



## Pre-Tournament Notes – Veritex Bank Championship

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**Dates:** April 13-16, 2022

**Where:** Arlington, Texas

**Course:** Texas Rangers Golf Club (Par 71 / 7,010 yards)

**Course Designer:** John Colligan, Trey Kemp (2019)

**Field:** 156 players

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

**Format:** 72-hole stroke play

### Quick Links

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### Things to Know

- Following an off week and reshuffle of the conditional categories, the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour season continues with the Veritex Bank Championship, the ninth tournament of the 26-event schedule
- Third- and final-round coverage will be livestreamed via the NBC Sports App and GolfChannel.com, with livestream coverage of featured holes (Nos. 15 and 17) and a featured group running from 11 a.m. through 5 p.m. CT Friday and Saturday
- This year marks the second playing of the Veritex Bank Championship, with Texas Rangers Golf Club once again serving as the host course
- This week's Veritex Bank Championship is scheduled for a Saturday finish; there were three Saturday finishes in the combined 2020-21 season
  - 2020 The King & Bear Classic at World Golf Village (Saturday, June 20)
  - 2020 The Ascendant at TPC Colorado (Saturday, July 4)
  - 2020 TPC San Antonio Championship at the Oaks (Saturday, July 18)
- Ten players in this week's field are Texas natives, including Veritex Bank ambassador **Paul Haley II** (Dallas), sponsor exemption **Cody Gribble** (Dallas), **Sam Stevens** (Fort Worth), **Kyle Westmoreland** (Lewisville), 2021 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament medalist **Zack Fischer** (Texarkana), and open qualifier **Zander Winston** (Dallas)
- There are 20 Texas residents in the field, including nine Dallas residents headlined by Haley and his fellow Veritex Bank ambassadors **Grant Hirschman** and **Mac Meissner**, along with last year's runner-up **Theo Humphrey**, current No. 12 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List **Zecheng Dou**, **Alvaro Ortiz**, **Whee Kim**, **Martin Flores**, and Gribble
- Six players played collegiately in Texas, headlined by Meissner (Southern Methodist University); the others are **MJ Daffue** (Lamar University), Fischer (University of Texas-Arlington), Gribble (University of Texas), sponsor exemption **Derek Oland** (Midwestern State University), and **Thomas Rosenmueller** (University of North Texas)
- Reigning champion **Tyson Alexander** is attempting to become the first player in the Tour's history (established in 1990) to successfully defend his title

- Alexander entered last year's tournament at No. 88 on the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List, with six missed cuts and a withdrawal in his last nine starts, and without a top-25 in his last 13 starts
- The win propelled Alexander to a No. 44 finish on the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List, in addition to granting him fully exempt status for the 2022 season
- **Carl Yuan**, who finished T5 at the inaugural Veritex Bank Championship, is the first player to achieve #TOURBound status this season; he crossed the 900-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)
- Three players who finished T5 or higher at last year's Veritex Bank Championship earned PGA TOUR cards at season's end – Brett Drewitt (T3), Taylor Moore (T3), Andrew Novak (T5)
- Through the first eight events of the season, no player who has led or co-led after 18, 36, or 54 holes went on to win the tournament
- All eight Korn Ferry Tour winners this season were first-time winners, including four rookie winners
- **Erik Barnes**, currently No. 13 on the Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List, is the only player with made cuts in all eight events this season

### Field Notes (as of 4/11/22)

- Field is headlined by 37 of the top 40 players on the Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List, currently led by **Carl Yuan**
- Seven champions from the first eight events of the 2022 season are in this week's field:
  - **Brandon Harkins** – The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club
  - **Carson Young** – The Panama Championship
  - **Brandon Matthews** – Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard
  - **Byeong Hun An** – LECOM Suncoast Classic
  - **Carl Yuan** – Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by MISTRAS
  - **Trevor Werbylo** – Lake Charles Championship
  - **T.J. Vogel** – Club Car Championship at The Landings Club
- Field includes 49 past Korn Ferry Tour winners with 65 total victories (both season highs), led by **Tommy Gainey** and **Heath Slocum** with three apiece
  - This group includes **Grayson Murray** and **Ben Silverman**, who both gained entry via open qualifying
- Field Includes 11 past PGA TOUR winners with 23 total victories, led by **Aaron Baddeley**, **Sean O'Hair**, and **Heath Slocum** with four apiece
- Yuan (No. 172) and **Seonghyeon Kim** (No. 150) are both top-175 players in the Official World Golf Ranking
- Eight players gained entry via open qualifying last Friday, led by Firewheel Golf Park (Bridges course) medalist **Zander Winston** and The Bridges Golf Club medalist **Guillaume Fanonnel**
  - Fanonnel and fellow open qualifier **Peyton Wilhoit** will make their first PGA TOUR-sanctioned starts this week
  - Canadian **Wil Bateman** emerged from a 7-for-1 playoff at The Bridges Golf Club site for the final open qualifying spot in this week's field

### The Chase for PGA TOUR Cards

#	Player	Points	Wins	Top-10s	#TOURBound Result
1	Carl Yuan	941	1	4	#TOURBound
2	Brandon Matthews	835	1	2	Solo 12th, 3-way T11, or higher
3	Trevor Werbylo	798	1	3	2-way T5 or higher
4	Seonghyeon Kim	765	--	3	Solo 4th, 3-way T3, or higher
5	Byeong Hun An	635	1	1	Solo 2nd or win
6	Ben Griffin	630	--	4	Solo 2nd or win
7	T.J. Vogel	609	1	2	Solo 2nd or win

