



Pre-Tournament Notes – Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS

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Dates: July 14-17, 2022

Where: Springfield, Illinois

Course: Panther Creek Country Club (Par 71 / 7,228 yards)

Course Designer: Hale Irwin (1992)

Field: 156 Players

Purse / Winner's Share: \$750,000 / \$135,000 winner

Format: 72-hole stroke play

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Things to Know

- The Korn Ferry Tour returns to Springfield, Illinois and Panther Creek Country Club for the seventh playing of the Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS
- This week's Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS is the 20th tournament of the 23-event regular season and 26-event 2022 Korn Ferry Tour schedule
- Taylor Moore won the tournament in record-setting fashion last year for his first Korn Ferry Tour title, which secured his first PGA TOUR card; he finished the 2020-21 combined season No. 6 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- Four other players who finished in the top 10 at last year's event earned PGA TOUR cards via the 2020-21 regular season: Andrew Novak (solo-third), Brett Drewitt (T6), David Skinns (T6), and Jared Wolfe (T6)
- Three of the top five finishers from last year's event are back in the field: **Erik Barnes** (solo-second), **Grant Hirschman** (T4) and **John VanDerLaan** (T4)
- Three former champions are in the field this week: **Martin Flores** (2016), **Anders Albertson** (2018) and **Xinjun Zhang** (2019)
- Ten players have achieved #TOURBound status this season, with **Zecheng Dou** and Davis Thompson being the latest to cross the 875-point mark the Korn Ferry Tour is currently using as its fail-safe threshold for players to finish among The 25 and earn a PGA TOUR card at regular season's end (see The Chase for PGA TOUR Cards section for more details)
 - Eight #TOURBound players are in the field this week: **Byeong Hun An**, **Erik Barnes**, **MJ Daffue**, **Dou**, **Ben Griffin**, **Seonghyeon Kim**, **Brandon Matthews**, and points leader **Carl Yuan**

Local Ties

- Five players in the field have ties to the state of Illinois: sponsor exemption **David Perkins** (East Peoria native, Illinois State University alum), **Brad Hopfinger** (Lake Forest High School alum), **Theo Humphrey** (Chicago native), **Vince India** (Deerfield native and Chicago resident) and **Tee-K Kelly** (Wheaton native and resident)

Field Notes (as of 7/12/22)

- Field is headlined by 22 of the top 25 players on the Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List, including each of the top six players
- Two players in the field are ranked in the top 200 of the Official World Golf Ranking: **Carl Yuan** (No. 122) and **Seonghyeon Kim** (No. 171)
- Field includes 44 past Korn Ferry Tour winners with 61 total victories, led by **Daniel Chopra**, **Zecheng Dou** and **Robby Shelton** with three apiece
- Field includes five past PGA TOUR winners with nine total victories, led by **Boo Weekley** with three

The Chase for PGA TOUR Cards

#	Player	Points	Wins	Top-10s	#TOURBound Result
1	Carl Yuan	1,717	1	7	#TOURBound
2	Zecheng Dou	1,207	1	4	#TOURBound
3	Ben Griffin	1,102	--	5	#TOURBound
4	Brandon Matthews	1,094	1	3	#TOURBound
5	MJ Daffue	1,018	--	6	#TOURBound
6	Seonghyeon Kim	946	--	4	#TOURBound
7	Davis Thompson	926	1	4	#TOURBound
8	Erik Barnes	897	--	6	#TOURBound
9	Byeong Hun An	890	1	2	#TOURBound
10	Trevor Werbylo	878	1	3	#TOURBound
11	Augusto Núñez	868	--	7	Solo-54th, 4-way T53 or higher
12	Tyson Alexander	852	1	4	3-way T33 or higher
13	Taylor Montgomery	852	--	5	2-way T33 or higher
14	Paul Haley II	818	--	4	Solo-14th, 3-way T13 or higher
15	Anders Albertson	783	1	3	2-way T6 or higher
16	Robby Shelton	780	1	2	2-way T6 or higher
17	Harry Hall	761	1	2	3-way T4 or higher
18	Justin Suh	745	--	5	Solo-4th, 4-way T3 or higher
19	Harrison Endycott	730	1	2	3-way T3 or higher
20	Ryan McCormick	729	--	3	2-way T3 or higher
21	Brent Grant	720	1	2	2-way T3 or higher
22	Vincent Norrman	709	--	3	Solo-3rd, 5-way T2 or higher
23	Brandon Harkins	708	1	1	Solo 3rd, 5-way T2 or higher
24	Ben Taylor	705	--	3	Solo-3rd, 4-way T2 or higher
25	T.J. Vogel	691	1	2	Solo-3rd, 4-way T2 or higher
26	Carson Young	670	1	1	3-way T2 or higher
	Nos. 27-30				2-way T2, solo-2nd or win
	Nos. 31-34				Solo-2nd or win
	Nos. 35-46				Win

