

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

Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida TPC Sawgrass (Dye's Valley Course) Sawgrass Country Club (East-West) December 14-17, 2023 Par/Yards: 35-35—70/6,850 Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,054 Purse: \$510,000 (\$50,000 winner)

## Final-Round Notes - Monday, December 18, 2023

**Postponement Summary:** Due to overnight rainfall, the start of the final round, originally scheduled for Sunday morning, was postponed until Monday. There were 10 players who withdrew prior to the start of the final round: Mason Andersen, Erik Barnes, Cristobal Del Solar, Michael Johnson, Sung Kang, Peter Kuest, Matt McCarty, S.Y. Noh, Jeremy Paul, and Sam Saunders.

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 62. Wind W/NW 8-14 mph, gusting up to 22 mph.

#### **Final Leaderboard**

Pos.	Player	Course	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Harrison Endycott	DV-CC-CC-DV	65	68	65	67	265 (-15)
2	Trace Crowe	DV-CC-CC-DV	69	65	68	67	269 (-11)
3	Blaine Hale Jr.	DV-CC-CC-DV	67	66	67	71	271 (-9)
T4	Raul Pereda	CC-DV-CC-DV	70	67	66	69	272 (-8)
	Hayden Springer	DV-CC-CC-DV	66	69	68	69	272 (-8)
6	Satoshi Kodaira	CC-DV-CC-DV	72	65	69	67	273 (-7)

## Harrison Endycott (1st/-15)

- Converts a two-stroke 54-hole lead into a four-stroke victory with final-round 3-under 67 at Dye's Valley, earning PGA TOUR membership for the 2024 season
- Fourth Australian medalist in records dating to 1985 (Brett Ogle/1992, Neale Smith/1992, Steve Allan/2000)
- Makes five birdies (Nos. 1, 5, 11, 13, 17) against two bogeys (Nos. 4 and 18), finishes the event with three bogeys across 72 holes (no other player in the field had fewer than six scores of bogey or worse across 72 holes)
- Held 18- and 36-hole co-leads, and was the outright 54-hole leader by two strokes
- 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
- Made third career appearance at Final Stage of Q-School, having finished T41/2019 and T80/2021 at Final Stage of the Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament (now PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry)

## Trace Crowe (2nd/-11)

- Closes with 3-under 67 at Dye's Valley featuring five birdies (Nos. 7, 11, 12, 13, 16) and two bogeys (Nos. 10 and 18) to rise from T3 after 54 holes and finish solo-second, thus securing his first PGA TOUR card
- Has three career starts on the PGA TOUR: 2017 Barbasol Championship/MC, 2023 Classic in The Palm Beaches/T63, 2023
   Wells Fargo Championship/T27
- Earned 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
- Previously earned fully exempt membership for 2024 Korn Ferry Tour season with a win at the Korn Ferry Tour's 2023 NV5
   Invitational presented by Old National Bank; he did not have a top-10 in his 28 career starts on the Korn Ferry Tour prior to
   his win at The Glen Club in Glenview, Illinois
- Made third consecutive appearance at Final Stage of Q-School, finishing T91/2021 and T81/2022 at Final Stage of the Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament (now PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry)
- Turned professional in 2020 after four seasons at Auburn University (2015-19), where he won three individual titles and earned All-Southeastern Conference Second Team laurels in 2017 and 2019

#### Blaine Hale Jr. (3rd/-9)

- Earns PGA TOUR membership for the first time; he had not previously held membership on any PGA TOUR-sanctioned tour
- Makes double bogey at the par-4 18th but posts 1-over 71 at Dye's Valley with four birdies (Nos. 1, 5, 13, 16), three bogeys (Nos. 2, 9, 14), and the aforementioned double bogey; he entered the final round with four bogeys through 54 holes
- Finished T26 as a sponsor exemption at 2022 Veritex Bank Championship on the Korn Ferry Tour, which is his only PGA TOUR-sanctioned start to date and earned him an exemption to First Stage of 2023 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry
- 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
- Won the 109th Oklahoma Open in August 2023, taking the title by one stroke over college teammate Max McGreevy
- Turned professional in 2019 after four seasons at University of Oklahoma (2015-19), where he helped the Sooners win the 2017 NCAA Championship, going 2-1 in match play, including a victory over Oregon's Norman Xiong in the title match

#### Raul Pereda (T4/-8)

- Closes in 1-under 69 at Dye's Valley to finish T4 (stood T5 through 54 holes) and earn his first PGA TOUR card
- Has one previous PGA TOUR start (2023 Mexico Open at Vidanta/T60), and had not previously reached Final Stage of Q-School
- Earned exemption to Second Stage of PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry with No. 22 finish on PGA TOUR
   Latinoamérica Totalplay Cup standings (Nos. 6-25 were exempt to Second Stage); he finished T13 at the Valencia, California
   site, qualifying for Final Stage on the number (top 13 and ties advanced)
- Also played the 2020-21 and 2021-22 seasons on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica, finishing No. 12 in the Totalplay Cup standings both seasons
- A native of Cordoba, Mexico, will be only active 2024 PGA TOUR member representing Mexico
- Turned professional in 2018 after four seasons at Jacksonville University (2014-18), where he garnered a 2018 All-Atlantic Sun Conference First Team selection and set a school record for single-season scoring average (70.54) as a senior

