



Pre-Tournament Notes – REX Hospital Open

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Dates: June 2-5, 2022

Where: Raleigh, North Carolina

Course: The Country Club at Wakefield Plantation (Par 71 / 7,269 yards)

Course Designer: Hale Irwin (2000)

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 REX Hospital Open marks the 15th tournament of the Korn Ferry Tour's 26-event season
- This will be the 28th edition of the REX Hospital Open, with The Country Club at Wakefield Plantation hosting for the 21st time since the event first played there in 2001
- This year also marks the last time the event will be held at The Country Club at Wakefield Plantation, as next year's event will be held at Raleigh Country Club
- The inaugural REX Hospital Open was played in 1994, when Skip Kendall held off future World No. 1 and 2001 Open Championship winner David Duval for the title
- Mito Pereira won last year's REX Hospital Open and earned the Three-Victory Promotion with another victory the following week; he finished T3 at the PGA Championship two weeks ago and has three top-10s in 20 starts as a rookie on TOUR this season
- In addition to Pereira, another eight players who finished T15 or higher at last year's event earned PGA TOUR cards: Stephan Jaeger (2nd – The 25), Taylor Moore (T3 – The 25), Andrew Novak (T9 – The 25), Chad Ramey (T12 – The 25), Callum Tarren (T12 – Korn Ferry Tour Finals), Scott Gutschewski (T15 – Finals), Ben Kohles (T15 – The 25), Justin Lower (T15 – Finals)
- Two past champions of the REX Hospital Open are returning to Raleigh this week: **Joey Garber** (2018), and **Conrad Shindler** (2017)
- **Carl Yuan**, Seonghyeon Kim, **MJ Daffue** and **Byeong Hun An** all achieved #TOURBound status this season, having crossed the 875-point threshold 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)
- **Trent Phillips** finished No. 8 in the PGA TOUR University presented by Velocity Global Class of 2022 out of the University of Georgia; he will make his Korn Ferry Tour debut as a sponsor exemption this week
- Raleigh, North Carolina native and Duke University alum **Quinn Riley** will make his professional debut this week as a sponsor exemption; he recently finished T16 and was Duke's highest finisher at the 2022 Atlantic Coast Conference Championship
 - Riley also received a sponsor invite to the PGA TOUR's John Deere Classic (June 30-July 3)

- Seven of this season's 14 tournaments were decided by one stroke, while another four were determined by sudden-death playoffs

Local Ties

- Field includes 15 players with ties to the state of North Carolina: **Akshay Bhatia** (Wake Forest resident), **Jonathan Brightwell** (Charlotte native), **Trevor Cone** (Charlotte native and resident), **Patrick Cover** (Mooresville native, Charlotte resident), **Trace Crowe** (Charlotte native and Greenville resident), **Taylor Dickson** (Gastonia native), **Stephen Franken** (Raleigh native and resident), **Will Gordon** (Davidson native and Charlotte resident), **Ben Griffin** (Chapel Hill native), **Brad Hopfinger** (Charlotte resident), **Grayson Murray** (Raleigh native and resident), **Garett Reband** (Charlotte resident), **Kyle Reifers** (Charlotte resident), sponsor exemption **Christian Salzer** (Cary resident), **Thomas Walsh** (High Point native)
- Seven players in the field played collegiately in the state of North Carolina: **Albin Choi** (North Carolina State), **Brightwell** (University of North Carolina-Greensboro), **Cover** (University of North Carolina-Wilmington), **Franken** (North Carolina State), **Griffin** (University of North Carolina) **Pontus Nyholm** (Campbell University), **Reifers** (Wake Forest University)

Field Notes (as of 5/31/22)

