

### Pre-Tournament Notes – Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank

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**Dates:** August 3-6, 2023

**Where:** Farmington, Utah

**Course:** Oakridge Country Club (Par 71 / 7,045 yards)

**Course Designer:** William Neff (1956), Kevin Atkinson (2016)

**Format:** 72-hole stroke play

**Field:** 156 Players

**Purse / Winner's Share:** \$1,000,000 / \$180,000 winner

**Defending Champion:** Andrew Kozan

#### Quick Links

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#### Things to Know

- This week's Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank marks the 20th tournament of the Korn Ferry Tour's 26-event 2023 schedule
- The Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank was on the Korn Ferry Tour's inaugural schedule in 1990, and this year marks the 31st playing of the event (the tournament was not held in 1997 or 1998)
- Oakridge Country Club hosts the Utah Championship for the seventh consecutive year
- Golf Channel will provide live telecast coverage (as well as live streaming coverage available via the NBC Sports app and GolfChannel.com) for all four rounds from 6-9 p.m. ET
- John Daly won the inaugural title in 1990; he went on to win five PGA TOUR titles, including the 1991 PGA Championship and 1995 Open Championship
- Zach Johnson, who will captain the United States at this year's Ryder Cup, won the 2003 Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank; his accolades also include major championship victories at the 2007 Masters Tournament and 2015 Open Championship
- Other notable past champions of the Utah Championship are Cameron Champ (2018), Brendon Todd (2008), and Steven Alker (2013), who has six wins in his first 44 PGA TOUR Champions starts
- The last four champions of the Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank – **Andrew Kozan** (2022), **Joshua Creel** (2021), **Kyle Jones** (2020), **Kris Ventura** (2019) – are in this week's field, as is past champion **Josh Teater** (2009)
- Six players who finished T10 or better in last year's event earned a PGA TOUR card at season's end: Justin Suh (T2), Trevor Cone (T5), Harrison Endycott (T5), Will Gordon (T5), Michael Kim (T5), Zecheng Dou (T10)
- Players with ties to the state of Utah in the field include: **Patrick Fishburn** (Ogden native and resident) and **Daniel Summerhays** (Kaysville resident), open qualifiers Zac Jones (Highland resident) Carson Lundell (Alpine resident), Mitchell Schow (Ogden resident), and Tyson Shelley (Holladay resident), as well as sponsor exemption Blake Tomlinson (Salt Lake City resident)
- Fishburn and Summerhays both played collegiately at Brigham Young University
- Fishburn matched his career-high finish (T2/2022 Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank) at last week's NV5 Invitational presented by Old National Bank, where he eagled the 72nd hole of regulation but finished runner-up to **Trace Crowe** in a sudden-death playoff
- Three-time winner **Pierceson Coody**, who won his last start two weeks ago at the Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper, is bidding to become the 13th player in history to earn the Three-Victory Promotion, which grants an immediate promotion to the PGA TOUR

- **Zack Fischer** made the cut at last month's Open Championship, his second career major championship appearance and first since the 2013 U.S. Open (missed cut); he gained entry to The Open Championship by winning the 2022 Visa Argentina Open presented by Macro, which annually awards an Open Championship exemption to its winner and will [become a Korn Ferry Tour event in 2024](#)
- Korn Ferry Tour Points List leader Ben Kohles, No. 2 **Rico Hoey**, and No. 3 **Ben Silverman** are the only three players already #TOURBound and assured of finishing in the top 30, thus earning their PGA TOUR card

### Field Notes (as of 8/1/2023)

- 10 champions from the first 19 events of the 2023 season are in this week's field:
  - **Pierceson Coody** (x2), **Ricky Castillo**, **Trace Crowe**, **Jorge Fernández Valdés**, **Scott Gutschewski**, **Rico Hoey**, **Spencer Levin**, **Ben Silverman**, **David Skinns**, **Jimmy Stanger**
- Field includes 46 Korn Ferry Tour winners – including three-time winners **Pierceson Coody**, **Scott Gutschewski**, and **David Skinns** – and eight PGA TOUR winners
- Field includes five players inside top 200 of the Official World Golf Ranking: **Pierceson Coody** (No. 110), **Rico Hoey** (No. 137), **Ben Silverman** (No. 150), **Alejandro Tosti** (No. 154), **Jimmy Stanger** (No. 195)

