

And it's been working a little bit this year. I've been feeling a little bit better. Doesn't always show with the finishes, but it's something you can feel and something you can build on."

Largest Gap Between Wins in Korn Ferry Tour History

Winner	Time Between Wins	Tournaments
Tag Ridings	18 years, 10 months, 16 days	2002 Permian Basin Open/2021 The Ascendant presented by Blue
<i>Scott Gutschewski</i>	<i>14 years, 10 months, 15 days</i>	<i>2008 UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH/2023 LECOM Suncoast Classic</i>
Eric Axley	12 years, 11 months, 14 days	2005 UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH/2018 North Mississippi Classic
Omar Uresti	12 years, 11 months, 8 days	1994 Shreveport Open/2007 Livermore Valley Wine Country Championship
Skip Kendall	12 years, 8 months, 27 days	1994 UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH/2007 Chitimacha Louisiana Open

Gutschewski hung around all week long, making putt after putt. A third-round 9-under 62, Saturday's low round by two strokes, took Gutschewski from seven strokes off the lead to just one ahead of the final round.

Playing in Sunday's final pairing alongside 54-hole leader Kevin Dougherty, Gutschewski went birdie, bogey, birdie across the difficult opening three-hole stretch (they were the three toughest holes of the final round); his birdie at the par-3 third was one of only four made there all day. A birdie at the par-4 fifth was negated by a bogey at the par-4 eighth, where Gutschewski had one of his only mishaps with the putter this week.

Gutschewski's final birdies of regulation came at the par-5 10th and par-4 11th on Lakewood Ranch Golf Club's Commander course, and even as McAllister moved ahead of him with a run of three consecutive birdies at Nos. 10-12, he two-putted for par after par and saved another at the par-4 16th.

Just enough to hang around.

"I'm still able to flex my dad powers at times," said Gutschewski, who frequently plays against his daughter and three sons. The oldest, Luke, is a sophomore on the Iowa State University men's golf team, while the middle son, Trevor, routinely hits it past his father and won the 2022 Nebraska Junior Amateur Championship. "Trevor told his buddies when I was playing with him, 'He'll just kind of hang around and he'll see where you're at with a few holes to go and then he'll start making putts.' That definitely popped into my mind today."

McAllister three-putted from 15 feet for bogey at the par-3 13th and scrambled for pars at the par-5 14th and par-4 16th. A two-putt par (statistically a one-putt, though it was merely a foot off the back of the green) at No. 18 sent McAllister into the scoring area with his own streak of pars (five) and 5-under 66 on the scorecard.

Gutschewski closed regulation with two-putt pars at the par-3 17th and par-4 18th, capping a run of seven in a row to sign for 3-under 68 and tie McAllister at 21-under par for the tournament.

As the two met on the 18th tee for the sudden-death playoff, it dawned on Gutschewski it was merely a year ago he followed Luke at the Big 12 Conference Championships, where McAllister finished T6 and helped University of Oklahoma win the team title.

"These college kids are so good," Gutschewski said. "They're so good now, hit it so far that it's just... it's been really fun to watch people come up and progress through their career. It's just fun to be around them and watch how they do their stuff. It's fun to watch them succeed, it's interesting to watch them when they don't and how they handle it. It's fun."

Both Gutschewski and McAllister found the fairway off the tee. Gutschewski's approach reached the top shelf of the multi-tiered green, but his yellow ball landed and remained in the left fringe some 47 feet away. McAllister's approach reached the top level, though it trickled back down the slope and left a lengthy uphill birdie putt.

Gutschewski had the honors at the green and wasted little time.

"It looked good the whole way," Gutschewski said of the putt, which curled in the left side of the cup. "(In practice) that putt is usually to win the Masters or U.S. Open, or to win a putting contest against my kids. It's hard to put into words, but it's something you wish everyone could feel."

McAllister's birdie putt came up well short, making Gutschewski the ninth winner of 46-plus years of age in Korn Ferry Tour history, and securing the 11th win in Tour history by a player of 46-plus years of age. The last such winner was Tag Ridings, who captured the 2021 Ascendant presented by Blue title in a playoff at 46 years, 10 months, and 4 days of age.

Gutschewski also joined David Skinnis as the second winner in his 40s this season. The last calendar year featuring multiple winners in their 40s on the Korn Ferry Tour was 2015, when Dicky Pride (WinCo Foods Portland Open), Shane Bertsch (Rust-Oleum Championship), Rod Pampling (BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX), and Mathew Goggin (The Panama Championship) all accomplished the feat.

This week marked the 380th career PGA TOUR-sanctioned start for Gutschewski, who began his collegiate career at Creighton University before he transferred to University of Nebraska and eventually turned professional in 1999.

The first of Gutschewski's 241 Korn Ferry Tour starts came back in 2000 at his hometown event, the Omaha Classic. Since then, he graduated from the Korn Ferry Tour (multiple times), lost his PGA TOUR card (multiple times), and battled an array of injuries, including a foot injury which required surgery in 2017 and sidelined him for nearly all of 2018.

Neither injuries, nor losing PGA TOUR status was the most difficult part of the journey back to the winner's circle for Gutschewski, though.

"The toughest part is just my kids are so busy now, and there's so much... it's so much fun to watch them," Gutschewski said. "It's so much fun to watch them because it's something that I can kind of help them with a little bit. I don't have a lot of skills otherwise, but I can help them a little bit with golf.

