

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, May 28, 2022

Course Setup: The Glen Club (Par 71 / 7,257 yards)

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Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
T1	Davis Thompson	67-68-62—197 (-16)
	Nick Hardy	64-68-65—197 (-16)
	Harry Hall	65-67-65—197 (-16)
4	Christopher Petefish	65-66-68—199 (-14)
T5	Mac Meissner	65-67-68—200 (-13)
	Jimmy Stanger	66-67-67—200 (-13)

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Three players share 54-hole lead at NV5 Invitational presented by Old National Bank

GLENVIEW, Illinois – A trio of players – Northbrook, Illinois native and University of Illinois alum Nick Hardy, Davis Thompson, and Harry Hall – will enter Sunday’s final round of the NV5 Invitational presented by Old National Bank as co-leaders at 16-under par. It marks the first 54-hole lead or co-lead on the Korn Ferry Tour for each of the players.

Thompson had the round of the day Saturday as he carded a 9-under 62, establishing a new career-low round and tying The Glen Club’s course record previously set by Ollie Schniederjans (2021), Jim Rutledge (2005), D.A. Points (2004) and Kris Mikkelsen (2002).

“Got off to a nice start. Didn’t hit a lot of greens early on, but was only 1-under through six and I knew scores are probably going to be pretty low today,” Thompson said. “Thankfully I just made some putts during the middle of my round, and then nice to finish with a birdie on No. 18.”

The 22-year-old St. Simons Island, Georgia resident began the third round in T14 position and climbed the leaderboard with 10 birdies and just one bogey. Thompson opened with a birdie at the par-5 first, offset a birdie at the par-5 fifth with a bogey at the par-4 sixth, then rattled off seven birdies in the next nine holes, including a run of four in a row from Nos. 7-10. The University of Georgia alum capped the day with a birdie at the par-5 18th.

A Korn Ferry Tour rookie, Thompson has three top-25s, including a T6 last month at the Huntsville Championship, in 11 starts this season.

Thompson, formerly the No. 1 player in the World Amateur Golf Ranking, turned professional last year following four seasons at the University of Georgia, where he was named the 2021 Southeastern Conference Player of the Year and finished No. 2 in the inaugural PGA TOUR University presented by Velocity Global Class of 2021. Utilizing an exemption to Final Stage of the 2021 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament via PGA TOUR University, Thompson finished T39 and earned guaranteed starts for the first eight events of the 2022 season.

"I'm going to enjoy the challenge." Thompson said of the impending final round. "I'm there for a reason. Might as well keep it going and try to have an aggressive mindset. This is why you practice, this is why you play, this is why you hit all those balls. You can't get too emotional. Looking forward to just trying to play a good round tomorrow and try to win."

Hardy, who stood solo-second through 36 and 54 holes of this event last year, is making his 53rd Korn Ferry Tour start this week and remains in search of his first victory. Hardy stands T5 or higher for the seventh consecutive round of the NV5 Invitational presented by Old National Bank.

Hardy's third round started with birdies on the first and third, sandwiched around his lone bogey of the day on the par-4 second. Three more birdies on Nos. 5, 10 and 13 took him to 14-under par. At the par-5 18th, the 26-year-old putted from just off the green and rolled in the 22-footer for a walk-off eagle.

"I hit a drive a little right, but I hit it pretty hard across the cart path," Hardy said of his position at No. 18. "I was on kind of a baseball swing lie, and kind of sketchy shot. I hit 7-iron hoping for a jumper and it jumped and it was perfect. Landed just short of the pin and rolled to the back fringe. I had a really fast putt. I was just trying to lag it down there and it happened to go in."

A 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour graduate, Hardy earned his first PGA TOUR card last year with 10 top-10s and 19 top-25s across 41 starts. He finished the combined season No. 21 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List and was one of three members of The 25 who earned a TOUR card without a victory in the combined season.

"The tournament is not over, so I still have a lot of work to do tomorrow," Hardy said. "You're not going to go congratulate Kobe Bryant or LeBron James after the third quarter of a basketball game. We got a lot of game left, so got to keep going."

Making his 43rd career start on the Korn Ferry Tour, Hall enters the final round for the first time with a lead of any kind. The highest position he held through 54 holes was solo-second at the 2021 Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics, where he went on to win.

"I drew back on Wichita about two weeks ago as far as how I played the game," Hall said. "You're always looking to improve and hit it further and drive it straighter, putt it better. I thought about Wichita a lot because I've been progressively playing solid this year, but not up to my standards or how I want to play. I kind of figured, what did I do well in Wichita? I drew the ball off the tee."

A representative of Cornwall, England who now resides in Las Vegas, Nevada, Hall posted a 6-under 65 Saturday with seven birdies (Nos. 2, 5, 7, 9, 10, 15, 18) and just one bogey, which came at the par-4 eighth. Hall has 19 birdies this week, tied for the most in the field.

In 30 starts last season, Hall racked up five top-10s, including a win and a runner-up, as he finished No. 40 on the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List. The 24-year-old University of Nevada-Las Vegas alum's best finish this year came in the season-opening event, a T19 at The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay.

Final-round pairings will run from 7:20 a.m. through 12:50 p.m. local time off the first tee.

Third-Round Notes

- Only two 54-hole leaders/co-leaders went on to win one of the first 13 events this season
- Sponsor exemption **Dylan Meyer** (T15 / -10) was the only player who carded a bogey-free round Saturday as he shot a 6-under 65; Meyer played collegiately at the University of Illinois, where he was a three-time All-American
- Deerfield native and Chicago resident **Vince India** (T15 / -10) carded five birdies and two bogeys Saturday to finish at 3-under 68; India finished T12 in this event last season
- Lake Forest High School alum **Brad Hopfinger** (T15 / -10) played 6-under par across his final 12 holes Saturday; he has one top-25 this season (T13 at Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard)
- Chicago native and Highwood resident **Patrick Flavin** (T33 / -8) and Quincy native and University of Illinois alum **Luke Guthrie** (T40 / -7), both sponsor exemptions this week, remain in the hunt for top-25s after matching 2-under 69s
- Illinois State University alum and East Peoria native **David Perkins** (T33 / -8) leads the season-high four Monday qualifiers who made the 36-hole cut
- **Christopher Petefish** (4th / -14), who held the outright 36-hole lead, carded a 3-under 68; he is in search of his first top-10 in what is his ninth career start on the Korn Ferry Tour
- **Mac Meissner** (T5 / -13), a Korn Ferry Tour rookie in his 11th start this year, is in search of his first top-10; the 23-year-old sits inside the top 10 after 54 holes for the first time
- The NV5 Invitational presented by Old National Bank is the 14th 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; the champion will also receive 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