### PGA TOUR University Class of 2023

- Four of the top 10 finishers from the 2023 PGA TOUR University Ranking are in the field this week:
  - No. 4 **Ross Steelman** (Georgia Tech)
  - No. 8 **Patrick Welch** (Oklahoma)
  - No. 9 **Ricky Castillo** (Florida) – *won professional and Korn Ferry Tour debut in June*
  - No. 10 **Yuxin Lin** (Florida)
- 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
- For all events prior to the Korn Ferry Tour Finals, the PGA TOUR University category on the Korn Ferry Tour Priority Ranking will be filled by five players to a floor of the No. 10 finisher from the 2023 PGA TOUR University Priority Ranking
  - *Example:* No. 3 Adrien Dumont de Chassart and No. 9 Ricky Castillo now play out of the Tournament Winners category, meaning their places in the PGA TOUR University category will be filled by No. 6 William Mouw and No. 7 Ryan Burnett, respectively
  - *Additional Example:* If No. 2 Fred Biondi records a top-25, he plays the next tournament out of the "Top-25 Previous Event" category, meaning his place in the PGA TOUR University category would be filled by No. 8 Patrick Welch (since Nos. 6 and 7 will already be in field via previous example)
- 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)
- Dumont de Chassart has top-10s in each of his six starts since turning professional and joining the Korn Ferry Tour; his six consecutive top-10s tied the Korn Ferry Tour record for consecutive top-10s previously established by Doug Martin (1993), Tom Gillis (2009), and John Mallinger (2011)

## 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Season

- A number of changes to the Korn Ferry Tour [announced this past June](#) will be implemented for the first time this season, with the most notable changes being:
  - Increase from 25 to 30 PGA TOUR cards** annually awarded via the Korn Ferry Tour Points List
  - Reimagining of the 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
      - 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 cut]
  - One season-long Korn Ferry Tour Points List** as opposed to separate points lists for the regular season and Korn Ferry Tour Finals
  - Purses increasing** 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

## 2022 Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank (August 4-7, 2022)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Andrew Kozan	63	70	67	63	263 (-21)
T2	Patrick Fishburn	65	68	67	64	264 (-20)
	Justin Suh	68	68	65	63	264 (-20)
	Ashton Van Horne	68	66	66	64	264 (-20)

- Andrew Kozan** earned his first career Korn Ferry Tour victory after a final-round 8-under 63, marking his career-low round on the Korn Ferry Tour
- Kozan began the final at T13, which made him the first winner of the 2022 season to overcome a deficit of that margin for the win (Will Gordon later accomplished the same feat and rallied from a seven-stroke deficit to win the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron and earn a PGA TOUR card in the Korn Ferry Tour Finals)
- Kozan entered the event with a streak of 11 consecutive missed cuts; the only other player in Korn Ferry Tour history to end a streak of at least eight consecutive missed cuts with a win was Norman Xiong at the 2022 Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics
- Justin Suh recorded the seventh of his 10 top-10 finishes last season, and eventually finished No. 1 on the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, earning exemptions for both the 2023 PLAYERS Championship (finished T6) and 2023 U.S. Open (finished T27)
- Ashton Van Horne** birdied three of his final four holes in the final round en route to a 7-under 64, securing the first and only top-10 finish of his career; he eventually finished No. 61 on the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Points List for fully exempt status this season
- Patrick Fishburn** recorded a career-high finish and eventually finished No. 49 on the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Points List for fully exempt status this season; he previously finished No. 71 on the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour Points List

## Past Champions

Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Margin
2022	Andrew Kozan	63	70	67	63	263 (-21)	1
2021	Joshua Creel	63	68	65	64	260 (-24)	2

2020	Kyle Jones	64	65	67	68	264 (-20)	Playoff
2019	Kristoffer Ventura	69	70	66	65	270 (-14)	Playoff
2018	Cameron Champ	61	64	67	68	260 (-24)	1
2017	Brice Garnett	64	65	69	65	263 (-21)	1
2016	Nicholas Lindheim	67	66	67	69	269 (-15)	2
2015	Patton Kizzire	67	62	71	69	269 (-19)	Playoff
2014	Andres Gonzales	62	67	65	69	263 (-21)	4
2013	Steven Alker	71	64	61	66	262 (-22)	Playoff
2012	Doug LaBelle II	64	68	69	68	269 (-15)	1
2011	J.J. Killeen	62	67	68	65	262 (-22)	4
2010	Michael Putnam	66	66	67	67	266 (-18)	3
2009	Josh Teater	65	67	64	68	264 (-20)	4
2008	Brendon Todd	64	66	65	67	262 (-22)	6
2007	Franklin Langham	63	67	66	68	264 (-20)	2
2006	Craig Kanada	69	67	65	71	272 (-16)	1
2005	Garrett Willis	67	71	67	70	275 (-13)	1
2004	Brett Wetterich	67	69	65	71	272 (-16)	1
2003	Zach Johnson	68	69	65	65	267 (-21)	1
2002	Arron Oberholser	71	64	67	-	202 (-14)	2
2001	David Sutherland	63	64	73	72	272 (-16)	1
2000	Andy Morse	64	66	71	68	269 (-19)	2
1999	Carl Paulson	68	64	65	69	266 (-22)	6
1996	Michael Christie	66	63	67	-	196 (-20)	4
1995	Glen Hnatiuk	65	68	70	-	203 (-13)	Playoff
1994	Chris Perry	69	68	68	-	205 (-11)	1
1993	Sean Murphy	68	70	66	-	204 (-12)	Playoff
1992	Jeff Woodland	67	68	67	-	202 (-14)	3
1991	Ted Tryba	65	68	69	-	202 (-14)	1
1990	John Daly	65	69	69	-	203 (-13)	1

