

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, August 15, 2021

Course Setup: The Club at Indian Creek – Par 71 / 7,581 yards

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Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	David Skinns	67-67-69-67—270 (-14)
T2	Jared Wolfe	68-67-71-65—271 (-13)
T2	Zecheng Dou	69-66-69-67—271 (-13)

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**Twenty-five players earn 2021-22 PGA TOUR membership
at Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna**
David Skinns claims second title at The Club at Indian Creek

OMAHA, Neb. – Annually one of the most pressure-packed days in golf, the final round of the regular-season ending Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna didn’t disappoint. Englishman David Skinns earned a one-stroke victory, leaping from 46th in the Korn Ferry Tour points standings to 22nd to reach the PGA TOUR. Skinns joins 24 other graduates on Sunday evening in securing 2021-22 PGA TOUR membership.

Skinns was one of two players to move into The 25 this week, joining Austin Smotherman, who moved from 26th to 25th to receive the last PGA TOUR card.

“It’s taken a lot of years, it’s taken a lot of effort and I knew I had to win, and I knew I could win,” said an emotional Skinns after the round. “The fact that it’s happened, it’s a little surreal right now. I’m just really proud of the way I stayed with it, one shot by one shot, didn’t get ahead of myself. Every time I went into the future, I just pulled myself right back again, and that’s the thing I’m most proud of.”

Skinns, a 39-year-old University of Tennessee alum, bogeyed the par-5 15th to fall back into a three-way tie for first. Then, he immediately rebounded with a birdie at the 16th to take a one-stroke lead. At the 18th, Skinns pulled his drive into the rough on the wrong side of the cart path but was able to advance the ball near the green before getting up and down for the win.

“I knew it wasn’t going to be great, but I was okay with wherever it ended up,” Skinns said reflecting on his drive on the 72nd hole of the tournament. “Even if I had to chip out, I figured I could get it up and down from the fairway if I needed to. I wasn’t too concerned. I didn’t drive it particularly well on the back nine, except for the one drive I really needed, which was 11, and I had a really good one and could kind of make it work from there to just do enough, I guess.”

For Skinns, who has played primarily on the Korn Ferry Tour since 2017, the journey to the PGA TOUR has been especially sweet. The journeyman turned professional in 2005 and has made just five starts at

the highest level (and none since 2017). Competing out of the third-to-last group, he watched the finish on television before celebrating with his caddie.

“Yeah, it hit me pretty hard inside when I saw that Stephan hadn't holed out the second shot,” said Skinnis. “I've got to give my caddie, Hogan, [a shoutout], it's been a lot of years coming. That's all I can say and I'm so happy it's finally here.”

Smotherman, a 27-year-old from Dallas, began the week with a 1-over 72 to sit well outside the cutline at T87. A second-round 64 saw him rise to T10 before an eventual T26 finish.

“I needed so much confirmation, because I knew it was not going to be by a wide margin,” said Smotherman, a former teammate of Bryson DeChambeau and Harry Higgs at SMU. “We were taking everything into account with what was going on behind us. I asked Tommie in scoring probably eight times to go through it with me, and we locked it up. And I could finally walk out of there with a little bit of acceptance that it happened.”

Skinnis and Smotherman displaced Taylor Montgomery (began 24th, finished 26th) and Peter Uihlein (began 25th, finished 28th) in The 25. Both Montgomery and Uihlein missed the cut in Omaha.

Stephan Jaeger, a German national based out of Chattanooga, extended his lead atop The 25 with a T4 finish. He is one of six players who will be returning to the PGA TOUR.

The top 25 who secured their 2021-22 PGA TOUR membership are:

The 25	City Plays From	College
1. Stephan Jaeger	Chattanooga, Tenn.	UT-Chattanooga
2. Mito Pereira*	Pirque, Chile	Texas Tech
3. Chad Ramey*	Fulton, Miss.	Mississippi State
4. Taylor Moore*	Edmond, Okla.	Arkansas
5. Taylor Pendrith*	Richmond Hill, Ontario	Kent State
6. Greyson Sigg*	Augusta, Ga.	Georgia
7. Davis Riley*	Hattiesburg, Miss.	Alabama
8. Jared Wolfe*	Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.	Murray State
9. Will Zalatoris	Dallas, Texas	Wake Forest
10. Lee Hodges*	Ardmore, Ala.	Alabama
11. Adam Svensson	Surrey, British Columbia	Barry
12. David Lipsky*	Las Vegas, Nev.	Northwestern
13. Brandon Wu*	Scarsdale, N.Y.	Stanford
14. Max McGreevy*	Edmond, Okla.	Oklahoma
15. Paul Barjon*	Dumbea, New Caledonia	TCU
16. Andrew Novak*	Sea Island, Ga.	Wofford
17. Dylan Wu*	Medford, Ore.	Northwestern
18. Seth Reeves	Johns Creek, Ga.	Georgia Tech
19. Cameron Young*	Scarborough, N.Y.	Wake Forest
20. Nick Hardy*	Northbrook, Ill.	Illinois
21. Curtis Thompson*	Coral Springs, Fla.	Louisiana State

22. David Skinns*	Lincoln, England	Tennessee
23. Ben Kohles	Cary, N.C.	Virginia
24. Brett Drewitt	Inverell, Australia	n/a
25. Austin Smotherman*	Dallas, Texas	SMU

*Will be a rookie on the PGA TOUR

Nineteen of Sunday's 25 card-earners will be rookies on the PGA TOUR in 2021-22. [More details on The 25.](#)

Jared Wolfe – who will debut on the PGA TOUR this fall – and Marty Dou finished runner-up one stroke back of Skinns.

Final-Round Notes

- Sunday's weather: Partly cloudy with a high of 85 degrees and wind SE at 10-15 mph
- The difference between Austin Smotherman (25th) and Taylor Montgomery (26th) was 17 points
- Curtis Thompson (T7 / -11), the brother of fellow pro Nicholas Thompson and LPGA Tour star Lexi Thompson, earned his first PGA TOUR card and became the first player to win the Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament's Final Stage and secure a TOUR card the following season
- The combined 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour regular season schedule (43 events) concluded Sunday at the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna, with 25 PGA TOUR cards awarded to the top 25 players in the points standings following the tournament's conclusion
 - An additional 25 TOUR cards are awarded at the conclusion of the three-event 2021 Korn Ferry Tour Finals, which begin next week with the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron
- The top 75 in the Korn Ferry Tour standings will be joined at the Finals by those PGA TOUR players who finished 126-200 in the FedExCup standings, plus non-members who earned enough equivalent FedExCup points to finish within the 126-200 range as well as players competing on PGA TOUR medical extensions
- The 50 graduates will join the PGA TOUR for the 2021-22 season, which opens the week of September 16-19 with the Fortinet Championship in Napa, California
- Harry Hall (T9/-10) carded the low round of the day with a 7-under 64
- This week's purse was \$750,000 with \$135,000 going to the champion, David Skinns; Skinns also receives 600 Korn Ferry Tour points

Course Statistics

- **Toughest Hole** – Par-3 eighth (3.292)
- **Easiest Hole** – Par-5 15th (4.554)
- **Scoring Average (Front 9)** – 36.462
- **Scoring Average (Back 9)** – 35.462
- **Scoring Average (Total)** – 71.923
- **Scoring Average (Cumulative)** – 70.954