



## Pre-Tournament Notes – MGM Resorts Championship at Paiute

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**Dates:** April 15-18, 2021

**Where:** Las Vegas, Nevada

**Course:** Las Vegas Paiute Golf Resort – Sun Mountain GC: 72 / 7,112

**Course Designer:** Pete Dye (1995)

**Field:** 156 players

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

**Format:** 72-hole stroke play

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### Things to Know

- Field headlined by nine of the top-10 in the Korn Ferry Tour points standings, including most recent champion **Stephan Jaeger**
- After winning the Emerald Coast Classic at Sandestin last week, Jaeger 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)
- At eighth in the Korn Ferry Tour points standings, Las Vegas resident **David Lipsky** leads local contingent into event

### Field Notes (as of 4/12/21)

- 24 of the top-25 in the Korn Ferry Tour standings, led by No. 2 **Stephan Jaeger**
- No. 9 **Greyson Sigg** is returning to the Korn Ferry Tour this week after two PGA TOUR starts over the past several weeks, highlighted by a T9 showing at the Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship
- 60 past Korn Ferry Tour winners with 91 total victories, led by **Martin Piller** and **Stephan Jaeger** with six apiece
- 15 PGA TOUR winners with 30 total wins, led by **Robert Allenby, Aaron Baddeley and Sean O’Hair** with four apiece
- 21 winners in the field from the current season (accounting for 24 victories): **Hayden Buckley, Brett Drewitt, Roberto Díaz, Tommy Gainey, Evan Harmeling, Lee Hodges, Stephan Jaeger (x2), Kyle Jones, David Kocher, David Lipsky, Curtis Luck, Max McGreevy, Trey Mullinax, Andrew Novak, Mito Pereira, Seth Reeves, Davis Riley (x2), Adam Svensson, Curtis Thompson, Jared Wolfe (x2), Brandon Wu**

### Miscellaneous Notes

- Las Vegas residents in the field include **Harry Hall, Alex Kang, David Lipsky, Taylor Montgomery and John Oda**; Hall, Montgomery and Oda each competed at nearby UNLV, along with **Derek Ernst**, a current Dallas resident; Montgomery, whose dad is the general manager at Shadow Creek Golf Course, grew up in Las Vegas and graduated from Foothill High School where he won two state championships
- No. 2 **Stephan Jaeger**, No. 4 **Davis Riley** and No. 10 **Jared Wolfe** are each seeking a third win for immediate promotion to PGA TOUR; a made cut would catapult Jaeger past **Will Zalatoris** for the top spot in the Korn Ferry Tour points standings, a spot Zalatoris has held for the past 13 events; Zalatoris earned Special Temporary Membership on the PGA TOUR last fall and finished runner-up at the Masters Tournament last week

- Eight qualifiers gained entry into the field at two sites on Monday, led by the medalist/co-medalists at each course: **Lukas Euler** (62/Boulder Creek GC) and **Daniel Wetterich/Luke Kwon** (63/Las Vegas National GC)
- The MGM Resorts Championship at Paiute is the fifth Korn Ferry Tour tournament of 2021 and 28th of the season

#### Last time on Tour – Emerald Coast Classic at Sandestin (April 1-4)

| Pos. | Player          | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | Total     |
|------|-----------------|----|----|----|----|-----------|
| 1    | Stephan Jaeger* | 67 | 67 | 66 | 66 | 266 (-14) |
| 2    | David Lipsky    | 68 | 64 | 67 | 67 | 266 (-14) |
| 3    | Andrew Novak    | 62 | 67 | 67 | 71 | 267 (-13) |
| 4    | Erik Barnes     | 74 | 65 | 66 | 63 | 268 (-12) |

\*Won via par on first playoff hole

- The Raven Golf Course at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort hosted the Korn Ferry Tour two weeks ago for the inaugural Emerald Coast Classic at Sandestin in Miramar Beach, Florida
- **Stephan Jaeger** defeated **David Lipsky** with a par at the first playoff hole (the par-4 18th) for his sixth career Korn Ferry Tour win; the win was his second of the season and made him the seventh player of all time to reach the six-win plateau on the Korn Ferry Tour
- Jaeger carded a 6-under 66 on Sunday – including 3-under over his final seven holes – for the come-from-behind victory; with the win, the German moved from eighth to second in the points standings and locked up a return to the PGA TOUR this fall
- While Lipsky was unable to convert the playoff into his second victory, he did rise to eighth in the points standings with the runner-up finish and is on the verge of securing his first PGA TOUR card
- **Andrew Novak** was attempting to become the first wire-to-wire champion on Tour since 2018 after leading through the first three rounds but two double bogeys on the front nine led to a solo-third finish; his first-round 62 was +10.9 in total strokes gained on the field, the third-best individual round in total strokes gained of the last decade

#### 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 MGM Resorts Championship at Paiute will be the 28th 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        | Stephan Jaeger  | 1,872  | 2    | 7       | 4             | 22     |
| 3        | Taylor Pendrith | 1,697  | --   | 6       | 179           | 24     |
| 4        | Davis Riley     | 1,624  | 2    | 5       | 252           | 23     |
| 5        | Lee Hodges      | 1,592  | 1    | 7       | 284           | 23     |
| 6        | Brandon Wu      | 1,471  | 1    | 5       | 405           | 11     |
| 7        | Chad Ramey      | 1,435  | --   | 8       | 441           | 26     |
| 8        | David Lipsky    | 1,430  | 1    | 5       | 446           | 22     |
| 9        | Greyson Sigg    | 1,423  | --   | 7       | 453           | 22     |
| 10       | Jared Wolfe     | 1,411  | 2    | 5       | 465           | 24     |