8	Brandon Harkins	560	1	1	Win
9	Carson Young	541	1	1	Win
10	Eric Cole	525	--	4	Win
11	Akshay Bhatia	520	1	1	Win
12	Zecheng Dou	510	--	2	Win
13	Erik Barnes	465	--	4	Win
14	MJ Daffue	445	--	3	Win

- Eight days ago at the Club Car Championship at The Landings Club, **Carl Yuan** became the first player to cross the 900-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
  - Upon receiving his PGA TOUR card later this year, Yuan will join **Zecheng Dou** and **Xinjun Zhang** as the only mainland Chinese players in history to earn PGA TOUR cards; Dou and Zhang both earned PGA TOUR membership for the first time as members of The 25 following the 2017 Korn Ferry Tour regular season
- 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 15 events remaining in the regular season, the Korn Ferry Tour is currently using 900 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 Veritex Bank Championship Recap (April 22-25)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Tyson Alexander	67	65	65	64	261 (-23)
2	Theo Humphrey	64	63	65	70	262 (-22)
T3	Brett Drewitt	65	67	64	68	264 (-20)
	Taylor Moore	67	69	63	65	264 (-20)

- **Tyson Alexander** stood T7 and five strokes off the 54-hole lead, but tied the lowest final round score with a 7-under 64 and earned a one-stroke victory over outright 54-hole leader **Theo Humphrey**
- Alexander birdied four consecutive holes at Nos. 9-12 and carded his eighth and final birdie of the round at the par-4 16th en route to his first Korn Ferry Tour win
- Humphrey carried a three-stroke lead into the final round, but he settled for the second runner-up finish of his rookie season on the Korn Ferry Tour and eventually finished No. 52 on the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List for fully exempt status this season
- Humphrey played 26 holes Sunday, as the second round was suspended early in the afternoon due to inclement weather, which left the field unable to complete the entire third round Saturday
- Brett Drewitt and Taylor Moore both secured PGA TOUR cards at season's end

### Past Champions

Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Margin
2021	Tyson Alexander	69	65	64	68	264 (-23)	1

## Course Information – Texas Rangers Golf Club

- Years Hosted: 2021-Present
- Scoring Average (2021): 68.601 / -2.399
- Toughest Hole (2021): No. 3, Par 4, 480 yards – 4.190 / +0.190
- Easiest Hole (2021): No. 9, Par 5, 532 yards – 4.272 / -0.728

## Tournament Scoring Records

- Low 18-Hole Score: 62, Anders Albertson (2021, Round 1) and Paul Barjon (2021, Round 2)
- Low 36-Hole Score: 127, Anders Albertson, Dan McCarthy, and Theo Humphrey (2021)
- Low 54-Hole Score: 192, Theo Humphrey (2021)
- Low 72-Hole Score: 261, Tyson Alexander (2021)

## Last Time on Tour – Club Car Championship at The Landings Club (March 31- April 3)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	T.J. Vogel	69	67	68	67	271 (-17)
T2	Mark Anderson	66	67	68	71	272 (-16)
	Ryan Blaum	71	65	66	70	272 (-16)
4	Jimmy Stanger	69	69	68	68	274 (-14)

- The Landings Club’s Deer Creek course in Savannah, Georgia hosted the most recent Korn Ferry Tour event
- **T.J. Vogel** earned his first Korn Ferry Tour victory in his 104th career start on Tour, holding off a pair of runner-up finishers by equaling the second-lowest score of the final round (5-under 67) and making a crucial sand save at the difficult par-3 17th
- Vogel entered the final round three strokes off the lead, becoming the third consecutive winner to overcome a 54-hole deficit of three-plus strokes in the final round
- Prior to the win, Vogel’s career-high finish on the Korn Ferry Tour was T7 at the 2020 LECOM Suncoast Classic, and his last top-five in a PGA TOUR-sanctioned event was June 2017 on PGA TOUR Canada
- **Mark Anderson** recorded his first top-10 since a T8 at the 2021 Rocket Mortgage Classic on the PGA TOUR last July, as well as his highest finish on the Korn Ferry Tour since a solo second at the 2019 Visit Knoxville Open; he has two wins and seven runner-up finishes in 162 career Korn Ferry Tour starts
- **Ryan Blaum** posted his first top-10 since a T4 at the 2018 RSM Classic on the PGA TOUR, as well as his first top-10 on the Korn Ferry Tour since a T5 at the 2016 Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron
- **Jimmy Stanger** and Vogel were the only two players who recorded four rounds in the 60s, and it culminated in Stanger’s second top-five finish of the season

## Alumni Spotlight

- Scottie Scheffler won for the fourth time in six starts and became the third Korn Ferry Tour graduate in history to win the Masters Tournament, joining Zach Johnson (2007 champion, Class of 2003) and Bubba Watson (2012 and 2014 champion, Class of 2005)
  - Scheffler was the Korn Ferry Tour’s cumulative points winner for the 2019 season, the 2019-20 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year, and the fifth Korn Ferry Tour graduate to reach No. 1 in the Official World Golf Ranking
  - Following his win at the World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play, Scheffler became the fifth Korn Ferry Tour graduate to rise to world No. 1, joining Tom Lehman (Class of 1991), David Duval (Class of 1994), Jason Day (Class of 2007), and Justin Thomas (Class of 2014)
- Four members of the Korn Ferry Tour’s Class of 2020-21 – Christiaan Bezuidenhout (Finals), J.J. Spaun (Finals), Cameron Young (The 25), Will Zalatoris (The 25) – played the Masters Tournament last week
  - Zalatoris followed his runner-up finish in 2021 with a T6 in his second appearance
  - Spaun finished T23 in his Masters debut, while Bezuidenhout finished T44 in his second appearance, and Young missed the cut in his Masters debut