



Pre-Tournament Notes – Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance

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Dates: September 1-4, 2022

Where: Newburgh, Indiana

Course: Victoria National Golf Club (Par 72 / 7,265 yards)

Course Designer: Tom Fazio (1998)

Field: 139 players

Defending Champion: Joseph Bramlett

Purse: \$1,000,000 (\$180,000/winner)

Format: 72-hole stroke play

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Things to Know

- The Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance is the third and final event of the Korn Ferry Tour Finals, with the second set of 25 PGA TOUR cards being awarded to The Finals 25 at the conclusion of this week's tournament
 - Following the final round of the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna (Sunday, August 14) – the 23rd and final event of the 2022 regular season – the first set of 25 PGA TOUR cards were awarded to the top 25 players on the Regular Season Eligibility Points List
- GOLF Channel will have live telecast coverage of all four rounds from 4-7 p.m. ET
- With a solo-second at last week's Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship, **Paul Haley II** overtook **Carl Yuan** for the No. 1 spot on the season-long Korn Ferry Tour Eligibility Points List – which Yuan had led since his victory at the Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by MISTRAS back in mid-March
 - Players who enter this week ranked Nos. 1-5 have a chance to finish No. 1 without winning the tournament, while players ranked Nos. 7-16 must win this week to potentially finish No. 1
 - The player who finishes No. 1 in the season-long points race earns fully exempt status for the 2022-23 PGA TOUR season, a berth for the 2023 PLAYERS Championship and, for the first time in history, an exemption into the 2023 U.S. Open
- Eight players have already crossed the 210-point threshold the Korn Ferry Tour is currently using as its fail-safe number for players to finish inside The Finals 25, leaving 17 available PGA TOUR cards this week
- Defending champion **Joseph Bramlett** closed with back-to-back 7-under 65s and a 6-under 30 on the back nine of the final round to win both last year's tournament and finish atop The Finals 25 Points List; he enters this week as one of the eight players already across the fail-safe threshold for this year's Finals 25
- **Jonathan Byrd** (2017) is the only other past champion in the field this week
- Victoria National Golf Club hosted the last three playings of the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance – which has been an annual event on the Tour schedule since 1993 (except for 2016, when the tournament was cancelled due to Hurricane Matthew)

- Prior to hosting the Korn Ferry Tour Championship, Victoria National Golf Club hosted the United Leasing & Finance Championship from 2012-18
 - Played anywhere from late April to early July, Victoria National became known as one of the toughest courses on the Korn Ferry Tour, with three of the seven champions of the United Leasing & Finance Championship finishing at 5-under par, a fourth finishing at 8-under par, and the remaining three finishing at 11-under par
 - Victoria National ranked among the top-three toughest courses on Tour six consecutive seasons from 2013-18, and it was the No. 1-ranked toughest course in 2015, 2016, and 2018

Finals 101

The Korn Ferry Tour returns to Newburgh, Indiana for the final event of the three-event Korn Ferry Tour Finals. The Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance follows the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron and Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship. The Finals events include:

- Top 75 players from the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Eligibility Points List
- Players who finished Nos. 126-200 in the PGA TOUR's 2021-22 FedExCup Eligibility Points List
- Non-members who earned enough FedExCup points based on their performance on the PGA TOUR to place them Nos. 126-200 on the FedExCup Eligibility Points List
- Players competing on PGA TOUR medical extensions

While 25 Korn Ferry Tour players have already earned their PGA TOUR cards through the regular season (i.e. – The 25), their points carry over into the Finals, where they continue to compete for their placement in the priority ranking used to determine fields at PGA TOUR events. The No. 1 player from The 25 at the end of the Finals will receive fully exempt status on TOUR next season, in addition to exemptions for the 2023 PLAYERS Championship and, for the first time in history, the 2023 U.S. Open.

