



## Pre-Tournament Notes – REX Hospital Open

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**Dates:** June 3-6, 2021

**Where:** Raleigh, North Carolina

**Course:** The Country Club at Wakefield Plantation (71 / 7,257)

**Course Designer:** Hale Irwin (2000)

**Field:** 156 players

**Defending Champion:** Sebastian Cappelen (2019)

**Purse:** \$650,000 (\$117,000/winner)

**Format:** 72-hole stroke play

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### Things to Know

- This will be the 27th edition of the REX Hospital Open, with The Country Club at Wakefield Plantation hosting for the 20th time since the event first played there in 2001
- The inaugural REX Hospital Open was played in 1994, when Skip Kendall held off 2001 Open Championship winner David Duval for the title
- **Cameron Young** became the 10th player in the 32-year history of the Korn Ferry Tour to win back-to-back tournaments with wins the last two weeks at the AdventHealth Championship – where he led wire-to-wire (solo lead all four rounds) – and Evans Scholars Invitational presented by First Midwest Bank
  - Young was the first player since Michael Putnam in 2013 to win back-to-back events
  - Young's coach at Wake Forest University, Jerry Haas, won back-to-back tournaments on the Korn Ferry Tour in 1994
- Young also established a Korn Ferry Tour record by holding at least a share of the lead each of the last eight rounds; he led outright in seven, with the exception being the first round of the Evans Scholars Invitational presented by First Midwest Bank last week, as he shared the first-round lead with Nick Hardy
- Young entered the 2020-21 season with zero status, but Monday qualified into the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna last July and posted four consecutive finishes of T11, T14, T6, T2 to earn Special Temporary Membership
- **Paul Barjon**, a native of Dumbéa, New Caledonia who represents France internationally, became the seventh player to cross the 1,700-point threshold the Korn Ferry Tour is currently using as its fail-safe number for players to finish inside the top 25 of the 2020-21 points standings and earn a PGA TOUR card
- Barjon also qualified for his second consecutive U.S. Open last week with a T8 at Final Qualifying in Dallas
  - Two other members of this week's field – **Eric Cole**, **Alvaro Ortiz** – successfully qualified as well

### Field Notes (as of 5/31/21)

- Field headlined by nine of the top 10, and 22 of the top 25 in the Korn Ferry Tour points standings
- No. 1 **Stephan Jaeger**, No. 3 **Davis Riley**, No. 13 **Cameron Young**, and No. 15 **Jared Wolfe** are all seeking a third win for immediate promotion to the PGA TOUR
- Six of the seven players who have already eclipsed 1,700 points – which is the threshold the Korn Ferry Tour is currently using as its fail-safe number for players to finish inside of the top 25 of the 2020-21 points standings and secure PGA TOUR cards – are in this week's field: No. 1 **Stephan Jaeger**, No. 2 **Greyson Sigg**, No. 3 **Davis Riley**, No. 4 **Taylor Pendrith**, No. 6 **David Lipsky**, and No. 7 **Paul Barjon**

- Barjon, Lipsky, Pendrith, Riley, and Sigg will compete as rookies on TOUR beginning this fall, while Jaeger will begin his third TOUR season this fall, and No. 5 Will Zalatoris already has Special Temporary Membership on the PGA TOUR
- Field includes 66 past Korn Ferry Tour winners with 95 total wins, led by **Stephan Jaeger** and **Martin Piller** (six apiece)
- Field includes eight PGA TOUR winners with 12 total victories, led by **Johnson Wagner** with three
- 26 winners in the field from the current season: **Tyson Alexander, Paul Barjon, Hayden Buckley, 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), Greyson Sigg, Austin Smotherman, Adam Svensson, Curtis Thompson, Peter Uihlein, Jared Wolfe (x2), Brandon Wu, Cameron Young (x2)**

### 2019 REX Hopsital Open Recap

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Sebastian Cappelen	65	65	69	64	263 (-21)
T2	Grayson Murray	70	67	68	61	266 (-18)
	Zack Sucher	68	69	62	67	266 (-18)
T4	Chris Baker	67	60	68	72	267 (-17)
	Rhein Gibson	65	71	65	66	267 (-17)

