



Pre-Tournament Notes – Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics

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Dates: June 16-19, 2022

Where: Wichita, Kansas

Course: Crestview Country Club (Par 70 / 6,910 yards)

Course Designer: Robert Trent Jones Sr. (1969)

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 Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics is one of four tournaments played every season since the Korn Ferry Tour's inaugural 1990 season, with this year marking the 33rd playing of the event
 - The other three events with such distinction are the Visit Knoxville Open, Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper, and the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron
 - Only the Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics, Price Cutter Charity Championship, and Albertsons Boise Open are set to enter their 33rd playing, as the Visit Knoxville Open was only contested once (2021) amid the 2020-21 combined season
- This will be the event's 21st consecutive year at Crestview Country Club
- Two of the most notable past champions of the Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics are Tom Lehman (1990) and David Duval (1993), who were both World No. 1s during their careers and won the 1996 and 2001 Open Championship, respectively
 - Earlier this year, Scottie Scheffler (T7 in 2019) joined Lehman, Duval, Jason Day, and Justin Thomas as the only Korn Ferry Tour graduates in history who rose to No. 1 in the Official World Golf Ranking
- Major championship winners David Toms (1995) and Jason Dufner (2001) also won in Wichita; Toms went on to win the 2001 PGA Championship, while Dufner won the 2013 PGA Championship
- Aaron Wise set tournament scoring records for 36-hole score (124), 54-hole score (tied Scott Piercy and **Kevin Yu** with 191), 72-hole score (259), and margin of victory (five strokes) in his 2017 victory, which he followed with 2017-18 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year honors
- Harry Hall won his first career Korn Ferry Tour title at the 2021 Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics, holding off a late charge by Curtis Thompson for a one-stroke victory
- Hall, who won three weeks ago at the NV5 Invitational presented by Old National Bank will not defend his title, as he qualified for this week's U.S. Open at The Country Club
- Two past champions are in the field this week – **Brady Schnell** (2018) and **Rob Oppenheim** (2015)
- Seven players have 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)
 - Brandon Matthews, who will also play this week's U.S. Open, and Ben Griffin were the latest to cross the fail-safe threshold last week, joining **Carl Yuan**, Seonghyeon Kim, Byeong Hun An, and U.S. Open qualifiers Erik Barnes and MJ Daffue

Local Ties

- **Brad Hopfinger** played the 2007-08 season at the University of Kansas before he transferred to University of Iowa; he led the Jayhawks in scoring average and finished T7 at the 2008 Big 12 Championship
- **Harry Hillier**, who played collegiately for five seasons (2018-22) at University of Kansas, Monday qualified into this week's field
- Sponsor exemption **Gage Ihrig**, a Goodland High School graduate who played four seasons (2014-18) at Wichita State University, will make his third career Korn Ferry Tour start and first since 2019

Field Notes (as of 6/14/22)

- Field is headlined by 14 of the top 25 players on the Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List, currently led by **Carl Yuan**
 - Five of the top 12 players on the Regular Season Points List are playing this week's U.S. Open – No. 4 MJ Daffue, No. 5 Brandon Matthews, No. 7 Erik Barnes, No. 8 Taylor Montgomery, No. 12 Harry Hall – while No. 2 Ben Griffin is an alternate
- Yuan is also the only player in the field ranked in the top 200 of the Official World Golf Ranking (No. 138)
- Field includes 44 past Korn Ferry Tour winners with 61 total victories, led by **Daniel Chopra** and last week's winner, **Robby Shelton**, with three apiece
- Field Includes past 10 PGA TOUR winners with 17 total victories, led by **Aaron Baddeley** with four
- Eight players gained entry into the field via Monday's open qualifier, including **Chip McDaniel**, who successfully open qualified for the third time this season, as well as **Ryan Grider** and **Norman Xiong**, both of whom successfully open qualified for the second time this season

The Chase for PGA TOUR Cards

#	Player	Points	Wins	Top-10s	#TOURBound Result
1	Carl Yuan	1,395	1	6	#TOURBound
2	Ben Griffin	1,098	--	5	#TOURBound
3	Seonghyeon Kim	939	--	4	#TOURBound
4	MJ Daffue	926	--	5	#TOURBound
5	Brandon Matthews	904	1	2	#TOURBound
6	Byeong Hun An	890	1	2	#TOURBound
7	Erik Barnes	881	--	6	#TOURBound
8	Taylor Montgomery	852	--	5	2-way T33 or higher
9	Trevor Werbylo	833	1	3	2-way T21, 4-way T20 or higher
10	Davis Thompson	829	1	3	2-way T19, 4-way T18 or higher
11	Anders Albertson	783	1	3	2-way T6 or higher
12	Harry Hall	761	1	2	3-way T4 or higher
13	Paul Haley II	759	--	4	2-way T4 or higher
14	Robby Shelton	746	1	2	Solo-4th, 4-way T3 or higher
15	Tyson Alexander	725	1	3	2-way T3, 6-way T2 or higher
16	Brent Grant	720	1	2	2-way T3, 5-way T2 or higher
17	Zecheng Dou	707	--	3	Solo-3rd, 4-way T2 or higher
18	Ben Taylor	705	--	3	Solo-3rd, 4-way T2 or higher
19	T.J. Vogel	691	1	2	Solo-3rd, 3-way T2 or higher
20	Carson Young	664	1	1	2-way T2, solo-2nd or win
21	Brandon Harkins	649	1	1	2-way T2, solo 2nd or win
	Nos. 22-28				Solo 2nd or win
	Nos. 29-40				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 seven 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 Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics Recap (June 17-20, 2021)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Harry Hall	64	63	66	67	260 (-20)
2	Curtis Thompson	64	67	65	65	261 (-19)
T3	Brett Drewitt	69	65	62	66	262 (-18)
	Ollie Schniederjans	67	64	65	66	262 (-18)

