



Pre-Tournament Notes – Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship

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Dates: September 21-24, 2023

Where: Columbus, Ohio

Course: Ohio State University Golf Club - Scarlet Course (Par 71 / 7,444 yards)

Course Designer: Alister MacKenzie (1938), Jack Nicklaus (2005)

Format: 72-hole stroke play

Field: 120 players

Purse: \$1,500,000 (\$270,000/winner)

Defending Champion: David Lingmerth

Quick Links

- [Tournament Media Site](#) (for tee times, transcripts, media hub access)
- [How It Works: Korn Ferry Tour Finals](#)
- [2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List](#) (Top 30 earn PGA TOUR cards at end of season)
- [#TOURBound: Globetrotting Chan Kim earns first PGA TOUR card at 33](#)
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Golf Channel Telecast Coverage Times

- Thursday, September 21 (Round 1) – 3-6 p.m. ET
- Friday, September 22 (Round 2) – 3-6 p.m. ET
- Saturday, September 23 (Round 3) – 3-6 p.m. ET
- Sunday, September 24 (Round 4) – 3-6 p.m. ET

Things to Know / New Korn Ferry Tour Finals Structure

- The 2023 Korn Ferry Tour season continues with the 17th playing of the Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship, the third event of the Korn Ferry Tour Finals and 25th tournament of the 26-event season
- The Ohio State University Golf Club’s Scarlet Course has hosted the tournament every year since its inception in 2007, and the course has been one of the top-five toughest courses on the Korn Ferry Tour at the end of seven different seasons, including 2014, when it was the toughest course on Tour
 - Last year, The Ohio State University Golf Club’s Scarlet Course played eighth toughest on the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour schedule
- Notable past champions of the Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship include current World No. 1 and 2022 Masters Tournament winner Scottie Scheffler (2019), two-time PGA Championship winner Justin Thomas (2014), and four-time PGA TOUR winner Harris English, who won as an amateur in 2011
 - Past champions of the Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship in this week’s field are **Curtis Luck** (2020), **Grayson Murray** (2015), **Ben Kohles** (2012), and **Daniel Summerhays** (2007) who won the inaugural playing as an amateur
- The reimagined Korn Ferry Tour Finals system in place for the first time this season will see a progressive reduction in field sizes – with players qualifying via their standing on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List – and see qualifiers compete for increased purses and points allocations
 - Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron (August 24-27) – 156 players
 - Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation (September 14-17) – 144 players

- *Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship (September 21-24) – 120 players*
- Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance (October 5-8) – 75 players [no 36-hole cut]
- Upon the conclusion of the season-ending Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance, PGA TOUR cards will be awarded to the top 30 players on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- Other notable changes [announced in June 2022](#) and implemented for the first time this season include:
 - **Increase from 25 to 30 PGA TOUR cards** annually awarded via the Korn Ferry Tour Points List
 - **Reimagined Korn Ferry Tour Finals**
 - Previous Finals System: Three-event competition for 25 PGA TOUR cards between the top 75 from the Korn Ferry Tour Points List and Nos. 126-200 on the FedExCup standings
 - **2023 and Beyond Finals System:** Final four events of the season where members will compete for increased purses and points (600 points for winning one of the four Finals events, compared to 500 for winning one of the 22 preceding events) to determine the season-long points race, in addition to a progressive reduction in field sizes
 - **One season-long Korn Ferry Tour Points List** as opposed to separate points lists for the regular season and Korn Ferry Tour Finals
 - **Purse increases** to \$1.5 million for the four Korn Ferry Tour Finals events and \$1 million for the 22 preceding events, with the \$28 million season purse representing the highest single-season total in Korn Ferry Tour history

Bubble Watch

PGA TOUR cards will be awarded to the top 30 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List following the conclusion of the season-ending Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance (scheduled October 4-7).

Players currently ranked Nos. 24-36 are separated by 98 points, roughly a top-seven finish in any of the four Korn Ferry Tour Finals events (solo-seventh in the Finals is worth 100 points). Players ranked Nos. 27-32 are separated by 30 points, roughly a solo-31st finish in a Finals event (which is worth 30.033 points).

