



Pre-Tournament Notes – Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics

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Dates: June 17-20, 2021

Where: Wichita, Kansas

Course: Crestview Country Club (70 / 6,910)

Course Designer: Robert Trent Jones Sr. (1969)

Field: 156 players

Defending Champion: Jared Wolfe

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

Format: 72-hole stroke play

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Things to Know

- The Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics is one of the four original tournaments from 1990 still on the Korn Ferry Tour schedule, and this year marks the 32nd playing of the event
- This will be the event's 20th consecutive year at Crestview Country Club
- Two of the most notable past champions of the Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics are David Duval and Tom Lehman, who were both ranked No. 1 in the world during their careers and won the 2001 and 1996 Open Championship, respectively
 - Lehman won the inaugural Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics, and Duval won in 1993
- Major championship winners David Toms (1995) and Jason Dufner (2001) also won in Wichita; Toms went on to win the 2001 PGA Championship, while Dufner won the 2013 PGA Championship
- Aaron Wise broke scoring records in his 2017 win in Wichita, then garnered 2018 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year honors the following year
- Defending champion **Jared Wolfe** is in the field and will attempt to become the first player in the Korn Ferry Tour's 32-year history to successfully defend his title
- Wolfe is one of five players with multiple wins during the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour season, which is the most multi-time winners in a single Tour season since 2012
- Last week, Mito Pereira won for a second consecutive week and for the third time this season, earning him a Three-Victory Promotion to the PGA TOUR; he will have PGA TOUR membership for the remainder of the 2021 season (as well as eligibility for the FedExCup Playoffs, should he earn enough points to qualify) and the entire 2022 PGA TOUR season
 - Pereira became the 12th player in Korn Ferry Tour history and the first since Wesley Bryan (2016) to earn a Three-Victory Promotion
- Prior to the last four weeks – which saw both Cameron Young and Pereira record back-to-back wins – the last player to win back-to-back events was Michael Putnam in 2013
 - Young and Pereira were the 10th and 11th players, respectively, in Korn Ferry Tour history to win back-to-back events
 - Jason Gore remains the only player in Korn Ferry Tour history to post back-to-back wins on multiple occasions, doing so in both 2002 and 2005
- With a T26 finish last week, Lee Hodges eclipsed the 1,700-point threshold the Korn Ferry Tour is currently using as its fail-safe number for players to finish inside top 25 of the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour points standings and secure a PGA TOUR card for this fall; he became the ninth player to cross the threshold

Field Notes (as of 6/14/21)

- Field headlined by 12 of the top 25 in the Korn Ferry Tour points standings, led by No. 10 **Chad Ramey**
- No. 16 **Jared Wolfe** is seeking a third win for immediate promotion to the PGA TOUR
- Field includes 50 past Korn Ferry Tour winners with 75 total wins, led by **Martin Piller** with six
- Field includes three PGA TOUR winners with six total victories, led by **Sean O'Hair** with four
- 14 winners in the field from the current season: **Tyson Alexander, Roberto Díaz, Brett Drewitt, Tommy Gainey, Kyle Jones, David Kocher, Max McGreevy, Trey Mullinax, Seth Reeves, Austin Smotherman, Adam Svensson, Curtis Thompson, Peter Uihlein, Jared Wolfe** (x2)

2020 Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics Recap (September 24-27)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Jared Wolfe	63	65	65	71	264 (-16)
2	Taylor Pendrith	65	62	69	69	265 (-15)
T3	Dawson Armstrong	70	66	65	65	266 (-14)
	Brad Hopfinger	64	67	67	68	266 (-14)
T5	Three Tied					267 (-13)

- **Jared Wolfe** carried a three-stroke lead into the final round and outlasted the field on a windy Sunday afternoon for his second win of the 2020-21 season
- Wolfe bogeyed the opening hole of his final round, made 12 consecutive pars thereafter, and ended that streak with an eagle at the par-5 14th – which gave him a three-stroke lead with four holes to play
- Taylor Pendrith had a 15-footer for birdie on the 72nd hole to force a playoff, but his putt slid by and Wolfe converted an up-and-down par and won by a single stroke
- Wolfe was the first player in the tournament's history to shoot over par in the final round (he carded a 1-over 71) and still win
- Wolfe's opening-round 7-under 63 tied the lowest score of his Korn Ferry Tour career, as he previously shot a 9-under 63 in the third round of the 2020 The King & Bear Classic at World Golf Village
- **Dawson Armstrong's** T3 was, at the time, the highest finish of his Korn Ferry Tour career; he went on to finish T2 at the 2021 LECOM Suncoast Classic this past February
- **Brad Hopfinger's** T3 remains the highest finish of his Korn Ferry Tour career

Past Champions

Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Margin
2020	Jared Wolfe	63	65	65	71	264 (-16)	1
2019	Henrik Norlander	67	64	68	66	265 (-15)	Playoff
2018	Brady Schnell	72	64	64	66	266 (-14)	Playoff
2017	Aaron Wise	62	62	67	68	259 (-21)	5
2016	Ollie Schniederjans	68	67	61	67	263 (-17)	Playoff
2015	Rob Oppenheim	67	67	69	64	267 (-13)	1
2014	Sebastian Cappelen	66	65	65	66	262 (-18)	1
2013	Scott Parel	69	66	67	64	266 (-18)	3
2012	Casey Wittenberg	63	70	67	66	266 (-18)	2
2011	Matthew Goggin	66	65	66	69	266 (-18)	1
2010	Jhonattan Vegas	65	68	67	64	264 (-20)	1
2009	Chris Tidland	67	68	68	65	268 (-16)	1
2008	Scott Piercy	64	62	65	71	262 (-22)	2
2007	Brad Elder	65	64	71	65	265 (-19)	4
2006	Kevin Johnson	65	68	67	66	266 (-18)	1
2005	Joe Daley	71	67	65	65	268 (-16)	Playoff
2004	Bradley Hughes	71	65	69	65	270 (-14)	Playoff