"Unless I'm out here doing really well, I'd rather be watching them."

Well, kids, dad is still playing alright. In fact, Gutschewski's latest win moved him to fourth on the Korn Ferry Tour's career money list.

Korn Ferry Tour Career Money List Leaders

Player	Career Money
Darron Stiles	\$2,121,641
Kyle Thompson	\$1,890,864
Paul Claxton	\$1,802,290
<i>Scott Gutschewski</i>	<i>\$1,761,873</i>

Jason Gore	\$1,745,845
Jeff Gove	\$1,702,910

The winner's check this week (\$180,000) is also a little larger than the ones Gutschewski cashed for victories at the 2003 Monterey Peninsula Classic and 2008 UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH.

"I actually celebrated that week with Zach and Kim Johnson after I won. We drove to San Jose and went out to dinner," said Gutschewski, noting the 2003 win also fell on the week of his 27th birthday. "That was a long time ago, right?"

"They're so far apart, such a different place in my life. I'm at a weird age, right? You want to keep playing, you maybe want to give the (PGA TOUR) Champions a shot but, at the same time, those guys are really good, too. It's not like you can go anywhere and it's a bunch of pushovers. I really enjoy it. I really enjoy playing. I feel like I can still be competitive, and I guess that's why I haven't hung 'em up. If I told you I hadn't thought about it, that would be a bald-faced lie."

Gutschewski will once again be in the mix for a PGA TOUR card, as he moved to No. 9 on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List. He last graduated via the 2021 Korn Ferry Tour Finals, and was relegated after a No. 158 finish on the 2021-22 FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List.

"I've done this before. I kind of have a history," Gutschewski said. "The last time I won in 2008, Luke, my oldest, was 5 or 6, and he told the ladies at daycare, 'We won't be back next year, but we'll be back the year after that.' I kind of have a history of going back and forth. The goals for the year are always to move up to the other tour. I just keep trying.

"It's kind of our nature to keep beating your head against the wall, and you hope the wall breaks first."

Final-Round Notes

- **Scott Gutschewski** (1st/-21) is the sixth winner in either their 30s or 40s this season, matching the total number of 30s and 40s winners from the entire 2022 Korn Ferry Tour season
- Second-year member **Logan McAllister** (2nd/-21) records his second top-10 of the season and a career-high finish in his 15th career start on the Korn Ferry Tour
- McAllister made 25 birdies, tied for the third-most total birdies in the field this week, and just four bogeys, tied with **Ben Silverman** (T3/-20) and **Max Greyserman** (T22/-13) for the fewest bogeys in the field this week
- Two-time Korn Ferry Tour winner **Ben Silverman** (T3/-20) makes one of six birdies at the par-4 18 Sunday to post his second top-three finish in five starts this season (won The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club); he has multiple top-three finishes in the same Korn Ferry Tour season for the second time in his career (previous: 2017 – won Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper; T2 at WinCo Foods Portland Open)
- **Chase Seiffert** (T3/-20) matches his second-highest finish in his 46 career start on the Korn Ferry Tour; he previously finished T2 at the 2019 Dormie Network Classic at Briggs Ranch, and T3 at the 2019 LECOM Health Challenge
- **Kevin Dougherty** (T5/-19), the outright 54-hole leader who broke the 54-hole tournament scoring record, finishes with even-par 71, including four birdies, two bogeys, and a double bogey at the par-5 ninth; he settles for his third top-10 in seven starts this season (T8/The Panama Championship; 2nd/Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard)
- Only two of the eight events this season were won by 54-hole leaders/co-leaders
- Rookie **Chris Gotterup** (T5/-19), winner of the 2021-22 Fred Haskins and Jack Nicklaus Awards (two of the three collegiate national player of the year awards), records his first top-10 of the season in his seventh start on the Korn Ferry Tour

- **Jake Knapp** (T5/-19), now in his second season as a member, had one top-10 in 36 starts as a rookie for the 2020-21 season; his career-high T5 finish this week marks his third top-10 of the 2023 season (previous career-high finish: T7/2023 Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard, 2023 Veritex Bank Championship)
- Second-year member **Pierceson Coody** (T8/-18) cards final-round 6-under 65 and records his second top-10 in seven starts this season, his first since winning The Panama Championship; he finished T15 at last week's Veritex Bank Championship, his only other made cut on the Korn Ferry Tour this season
- **Chandler Phillips** (T12/-17) posts his first top-25 since following a win at The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay with a T12 the next week at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club; he entered this week with four consecutive missed cuts
- Phillips led the field with 27 total birdies (25 birdies, two eagles)
- Second-year member **Mac Meissner** (T16/-15), who [shot a historic 12-under 59](#) in Friday's second round, becomes only the second player (of eight) to finish outside the top 10 with a sub-60 round (Russell Knox, 12-under 59 in second round of 2013 Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron/finished T12)
- Tampa, Florida native **Jimmy Stanger** (T22/-13) makes another one of the six birdies at the par-4 18th Sunday to solidify his second consecutive top-25 and third top-25 of the season
- Tampa, Florida native and rookie **Jackson Suber** (T36/-10), who entered the week with back-to-back top-15 finishes, closes in 2-under 69 for his third-highest finish in his five starts this season
- Sarasota, Florida native and open qualifier Michael Visacki (T59/-6) closes in 4-under 67 to cap his third made cut in nine career Korn Ferry Tour starts