

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, April 3, 2022

Course Setup: The Landings Club - Deer Creek (Par 72 / 7,165 yards)

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Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	T.J. Vogel	69-67-68-67—271 (-17)
T2	Ryan Blaum	71-65-66-70—272 (-16)
	Mark Anderson	66-67-68-71—272 (-16)
4	Jimmy Stanger	69-69-68-68—274 (-14)

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T.J. Vogel cards second-lowest final round, earns first Korn Ferry Tour win at Club Car Championship at The Landings Club

SAVANNAH, Georgia – T.J. Vogel, who first earned Korn Ferry Tour membership ahead of the 2014 season and made his 104th career start on Tour this week, earned his first win in an official PGA TOUR-sanctioned event Sunday evening at the Club Car Championship at The Landings Club. Vogel carded a final-round 5-under 67, tied for the second-lowest score of the day at The Landings Club’s Deer Creek course, securing a one-stroke victory over outright 54-hole leader Mark Anderson and Ryan Blaum.

“I’ve worked so hard for this, I have so many people to thank, and I’m just happy,” Vogel said on the Korn Ferry Tour’s livestream coverage of the 72nd hole. “I finally proved to myself I could do it. I was out here as a young pro, but not quite ready at that point. I moved back, worked my way back up and just progressed. I felt like my progression was very slow, but I felt like I always kept moving a little bit up, a little bit up, and this is a big step here.”

Vogel sat three strokes off the 54-hole lead but quickly thrust himself into the championship picture with an opening birdie and an eagle at the par-5 third. Then came a run of three consecutive birdies, as Vogel drove the green and two-putted the 265-yard par-4 fifth, reached the 563-yard par-5 fifth in two and two-putted, and capped the run with a chip-in from a short-sided position at the par-4 seventh.

“I missed the green to the left, which is the way you couldn’t do it, but I made it,” Vogel said. “Really tough chip... just bumped it into the hill (with a 50-degree wedge).”

A bogey at the par-4 ninth dropped Vogel to 5-under par for the day, and on the back nine he remained there with bogeys at Nos. 13 and 15 countered by birdies at Nos. 14 and 16. Vogel saved par from the greenside bunker at the par-3 17th, and two-putted for par from inside of 20 feet at the par-5 18th.

As Vogel stepped onto the 18th tee, he and Anderson shared the lead at 17-under par. Anderson bogeyed the 16th and 17th and fell two strokes behind, leaving him with a wedge from inside of 100 yards for a tying eagle attempt on No. 18. Anderson's wedge shot missed 3 feet right of the pin.

"In the middle of the back nine, I kind of knew where I was and had a couple squirrely shots, but I was able to recover," Vogel said. "I had a really tough bunker shot (at No. 17) and I was like, 'I need to get this up and down.' I didn't really have a choice. I hit a great shot, made the putt... after that, I felt really good. That's a tough hole and anything can happen."

Vogel certainly ranks as one of the season's most unexpected winners, as his last top-five finish in a PGA TOUR-sanctioned event came on PGA TOUR Canada in June 2017.

Vogel's journey to the winner's circle began when he signed with University of Southern California as a standout junior golfer. In his first season with the Trojans, Vogel was 2010 All-Pac-10 First Team and the Pac-10 Freshman of the Year. After a rocky sophomore season, Vogel, who grew up in south Florida, [transferred to the University of Florida](#). Vogel was a 2012 All-America Third Team selection as a junior and turned professional following his senior season in the summer of 2013.

Vogel qualified for Final Stage of the 2013 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament, where he earned conditional membership with a T73 finish. Vogel missed 14 cuts across 27 starts on Tour in 2014 and 2015, but he retained conditional membership with return trips to Final Stage after both seasons.

Much of Vogel's 2016 season was spent on PGA TOUR Canada, where he finished 26th on the Order of Merit. The following year, he finished 10th on the Order of Merit and earned another trip to Final Stage of the Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament. After only three starts in 2018, Vogel finished T16 at Final Stage for guaranteed starts in 2019.

Those guaranteed starts teed up Vogel's best season on the Korn Ferry Tour, as he finished No. 53 on the points list and was fully exempt for what became the 2020-21 combined season. Vogel recorded the best finish of his career, a T7 at the LECOM Suncoast Classic in February 2020, but he only managed six top-25s following the COVID-19 pandemic hiatus and he finished 97th on the Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List.

Vogel was exempt to Second Stage of the 2021 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament, and he breezed through the Plantation, Florida site for yet another ticket to Final Stage – which was held at The Landings Club's Marshwood and Magnolia courses – last November.

Although Vogel left The Landings Club without guaranteed starts, he got into two of the first three events of the season on his number. A T19 at the season-opening The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay and T10 at The Panama Championship moved him up the priority ranking once the reshuffle took effect following the fourth event, earning him entry to the last three events on his number.

The win for Vogel struck quite a personal chord, as he and his fiancée, Alison Ramos, can now afford their dream wedding. The first thing Vogel did after the win became official was call Ramos. The two have been together almost nine years.

“She works so hard at home,” Vogel said of Ramos, who is a physical therapist. “We’re trying to do our best (in California) to pay for our wedding and to buy a home, just progress in life. I can’t thank her enough for her sacrifices, because she’s worked really hard and it’s inspired me that I need to get it together and do my part.”