- Following the conclusion of the 23-event regular season at the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna (August 11-14), 25 PGA TOUR cards will be awarded to the top 25 players on the [Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List](#), making those players “The 25”
- Another 25 PGA TOUR cards will be awarded through the three-event Korn Ferry Tour Finals at the conclusion of the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance (September 1-4)
- Leading points earners of The 25 and Korn Ferry Tour Finals Points Lists receive fully exempt status for the 2022-23 PGA TOUR season and an exemption into the 2023 PLAYERS Championship, while The 25’s leading points earner (regular season and Finals combined) receives the added bonus of an exemption into the 2023 U.S. Open Championship

- With four events remaining in the regular season, the Korn Ferry Tour is currently using 875 points as its fail-safe threshold for players to finish inside the top 25 of the Regular Season Points List and become #TOURBound (see above for the latest points list)

2021 Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS (July 15-18, 2021)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Taylor Moore	66	66	60	65	257 (-27)
2	Erik Barnes	63	64	65	68	260 (-24)
3	Andrew Novak	65	65	68	63	261 (-23)

- Taylor Moore shot a course-record 11-under 60 in the third round and moved into a share of the 54-hole lead with **Erik Barnes**, as both established a new 54-hole tournament scoring record at 21-under 192
- Moore carded three birdies on each nine in the final round, including three in a four-hole stretch at Nos. 13, 15 and 16 to solidify the victory
- Moore's 27-under 257 tied the fourth-lowest 72-hole score in Korn Ferry Tour history, though it is now tied for the fifth-lowest 72-hole score in Tour history given Norman Xiong posted a 26-under 254 in a win at last month's Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics
- Barnes recorded the third runner-up finish of his Korn Ferry Tour career, which propelled him to a career-high No. 31 finish on the Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List last season
- Andrew Novak went on to finish No. 16 on the Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List and earn his first PGA TOUR card; he currently stands No. 143 in the FedExCup Standings

Past Champions

Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Margin
2021	Taylor Moore	66	66	60	65	257 (-27)	3
2020	Brett Drewitt	67	62	68	68	265 (-19)	1
2019	Xinjun Zhang	68	72	63	66	269 (-15)	Playoff
2018	Anders Albertson	66	66	64	63	259 (-25)	2
2017	Adam Schenk	67	66	65	72	270 (-14)	Playoff
2016	Martin Flores	66	64	65	67	262 (-22)	2

Course Information – Panther Creek Country Club

- Years Hosted: 2016-Present
- Scoring Average (2021): 68.114 / -2.886
- Toughest Hole (2021): No. 17, Par 3, 233 yards – 3.204 / +0.204
- Easiest Hole (2021): No. 16, Par 5, 529 yards – 4.289 / -0.711

Tournament Scoring Records

- Low 18-Hole Score: 60, Taylor Moore (2021, Round 3)
- Low 36-Hole Score: 127, Charlie Saxon (2020) and Erik Barnes (2021)
- Low 54-Hole Score: 192, Taylor Moore (2021) and Erik Barnes (2021)
- Low 72-Hole Score: 257, Taylor Moore (2021)

Last Time on Tour – The Ascendant presented by Blue (June 30–July 3)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Zecheng Dou	69	67	68	67	271 (-17)
2	Carl Yuan	71	70	64	67	272 (-16)
T3	Jeremy Paul	67	71	69	66	273 (-15)
	Brandon Matthews	70	67	68	68	273 (-15)
	Augusto Núñez	66	70	69	68	273 (-15)

- **Zecheng Dou** earned his third career Korn Ferry Tour victory and first since 2019, breaking the 72-hole tournament scoring record with a 17-under 271 at The Ascendant presented by Blue
- **Carl Yuan** posted his third runner-up finish of the season and strengthened his hold on the No. 1 spot on Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List, which he leads for the 14th consecutive event
- **Jeremy Paul** posted a career-high finish; his previous career-high finish was T5 at the 2022 Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation
- **Brandon Matthews** secured his highest finish of the season since his win at the Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard, marking his third top-3 of the season
- **Augusto Núñez** moved within seven points of the #TOURBound threshold with his third consecutive top-6 and second top-3 in his last three starts