

## 2023 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry (Final Stage)

Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida December 14-17, 2023 Purse: \$510,000 (\$50,000 winner)
TPC Sawgrass (Dye's Valley Course) Par/Yards: 35-35—70/6,850

Sawgrass Country Club (East-West)

Par/Yards: 35-35—70/0,836

Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,054

Second-Round Notes - Friday, December 15, 2023

Weather: Mostly cloudy and breezy. High of 69. Wind E/NE 8-16 mph, gusts up to 28 mph.

Dye's Valley Course Rounds 1 & 2 Scoring Average: 70.422 (+0.422) Sawgrass Country Club Rounds 1 & 2 Scoring Average: 71.611 (+1.611)

**Round 3 Tee Times:** Run from 7:30 a.m. through 9:46 a.m. off the first and 10th tees at Sawgrass Country Club (top 81 players), and from 7:30 a.m. through 9:36 a.m. off the first and 10th tees at Dye's Valley (next 78 players)

## **Second-Round Leaderboard**

Pos.	Player	Course	R1	R2	Total
T1	Kyle Westmoreland	CC-DV	69	64	133 (-7)
	Blaine Hale Jr.	DV-CC	67	66	133 (-7)
	Harrison Endycott	DV-CC	65	68	133 (-7)
T4	Harry Higgs	DV-CC	69	65	134 (-6)
	Trace Crowe	DV-CC	69	65	134 (-6)
T6	Three Players Tied				135 (-5)

# Kyle Westmoreland (T1/-7) - CC-DV

- Follows 1-under 69 at Sawgrass Country Club with second-round 6-under 64 at Dye's Valley, making seven birdies and a bogey at the par-4 18th
- Makes one of four birdies at par-4 sixth at Dye's Valley in the second round
- Earned exemption to Final Stage of PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry by finishing No. 192 on the 2022-23 FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List as a PGA TOUR rookie
- Recorded 10 made cuts in 32 starts and finished a season-high T27 at 2022 Texas Children's Houston Open as rookie on TOUR this past season
- Making second career appearance at Final Stage of Q-School, having finished T19 in 2021 at Final Stage of the Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament (now PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry)
- Played collegiately at the United States Air Force Academy for four seasons (2010-14) and attained the rank of captain
  during a five-year stint in the United States Air Force; he became the first United States Air Force Academy graduate to earn
  PGA TOUR membership, accomplishing the feat via the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Finals
  - Tom Whitney became the second United States Air Force Academy graduate to earn a PGA TOUR card by finishing in the top 30 of the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, earning TOUR membership for the 2024 season

#### Blaine Hale Jr. (T1/-7) - DV-CC

- Makes six birdies and two bogeys en route to 4-under 66 at Sawgrass Country Club
- Has not previously held membership on any PGA TOUR-sanctioned tour
- Finished T26 as a sponsor exemption at the 2022 Veritex Bank Championship on the Korn Ferry Tour, which is his only PGA TOUR-sanctioned start to date
- Qualified for Final Stage of Q-School for the first time since he turned professional out of University of Oklahoma in 2019; he finished T4 at First Stage (Muskogee, Oklahoma site) and T5 at Second Stage (Valdosta, Georgia site) off the strength of a final-round 6-under 66

## Harrison Endycott (T1/-7) - DV-CC

• Following the only bogey-free round of Round 1, cards 2-under 68 at Sawgrass Country Club with three birdies and one bogey to maintain a share of the lead (shared 18-hole lead with Tano Goya)

- Only player in the field without multiple bogeys or worse through 36 holes (bogeyed par-4 18th at Sawgrass Country Club)
- Earned exemption to Final Stage of PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry by finishing No. 139 on the 2022-23 FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List as a PGA TOUR rookie
- Earned first PGA TOUR card via the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, finishing No. 21 off the strength of a victory at the HomeTown Lenders Championship in what was his second season on Tour
- Making third career appearance at Final Stage of Q-School, having finished T41 in 2019 and T80 in 2021 at Final Stage of the Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament (now PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry)