With the win, Vogel moves to No. 7 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List, which puts him ahead of three other players already with a win on their records this season.

“We all want to move up to the (PGA) TOUR, and this helps a lot,” Vogel said. “Still got work to do, but this is a huge steppingstone. It gives me the relief that I know I’m going to be around for at least a couple years giving myself a chance to move up and really make some money.”

The 2022 Korn Ferry Tour season continues Wednesday, April 13 with the first round of the Veritex Bank Championship in Arlington, Texas, with the event being contested at Texas Rangers Golf Club.

Final-Round Notes

- Through the first eight events of the Korn Ferry Tour season, no player who has led or co-led after 18, 36, or 54 holes has gone on to win
- All eight Korn Ferry Tour winners this season were first-time winners
- **TJ Vogel** (1st / -17) is the third consecutive winner who trailed by three-plus strokes after the third round; he was three strokes behind the outright 54-hole leader this week, while the last two winners trailed by five strokes after three rounds
- **Vogel’s** 24 total birdies (one eagle, 23 birdies) this week were tied for the most by anyone in the field
- **Carl Yuan** (T7 / -12) became the first player to cross the 900-point threshold the Korn Ferry Tour is currently using as its failsafe threshold for players to finish among The 25 and earn a PGA TOUR card at regular season’s end
 - Upon receiving his PGA TOUR card later this year, **Yuan** will join Zecheng Dou and Xinjun Zhang as the only mainland Chinese players in history to earn PGA TOUR cards; Dou and Zhang both earned PGA TOUR membership for the first time as members of The 25 following the 2017 Korn Ferry Tour regular season
 - **Yuan** has 941 points this season via a trio of top-three finishes and Sunday’s top-10
 - Win – Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by MISTRAS
 - T2 – The Panama Championship
 - T3 – The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay
 - T7 – Club Car Championship at The Landings Club
- **Mark Anderson** (T2 / -16) had two bogeys through the first three rounds and the first five holes of the final round; he made five bogeys in his last 13 holes, including back-to-back bogeys at Nos. 16 and 17
- **Anderson** recorded his first top-10 since a T8 at the 2021 Rocket Mortgage Classic on the PGA TOUR last July, as well as his highest finish since a solo second at the 2019 Visit Knoxville Open; he has two wins and seven runner-up finishes in 162 career Korn Ferry Tour starts
- **Ryan Blaum** (T2 / -16) posted his first top-10 since a T4 at the 2018 RSM Classic on the PGA TOUR; his last top-10 on the Korn Ferry Tour was a T5 at the 2016 Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron amid the Korn Ferry Tour Finals

- **Blaum's** T2 marks a career-high finish in his 102nd Korn Ferry Tour start, eclipsing his T4s from the 2015 Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by MISTRAS and 2015 WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz
- **Blaum's** T2 also marked his highest finish in PGA TOUR-sanctioned play since 2013, when he won twice and had two runner-up finishes on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica en route to winning the Order of Merit
- **Blaum** played predominantly on the PGA TOUR since he earned membership via the 2016 Korn Ferry Tour Finals; he made FedExCup Playoffs appearances in the 2016-17 and 2017-18 seasons
- **Jimmy Stanger** (4th / -14) recorded his second top-five finish of the season; he was previously T2 at The Panama Championship; he also posted his second consecutive top-10 at this event
- **Sean O'Hair** (T12 / -9) carded the lowest round of the day, a 6-under 66
- **Braden Thornberry** (T20 / -6) carded the only bogey-free round of the day; there were three bogey-free rounds in the first and third rounds, and nine in the second round
- The Club Car Championship at The Landings Club was the eighth of 23 regular season events on the 26-event 2022 Korn Ferry Tour schedule; the first set of 25 PGA TOUR cards will be awarded at the regular season finale, the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna (August 11-14), and an additional 25 TOUR cards will be awarded following the three-event Korn Ferry Tour Finals, which conclude with the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance (September 1-4)
- This week's purse is \$750,000, with \$135,000 going to the champion, **T.J. Vogel**; he also received 500 Korn Ferry Tour points
 - All 2022 Korn Ferry Tour regular season events feature a minimum purse of \$750,000, a 25 percent increase from last season, and will boast minimum purses of \$1 million in 2023 for a [total increase of 66.7 percent](#) from 2021 to 2022

Final-Round Course Statistics

- Scoring Average (Total): 71.620 [-0.380]
- Scoring Average (Front Nine): 35.070 [-0.930]
- Scoring Average (Back Nine): 36.549 [+0.549]
- Toughest Hole: No. 9, Par 4, 456 yards – 4.394 [+0.394]
- Easiest Hole: No. 6, Par 5, 563 yards – 4.493 [-0.507]

Cumulative Course Statistics

- Scoring Average (Total): 71.952 [-0.048]
- Scoring Average (Front Nine): 35.384 [-0.616]
- Scoring Average (Back Nine): 36.568 [+0.568]
- Toughest Hole: No. 2, Par 3, 189 yards – 3.292 [+0.292]
- Easiest Hole: No. 5, Par 4, 320 yards – 3.644 [-0.356]