



Pre-Tournament Notes – Veritex Bank Championship

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Dates: April 22-25, 2021

Where: Arlington, Texas

Course: Texas Rangers Golf Club: 71 / 6,987

Course Designer: John Colligan (Renovation: 2019)

Field: 156 players

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

Format: 72-hole stroke play

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Things to Know

- Field headlined by seven of the top 10 in the Korn Ferry Tour points standings
- Former Dallas Cowboys quarterback and current NFL on CBS analyst **Tony Romo** will compete as an amateur on a sponsor exemption
- Dallas residents in the field are headlined by **Davis Riley** and **Brandon Wu**, who sit fifth and seventh in the Korn Ferry Tour points standings, respectively

Field Notes (as of 4/20/21)

- 21 of the top 25 in the Korn Ferry Tour standings, led by No. 2 **Stephan Jaeger**
- 54 past Korn Ferry Tour winners with 79 total victories, led by **Martin Piller** and **Stephan Jaeger** with six apiece
- Five PGA TOUR winners with seven total wins, led by **John Senden**, who turned 50 today (April 20, 2021), and **Y.E. Yang** with two each
- 19 winners in the field from the current season (accounting for 22 total victories): **Hayden Buckley**, **Brett Drewitt**, **Roberto Díaz**, **Tommy Gainey**, **Evan Harmeling**, **Lee Hodges**, **Stephan Jaeger** (x2), **Kyle Jones**, **David Kocher**, **Max McGreevy**, **Trey Mullinax**, **Andrew Novak**, **Mito Pereira**, **Seth Reeves**, **Davis Riley** (x2), **Adam Svensson**, **Curtis Thompson**, **Jared Wolfe** (x2), **Brandon Wu**

Miscellaneous Notes

- Residents of the greater Dallas-Fort Worth area in the field include **Paul Barjon**, **Marty Dou**, **Derek Ernst**, **Paul Haley II**, **Grant Hirschman**, **Charlie Holland**, **Theo Humphrey**, **Kyle Jones**, **Whee Kim**, **Luke Kwon**, **Max McGreevy**, **Taylor Moore**, **Martin Piller**, **Tag Ridings**, **Davis Riley**, **Tony Romo**, **Charlie Saxon**, **Conrad Shindler**, **Austin Smotherman**, **Braden Thornberry**, **Tyrone Van Aswegen**, **Sebastian Vazquez**, **Tom Whitney**, **Brandon Wu** and **Greg Yates**
- Players who competed collegiately in the state include **Michael Arnaud** (Stephen F. Austin), **Paul Barjon** (TCU), **Zack Fischer** (UT-Arlington), **Toni Hakula** (Texas), **Charlie Holland** (Texas), **Kyle Jones** (Baylor), **Robby Ormand** (TCU), **Mito Pereira** (Texas Tech), **Chandler Phillips** (Texas A&M), **Martin Piller** (Texas A&M), **Conrad Shindler** (Texas A&M), **Austin Smotherman** (SMU), **Dawie van der Walt** (Lamar) and **Greg Yates** (Texas A&M)
- No. 2 **Stephan Jaeger**, No. 5 **Davis Riley** and No. 10 **Jared Wolfe** are each seeking a third win for immediate promotion to PGA TOUR; Trailing by only four points entering this week's tournament, 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 14 events; Zalatoris, a Dallas resident, earned Special Temporary Membership on the PGA TOUR last fall after four top-20 finishes in five starts and finished runner-up at the Masters Tournament two weeks ago

- **Tony Romo** is making his second career start in a Korn Ferry Tour event and sixth in a PGA TOUR-sanctioned event; he competed last summer in the Korn Ferry Tour's Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper (WD) and has played in four PGA Tour events since 2018, missing the cut at the Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship twice (2018-2019), as well as at the AT&T Byron Nelson and Safeway Open in 2019
- Eight qualifiers gained entry into the field at two sites on Monday, highlighted by former Texas Longhorn Toni Hakula, who shot a 62 at Trophy Club Country Club's Hogan course
- The Veritex Bank Championship is the sixth Korn Ferry Tour tournament of 2021 and 29th of the season

Last week on Tour – MGM Resorts Championship at Paiute (April 15-18)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Peter Uihlein	68	67	68	69	272 (-16)
T2	David Lipsky	70	68	73	65	276 (-12)
T2	Jamie Lovemark	69	66	69	72	276 (-12)
4	Taylor Moore	69	67	71	71	278 (-10)

- Paiute Golf Resort's Sun Mountain course hosted the Korn Ferry Tour last week for the inaugural MGM Resorts Championship at Paiute in Las Vegas
- **Peter Uihlein** carded a front-nine 32 on Sunday to open his lead and coasted to a four-stroke victory; the win was the second of his Korn Ferry Tour career and first since the 2017 Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship, which came in Uihlein's first start as a professional on the Korn Ferry Tour
- With the win, Uihlein advanced from 73rd to 23rd in the Korn Ferry Tour points standings
- **David Lipsky**, a Las Vegas resident, claimed his second consecutive runner-up finish to put himself on the verge of securing his first PGA TOUR card in his 11th year as a pro; Lipsky won the TPC San Antonio Challenge at the Canyons last July and currently sits fourth in the standings
- A trio of current Dallas residents, **Taylor Moore** (4th), **Braden Thornberry** (T5) and **Austin Smotherman** (T9) secured top-10 finishes heading into the Veritex Bank Championship

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 Veritex Bank Championship will be the 29th 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	23
3	Taylor Pendrith	1,697	--	6	179	25
4	David Lipsky	1,675	1	6	201	23
5	Davis Riley	1,671	2	5	205	24
6	Lee Hodges	1,597	1	7	279	24
7	Brandon Wu	1,471	1	5	405	12
8	Chad Ramey	1,441	--	8	435	27
9	Greyson Sigg	1,423	--	7	453	23
10	Jared Wolfe	1,420	2	5	456	25