



Pre-Tournament Notes – Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank

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Dates: August 4-7, 2022

Where: Farmington, Utah

Course: Oakridge Country Club (Par 71 / 7,045 yards)

Course Designer: William Neff (1956), Kevin Atkinson (2016)

Field: 156 players

Defending Champion: Joshua Creel

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

Format: 72-hole stroke play

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Things to Know

- This week's Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank marks the 22nd tournament of the 23-event regular season and 26-event 2022 Korn Ferry Tour schedule
 - PGA TOUR cards will be awarded to the top 25 players (i.e. – The 25) on the Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List following the conclusion of next week's Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna
- The Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank was on the Korn Ferry Tour's inaugural schedule in 1990, and this year marks the 30th playing of the event (the tournament was not held in 1997 or 1998)
- Oakridge Country Club hosts the Utah Championship for the sixth consecutive year
- Golf Channel will provide live telecast coverage (as well as livestreaming coverage available via the NBC Sports app and GolfChannel.com) for all four rounds from 6-9 p.m. ET
- John Daly won the inaugural title in 1990; he went on to win five PGA TOUR titles, including the 1991 PGA Championship and 1995 Open Championship
- Zach Johnson, who will captain the United States team at next year's Ryder Cup, won the 2003 Utah Championship; his accolades also include major championship victories at the 2007 Masters Tournament and 2015 Open Championship
- Other notable past champions of the Utah Championship are Cameron Champ (2018), Brendon Todd (2008), and Steven Alker (2013), who has four wins in his first 23 PGA TOUR Champions starts
- **Kristoff Ventura** (2019), **Nicholas Lindheim** (2016), and **Josh Teater** (2009) are past champions returning to the field this week
- Reigning champion Joshua Creel won the 2021 Utah Championship and solidified a spot in the Korn Ferry Tour Finals, through which he earned his first PGA TOUR card
- Hayden Buckley tied the Oakridge Country Club course record in the final round last year, firing a 10-under 61 to finish T2, two strokes behind Creel; he also earned his first PGA TOUR card via the 2021 Korn Ferry Tour Finals
- Entering this week, 14 players have achieved #TOURBound status this season, with Taylor Montgomery and **Robby Shelton** being the latest to cross the 875-point threshold the Korn Kerry 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)

- Five #TOURBound players are in the field this week: No. 2 **Paul Haley II**, No. 3 **Zecheng Dou**, No. 9 **Robby Shelton**, No. 10 **Seonghyeon Kim**, No. 13 **Erik Barnes**
- **Austin Eckroat** enters this week with 32 consecutive rounds of par or better; he began the season with conditional status, only gaining entry to two of the first 12 events, but since Monday qualifying for the AdventHealth Championship in mid-May and rattling off finishes of T23-T23-T25-T25 to continue earning starts and eventually climb the priority ranking to ensure starts the rest of the season
 - Prior to Monday qualifying for the AdventHealth Championship, Eckroat had zero points and was not on the Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List; his solo-second and T8 finishes in the last two events moved him all the way to No. 37
 - Eckroat's last over-par round was a 2-over 74 in the AdventHealth Championship's final round
 - For added context, 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour graduate Lee Hodges had a streak of 48 consecutive rounds of par or better last season

Local Ties

- **Patrick Fishburn**, currently No. 71 on the Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List (the top 75 following next week's regular season finale qualify for Korn Ferry Tour Finals), is a native of Ogden, Utah
- Sponsor exemption **Daniel Summerhays**, a native of Farmington, Utah who resides in Kaysville, recorded top-10s in two of the last three Utah Championships, including a T2 in 2020, when he fell to Kyle Jones in a three-man sudden-death playoff
- Sponsor exemption **Peter Kuest**, currently No. 170 on the Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List, is originally from Fresno, California but resides in Provo, Utah; he Monday qualified into last week's Price Cutter Charity Championship for his 11 start of the season and finished T49
 - Next week's Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna grants entry to its 156-player field in descending order from the Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List, meaning Kuest needs to be No. 156 or higher after this week to ensure himself a spot in the regular season finale
- 2019 Korn Ferry Tour graduate and Salt Lake, City native, **Zac Blair**, currently lives in St. George, Utah and is making his fourth Korn Ferry Tour start of the 2022 season
- Fishburn, Kuest, Summerhays and Blair all played collegiately at Brigham Young University