Rank	Player	Points	Wins	Top-10s
24	Chris Gotterup	829	--	3
25	Carter Jenkins	812	--	5
26	Shad Tuten	812	--	5
27	Chase Seiffert	777	--	4
28	Jackson Suber	765	--	4
29	Rhein Gibson	755	1	4
30	Wilson Furr	754	--	4
TOP 30 EARN PGA TOUR CARD				
31	Cody Blick	754	--	2
32	Brett Drewitt	747	--	5
33	Roger Sloan	740	1	1
34	Logan McAllister	739	--	5
35	John VanDerLaan	737	--	4
36	Taylor Dickson	731	--	3

Field Notes (as of 9/19/2023)

- All 20 champions from the first 24 events this season are in the field this week:
 - **Pierceson Coody** (two wins), **Chan Kim** (two wins), **Ben Kohles** (two wins), **Grayson Murray** (two wins), **Paul Barjon**, **Ricky Castillo**, **Trace Crowe**, **Adrien Dumont de Chassart**, **Jorge Fernández Valdés**, **Rhein Gibson**, **Scott Gutschewski**, **Rico Hoey**, **Spencer Levin**, **Nicholas Lindheim**, **Chandler Phillips**, **Ben Silverman**, **David Skinns**, **Roger Sloan**, **Jimmy Stanger**, **Alejandro Tosti**
- Three-time winner **Pierceson Coody**, two-time winner **Chan Kim**, and four-time winners **Ben Kohles** and **Grayson Murray** are bidding to become the 13th player in history to earn the Three-Victory Promotion,

which grants an immediate promotion to the PGA TOUR; they would [become eligible for the 2023 FedExCup Fall](#)

- Field includes 42 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 66 total victories, led by **Ben Kohles** with four
- Field includes three PGA TOUR winners with seven total victories, led by **Camilo Villegas** with four
- Field includes 12 players currently inside top 200 of the Official World Golf Ranking: **Alejandro Tosti** (No. 98), **Pierceson Coody** (No. 107), **Grayson Murray** (No. 117), **Chan Kim** (No. 123), **Rico Hoey** (No. 132), **Ben Silverman** (No. 147), **Ben Kohles** (No. 148), **Nicholas Lindheim** (No. 170), **Chris Gotterup** (No. 188), **Parker Coody** (No. 195), **Jimmy Stanger** (No. 197), **Jake Knapp** (No. 199)

PGA TOUR University Class of 2023

- Six of the top 10 finishers from the 2023 PGA TOUR University Ranking qualified for this week’s Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation:
 - No. 3 **Adrien Dumont de Chassart** (Illinois) – *declared #TOURBound; won professional and Korn Ferry Tour debut in June, recorded top-10s in each of first six Korn Ferry Tour starts (tied Korn Ferry Tour record for consecutive top-10s)*
 - No. 6 **William Mouw** (Pepperdine) – *stands No. 97 on Korn Ferry Tour Points List with five top-25s, also finished T13 at John Deere Classic*
 - No. 7 **Ryan Burnett** (North Carolina) – *stands No. 114 on Korn Ferry Tour Points List with two top-25s, including a top-10*
 - No. 8 **Patrick Welch** (Oklahoma) – *stands No. 75 on Korn Ferry Tour Points List three top-25s, including career-high T3 last month*
 - No. 9 **Ricky Castillo** (Florida) – *stands No. 45 on Korn Ferry Tour Points List, won professional and Korn Ferry Tour debut in June*
 - No. 10 **Yuxin Lin** (Florida) – *stands No. 154 on Korn Ferry Tour Points List with one top-25*
- The top five finishers from the 2023 PGA TOUR University Ranking earned fully exempt status on the Korn Ferry Tour through the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Finals (which grants entry to its field based off the Korn Ferry Tour Points List), as well as an exemption to Final Stage of 2023 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry – where the top five finishers and ties earn PGA TOUR cards – and the ability to accept unlimited PGA TOUR sponsor exemptions for the remainder of 2023 and 2024
- Finishers Nos. 6-10 from the 2023 PGA TOUR University Ranking earned conditional status for the remainder of the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour season, as well as fully exempt status for the 2023 PGA TOUR Canada season, an exemption to Second Stage of 2023 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry, and exempt status through the Latin America Swing of the 2024 PGA TOUR Americas season
- **Adrien Dumont de Chassart** and **Ricky Castillo**, who finished No. 3 and No. 9 in the PGA TOUR University Class of 2023, respectively, both [won their professional and Korn Ferry Tour debuts in back-to-back events](#) to earn fully exempt status for the remainder of the 2023 season
 - *Dumont de Chassart won the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX (Sunday, June 11), followed by Castillo’s win a week later at the Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics (Sunday, June 18), as Castillo defeated Dumont de Chassart and Kyle Jones in a playoff*
 - *Castillo’s win upended Dumont de Chassart’s bid to become the second player in Korn Ferry Tour history to win their first two starts on Tour (Ben Kohles/2012)*