# **Additional Player Notes**

- Harry Higgs (T4/-6) cards bogey-free 5-under 65 at Sawgrass Country Club; he earned an exemption to Final Stage of PGA
  TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry with a No. 144 finish on the 2022-23 FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List
- Trace Crowe (T4/-6), who earned fully exempt membership for the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour season with a win at the NV5 Invitational presented by Old National Bank, and an exemption to Final Stage of PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry with a No. 38 finish on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, cards 5-under 65 at Sawgrass Country Club
- **Keita Nakajima** (T6/-5), the highest-ranked player in the field in the Official World Golf Ranking (No. 90), follows 1-under 69 at Dye's Valley with 4-under 66 at Sawgrass Country Club; he earned an exemption to Final Stage of PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry with a No. 1 finish on the 2023 Japan Golf Tour Order of Merit
- **Brandon Harkins** (T6/-5) and **Hayden Springer** (T6/-5) previously earned fully exempt membership for the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour season, as Harkins finished No. 70 on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, and Springer finished No. 1 in the 2023 Fortinet Cup standings on PGA TOUR Canada off the strength of two victories
- Wesley Bryan (T9/-4) overcomes a quadruple bogey on the par-4 17th with eight birdies (in order: Nos. 11, 12, 13, 14, 1, 2, 3, 5) to card 4-under 66 at Dye's Valley; he earned an exemption for Final Stage of PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry with a No. 185 finish in the 2022-23 FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List
- Bryan and **Sam Bennett** (T30/-2), who finished No. 5 in the 2023 PGA TOUR University Ranking, lead with field with 12 birdies apiece through 36 holes
- Spencer Levin (T9/-4), who earned an exemption to Final Stage of PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry with a No. 50 finish on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List off the strength of winning the Veritex Bank Championship as an open qualifier, cards the low round of the day at Sawgrass Country Club, a bogey-free 6-under 64
- Aldrich Potgieter (T61/+1), a 19-year-old South African and the youngest player in the field by 3 years, 2 months, and 4 days, rebounds from 8-over 78 at Sawgrass Country Club with 7-under 63 at Dye's Valley, the lowest round of the week at Dye's Valley; he also rises from T156 to T61 (up 95 spots)
- There were 14 players who rose more than 50 spots on the leaderboard in the second round: Spencer Levin (T9/-4/CC up 67 spots), Daniel Summerhays (T15/-3/DV up 61 spots), Rob Oppenheim (T15/-3/DV up 61 spots), Satoshi Kodaira (T15/-3/DV up 61 spots), Steven Fisk (T38/-1/CC up 64 spots), Grant Hirschman (T38/-1/DV up 64 spots), Charles Porter (T46/E/DV up 56 spots), Matt McCarty (T61/+1/CC up 54 spots), Etienne Papineau (T61/+1/DV up 54 spots), Aldrich Potgieter (T61/+1/DV up 95 spots), Brandon Crick (T61/+1/DV up 54 spots), Trey Winstead (T78/+2/DV up 65 spots), Braden Thornberry (T78/+2/CC up 65 spots), Alistair Docherty (T94/+3/CC up 62 spots)
- Two players who advanced through every stage of PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry, beginning with prequalifying, are in the Final Stage field **Caleb Hicks** (T94/+3) and **Wes Homan** (T122/+5)
- Three players withdrew during Round 2: Kevin Chappell, Sam Choi, and Scott Piercy

# **Final Stage Performance Benefits**

- Top Five and Ties: PGA TOUR membership for 2024
- Next 40 Finishers and Ties: Exempt for multiple reshuffles of the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour season
  - The first 25 finishers and ties in this category will be subject to the third reshuffle, assuring them starts in the first 12 events of the 2024 season
  - Any remaining finishers within the category will be subject to the second reshuffle, assuring them starts in the first eight events of the 2024 season
- Next 20 Finishers and Ties (following the Next 40 Finishers and Ties): Earn exempt status for the Latin America Swing of the 2024 PGA TOUR Americas season, in addition to conditional Korn Ferry Tour membership for the 2024 season
- All remaining finishers outside of the aforementioned categories earn conditional Korn Ferry Tour and PGA TOUR Americas membership for the 2024 season