

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, April 17, 2021

Course Setup: Par 72 / 7,112 yards

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Third-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Peter Uihlein	68-67-68—203 (-13)
T2	Jamie Lovemark	69-66-69—204 (-12)
T2	Adam Svensson	68-64-72—204 (-12)
T4	Two tied at	206 (-10)

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Peter Uihlein takes 54-hole lead at MGM Resorts Championship at Paiute

LAS VEGAS – Peter Uihlein fired a 4-under 68 on moving day to take the lead at 13-under entering the final round of the MGM Resorts Championship at Paiute. Uihlein leads Jamie Lovemark and Adam Svensson by one at Paiute Golf Resort’s Sun Mountain course.

“I made seven birdies, played well,” said Uihlein. “It was windy and gusty. It would gust and then die down, and then it would gust again. Definitely tricky. With it being Poa, the greens can get a little bouncy later in the afternoon, but I played well in the middle of the round and made some birdies. It was good.”

Uihlein is looking to earn his first win of the season after coming up one stroke shy to Roberto Diaz a month ago at the Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by MISTRAS. He has split time between the Korn Ferry Tour and PGA TOUR this season and has seen improvement in his game since mid-February.

“I’m just trying to build off what I’m doing and keep getting better each week,” said Uihlein. “I feel like I’ve done that since Pebble this year. I think I’ve been playing pretty solid each week and just trying to keep getting better...I’ve had to improve my swing a bit. It had gotten a little sloppy. So I just wanted to fine tune that a little bit. That’s produced a lot of consistency which is nice.”

Similar to Thursday’s first round, windy conditions caused higher scores in the third round. The first and third rounds each finished with a scoring average above 73 at the par-72 course, while the second round’s calm conditions led to a scoring average of 69.455.

“We were on 18 tee and the group behind us, Kev and Svenny, they were 50 yards short of where we thought they’d be,” said Uihlein. “We were watching it and couldn’t believe where the balls ended up. There are some tough gusts out there.”

Uihlein is seeking his second win after claiming his first title at the 2017 Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship. He is chased by Lovemark and Svensson who have each collected two wins on the Korn Ferry Tour. While Uihlein and Lovemark are each current PGA TOUR members, Svensson is looking to earn his way back after competing on TOUR during the 2019-20 season. With a win tomorrow, the Canadian would secure a return to the PGA TOUR this fall.

"It's exciting, it's my dream," said Svensson, who won the Club Car Championship at The Landings Club three weeks ago. "I've been working at it pretty hard over the last couple of months so I'm going to just keep doing what I'm doing tomorrow."

Svensson leads the field in putts per round at 25.7 and is T4 in driving accuracy after hitting 33 of 42 fairways so far this week. While Uihlein has struggled to hit fairways (just 22 of 42), he ranks top-15 in average driving distance (321.2), greens in regulation (38 of 54) and putts per round (27.7). Lovemark ranks seventh in the field in greens in regulation (39 of 54).

Seamus Power and Callum Tarren sit three strokes back of Uihlein and two back of Lovemark and Svensson at 10-under. Final-round tee times will run from 6:55 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. on Sunday off of the first tee.

Saturday Notes

- Saturday's weather: Partly cloudy and windy with a high of 72 degrees and wind N/NE at 14-18 mph
- The MGM Resorts Championship at Paiute is the fifth event of 2021 and the 28th of the 2020-21 combined season; Uihlein would project to move to 23rd in the Korn Ferry Tour points standings with a win; 14 of 27 third-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win this season
- Callum Tarren (-10, T4) is seeking his fourth career top-10; his best finish came at the 2020 TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes (T3)
- Four of the top-five players on the leaderboard have previously won on the Korn Ferry Tour; Uihlein owns one win (2017), Lovemark two (2010, 2013), Svensson two (2018, 2021) and Power one (2016), while Tarren has yet to earn a win
- Alex Kang (-9, T6) and Harry Hall (-8, T12) lead the contingent of Las Vegas residents in the field
- Monday qualifier Sahith Theegala sits T14 through 54 holes and is seeking a top-25 finish to gain entry into next week's tournament; Theegala swept the three major awards given to the most outstanding men's collegiate golfer in 2020 while a senior at Pepperdine – the Fred Haskins Award, Ben Hogan Award and Jack Nicklaus Award
- This week's purse is \$600,000 with \$108,000 going to the champion; the champion will also receive 500 Korn Ferry Tour points
- 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

Third-Round Course Statistics

- Toughest Hole – Par-4 12th (4.479)
- Easiest Hole – Par-5 16th (4.260)
- Scoring Average (Front 9) – 36.630
- Scoring Average (Back 9) – 36.795
- Scoring Average (Total) – 73.425



- Scoring Average (Cumulative) – 71.968