



Pre-Tournament Notes – TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes

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Dates: July 8-11, 2021

Where: Berthoud, Colorado

Course: TPC Colorado (72 / 7,991)

Course Designer: Art Schaupeter (2018)

Field: 156 players

Defending Champion: Will Zalatoris

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

Format: 72-hole stroke play

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Things to Know

- This week marks the third playing of the TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes – all three have been played at TPC Colorado
- PGA TOUR LIVE will provide live streaming Saturday and Sunday from 12-7 p.m. ET, covering a featured hole and featured group each day
 - Saturday's featured hole will be the par-3 16th, while Sunday's featured hole will be the par-5 13th, and each day's featured group will be determined by weekend pairings
- TPC Colorado is the longest course in Korn Ferry Tour history (7,991 yards) and the 773-yard par-5 13th is the longest hole in Tour history, as well as the longest in PGA TOUR-sanctioned tournament play
- The 2020 champion, Will Zalatoris, is currently playing on the PGA TOUR via Special Temporary Membership
- Zalatoris' victory came in a stretch of five consecutive top-five finishes and, at the time, catapulted him to the top of the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour points standings
- Nelson Ledesma won the 2019 event in dramatic fashion, sinking a 20-foot birdie putt on the 72nd hole to defeat playing partner Brett Coletta by a stroke; his birdie was even more impressive given the fact the par-4 18th played as the toughest hole of the tournament and fifth-toughest hole of the 2019 season
- Prior to the Korn Ferry Tour's return to the Centennial State in 2019, the last PGA TOUR-sanctioned event in the state of Colorado was the 2014 BMW Championship at Cherry Hills Country Club
- The Korn Ferry Tour previously hosted the Colorado Classic in Brighton, Colorado in 1996 and 1997

Field Notes (as of 7/6/21)

- Field headlined by six of the top 10, and 19 of the top 25 in the Korn Ferry Tour points standings
- No. 1 **Stephan Jaeger**, No. 6 **Davis Riley**, No. 13 **Cameron Young**, and No. 16 **Jared Wolfe** are seeking a third win for immediate promotion to the PGA TOUR
- Field includes 57 past Korn Ferry Tour winners with 88 total wins, led by **Stephan Jaeger** and **Martin Piller** with six apiece
- Field includes six PGA TOUR winners with 22 total victories, led by 2001 The Open Championship winner **David Duval** with 13
- 24 winners in the field from the current season: **Tyson Alexander**, **Paul Barjon**, **Hayden Buckley**, **Roberto Díaz**, **Brett Drewitt**, **Tommy Gainey**, **Harry Hall**, **Evan Harmeling**, **Lee Hodges**, **Stephan Jaeger** (x2), **David**

Kocher, Max McGreevy, Trey Mullinax, Andrew Novak, Seth Reeves, Davis Riley (x2) Greyson Sigg, Austin Smotherman, Adam Svensson, Curtis Thompson, Peter Uihlein, Jared Wolfe (x2), Brandon Wu, Cameron Young (x2)

2020 TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes Recap (July 1-4)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Will Zalatoris	67	67	70	69	273 (-15)
2	Chase Johnson	70	66	75	63	274 (-14)
T3	Erik Barnes	69	69	67	70	275 (-13)
	Stephan Jaeger	70	71	68	66	275 (-13)
	Taylor Pendrith	68	70	67	70	275 (-13)
	Callum Tarren	70	66	70	69	275 (-13)

- Will Zalatoris stood in a seven-way tie for first place following the opening round, took a two-stroke lead after 36 holes, and converted a one-stroke 54-hole lead into a one-stroke victory
- Zalatoris retook the outright lead for good in the final round with a birdie at the par-3 16th, where he stuck a lob wedge to eight feet and made his birdie putt
- **Chase Johnson** and **Greyson Sigg** both broke the tournament and course records with matching 9-under 63s in the final round
- Johnson's 63 followed a 3-over 75 and lifted him to solo second in what was the second start of his Korn Ferry Tour career; he only has one top-25 in his 25 starts since the solo second at TPC Colorado
- **Callum Tarren's** T3 remains his highest finish in 55 career Korn Ferry Tour starts
- **Erik Barnes' T3** marked his highest finish since a T2 at the 2018 Country Club de Bogota Championship