## Hayden Springer (T4/-8)

- Closes in 1-under 69 at Dye's Valley, including a bogey-free 3-under 32 on the front nine and a bogey save at the par-4 17th, to earn his first PGA TOUR card
- Led the field in total birdies (21) and stood inside the top 10 after all four rounds (T3/R1, T6/R2, T5/R3, T4/R4)
- Has four previous PGA TOUR starts: 2016 FedEx St. Jude Championship/MC, 2019 Military Tribute at Greenbrier/MC, 2021
   U.S. Open/MC, 2023 Fortinet Championship/MC
- Recorded two victories en route to a No. 1 finish in the 2023 Fortinet Cup standings on PGA TOUR Canada, which earned
  him an exemption to Final Stage of PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry, fully exempt membership for the 2024
  Korn Ferry Tour season, and exemptions for the 2023 Fortinet Championship and 2024 RBC Canadian Open
- Previously played the 2021-22 season on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica, finishing No. 21 in the Totalplay Cup standings
- Finished T138 at Final Stage of the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament in only previous appearance at Final Stage of Q-School
- Turned professional in 2019 after two seasons at Texas Tech University (2015-17) and two seasons at Texas Christian University (2017-19); he won medalist honors at the 2019 Big 12 Championship as a senior at TCU

### **Final Stage Performance Benefits Earned**

- Top Five and Ties: PGA TOUR membership for 2024
  - Harrison Endycott (Medalist/-15), Trace Crowe (2nd/-11), Blaine Hale Jr. (3rd/-9), Raul Pereda (T4/-8), Hayden Springer (T4/-8)
- Next 40 Finishers and Ties (solo-sixth through T45): 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 (solo-sixth through T28) [NOTE: fully exempt Korn Ferry Tour members are omitted from this list]: Satoshi Kodaira (6th/-7), Doc Redman (T7/-6), Danny Walker (T7/-6), Kramer Hickok (T10/-5), Fred Biondi (T10/-5), Spencer Levin (T10/-5), Bryce Hendrix (T14/-4), Ryan Blaum (T14/-4), Noah Goodwin (T14/-4), Sudarshan Yellamaraju (T14/-4), Cooper Dossey (T14/-4), Alvaro Ortiz (T21/-3), Kevin Velo (T21/-3), Kris Ventura (T21/-3), Max McGreevy (T21/-3), Alistair Docherty (T21/-3), Isaiah Salinda (T21/-3), Kyle Westmoreland (T21/-3), Brice Garnett (T28/-2), Daniel Summerhays (T28/-2), Kevin Tway (T28/-2), Russell Knox (T28/-2), Ross Steelman (T28/-2), Braden Thornberry (T28/-2), Trey Winstead (T28/-2)
  - 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 (T38 through T45) [NOTE: fully exempt Korn Ferry Tour members are omitted from this list]: Étienne Papineau (T38/-1), Dylan Healey (T38/-1), Henrik Norlander (T38/-1), Kevin Roy (T38/-1),

Dawson Armstrong (T38/-1), Erik Compton (T38/-1), Myles Creighton (T45/E), Keita Nakajima (T45/E), Rob Oppenheim (T45/E), Jeongwoo Ham (T45/E), Harry Higgs (T45/E), Adam Long (T45/E)

- Next 20 Finishers and Ties (T54 through T72): 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 [NOTE: fully exempt Korn Ferry Tour members, conditional PGA TOUR members are omitted from this list]: Tano Goya (T54/+1), Keenan Huskey (T54/+1), Davis Lamb (T54/+1), Yi Cao (T54/+1), Charles Porter (T54/+1), John Lyras (T54/+1), Christian Banke (T54/+1), Marcus Byrd (T64/+2), Walker Lee (T64/+2), Curtis Thompson (T64/+2), Blake Elliott (T64/+2), Thomas Power Horan (T64/+2)
- All remaining finishers earned conditional Korn Ferry Tour and PGA TOUR Americas membership for the 2024 season

# **Additional Notes**

- Fred Biondi (T10/-5) and Ross Steelman (T28/-2), who finished No. 2 and No. 4, respectively, in the 2023 PGA TOUR University Ranking, both earn guaranteed starts for the first 12 events of the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour season
  - Biondi (University of Florida) earned medalist honors at the 2023 NCAA Championship, with Steelman (Georgia Tech) finishing as the runner-up
- Canadian **Sudarshan Yellamaraju** (T14/-4) closes in 2-under 68 at Dye's Valley to earn guaranteed starts for the first 12 events of the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour season, which will be his first as a member; he was the second-youngest player in the field this week at age 22
- Spencer Levin (T10/-5) cards 3-over 73 at Dye's Valley and falls out of top five; he stood T3 through 54 holes and was the only player who fell out of the top five in the final round
- Six players who shot 74 or worse in the first round finished inside the "Next 40 and Ties" category which earned them guaranteed starts for the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour season:
  - Kris Ventura (T21/-3 first-round 4-over 74 at Dye's Valley)
  - Alistair Docherty (T21/-3 first-round 8-over 78 at Dye's Valley)
  - Russell Knox (T28/-2 first-round 5-over 75 at Dye's Valley)
  - Braden Thornberry (T28/-2 first-round 6-over 76 at Dye's Valley)
  - Trey Winstead (T28/-2 first-round 6-over 76 at Sawgrass Country Club)
  - o Étienne Papineau (T38/-1 first-round 4-over 74 at Sawgrass Country Club)
- **Keita Nakajima** (T45/E), the highest-ranked player in the field in the Official World Golf Ranking (No. 90), earns guaranteed starts for the first eight events of the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour season; 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
- Three players withdrew during the final round: Steven Fisk, Scott Harrington, Austin Smotherman
- Dye's Valley Course Cumulative Scoring Average: 70.261 (+0.261)
- Sawgrass Country Club Cumulative Scoring Average: 71.489 (+1.489)