2022 Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship Recap (August 25-28)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	David Lingmerth	62	66	71	68	267 (-17)
2	Paul Haley II	68	68	65	68	269 (-15)
3	Zecheng Dou	67	67	67	70	271 (-13)
4	Michael Gligic	67	67	69	69	272 (-12)
5	Ben Taylor	70	67	70	66	273 (-11)

- David Lingmerth (1st/-17) drained a 13-footer for birdie on the 72nd hole to win the Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship, capping the first and only wire-to-wire victory of the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour, and the first on Tour since Cameron Young at the 2021 AdventHealth Championship
 - Lingmerth played the first 36 holes of the week at a record-shattering clip en route to a six-shot lead after 36 holes, and he went on to total a 17-under 267, tying the 72-hole tournament scoring record established in 2021 by Adam Svensson
 - Lingmerth entered the week without a top-10 across his previous 117 starts on the PGA TOUR and Korn Ferry Tour
- Paul Haley II (2nd/-15) earned his third runner-up finish on the Korn Ferry Tour
- Zecheng Dou (3rd/-13) earned a solo-third finish, his fifth top-5 finish of the 2022 season

Past Champions

Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Margin
2022	David Lingmerth	62	66	71	68	267 (-17)	2
2021	Adam Svensson	67	68	65	67	267 (-17)	2
2020	Curtis Luck	68	66	68	71	273 (-11)	1
2019	Scottie Scheffler	70	68	67	67	272 (-12)	2
2018	Robert Streb	65	68	68	71	272 (-12)	Playoff
2017	Peter Uihlein	69	69	67	65	270 (-14)	1
2016	Grayson Murray	69	67	68	68	272 (-12)	1
2015	Andrew Loupe	71	70	68	70	279 (-5)	2
2014	Justin Thomas	67	69	72	70	278 (-6)	Playoff
2013	Seung-Yul Noh	68	65	70	69	272 (-12)	5
2012	Ben Kohles	66	69	67	70	272 (-12)	Playoff
2011	Harris English (a)	66	66	68	70	270 (-14)	1
2010	D.J. Brigrman	66	72	72	64	274 (-10)	1
2009	Derek Lamely	71	69	68	65	273 (-11)	Playoff
2008	Bill Lunde	67	72	67	73	279 (-5)	1
2007	Daniel Summerhays (a)	68	69	72	69	278 (-6)	2

Course Information – Ohio State University Golf Club (Scarlet Course)

- Years Hosted: 2007-Present
- Scoring Average (2022): 70.552 / -0.098
- Toughest Hole (2022): No. 11, Par 4, 473 yards – 4.181 / +0.181
- Easiest Hole (2022): No. 12, Par 5, 562 yards – 4.406 / -0.594

Tournament Records

- 18-Hole Score: 62, David Lingmerth (2022)
- 36-Hole Score: 128, David Lingmerth (2022)
- 54-Hole Score: 198, Stephan Jaeger and Vince Whaley (2021)
- 72-Hole Score: 267, Adam Svensson (2021) and David Lingmerth (2022)
- Margin of Victory: 5, Seung-Yul Noh (2013)
- Playoffs: 4 (last in 2018, Robert Streb defeated Peter Malnati)

Last Week on Tour – Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation (September 14-17)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Grayson Murray	68	67	70	66	271 (-17)
T2	Mason Andersen	71	65	72	66	274 (-14)
	Carter Jenkins	73	66	65	70	274 (-14)
	Jamie Lovemark	68	69	67	70	274 (-14)

- **Grayson Murray** claimed his second victory of the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour season and secured a PGA TOUR card for the 2024 season
 - Murray birdied four of his final five holes in the final round and became the second winner this season to finish with back-to-back birdies (Roger Sloan/Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank/birdiebirdie finish and won by one stroke)
 - With the win, Murray joined Pierceson Coody, Chan Kim, and Ben Kohles (two wins apiece) as the fourth multi-time winner on Tour this season, and jumped from No. 26 to No. 6 on the Points List
- **Carter Jenkins** (T2/-14) birdied the 72nd hole for a career-high and moved from No. 46 to No. 25 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List; his previous career-high finish in 33 previous starts on Tour was T5/2023 BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX
- Rookie **Mason Andersen** (T2/-14), one of eight players who earned membership for 2023 by advancing through each stage of the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament (beginning with pre-qualifying), posted a career-high finish and his third top-10 of the season
- Two-time Korn Ferry Tour winner **Jamie Lovemark** (T2/-14) recorded his highest finish on the Korn Ferry Tour since April 2021
- **Chris Gotterup** (T5/-13) finished T5 and climbed from No. 33 to No. 24 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List with his 13th top-25 finish of the season