Field Notes (as of 8/2/22)

- Field is headlined by 14 of the top 25 players (and 39 of the top 50) on the Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List
- **Seonghyeon Kim** (No. 188) is the only player in the field ranked inside the top 200 of the Official World Golf Ranking
- Field includes 46 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 64 total victories, led by **Daniel Chopra**, **Zecheng Dou**, and **Robby Shelton** with three apiece
- Field Includes 6 PGA TOUR winners with 11 total victories, led by **Boo Weekly** with three
- **Ben Silverman** gained entry into the field via a top-25 finish (12th) at last week's Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr. Pepper

The Chase for PGA TOUR Cards

| # | Player | Points | Wins | Top-10s | #TOURBound Result |
|---|------------------|--------|------|---------|-------------------|
| 1 | Carl Yuan | 1,717 | 1 | 7 | #TOURBound |
| 2 | Paul Haley II | 1,341 | 1 | 5 | #TOURBound |
| 3 | Zecheng Dou | 1,225 | 1 | 4 | #TOURBound |
| 4 | Augusto Núñez | 1,157 | -- | 9 | #TOURBound |
| 5 | Ben Griffin | 1,102 | -- | 5 | #TOURBound |
| 6 | Brandon Matthews | 1,093 | 1 | 3 | #TOURBound |

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|--|-------------------|-------|----|----|--------------------------------|
| 7 | Taylor Montgomery | 1,036 | -- | 6 | #TOURBound |
| 8 | MJ Daffue | 1,024 | -- | 6 | #TOURBound |
| 9 | Robby Shelton | 1,003 | 1 | 3 | #TOURBound |
| 10 | Seonghyeon Kim | 961 | -- | 4 | #TOURBound |
| 11 | Byeong Hun An | 941 | 1 | 2 | #TOURBound |
| 12 | Davis Thompson | 926 | 1 | 4 | #TOURBound |
| 13 | Erik Barnes | 902 | -- | 6 | #TOURBound |
| 14 | Trevor Werbylo | 878 | 1 | 3 | #TOURBound |
| 15 | Harry Hall | 866 | -- | 3 | Solo-50th, 3-way T49 or higher |
| 16 | Tyson Alexander | 857 | 1 | 4 | 2-way T38 or higher |
| 17 | Justin Suh | 835 | -- | 6 | 2-way T22 or higher |
| 18 | Kevin Yu | 809 | -- | 3 | 2-way T11, 5-way T10 or higher |
| 19 | Anders Albertson | 783 | 1 | 3 | 2-way T6 or higher |
| 20 | Ben Taylor | 759 | -- | 3 | 2-way T4, 6-way T3 or higher |
| 21 | Brandon Harkins | 752 | 1 | 1 | Solo-4th, 5-way T3 or higher |
| 22 | Ryan McCormick | 751 | -- | 3 | Solo-4th, 5-way T3 or higher |
| 23 | Brent Grant | 748 | 1 | 2 | 3-way T3 or higher |
| 24 | Vincent Norrman | 737 | -- | 3 | 3-way T3 or higher |
| 25 | Harrison Endycott | 730 | 1 | 2 | 3-way T3 or higher |
| TOP 25 EARN PGA TOUR CARD AT CONCLUSION OF REGULAR SEASON | | | | | |
| 26 | Kevin Roy | 718 | -- | 4 | 2-way T3, 5-way T2 or higher |
| 27 | Trevor Cone | 709 | 1 | 1 | Solo-3rd, 5-way T2 or higher |
| 28 | T.J. Vogel | 691 | 1 | 2 | Solo-3rd, 4-way T2 or higher |
| 29 | Carson Young | 676 | 1 | 1 | 3-way T2 or higher |
| | Nos. 30-35 | -- | -- | -- | 2-way T2, solo-2nd or win |
| | Nos. 36-40 | -- | -- | -- | Solo-2nd or win |
| | Nos. 41-50 | -- | -- | -- | 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 two 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 Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank Recap (August 5-8)

