

Pre-Tournament Notes – Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation

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Dates: September 14-17, 2023

Where: College Grove, Tennessee

Course: The Grove (Par 72 / 7,440 yards)

Course Designer: Greg Norman (2012)

Format: 72-hole stroke play

Field: 144 players

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

Defending Champion: Brent Grant

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Golf Channel Telecast Coverage Times

- Thursday, September 14 (Round 1) – 1-5 p.m. ET
- Friday, September 15 (Round 2) – 1:30-4 p.m. ET
- Saturday, September 16 (Round 3) - 1:30-4 p.m. ET
- Sunday, September 17 (Round 4) - 1:30-4 p.m. ET

Things to Know / New Korn Ferry Tour Finals Structure

- The 2023 Korn Ferry Tour season continues with the seventh playing of the Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation, the second event of the Korn Ferry Tour Finals and 24th tournament of the 26-event schedule
- This is the Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation's first year as a Korn Ferry Tour Finals event, as well as its third year at The Grove
- 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 ranked Nos. 24-38 are separated by 100 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. 24-33 are separated by 47 points, roughly a 2-way T21 finish in a Finals event (which is worth 47.600 points).

Rank	Player	Points	Wins	Top-10s
24	Chase Seiffert	777	--	4
25	Jackson Suber	765	--	4
26	Grayson Murray	756	1	2
27	Rhein Gibson	755	1	4
28	Wilson Furr	754	--	4
29	Cody Blick	754	--	2
30	Brett Drewitt	742	--	5
TOP 30 EARN PGA TOUR CARD				
31	Logan McAllister	739	--	5
32	John VanDerLaan	737	--	4
33	Chris Gotterup	730	--	2
34	Taylor Dickson	701	--	3
35	Roger Sloan	697	1	1
36	Paul Barjon	672	1	2
37	Matt McCarty	690	--	4
38	Mac Meissner	677	--	2

Field Notes (as of 9/12/2023)

- Of the 20 champions from the first 23 events this season, 17 of those winners are in this week's field:
 - **Pierceson Coody** (two wins), **Chan Kim** (two wins), **Ben Kohles** (two wins), **Paul Barjon**, **Ricky Castillo**, **Trace Crowe**, **Adrien Dumont de Chassart**, **Jorge Fernández Valdés**, **Rhein Gibson**, **Scott Gutschewski**, **Rico Hoey**, **Spencer Levin**, **Grayson Murray**, **Chandler Phillips**, **Ben Silverman**, **David Skinns**, **Roger Sloan**, **Jimmy Stanger**
- Three-time winner **Pierceson Coody**, two-time winner **Chan Kim**, and four-time winner **Ben Kohles** 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 46 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 68 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 10 players currently inside top 200 of the Official World Golf Ranking: **Pierceson Coody** (No. 109), **Chan Kim** (No. 121), **Rico Hoey** (No. 131), **Ben Silverman** (No. 144), **Ben Kohles** (No. 151), **Grayson Murray** (No. 173), **Jimmy Stanger** (No. 186), **Parker Coody** (No. 194), **Jake Knapp** (No. 195), **Adrien Dumont de Chassart** (No. 197)

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 Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation Recap (May 5-8)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Brent Grant	69	65	69	69	272 (-16)
2	Kevin Yu	67	68	67	71	273 (-15)
T3	Zack Fischer	66	69	72	67	274 (-14)
	Vincent Norrman	68	70	69	67	274 (-14)

- Brent Grant earned his first career Korn Ferry Tour win with a two-putt birdie at the par-5 18th
- Grant’s victory propelled him to No. 29 on the final 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, and he went on to earn his card via the Korn Ferry Tour Finals
- Kevin Yu recorded his second runner-up finish in his 16th career start on the Korn Ferry Tour; he eventually finished No. 20 on the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, earning his first PGA TOUR card
- **Zack Fischer**, matched his career-high finish on the Korn Ferry Tour and eventually finished No. 36 on the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, retaining fully exempt status for the 2023 season
- Vincent Norrman recorded a career-high finish en route to earning his first PGA TOUR card at season’s end; he won the PGA TOUR’s Barbasol Championship in July 2023 and the DP World Tour’s Horizon Irish Open last week

Past Champions

Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Margin
2022	Brent Grant	69	65	69	69	272 (-16)	1
2021	Austin Smotherman	65	69	69	69	272 (-16)	3

2019	Robby Shelton	64	73	65	71	273 (-15)	Playoff
2018	Cameron Davis	67	71	67	65	270 (-18)	1
2017	Lanto Griffin	72	70	62	68	272 (-16)	Playoff
2016	James Driscoll	65	68	69	67	269 (-19)	3

Tournament Scoring Records

- Low 18-Hole Score: 62, Conrad Shindler (2017, Round 1) and Lanto Griffin (2017, Round 3)
- Low 36-Hole Score: 130, Sebastián Muñoz (2018)
- Low 54-Hole Score: 199, Lanto Griffin (2018)
- Low 72-Hole Score: 269, James Driscoll (2016)
- Largest Margin of Victory: 3, James Driscoll (2016), Austin Smotherman (2021)
- Playoffs: 2 (last: 2019, Robby Shelton def. Scottie Scheffler)

Course Information – The Grove

- Years Hosted: 2021-Present
- Scoring Average (2022): 71.274 / -0.726
- Toughest Hole (2022): No. 9, Par 4, 471 yards – 4.206 / +0.206
- Easiest Hole (2022): No. 18, Par 5, 581 yards – 4.603 / -0.397
- Course Record: 64, Brent Grant (2021, Round 3), **Quade Cummins** (2022, Round 1), Lukas Euler (2022, Round 1)

Last Time on Tour – Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron (August 24-27)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Chan Kim	66	62	64	64	256 (-28)
2	David Kocher	63	69	67	59	258 (-26)
3	Thomas Rosenmueller	67	68	64	63	262 (-22)
T4	Jacob Bridgeman	66	65	65	67	263 (-21)
	Ben Kohles	66	62	66	69	263 (-21)

- **Chan Kim** became the first player in Korn Ferry Tour history to win an event without making a single bogey, in addition to becoming the 12th player in Tour history to win back-to-back events, as he won the week prior at the Magnit Championship
- Kim's winning total of 28-under 256 tied the fourth-lowest 72-hole score and fourth-lowest 72-hole score relative to par in Korn Ferry Tour history
- **David Kocher** carded the third round of 59 on the Korn Ferry Tour this season, posting a 12-under 59 in the final round to rise to a runner-up finish; his total of 26-under 258 marked the second-lowest score by a runner-up in Korn Ferry Tour history, only trailing Rhein Gibson's 23-under 257 from the 2016 Ellie Mae Classic at TPC Stonebrae
- **Thomas Rosenmueller** closed with a career-low 8-under 63 en route to his first top-10 on Tour
- **Jacob Bridgeman** tied his career-high finish and posted his third top-five of the season