- Sebastian Cappelen set the 72-hole scoring record with a 21-under 263 en route to his second career Korn Ferry Tour victory – which came 108 starts after his first career win in 2014
- Cappelen opened the final round with back-to-back bogeys, but closed with an eagle and seven birdies, three of which came in the final four holes
- **Grayson Murray** shot a 10-under 61 in the final round and waited two hours to see if his 18-under 266 for the week would hold up for the win
  - Murray played the final 52 holes of the tournament without making a bogey
- Cappelen went on to finish 16th on the 2019 Korn Ferry Tour points standings, which secured his PGA TOUR card for the 2020 season
- Chris Baker shot the course record and tied the REX Hospital Open tournament record with an 11-under 60 in the second round; he narrowly missed a a 12-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole in his bid to shoot 59
  - Baker's 60 tied the tournament record previously established by Jimmy Green, who shot an 11-under 60 at Raleigh Country Club in first round of the 1994 REX Hospital Open
- **Luke Guthrie** followed a T4 at the Evans Scholars Invitational presented by First Midwest Bank with a solo-sixth finish at the REX Hospital Open
  - Guthrie snapped a streak of 23 consecutive missed cuts at last week's Evans Scholars Invitational presented by First Midwest Bank, where he finished T18
- **Davis Riley** shot a 5-under 66 in the final round for a T7 finish – which, at the time, was the highest finish of his Korn Ferry Tour career; he has two wins and seven top-10s this season, which have him ranked No. 3 in the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour points standings entering this week
- **Andrew Novak** finished T13; he enters this week's event ranked No. 19 in the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour points standings

### Past Champions

Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Margin
2019	Sebastian Cappelen	65	65	69	64	263 (-21)	3
2018	Joey Garber	66	65	69	66	266 (-18)	1
2017	Conrad Shindler	68	69	65	67	269 (-15)	Playoff
2016	Trey Mullinax	68	67	67	68	270 (-14)	2
2015	Kyle Thompson	63	68	69	67	267 (-17)	Playoff
2014	Byron Smith	70	69	63	66	268 (-16)	4

2013	Chesson Hadley	63	69	69	64	265 (-19)	2
2012	James Hahn	67	68	69	67	271 (-13)	Playoff
2011	Kyle Thompson	68	66	68	68	270 (-14)	1
2010	John Riegger	66	64	63	--	193 (-20)	5
2009	Kevin Johnson	65	69	65	67	266 (-18)	Playoff
2008	Scott Gutschewski	67	69	68	66	270 (-14)	2
2007	Kyle Thompson	64	65	69	70	268 (-16)	2
2006	Brenden Pappas	66	68	65	69	268 (-16)	1
2005	Eric Axley	69	67	67	67	270 (-14)	2
2004	Chris Anderson	67	70	66	68	271 (-13)	Playoff
2003	David Morland IV	66	68	66	68	268 (-16)	1
2002	Zoran Zorkic	70	67	66	71	274 (-10)	1
2001	John Maginnes	68	65	66	70	269 (-15)	2
2000	Mark Hensby	64	68	68	66	266 (-18)	Playoff
1999	Vance Veazey	68	67	67	67	269 (-15)	1
1998	Brian Bateman	68	66	67	65	266 (-18)	1
1997	Ahmad Bateman	70	69	75	70	284 (-4)	1
1996	Glen Hnatiuk	71	70	64	--	205 (-11)	Playoff
1995	Michael Christie	68	66	66	66	266 (-22)	2
1994	Skip Kendall	65	72	70	69	276 (-12)	2

#### Course Information – The Country Club at Wakefield Plantation

- Years Hosted: 2001-2019, 2021
- Scoring Average (2019): 70.002 / -0.998
- Toughest Hole (2019): No. 14, Par 4, 454 yards – 4.205 / +0.205
- Easiest Hole (2019): No. 4, Par 5, 587 yards – 4.412 / -0.588

#### Tournament Scoring Records

- Low 18-Hole Score: 60, Jimmy Green (1998 / R1) and Chris Baker (2019 / R2)
- Low 36-Hole Score: 127, Chris Baker (2019)
- Low 54-Hole Score: 193, John Riegger (2010)
- Low 72-Hole Score: 263, Sebastian Cappelen (2019)
- Largest Margin of Victory: 5, John Reigger (2010)
- Playoffs: 7 (last in 2017)

