

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, August 7, 2022

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

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Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Andrew Kozan	63-70-67-63—263 (-21)
T2	Justin Suh	68-68-65-63—264 (-20)
	Patrick Fishburn	65-68-67-64—264 (-20)
	Ashton Van Horne	68-66-66-64—264 (-20)
T5	Five Tied	265 (-19)

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Rookie Andrew Kozan goes low to win Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank

FARMINGTON, Utah – Roughly 10 months ago, Andrew Kozan took an unplayable lie and scraped out a bogey on the 72nd hole, earning Korn Ferry Tour membership without a stroke to spare at Second Stage of the Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament. Sunday evening at the Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank, Kozan made five birdies on the back nine en route to an 8-under 63 and his first career Korn Ferry Tour victory.

Kozan's 63 finished tied the low round of the day (with Justin Suh and Zecheng Dou) at Oakridge Country Club. It was also Kozan's career-low round on the Korn Ferry Tour by two strokes, with his previous low round being a 65 in the second round of the Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard back in February.

Kozan made three consecutive birdies at Nos. 2, 3, and 4, canceled out another at the par-5 seventh with a bogey at the par-4 eighth, then birdied five of the first six holes on the back nine (Nos. 11, 12, 13, 15, 16) and took the outright lead at 21-under par. Kozan nearly made birdies at the par-4 17th and 18th, but needed neither in the end, as Suh, Ashton Van Horne, and local hero Patrick Fishburn all finished one stroke behind at 20-under par.

Kozan, a 23-year-old in his first year out of Auburn University, began the day T13 and three strokes off the lead. While there have been bigger comebacks this season in terms of stroke deficits, no winner had entered the final round lower than T8.

"It's insane to think about, especially what we've gone through as a team the last few months," Kozan said. "To come out on top this week is really special, and it just means a lot to have my wife here and everyone back home supporting me the whole week."

“The time has definitely come. When it’s your time, it’s your time, and this was it.”

There was plenty to unpack from those carefully chosen words Sunday.

Kozan’s season truly began last September at First Stage of the Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament. The West Palm Beach, Florida native earned medalist honors and easily advanced to Second Stage. On the final hole at Plantation (Florida) Preserve Golf Course & Club, Kozan walked to the tee only needing a bogey to earn Korn Ferry Tour membership and advance to Final Stage. He certainly made it difficult on himself. Kozan hit a shot through the fairway, took an unplayable lie, and salvaged an up-and-down bogey.

“If I don’t make that putt on the last hole, who knows where I would be right now,” Kozan said. “There (are) so many different stages in life, especially in a golf career... learning when you go through the good and the bad, and learning what to get out of that is a huge help at this stage.”

Kozan entered the week with 11 consecutive missed cuts. The last time he played the weekend was early April at the Club Car Championship at The Landings Club. The slew of missed cuts followed what had been an impressive start to the season which featured a T15 at The Panama Championship and a T30 at The Honda Classic on the PGA TOUR.

The mid-season rut also forced Kozan to play almost every event, including the REX Hospital Open in early June. Kozan initially planned to skip the event and prepare for his wedding. Instead, Kozan played and missed a fifth straight cut.

“(His wife, Caylin) was super supportive; she totally understood,” Kozan said. “She wanted me to go play and not look back and say I wish I would’ve done that.”

The following week, Kozan skipped the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX and married Caylin. Mere days after the festivities, the two headed to Kansas for a “honeymoon” at the Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics.

With 15 missed cuts in 19 starts and a lone top-25 this year, Kozan entered the Utah Championship at No. 153 on the Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List. Only the top 100 retain conditional membership for next season, and only the top 156 would be guaranteed a spot in next week’s regular season finale, where 25 PGA TOUR cards will be awarded.

“A week ago we were trying to plan out if we had to go to Q-School or not,” said Kozan, who climbed all the way to No. 41 on the points list with his victory. “Now we have a chance to get a (PGA) TOUR card next week. It’s very special.”

While Suh finished T2, he became the 15th player to cross the #TOURBound threshold. Suh only needed a 2-way T22 to eclipse 875 points, which the Korn Ferry Tour is currently using as a fail-safe threshold for players to finish inside The 25 and earn a PGA TOUR card at regular season’s end. It will be the first trip to the TOUR for Suh, a 25-year-old Californian and former Pac-12 Conference Player of the Year at University of Southern California.

Sunday marked the seventh top-10 of Suh’s rookie season, with his previous season-high finish being a T5 at the Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by MISTRAS back in March.

The 23-event Korn Ferry Tour regular season concludes next week with the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna, which begins Thursday, August 11 at The Club at Indian Creek in Omaha, Nebraska.

Final-Round Notes

- **Trevor Cone** (T5 / -19), **Michael Kim** (T5 / -19), and **Kevin Roy** (T14 / -14) all moved into the top 25 on the Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List with their respective finishes
 - Cone moved from No. 27 up to No. 20, Roy moved from No. 26 to No. 22, and Michael Kim moved from No. 31 up to No. 25
 - **Brandon Harkins** (WD), **Ryan McCormick** (MC), and **Brent Grant** (MC) all fell out of the top 25, dropping to Nos. 26-28
- Ogden, Utah native and Brigham Young University alum **Patrick Fishburn** (T2 / -20) posted a career-high finish and climbed from No. 71 to No. 46 on the Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List, all but assuring himself a second consecutive Korn Ferry Tour Finals berth and fully exempt status next season should he not earn a PGA TOUR card at next week's regular season finale or the Korn Ferry Tour Finals
 - Fishburn finished T4 at last year's Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna, which will once again serve as the regular season finale next week
 - Fishburn's previous career-high finish was a T4 at the 2020 Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard and the 2021 Pinnacle Bank Championship
- Rookie **Ashton Van Horne** (T2 / -20) recorded his first top-10 and moved from No. 117 to No. 58 on the Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List; his previous career-high finish was a T12 as a sponsor exemption at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club back in January
- Sponsor exemption and BYU alum **Peter Kuest** (T5 / -19), a Korn Ferry Tour rookie, solidified a spot in next week's regular season finale, the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna; he was the first alternate in Friday's initial field release
- Other notable finishes by players with Utah ties: **Zac Blair** (T30 / -13), **Joe Highsmith** (T30 / -13), **Daniel Summerhays** (T30 / -13)
- Finishes by Monday qualifiers who survived the 36-hole cut: **Austen Christiansen** (T47 / -11), **Kevin Velo** (T47 / -11), **Hayden Springer** (T54 / -10)
- The Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank was the 22nd 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 was \$750,000, with \$135,000 going to the champion, **Andrew Koza**n; he also earned 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

Cumulative Course Statistics

- Scoring Average (Total - Par 71): 68.541 [-2.459]
- Scoring Average (Front Nine – Par 36): 34.514 [-1.486]
- Scoring Average (Back Nine – Par 35): 34.027 [-0.973]
- Toughest Hole: No. 10, Par 4, 517 yards – 4.338 [+0.338]
- Easiest Hole: No. 15, Par 5, 547 yards – 4.273 [-0.727]

Final-Round Course Statistics

- Scoring Average (Total - Par 71): 67.857 [-3.143]
- Scoring Average (Front Nine – Par 36): 34.416 [-1.584]
- Scoring Average (Back Nine – Par 35): 33.442 [-1.558]
- Toughest Hole: No. 10, Par 4, 517 yards – 4.299 [+0.299]
- Easiest Hole: No. 7, Par 5, 551 yards – 4.273 [-0.727]