| Pos. | Player | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | Total |
|------|-------------------|----|----|----|----|-----------|
| 1 | Joshua Creel | 63 | 68 | 65 | 64 | 260 (-24) |
| T2 | Hayden Buckley | 68 | 69 | 64 | 61 | 262 (-22) |
| | Taylor Montgomery | 67 | 66 | 62 | 67 | 262 (-22) |
| | Peter Uihlein | 65 | 65 | 65 | 67 | 262 (-22) |

- Joshua Creel held a share of the 18-hole lead after an 8-under 63 and earned his first career victory with a final-round 7-under 64, punctuated by a 30-foot birdie putt on the 72nd hole

- Creel recorded just one bogey in his final 50 holes (and went bogey-free across his last 34 holes) en route to tying the 72-hole tournament scoring record at 24-under 260
- Creel went on to finish No. 13 among The Finals 25 to secure his first PGA TOUR card
- Hayden Buckley tied the course record with a final-round 10-under 61, and went on to earn his first PGA TOUR card via the 2021 Korn Ferry Tour Finals
- Taylor Montgomery shared the 54-hole lead after firing a 9-under 62 in the third round and rallied to a 4-under 67 in the final round with a eagle-par-birdie-birdie finish

Past Champions

| Year | Player | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | Total | Margin |
|------|--------------------|----|----|----|----|-----------|---------|
| 2021 | Joshua Creel | 63 | 68 | 65 | 64 | 260 (-24) | 2 |
| 2020 | Kyle Jones | 64 | 65 | 67 | 68 | 264 (-20) | Playoff |
| 2019 | Kristoffer Ventura | 69 | 70 | 66 | 65 | 270 (-14) | Playoff |
| 2018 | Cameron Champ | 61 | 64 | 67 | 68 | 260 (-24) | 1 |
| 2017 | Brice Garnett | 64 | 65 | 69 | 65 | 263 (-21) | 1 |
| 2016 | Nicholas Lindheim | 67 | 66 | 67 | 69 | 269 (-15) | 2 |
| 2015 | Patton Kizzire | 67 | 62 | 71 | 69 | 269 (-19) | Playoff |
| 2014 | Andres Gonzales | 62 | 67 | 65 | 69 | 263 (-21) | 4 |
| 2013 | Steven Alker | 71 | 64 | 61 | 66 | 262 (-22) | Playoff |
| 2012 | Doug LaBelle II | 64 | 68 | 69 | 68 | 269 (-15) | 1 |
| 2011 | J.J. Killeen | 62 | 67 | 68 | 65 | 262 (-22) | 4 |
| 2010 | Michael Putnam | 66 | 66 | 67 | 67 | 266 (-18) | 3 |
| 2009 | Josh Teater | 65 | 67 | 64 | 68 | 264 (-20) | 4 |
| 2008 | Brendon Todd | 64 | 66 | 65 | 67 | 262 (-22) | 6 |
| 2007 | Franklin Langham | 63 | 67 | 66 | 68 | 264 (-20) | 2 |
| 2006 | Craig Kanada | 69 | 67 | 65 | 71 | 272 (-16) | 1 |
| 2005 | Garrett Willis | 67 | 71 | 67 | 70 | 275 (-13) | 1 |
| 2004 | Brett Wetterich | 67 | 69 | 65 | 71 | 272 (-16) | 1 |
| 2003 | Zach Johnson | 68 | 69 | 65 | 65 | 267 (-21) | 1 |
| 2002 | Arron Oberholser | 71 | 64 | 67 | - | 202 (-14) | 2 |
| 2001 | David Sutherland | 63 | 64 | 73 | 72 | 272 (-16) | 1 |
| 2000 | Andy Morse | 64 | 66 | 71 | 68 | 269 (-19) | 2 |
| 1999 | Carl Paulson | 68 | 64 | 65 | 69 | 266 (-22) | 6 |
| 1996 | Michael Christie | 66 | 63 | 67 | - | 196 (-20) | 4 |
| 1995 | Glen Hnatiuk | 65 | 68 | 70 | - | 203 (-13) | Playoff |
| 1994 | Chris Perry | 69 | 68 | 68 | - | 205 (-11) | 1 |
| 1993 | Sean Murphy | 68 | 70 | 66 | - | 204 (-12) | Playoff |
| 1992 | Jeff Woodland | 67 | 68 | 67 | - | 202 (-14) | 3 |
| 1991 | Ted Tryba | 65 | 68 | 69 | - | 202 (-14) | 1 |
| 1990 | John Daly | 65 | 69 | 69 | - | 203 (-13) | 1 |

