25 from the Korn Ferry Tour points standings, including points standings leader **Greyson Sigg**
- Field includes 76 past Korn Ferry Tour winners with 106 total wins, led by **Stephan Jaeger** with six
- Field includes 22 PGA TOUR winners with 41 total wins, led by **Bill Haas** with six
- Past champions **Ben Kohles** (2012), **Seung-Yul Noh** (2013), and **Peter Uihlein** (2017) are also in the field

2020 Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship Recap (August 20-23)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Curtis Luck	68	66	68	71	273 (-11)
T2	Theo Humphrey	70	67	70	67	274 (-10)
	Taylor Montgomery	72	67	67	68	274 (-10)
	Cameron Young	66	69	68	71	274 (-10)

- **Curtis Luck** carried a one-stroke lead into the final round and carded an even-par 71 to win by a stroke
- In the final round, Luck was 2-over par after 11 holes, but he birdied the par-4 15th and 16th, then parred the final two holes
- **Cameron Young's** T2 capped a four-tournament stretch which earned him Special Temporary Membership; he began the season without status and Monday qualified into the 2020 Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna, earned Special Temporary Membership, and finished 19th in the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour regular season points standings to earn a PGA TOUR card
- **Taylor Montgomery's** T2 marked the best finish of his Korn Ferry Tour career, a result he eventually matched at the 2021 Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank earlier this month; he finished 26th in the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour regular season points standings
- **Theo Humphrey's** T2 was the first of two runner-up finishes this season, with the other being a solo second at the 2021 Veritex Bank Championship this past April

Past Champions

Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Margin
2020	Curtis Luck	68	66	68	71	273 (-11)	1
2019	Scottie Scheffler	70	68	67	67	272 (-12)	2
2018	Robert Streb	65	68	68	71	272 (-12)	Playoff
2017	Peter Uihlein	69	69	67	65	270 (-14)	1
2016	Grayson Murray	69	67	68	68	272 (-12)	1
2015	Andrew Loupe	71	70	68	70	279 (-5)	2
2014	Justin Thomas	67	69	72	70	278 (-6)	Playoff
2013	Seung-Yul Noh	68	65	70	69	272 (-12)	5
2012	Ben Kohles	66	69	67	70	272 (-12)	Playoff
2011	Harris English (a)	66	66	68	70	270 (-14)	1
2010	D.J. Brigman	66	72	72	64	274 (-10)	1
2009	Derek Lamely	71	69	68	65	273 (-11)	Playoff
2008	Bill Lunde	67	72	67	73	279 (-5)	1
2007	Daniel Summerhays (a)	68	69	72	69	278 (-6)	2

Course Information – The Ohio State University Golf Club (Scarlet Course)

- Years Hosted: 2007-present
- Scoring Average (2020): 71.434 / +0.434 (No. 7 toughest course on Tour this season)
- Toughest Hole (2020): No. 5, Par 3, 233 yards – 3.205 / +0.205
- Easiest Hole (2020): No. 12, Par 5, 562 yards – 4.610 / -0.390

Tournament Scoring Records

- Low 18-Hole Score: 63, Jonathan Kaye (Round 1, 2010); James Sackey (Round 3, 2011); Trevor Murphy (Round 1, 2012); Derek Fathauer (Round 1, 2014)
- Low 36-Hole Score: 131, John Peterson (2011) and Trevor Murphy (2012)
- Low 54-Hole Score: 199, John Peterson (2011)
- Low 72-Hole Score: 270, Harris English (2011) and Peter Uihlein (2017)
- Largest Margin of Victory: 5, Seung-Yul Noh (2013)
- Playoffs: 4 (last in 2018)

Last week on Tour – Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron (August 19-22)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Greyson Sigg	65	70	65	65	265 (-19)
T2	Aaron Rai	70	66	63	67	266 (-18)
	J.J. Spaun	67	65	68	66	266 (-18)
T4	Three Tied					267 (-17)

- Hillcrest Country Club hosted the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron in Boise, Idaho last week
- **Greyson Sigg** played the final five holes at 2-under par, while **Aaron Rai** lost a one-stroke lead with a double bogey the 72nd hole
- Sigg's one-stroke victory was his second win of the 2020-21 season, with the first coming in May at the 2021 Visit Knoxville Open
- Sigg took over the top spot in the Korn Ferry Tour points standings, overtaking **Stephan Jaeger**, who finished the previous 15 tournaments ranked No. 1
- Rai, a two-time winner on the European Tour who entered last week ranked No. 100 in the Official World Golf Ranking, still secured his first PGA TOUR card with the top-five finish
- **J.J. Spaun** has competed full time on the PGA TOUR since 2017 and secured his return with a top-five