- Field headlined by 21 of the top 25 players on the Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List, currently led by **Carl Yuan**
- Yuan is highest ranked player in the Official World Golf Ranking (No. 137) in this week's field
- Field includes 46 past Korn Ferry Tour winners with 65 total victories, led by **Tommy Gainey** and **Heath Slocum** with three apiece
- Field Includes 12 PGA TOUR winners with 25 total victories, led by **Aaron Baddeley**, **Sean O'Hair** and **Heath Slocum** with four apiece
- **Ryan Linton**, who Monday qualified into last week's event, birdied four of his final seven holes en route to a T23 and a spot in this week's field; his only previous Korn Ferry Tour starts were two missed cuts in 2012
- **Dylan Meyer**, who played last week's event via a sponsor exemption, bounced back from a 3-over par front nine with a 4-under 31 on the back nine in the final round en route to a T23, his first top-25 in 22 career Korn Ferry Tour starts, and earned a spot in this week's field
- Eight players gained entry via Monday's open qualifier, including two members of the PGA TOUR University presented by Velocity Global Class of 2022
 - **Jacob Bridgeman** (No. 2) and **Ryan Hall** (No. 11) concluded their collegiate careers as members of the PGA TOUR University Class of 2022 out of Clemson and South Carolina, respectively
 - **Varun Chopra** also concluded his collegiate career this season, as he played the last two seasons at Northwestern University; he will make his first PGA TOUR-sanctioned start
 - **Corbin Mills**, a member on both PGA TOUR Canada and Latinoamérica, successfully Monday qualified for the second time this season (previously AdventHealth Championship) after he Monday'd into two events and top-25'd into another last season
 - **Ryan Celano**, who will be the best man in 2022 Korn Ferry Tour winner T.J. Vogel's wedding this fall, is set to make his first PGA TOUR-sanctioned start

The Chase for PGA TOUR Cards

#	Player	Points	Wins	Top-10s	#TOURBound Result
1	Carl Yuan	1,310	1	5	#TOURBound
2	Seonghyeon Kim	939	--	4	#TOURBound
3	MJ Daffue	911	--	5	#TOURBound
4	Byeong Hun An	890	1	2	#TOURBound
5	Taylor Montgomery	852	--	5	2-way T33, 5-way T32 or higher
6	Brandon Matthews	840	1	2	2-way T25, 4-way T24 or higher

7	Erik Barnes	839	--	6	Solo-25th, 3-way T24 or higher
8	Trevor Werbylo	833	1	3	2-way T21, 4-way T20 or higher
9	Ben Griffin	783	--	4	3-way T6 or higher
10	Zecheng Dou	707	--	3	Solo-3rd, 4-way T2 or higher
11	Anders Albertson	703	1	2	Solo-3rd, 4-way T2 or higher
12	T.J. Vogel	691	1	2	Solo-3rd, 4-way T2 or higher
13	Brent Grant	666	1	2	2-way T2, Solo-2nd or win
14	Tyson Alexander	658	1	2	2-way T2, Solo-2nd or win
15	Ben Taylor	656	--	3	2-way T2, Solo-2nd or win
16	Carson Young	648	1	1	2-way T2, Solo-2nd or win
	Nos. 17-20		--	--	Solo-2nd or win
	Nos. 21-34		--	--	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 THE 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 nine 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 REX Hospital Open Recap (June 3-6, 2021)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Mito Pereira	62	67	67	67	263 (-21)
2	Stephan Jaeger	66	67	63	67	262 (-21)
T3	Stuart Macdonald	70	64	65	66	262 (-19)
T3	Taylor Moore	68	65	64	68	265 (-19)

- Mito Pereira secured his second Korn Ferry Tour win of the 2020-21 combined season as he defeated Stephan Jaeger with a birdie on the first playoff hole, the par-4 18th
- The following week, Pereira won the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX and earned the Three-Victory Promotion, immediately sending him to the PGA TOUR
- Jaeger, who entered the week with two wins, forced the playoff with a par save on the 72nd hole
- Jaeger ultimately settled for the third of his four runner-up finishes, which led to his No. 1 finish on the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour Points List at the conclusion of the Korn Ferry Tour Finals
- **Stuart Macdonald’s** T3 remains his career-high finish in 67 Korn Ferry Tour starts
- Taylor Moore recorded his ninth consecutive top-25, though the streak ended with a missed cut the following week; he finished No. 4 on the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List and earned his first PGA TOUR card

Past Champions

Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Margin
2021	Mito Pereira	62	67	67	67	263 (-21)	Playoff
2019	Sebastian Cappelen	65	65	69	64	263 (-21)	3
2018	Joey Garber	66	65	69	66	266 (-18)	1
2017	Conrad Shindler	68	69	65	67	269 (-15)	Playoff