Course Information – Oakridge Country Club

- Years Hosted: 2017-present
- Course Record: 61, Christian Brand (2017, Round 2), Jacques Blaauw (2017, Round 3), Andres Gonzales (2018, Round 3), Cameron Champion (2018, Round 1), Hayden Buckley (2021, Round 4)
- Scoring Average (2021): 68.504 / -2.496
- Toughest Hole (2021): No. 10, Par 4, 517 yards – 4.359 / +0.359
- Easiest Hole (2021): No. 15, Par 5, 547 yards – 4.322 / -0.678

Tournament Scoring Records

- Low 18-Hole Score: 59, Will Wilcox (2013, Round 4)
- Low 36-Hole Score: 125, Cameron Champ (2018)
- Low 54-Hole Score: 191, Jim Knous (2018)
- Low 72-Hole Score: 260, Cameron Champ (2018) and Joshua Creel (2021)
- Largest Margin of Victory: 6, Carl Paulson (1999) and Brendon Todd (2008)
- Playoffs: 5, last in 2020 (Kyle Jones defeated **Paul Haley II** and **Daniel Summerhays**)

Last Time on Tour – Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper (July 21-24)

| Pos. | Player | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | Total |
|------|-------------------|----|----|----|----|-----------|
| 1 | David Kocher | 63 | 66 | 65 | 66 | 260 (-28) |
| T2 | Kevin Yu | 65 | 67 | 68 | 66 | 266 (-22) |
| | Augusto Núñez | 66 | 67 | 66 | 67 | 266 (-22) |
| | Robby Shelton | 66 | 66 | 64 | 70 | 266 (-22) |
| | Taylor Montgomery | 63 | 68 | 66 | 69 | 266 (-22) |

- **David Kocher** earned his second Korn Ferry Tour victory and became the fifth player in Korn Ferry Tour history to finish a tournament 28-under par, and was just the second player to accomplish the feat on a par 72 course setup
- Kocher also tied a Korn Ferry Tour single-tournament record with 31 birdies
- Kocher's six-stroke win was the largest margin of victory since **Ben Taylor's** six-stroke victory at the 2018 Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard
- Kocher also joined **Anders Albertson** as the only other player this season to lead or co-lead after every round of a tournament
- The win moved Kocher up 84 spots to No. 30 on the Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List
- Augusto Núñez posted his fifth consecutive top-6 finish and tied his career-high finish in his 103rd start
- Three-time Korn Ferry Tour winner and 2019 Korn Ferry Tour graduate, **Robby Shelton**, posted his third career runner-up finish and secured a return to the PGA TOUR
- Taylor Montgomery recorded the fifth runner-up finish in his 58th career Korn Ferry Tour start and locked up his first PGA TOUR card