Past Champions

Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Margin
2020	Will Zalatoris	67	67	70	69	273 (-15)	1
2019	Nelson Ledesma	65	69	69	70	273 (-15)	1

Course Information – TPC Colorado

- Years Hosted: 2019-present
- Scoring Average (2020): 71.810 / -0.190
- Toughest Hole (2020): No. 14, Par 3, 273 yards – 3.309 / +0.309
- Easiest Hole (2020): No. 5, Par 5, 624 yards – 4.494 / -0.506

Tournament Scoring Records

- Low 18-Hole Score: 63, Chase Johnson and Greyson Sigg (2020, Round 4)
- Low 36-Hole Score: 134, Nelson Ledesma (2019) and Will Zalatoris (2020)
- Low 54-Hole Score: 203, Brett Coletta and Nelson Ledesma (2019)
- Low 72-Hole Score: 273, Nelson Ledesma (2019) and Will Zalatoris (2020)
- Largest Margin of Victory: 1, Nelson Ledesma (2019) and Will Zalatoris (2020)

Miscellaneous Notes

- **George Cunningham** (Louisville native), **David Duval** (Cherry Hills Village resident), **Jonathan Kaye** (Denver native), and Monday qualifier **Chris Korte** (Littleton native) have ties to the state of Colorado
- **Jonathan Kaye** (University of Colorado), **Chris Korte** (University of Denver), and **Tom Whitney** (United States Air Force Academy) played collegiately in the state of Colorado
- Eight qualifiers gained entry into the field at two sites Monday, led by the four co-medalists at the Highland Meadows Golf Course site – **Chandler Eaton**, **Brian Richey**, **Chris Korte**, **Mitchell Schow** – who all shot matching 9-under 62s

- The TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes is the 16th Korn Ferry Tour tournament of 2021 and 39th of the season

Last time on Tour – Live and Work in Maine Open (June 24-27)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Chad Ramey	67	65	68	68	268 (-16)
2	Joshua Creel	71	62	72	64	269 (-15)
T3	Steve Lewton	68	67	70	65	270 (-14)
	Seth Reeves	71	67	66	66	270 (-14)

- Falmouth Country Club hosted the Live and Work in Maine Open in Falmouth, Maine two weeks ago
- Chad Ramey earned his first win in eight years, as his last victory came as a junior at Mississippi State; he shot a bogey-free 3-under 68 in the final round, beating good friend **Joshua Creel** by one stroke
- The win was even more special for Ramey given the fact his father, Stanley, caddied for him for the first time all year, in addition to his mother, Trish, and fiancée, Kelly, being in attendance
- Ramey vaulted to third (from eighth) in the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour points standings with the win
- Creel teed off more than an hour before Ramey, who was in the final pairing, and birdied six of his first seven holes and two of his last four en route to a 7-under 64 in the final round
- Creel's solo second took him from 103rd to 69th in the points standings, putting him in position to finish in the top 75, retain Korn Ferry Tour membership for next season, and compete in the Korn Ferry Tour Finals
- **Steve Lewton**, a 38-year-old Englishman and Korn Ferry Tour rookie, followed up the first top-25 of his career (a T13 at the Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics) with a T3 for his first career top-10
- **Seth Reeves** logged his third consecutive top-25 with a pair of 5-under 66s on the weekend for a T3 finish
- **Taylor Moore** strengthened his hold on a spot in The 25, as a T5 finish marked his seventh top-10 in his last 12 starts and kept him at No. 21 in the latest points standings
- **Cameron Young** bounced back from a missed cut at the U.S. Open with a T5, his third top-five in his last five starts
- With a T25, **Kevin Yu**, who finished No. 4 on the inaugural PGA TOUR University Ranking List, posted top-25s in each of his first three Korn Ferry Tour starts

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 TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes will be the 39th 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 five 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	2,614	2	10	--	30
2	Mito Pereira	2,556	3	9	58	32
3	Chad Ramey	2,251	1	9	363	36
4	Greyson Sigg	2,065	1	9	549	29
5	Taylor Pendrith	1,948	--	7	666	32
6	Davis Riley	1,939	2	7	675	31
7	Will Zalatoris	1,876	1	10	738	16

8	Lee Hodges	1,809	1	8	805	32
9	David Lipsky	1,782	1	6	832	28
10	Paul Barjon	1,729	1	6	885	30