2003	Jeff Klauk	66	69	64	66	265 (-19)	1
2002	Tyler Williamson	68	67	71	66	272 (-8)	1
2001	Jason Dufner	67	67	64	68	266 (-22)	3
2000	Ben Crane	67	63	66	67	263 (-25)	3
1999	Brad Elder	66	65	66	71	268 (-20)	2
1998	Emlyn Aubrey	66	61	71	67	265 (-23)	1
1997	Ben Bates	67	72	64	66	269 (-19)	Playoff
1996	Rick Cramer	68	68	66	67	269 (-19)	1
1995	David Toms	67	67	68	67	269 (-19)	Playoff
1994	Dennis Postelwait	66	66	69	70	271 (-17)	1
1993	David Duval	62	70	69	70	271 (-17)	1
1992	Jeff Woodland	70	65	69	--	204 (-12)	Playoff
1991	Eric Hoos	61	66	72	--	199 (-17)	1
1990	Tom Lehman	66	69	67	--	202 (-14)	1

Course Information – Crestview Country Club

- Years Hosted: 2001-present
- Scoring Average (2020): 68.956 / -1.044
- Toughest Hole (2020): No. 6, Par 4, 495 yards – 4.348 / +0.348
- Easiest Hole (2020): No. 14, Par 5, 501 yards – 4.359 / -0.641

Tournament Scoring Records

- Low 18-Hole Score: 61, Six times (last by Curtis Thompson in 2017)
- Low 36-Hole Score: 124, Aaron Wise (2017)
- Low 54-Hole Score: 191, Scott Piercy (2008) and Aaron Wise (2017)
- Low 72-Hole Score: 259, Aaron Wise (2017)
- Largest Margin of Victory: 5, Aaron Wise (2017)
- Playoffs: 8 (last in 2019)

Miscellaneous Notes

- **Brad Hopfinger** played the 2007-08 season at the University of Kansas before he transferred to University of Iowa; he led the Jayhawks in scoring average and finished T7 at the 2008 Big 12 Championship
- **Max McGreevy's** father, Brian McGreevy, played golf at University of Kansas, earning letters from 1985-88
- Eight qualifiers gained entry into the field at two sites Monday, led by Sand Creek Station Golf Course medalist **Charlie Hillier**, a University of Kansas alum, and Auburn Hills Golf Course medalist **Quade Cummins**, who finished No. 6 in the inaugural PGA TOUR University Ranking List to earn Forme Tour status
- The Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics is the 14th Korn Ferry Tour tournament of 2021 and 37th of the season

Last week on Tour – BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by SYNEX Corporation (June 10-13)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Mito Pereira	65	63	66	64	258 (-27)
2	Justin Lower	64	63	64	71	262 (-23)
3	Max McGreevy	68	65	66	65	264 (-21)

- Thornblade Club (primary course) and The Cliffs Valley hosted the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by SYNEX Corporation in Greer, South Carolina last week
- Mito Pereira joined Jason Gore (2005), Pat Bates (2001), and Chris Smith (1997) as the only players in Korn Ferry Tour history to win back-to-back events and earn a Three-Victory Promotion in the same season

- **Justin Lower** finished solo second for the third time in his career and second time this season; his previous runner-up finishes came at the 2019 Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by MISTRAS, and the 2020 The King & Bear Classic at World Golf Village
- Lower's runner-up finish took him from 37th to 23rd in the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour points standings
- **Max McGreevy** posted his fourth top-three finish of the 2020-21 season, and his first since a solo second at the 2021 Club Car Championship at The Landings Club this past March; he won the 2020 Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper earlier this season
- **Nick Hardy** notched a T5 for his third consecutive top-five, the longest streak of his Korn Ferry Tour career; he has five top-10s in his last seven starts
- **Stuart Macdonald** finished T5 for his second consecutive top-five, third consecutive top-10, and fourth top-10 in his last five starts
- Prior to a T7 at the Visit Knoxville Open five starts ago, Macdonald was ranked 117th in the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour points standings; he moved to 61st with last week's T5
- **Austin Eckroat** (7th), **Kevin Yu** (T20), and **Garett Reband** (MC) made their Korn Ferry Tour debuts after finishing Nos. 3-5 in the inaugural PGA TOUR University Ranking List, which granted them exemptions into all remaining open, full-field Korn Ferry Tour events for the remainder of the 2020-21 season

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 Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics will be the 37th 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 seven 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	Greyson Sigg	2,065	1	9	549	29
4	Davis Riley	1,939	2	7	675	31
5	Taylor Pendrith	1,926	--	7	688	31
6	Will Zalatoris	1,876	1	10	738	16
7	David Lipsky	1,782	1	6	832	28
8	Paul Barjon	1,729	1	6	885	29
9	Lee Hodges	1,719	1	7	895	31
10	Chad Ramey	1,696	--	8	918	34