### Course Information – Oakridge Country Club

- Years Hosted: 2017-present
- Course Record: 61, Christian Brand (2017, Round 2), Jacques Blaauw (2017, Round 3), Andres Gonzales (2018, Round 3), Cameron Champion (2018, Round 1), Hayden Buckley (2021, Round 4)
- Scoring Average (2022): 68.654 / -2.346
- Toughest Hole (2022): No. 10, Par 4, 517 yards – 4.338 / +0.338
- Easiest Hole (2022): No. 15, Par 5, 547 yards – 4.273 / -0.727

### Tournament Scoring Records

- Low 18-Hole Score: 59, Will Wilcox (2013, Round 4)
- Low 36-Hole Score: 125, Cameron Champ (2018)
- Low 54-Hole Score: 191, Jim Knous (2018)
- Low 72-Hole Score: 260, Cameron Champ (2018) and **Joshua Creel** (2021)
- Largest Margin of Victory: 6, Carl Paulson (1999) and Brendon Todd (2008)
- Playoffs: 5, last in 2020 (**Kyle Jones** defeated Paul Haley II and **Daniel Summerhays**)

### Last Week on Tour – NV5 Invitational presented by Old National Bank (July 27-30)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Trace Crowe	66	64	63	66	259 (-25)
2	Patrick Fishburn	64	66	65	64	259 (-25)
3	Ryan McCormick	60	69	65	66	260 (-24)
4	Chris Gotterup	67	63	65	66	261 (-23)

5	Cristobal Del Solar	68	65	64	66	263 (-21)
6	Patrick Cover	69	66	63	66	264 (-20)

- **Trace Crowe** parred the second hole of a sudden-death playoff and defeated **Patrick Fishburn** for his first Korn Ferry Tour win in his 29th start
- Crowe overcame a triple bogey on the second hole of the final round, becoming the fourth winner in Korn Ferry Tour history to overcome a final-round triple bogey, joining David Duval (1993 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance), Edward Loar (2012 The Panama Championship), and Greg Owen (2014 United Leasing & Finance Championship)
- Crowe entered last week at No. 139 on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, and he was the last man into the field for his career-high finish of T11 at the weather-shortened 54-hole HomeTown Lenders Championship earlier this season
- Fishburn eagled the final hole of regulation and forced a playoff with Crowe; he also recorded 108 consecutive bogey-free holes across the final 44 holes of the Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper and first 64 holes of last week's NV5 Invitational presented by Old National Bank, breaking the Korn Ferry Tour record for consecutive holes without a bogey (previous: 106, Heath Slocum/2001)
- **Ryan McCormick** shattered his previous career-low 72-hole total of 20-under 264 en route to his fourth career top-three finish – all of which have come in the last two seasons (two in 2022 and 2023)
- Rookie **Chris Gotterup** posted a career-high finish in his 21st career start on the Korn Ferry Tour and his second top-10
- Rookie **Cristobal Del Solar** posted a career-high finish in his 18th career start on the Korn Ferry Tour, as well as his third top-10 this season
- Making his 40th career start, **Patrick Cover** logged his third top-10 in his last five starts; he had zero top-10s in his previous 35 career starts on Tour
- Rookie **Alejandro Tosti** (T10/-18) posted his Korn Ferry Tour-leading eighth top-10 of the season; he also recorded his 12th top-25 in what was his 17th start of the season
- Last week marked the [first streaming production of professional golf for Barstool Sports](#), a sports, lifestyle and entertainment brand; the digital media company co-produced the first-of-its-kind streaming event in conjunction with PGA TOUR Entertainment, which is provided production capabilities, while Barstool Sports is led the creative direction