2016	Trey Mullinax	68	67	67	68	270 (-14)	2
2015	Kyle Thompson	63	68	69	67	267 (-17)	Playoff
2014	Byron Smith	70	69	63	66	268 (-16)	4
2013	Chesson Hadley	63	69	69	64	265 (-19)	2
2012	James Hahn	67	68	69	67	271 (-13)	Playoff
2011	Kyle Thompson	68	66	68	68	270 (-14)	1
2010	John Riegger	66	64	63	--	193 (-20)	5
2009	Kevin Johnson	65	69	65	67	266 (-18)	Playoff
2008	Scott Gutschewski	67	69	68	66	270 (-14)	2
2007	Kyle Thompson	64	65	69	70	268 (-16)	2
2006	Brenden Pappas	66	68	65	69	268 (-16)	1
2005	Eric Axley	69	67	67	67	270 (-14)	2
2004	Chris Anderson	67	70	66	68	271 (-13)	Playoff
2003	David Morland IV	66	68	66	68	268 (-16)	1
2002	Zoran Zorkic	70	67	66	71	274 (-10)	1
2001	John Maginnes	68	65	66	70	269 (-15)	2
2000	Mark Hensby	64	68	68	66	266 (-18)	Playoff
1999	Vance Veazey	68	67	67	67	269 (-15)	1
1998	Brian Bateman	68	66	67	65	266 (-18)	1
1997	Ahmad Bateman	70	69	75	70	284 (-4)	1
1996	Glen Hnatiuk	71	70	64	--	205 (-11)	Playoff
1995	Michael Christie	68	66	66	66	266 (-22)	2
1994	Skip Kendall	65	72	70	69	276 (-12)	2

Course Information – The Country Club at Wakefield Plantation

- Years Hosted: 2001-Present (2020 canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic)
- Scoring Average (2021): 69.388 / -1.612
- Toughest Hole (2021): No. 17, Par 4, 480 yards – 4.217 / +0.217
- Easiest Hole (2021): No. 4, Par 5, 587 yards – 4.575 / -0.425

Tournament Scoring Records

- Low 18-Hole Score: 60, Jimmy Green (1998, Round 1) and Chris Baker (2019, Round 2)
- Low 36-Hole Score: 127, Chris Baker (2019)
- Low 54-Hole Score: 193, John Riegger (2010)
- Low 72-Hole Score: 263, Sebastian Cappelen (2019), Mito Pereira (2021) and Stephan Jaeger (2021)
- Largest Margin of Victory: 5, John Riegger (2010)
- Playoffs: 8, last in 2021 (Mito Pereira defeated Stephan Jaeger)

Last Time on Tour – NV5 Invitational presented by Old National Bank

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Harry Hall	65	67	65	65	262 (-22)
2	Nick Hardy	64	68	65	65	262 (-22)
T3	Jimmy Stanger	66	67	67	65	265 (-19)
	Christopher Petefish	65	66	68	66	265 (-19)

- **Harry Hall** captured his second career Korn Ferry Tour victory as he birdied five of the final seven holes of regulation and made three consecutive playoff birdies, defeating local hero Nick Hardy on the third hole of a sudden-death playoff
- Hall finished No. 40 on the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List, but entered last week's event without a top-10 in 12 starts this season
- Hall became the third 54-hole leader / co-leader who went on to win this season

- Hall made three bogeys across the 72 holes of regulation, the fewest in the field
- Hardy's solo-second marked a career-high finish in what was his 53rd Korn Ferry Tour start; his previous career-high finish was a T3 at the 2020 The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at Baha Mar
- **Jimmy Stanger** recorded the fourth top-three finish of his career and second of the season; he previously finished T2 at The Panama Championship back in February
- **Christopher Petefish** recorded a career-high finish in his ninth Korn Ferry Tour start; his previous career-high finish was T24 three weeks ago at the Visit Knoxville Open, which he Monday qualified into

Alumni Spotlight

- Sam Burns (Class of 2018) defeated World No. 1 and FedExCup leader Scottie Scheffler (Class of 2019) in a playoff for his fourth PGA TOUR win and third of the season at the Charles Schwab Challenge
- Burns turned professional out of Louisiana State University in 2017, finished T10 at Final Stage of the 2017 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament, won the 2018 Club Car Championship at The Landings Club and graduated to the PGA TOUR at season's end via The 25 (regular season)
- Davis Riley (Class of 2020-21) finished T4 for his sixth top-10 and fourth in his last five starts, with the only outlier being a T13 at the PGA Championship
- Mito Pereira (Class of 2020-21 – Three Victory Promotion), the 2021 REX Hospital Open Champion, posted his second consecutive top-10 and third consecutive top-25 with a T7 at the Charles Schwab Challenge; he finished T3 at the PGA Championship the week prior