- Harry Hall, a rookie last season, earned his first Korn Ferry Tour win, overcoming a two-stroke 54-hole deficit with a 3-under 32 on the front nine and 3-under 67 in the final round
- Hall held the 36-hole lead, but was overtaken in the third round by PGA TOUR University Class of 2021 alum **Kevin Yu**, who tied the course record in the third round with a 9-under 61
- Entering the week, Hall had not finished higher than T41 since March 2021
- Curtis Thompson recorded his first top-five finish since winning the 2020 NV5 Invitational presented by Old National Bank and eventually earned his first PGA TOUR card via a No. 21 finish on the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List
- **Brett Drewitt** also earned a PGA TOUR card at regular season’s end

Past Champions

Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Margin
2021	Harry Hall	64	63	66	67	260 (-20)	1
2020	Jared Wolfe	63	65	65	71	264 (-16)	1
2019	Henrik Norlander	67	64	68	66	265 (-15)	Playoff
2018	Brady Schnell	72	64	64	66	266 (-14)	Playoff
2017	Aaron Wise	62	62	67	68	259 (-21)	5
2016	Ollie Schniederjans	68	67	61	67	263 (-17)	Playoff
2015	Rob Oppenheim	67	67	69	64	267 (-13)	1
2014	Sebastian Cappelen	66	65	65	66	262 (-18)	1
2013	Scott Parel	69	66	67	64	266 (-18)	3
2012	Casey Wittenberg	63	70	67	66	266 (-18)	2
2011	Matthew Goggin	66	65	66	69	266 (-18)	1
2010	Jhonattan Vegas	65	68	67	64	264 (-20)	1
2009	Chris Tidland	67	68	68	65	268 (-16)	1
2008	Scott Piercy	64	62	65	71	262 (-22)	2
2007	Brad Elder	65	64	71	65	265 (-19)	4
2006	Kevin Johnson	65	68	67	66	266 (-18)	1
2005	Joe Daley	71	67	65	65	268 (-16)	Playoff
2004	Bradley Hughes	71	65	69	65	270 (-14)	Playoff
2003	Jeff Klauk	66	69	64	66	265 (-19)	1
2002	Tyler Williamson	68	67	71	66	272 (-8)	1

2001	Jason Dufner	67	67	64	68	266 (-22)	3
2000	Ben Crane	67	63	66	67	263 (-25)	3
1999	Brad Elder	66	65	66	71	268 (-20)	2
1998	Emlyn Aubrey	66	61	71	67	265 (-23)	1
1997	Ben Bates	67	72	64	66	269 (-19)	Playoff
1996	Rick Cramer	68	68	66	67	269 (-19)	1
1995	David Toms	67	67	68	67	269 (-19)	1
1994	Dennis Postelwait	66	66	69	70	271 (-17)	1
1993	David Duval	62	70	69	70	271 (-17)	1
1992	Jeff Woodland	70	65	69	--	204 (-12)	Playoff
1991	Eric Hoos	61	66	72	--	199 (-17)	1
1990	Tom Lehman	66	69	67	--	202 (-14)	1

Course Information – Crestview Country Club

- Years Hosted: 2001-Present
- Scoring Average (2021): 68.569 / -1.431
- Toughest Hole (2021): No. 6, Par 4, 495 yards – 4.348 / +0.348
- Easiest Hole (2021): No. 14, Par 5, 501 yards – 4.359 / -0.641
- Course Record: 61, Gavin Coles (R2, 2006), Ollie Schniederjans (R3, 2016), Curtis Thompson (R2, 2017), **Nicolas Echavarria** (R2, 2021), **Patrick Fishburn** (R2, 2021), **Kevin Yu** (R3, 2021)

Tournament Scoring Records

- Low 18-Hole Score: 61, nine times overall, three times in 2021 (**Nicolas Echavarria**, R2; **Patrick Fishburn**, R2; **Kevin Yu**, R3)
- Low 36-Hole Score: 124, Aaron Wise (2017)
- Low 54-Hole Score: 191, Scott Piercy (2008), Aaron Wise (2017), **Kevin Yu** (2021)
- Low 72-Hole Score: 259, Aaron Wise (2017)
- Largest Margin of Victory: 5, Aaron Wise (2017)
- Playoffs: 7 (last in 2019)

Last Week on Tour – BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX (June 9-12)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Robby Shelton	66	65	61	71	263 (-22)
2	Ben Griffin	66	68	63	66	263 (-22)
T3	Ryan McCormick	71	65	64	65	265 (-20)
	Augusto Núñez	65	66	66	68	265 (-20)

- **Robby Shelton** carried a five-stroke lead into the final round, but fell into a playoff with Ben Griffin as the two carded an even-par 71 and 5-under 66, respectively, in the final round; Shelton defeated Griffin with consecutive pars in a sudden-death playoff, which was played on the par-4 18th
- Shelton earned his third career win and first since 2019
- The last 15 Korn Ferry Tour players who held a lead of five-plus strokes through 54 holes have gone on to win, a streak which dates back to 2010
- Shelton went without a bogey through 54 holes, and his three bogeys for the week (all in the final round) were tied for the fewest scores of bogey or worse in the field
- Griffin recorded his third runner-up finish of the 2022 season
- **Augusto Núñez** recorded the second-highest finish of his career, only behind a solo second at the 2017 Coarles Puntacana Championship
- In his second professional start, PGA TOUR University presented by Velocity Global Class of 2022 graduate **Jacob Bridgeman** rose to a top-10 finish with a 6-under 65 final round; he led the field with 29 total birdies (28 birdies, one eagle), three more than any other player in the field