A separate points list for the Korn Ferry Tour Finals will determine the remaining 25 PGA TOUR cards (i.e. – The Finals 25). The player who earns the most points during the Finals will earn fully exempt status on TOUR next season, as well as an exemption for the 2023 PLAYERS Championship.

The priority ranking of all 50 players after the Korn Ferry Tour Finals will be done on an alternating basis, with the top position going to the leading points winner from The 25, and the second position going to the leading points winner from The Finals 25. The sequence then alternates between The 25 (Nos. 3, 5, 7, 9, etc.) and The Finals 25 (Nos. 4, 6, 8, 10, etc.) through the 25th player on both lists.

Field Notes (as of 8/30/22)

- Field headlined by 22 members of The 25, including nine of the top 10
- Field includes 65 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 96 total wins, led by **Robby Shelton** with four
- Field includes 29 PGA TOUR winners with 53 total wins, led by **Bill Haas** with six

Korn Ferry Tour Finals Eligibility Points List (excluding The 25)

Rank	Player	Points
1	Will Gordon	1,018
2	David Lingmerth	1,000
3	Philip Knowles	490
4	Michael Gligic	277.800
5	Joseph Bramlett	267.458
6	Austin Cook	233
7	Dean Burmester	218
8	Henrik Norlander	210.102
9	Justin Lower	200.500

T10	Scott Harrington	200
	Thomas Detry	200
12	Matti Schmid	166.769
T13	Brian Stuard	160.500
	Ben Martin	160.500
	Nick Hardy	160.500
16	Doc Redman	150
17	Kyle Westmoreland	140
T18	Brice Garnett	126
	Satoshi Kodaira	126
	Nicholas Lindheim	126
21	Norman Xiong	114.500
22	William McGirt	106.600
23	Sean O’Hair	100
	Seung-Yul Noh	100
	Hurly Long	100
Top 25 Earn PGA TOUR Card		
26	Patrick Fishburn	99.769
T27	Grayson Murray	84.125
	Carson Young	84.125
	Chris Gotterup	84.125
30	Aaron Baddeley	81.269
31	Brent Grant	77.600
T32	Ryan Armour	73
	Sung Kang	73
	Kelly Kraft	73
	David Kocher	73

2021 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance Recap (August 2-5)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Joseph Bramlett	70	68	65	65	268 (-20)
2	Trey Mullinax	63	71	68	70	272 (-16)
3	Christiaan Bezuidenhout	71	68	70	64	273 (-15)
T4	Hayden Buckley	67	68	70	69	274 (-14)
	Lee Hodges	71	66	68	69	274 (-14)

- **Joseph Bramlett** stood T7 and four strokes off the lead through 36 holes but rallied with back-to-back 7-under 65s, including a 6-under 30 on the back nine of the final round, to notch his first PGA TOUR-sanctioned victory
- Bramlett’s victory earned him the No. 1 spot on The Finals 25, granting him fully exempt status this past season and a spot in the 2022 PLAYERS Championship
- Hayden Buckley secured his first PGA TOUR card and qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs as a PGA TOUR rookie this season
- Justin Lower made an up-and-down par from just off the 18th green to secure the last available spot in The Finals 25 for his first PGA TOUR card
- Christiaan Bezuidenhout and Kurt Kiyama also solidified their first PGA TOUR cards via The Finals 25, and both qualified for the BMW Championship, the second leg of the FedExCup Playoffs, this season