#### Miscellaneous Notes

- Eight players in the field played collegiately in North Carolina: two at Campbell University (**Brad Fritsch**, **Pontus Nyholm**), three at Duke University (**Ryan Blaum**, **Max Greyserman**, **Brinson Paolini**), one at East Carolina University (**Zachary Edmondson**), two at Wake Forest University (**Kyle Reifers**, **Cameron Young**)
- 13 players in the field have additional ties to North Carolina: **Trevor Cone** (Charlotte native, Concord resident), **Taylor Dickson** (Gastonia native), **Zachary Edmondson** (Cary native), **Stephen Franken** (Raleigh native and resident), **Brad Fritsch** (lives in Holy Springs), **Tommy Gibson** (raised in Wilmington), **J.T. Griffin** (Wilson native), **Ben Kohles** (Cary native), **Justin Lower** (Charlotte resident), **Andrew Novak** (Raleigh native, Mt. Pleasant resident), **Grayson Murray** (Raleigh resident), **Kyle Reifers** (Charlotte resident), **Johnson Wagner** (Charlotte resident)
- Eight qualifiers gained entry into the field at two sites Monday, led the three co-medalists from Bryan Park – **Drew Czuchry**, **Linus Lilliedahl**, **Carson Young** – who all shot 8-under 63s
  - **Tommy Gibson**, a Carolinas PGA member and Assistant Golf Professional at Old Town Club, won a 7-for-1 playoff with a 100-foot eagle putt for the final spot at the Stoney Creek Golf Club site
- The REX Hospital Open is the 12th Korn Ferry Tour tournament of 2021 and 35th of the season

### Last week on Tour – Evans Scholars Invitational presented by First Midwest Bank (May 27-30)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Cameron Young	64	68	67	67	266 (-18)
2	Adam Svensson	65	69	70	67	271 (-13)
3	Taylor Dickson	66	74	68	64	272 (-12)
4	Ollie Schniederjans	71	69	72	62	274 (-10)

- The Glen Club in Glenview, Illinois hosted the Evans Scholars Invitational presented by First Midwest Bank
- **Cameron Young** opened the week with an 7-under 64 in some of the worst conditions he'd ever played in, followed it with a 3-under 68 as the wind chill dipped into the 30s Friday, and closed with consecutive 4-under 67s for a five-stroke victory
- Young's five-stroke win marked the largest margin of victory since Tom Lewis' five-stroke win at the 2019 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance
- Young's win took him from 26th to 13th in the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour points standings; he was ranked 70th prior to his back-to-back wins
- **Adam Svensson's** runner-up finish marked his first top-10 since winning the Club Car Championship at The Landings Club in March
- **Taylor Dickson** logged his first top-10 in his 25th career start on the Korn Ferry Tour; his career-high finish prior to last week was a T11 at the Huntsville Championship last month
- Ollie Schniederjans tied the course record with a 9-under 62; he tied D.A. Points (2004), Jim Rutledge (2005), and Kris Mikkelsen (2002)
- Nick Hardy finished T5 for his third top-five (and fourth top-10) in his last six starts; he posted back-to-back top-fives for the first time in his 42 career starts on the Korn Ferry Tour
- Playing on a sponsor exemption and making his sixth career start on the Korn Ferry Tour, Chicago native **Patrick Flavin** finished T5 for his first top-25 and earned a spot in the field for this week's event
- Monday qualifier **Chris Naegel** finished T24 and qualified himself for this week's event

### 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 REX Hospital Open will be the 35th 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 at the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna (Aug. 12-15). Additionally, 25 PGA TOUR cards will be awarded through the three-event Korn Ferry Tour Finals at the conclusion of the 2021 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance (Sept. 2-5).

With nine events remaining in the regular season, the Korn Ferry Tour is currently using the 1,700-point threshold as its fail-safe number for players to finish inside the top 25.

### Current Korn Ferry Tour Standings

Position	Player	Points	Wins	Top-10s	Points Behind	Starts
1	Stephan Jaeger	2,299	2	9	--	28
2	Greyson Sigg	2,044	1	9	255	27
3	Davis Riley	1,898	2	7	401	29
4	Taylor Pendrith	1,892	--	7	407	30
5	Will Zalatoris	1,876	1	10	423	16
6	David Lipsky	1,767	1	6	532	27
7	Paul Barjon	1,714	1	6	585	28
8	Lee Hodges	1,666	1	7	633	29
9	Brandon Wu	1,635	1	7	664	17
10	Chad Ramey	1,630	--	8	669	32

