

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, September 4, 2022

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

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Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Justin Suh	66-69-64-68—267 (-21)
2	Austin Eckroat	68-65-68-68—269 (-19)
T3	Eric Cole	66-68-68-68—270 (-17)
	Harry Hall	69-65-71-65—270 (-17)

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Justin Suh wins Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance, sweeps No. 1 rankings for added PGA TOUR benefits

NEWBURGH, Indiana – Justin Suh closed out his first PGA TOUR-sanctioned victory with a 4-under 68 in the final round of the 2022 season-ending Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance. Suh made just three bogeys all week at Victoria National Golf Club, the fewest scores of bogey or worse by any player in the field, and finished at 21-under par, two strokes ahead of Austin Eckroat, who was among the [25 players awarded PGA TOUR cards via The Finals 25](#).

By virtue of the victory and the 1,000 points awarded, Suh finished No. 1 on both the Korn Ferry Tour Finals Eligibility Points List and the season-long Korn Ferry Tour Eligibility Points List. As a result of sweeping the No. 1 rankings, Suh will have fully exempt status for the 2022-23 PGA TOUR season, an exemption for the 2023 PLAYERS Championship and, for the first time in history, an exemption for the 2023 U.S. Open.

Suh joins world No. 1 Scottie Scheffler (2019) and PGA TOUR winner Chesson Hadley (2017) as the only players in history to win both points lists.

“My game has progressed so much over the course of the year and it feels extremely gratifying that it paid off,” Suh said. “I wasn’t really thinking about the overall season title. I wanted to win this event, especially since it’s the last Korn Ferry (Tour) event. I knew I could win out here. I’ve been close so many times. To put it all together, it feels great.

“It’s one of the most important weeks of the year. I know it’s a lot of stress for guys fighting to get their (PGA) TOUR cards, but it’s an exciting week. I’m just really happy a couple of my friends got in.”

Suh carried a [one-stroke lead](#) into the final round and maintained the outright lead for the majority of the day. The San Jose, California native birdied the par-4 fourth, bogeyed the par-3 seventh and immediately bounced back with a birdie at the par-4 eighth to turn at 1-under par. Suh birdied two of the first three holes on the back – the par-5 10th and par-4 12th – and put extra distance between he and Eckroat with a birdie at the par-5 15th.

“After I birdied No. 12, I felt pretty good there,” Suh said. “It was a big par save on No. 14 and birdie on No. 15. I saw Tano (Goya)’s name at No. 25 on No. 15 and I was nervous for him because he just made a bogey on No. 12 and I knew he was on the bubble. Super happy for him. It was awesome to see him finish.”

Goya, who played alongside Suh and Nicholas Lindheim in the final group Sunday, and eventually held on for his first PGA TOUR card as he played the final six holes at 1-under par.

Another central figure of drama Sunday afternoon was Kyle Westmoreland, who played collegiately at the United States Air Force Academy and attained the rank of captain as he [served a five-year stint](#) with the United States Air Force after graduation. Westmoreland was anywhere from No. 23 to No. 26 on the Korn Ferry Tour Finals Eligibility Points List after he finished his round with a birdie at the par-5 ninth. After a relatively lengthy wait, Westmoreland finished No. 25 and became the first Air Force Academy graduate to earn a PGA TOUR card.

The first man out of The Finals 25 was Joey Garber, who double bogeyed the par-4 14th but closed with four consecutive birdies for a chance at a return to the PGA TOUR. Garber signed his scorecard as the No. 25 player on The Finals 25, but Nicolas Echavarria’s bogey-free 6-under 66, highlighted by birdies on the par-5 15th and par-4 17th, ultimately knocked Garber out.

The 2023 Korn Ferry Tour schedule will be announced Tuesday, October 4.

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- **Justin Suh** (1st / -21) recorded 16 top-25s, including 10 top-10s, in his final 20 starts of the Korn Ferry Tour season
- Five of Suh’s top-10s came in his final six starts of the season
- Seven players who began the week outside The Finals 25 moved into The Finals 25
 - **Austin Eckroat** (2nd / -19)
 - **Eric Cole** (T3 / -18)
 - **Ryan Armour** (T5 / -17)
 - **Brent Grant** (11th / -16)
 - **Tano Goya** (T5 / -17)
 - **Nicolas Echavarria** (T5 / -17)
 - **Sam Stevens** (T12 / -15)
- Four players shared the low round of the day with 7-under 65s: **Harry Hall** (T3 / -18), **Ryan Armour** (T5 / -17), **Dean Burmester** (T5 / -17) and **Vaughn Taylor** (T12 / -15)
- Armour’s 65 and T5 finish solidified his place in The Finals 25
- The Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance was the third and final tournament of the three-event Korn Ferry Tour Finals, in addition to being the 26th and final event of the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour season

- This week's purse was \$1,000,000, with \$180,000 going to the champion, Justin Suh; he also earned 1,000 Korn Ferry Tour points to finish atop both the season-long Korn Ferry Tour Eligibility Points List and Korn Ferry Tour Finals Eligibility Points List
 - Next season's Korn Ferry Tour Finals events [will feature minimum purses](#) of \$1,500,000