Past Champions

Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Margin
2021	Joseph Bramlett	70	68	65	65	268 (-20)	4
2020	Brandon Wu	67	69	69	65	270 (-18)	1
2019	Tom Lewis	68	66	66	65	265 (-23)	5
2018	Denny McCarthy	64	65	67	65	261 (-23)	4
2017	Jonathan Byrd	64	65	64	67	260 (-24)	4
2016	CANCELLED						
2015	Emiliano Grillo	66	64	67	69	266 (-14)	1
2014	Derek Fathauer	65	66	67	68	266 (-14)	1
2013	Chesson Hadley	65	66	70	69	270 (-10)	2
2012	Justin Bolli	65	71	67	65	268 (-16)	2
2011	Ken Duke	72	68	70	68	278 (-10)	2
2010	Brendan Steele	66	71	65	73	275 (-13)	Playoff
2009	Matt Every	70	63	67	67	267 (-21)	3
2008	Matt Bettencourt	68	67	63	69	267 (-17)	1
2007	Richard Johnson	66	64	67	67	264 (-20)	1
2006	Craig Kanada	73	64	72	66	275 (-13)	1
2005	David Branshaw	71	65	69	71	276 (-12)	2
2004	Nick Watney	69	64	71	69	273 (-15)	3
2003	Chris Couch	66	67	65	72	270 (-18)	3
2002	Patrick Moore	71	69	66		206 (-10)	2
2001	Pat Bates	71	72	72	69	284 (-4)	3
2000	Spike McRoy	74	64	65	69	272 (-16)	5
1999	Bob Heintz	68	68	75	72	283 (-5)	Playoff
1998	Bob Burns	73	69	67	74	283 (-5)	3
1997	Steve Flesch	69	68	68	73	278 (-10)	4
1996	Stewart Cink	66	71	71	73	281 (-7)	4
1995	Allen Doyle	72	68	72	71	283 (-5)	Playoff
1994	Mike Schuchart	69	67	68	73	277 (-7)	1
1993	David Duval	69	68	72	68	277 (-7)	1

Course Information – Victoria National Golf Club

- Years Hosted Korn Ferry Tour Championship: 2019-present
- Course Record: 63, Sebastián Vázquez (2016, Round 2, United Leasing & Finance Championship), Chris Baker (2019, Round 1), and Trey Mullinax (2021, Round 1)
- Scoring Average (2021): 71.611 / -0.389
- Toughest Hole (2021): No. 14, Par 4, 471 yards – 4.265 / +0.265
- Easiest Hole (2021): No. 9, Par 5, 558 yards – 4.519 / -0.481

Tournament Scoring Records

- Low 18-Hole Score: 59, Sam Saunders (2017, Round 1, Atlantic Beach Country Club)
- Low 36-Hole Score: 125, Sam Saunders (2017, Atlantic Beach Country Club)
- Low 54-Hole Score: 193, Jonathan Byrd (2017, Atlantic Beach Country Club)
- Low 72-Hole Score: 260, Jonathan Byrd (2017, Atlantic Beach Country Club)
- Largest Margin of Victory: 5, Spike McRoy (2000) and Tom Lewis (2019)
- Playoffs: 3 (last in 2010)

Last Week on Tour – Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship (August 25-28)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	David Lingmerth	62	66	71	68	267 (-17)
2	Paul Haley II	68	68	65	68	269 (-15)
3	Zecheng Dou	67	67	67	70	271 (-13)
4	Michael Gligic	67	67	69	69	272 (-12)

- The Ohio State University Golf Club’s Scarlet Course hosted the Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship in Columbus, Ohio last week
- **David Lingmerth** drained a 13-footer for birdie on the 72nd hole, which he began tied with **Paul Haley II**
- Lingmerth, whose last top-10 in PGA TOUR-sanctioned play was in July 2017, 117 starts prior to last week, emerged with the first wire-to-wire victory since Cameron Young accomplished the same feat at the 2021 AdventHealth Championship
- Lingmerth moved within 18 points of **Will Gordon** for the No. 1 spot on The Finals 25
- Lingmerth held a six-stroke lead through 36 holes, the eighth 36-hole lead of six-plus strokes in Korn Ferry Tour history; he became the sixth player who went on to win after building such a lead
- **Paul Haley II** earned his third runner-up finish on the Korn Ferry Tour, all of which have come in the last two seasons, and moved to No. 1 in the season-long points race