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WELCOME TO KORN FERRY TOUR GOLF

It is my pleasure to welcome you this week on behalf of everyone associated with the Korn Ferry Tour, from our dedicated staff, current membership and alumni, to the countless volunteers and proud sponsors.

This week, you have the unique opportunity to connect with and follow the next generation of PGA TOUR stars. Last season on the PGA TOUR, Viktor Hovland became the seventh Korn Ferry Tour alum to win the FedExCup, Wyndham Clark's victory at The Open marked the 29th major championship won by Korn Ferry Tour alumni, and Scottie Scheffler was named the Player of the Year Award for the second consecutive year.



The next Scottie Scheffler is in this field. You can watch the next Wyndham Clark warm-up on the range. You can walk with the next Viktor Hovland at this event. You can witness the next Will Zalatoris hoist a trophy on the 18th green. You can take home an autograph from the next Max Homa. You can see the next Tony Finau accomplish a lifelong goal and secure a PGA TOUR card. Those alumni are among the multitude of PGA TOUR winners who rose to stardom after graduating from the Korn Ferry Tour.

The Korn Ferry Tour will shape the foundation of future Presidents Cup teams, produce another No. 1 player in the Official World Golf Ranking, prepare the next FedExCup champion and possibly a major championship winner. All those possibilities come into focus on the Korn Ferry Tour. As PGA TOUR Commissioner Jay Monahan declared last year, the Korn Ferry Tour is golf's ultimate proving ground.

You are joining us at an exciting time in our 35-year history.

The 2024 Korn Ferry Tour season will see our membership compete across 26 events and six countries for 30 PGA TOUR cards. The Korn Ferry Tour continues to attract a robust group of international members and will capture more emerging talent through PGA TOUR University.

Thank you for your support of the Korn Ferry Tour and our tournaments, and I hope you have a tremendous experience this week as you watch the next generation of PGA TOUR stars lay the foundation of their respective legacies.

Have fun this week,
Alex Baldwin
Korn Ferry Tour President



Welcome from Metedeconk National Golf Club

Korn Ferry Tour Players, Caddies,
Volunteers and Golf Fans,

Welcome to Metedeconk National Golf Club for the 2024 Magnit Championship. The Club is once again excited to host the future stars of the PGA TOUR and showcase our Robert Trent Jones Sr./Roger Rulewich designed golf course and state-of-the-art facilities. Our Tournament course prides itself on having tested the game's future stars as host to many championships, including the 1994 and 2017 New Jersey State Open championships, 2003 Met Open championship, and the inaugural Carey Cup in 1990. Now, for the second consecutive year, the next generation of PGA TOUR players will compete in the last tournament of their regular season with hopes to secure a spot in the Korn Ferry Tour championship finals and earn their PGA TOUR Card for the 2025 season. Good luck to all competitors this week!

The members of Metedeconk have embraced this tournament over the past two years. We want all the players, their families, and spectators to enjoy the walk and the hospitality of our great staff. We are also excited that community groups like the First Tee and others will benefit from this tournament.

Thank you, Korn Ferry Tour, for the opportunity to host this event. Thank you, players, for visiting our special property. Thank you to all golf fans for coming out to support the Korn Ferry Tour and this great championship. And finally, thank you to all committee chairs, volunteers,



Robert DiLeo
President - Metedeconk National
Golf Club

and staff for making this week
very memorable.

This is going to be a great week
for all!

Robert DiLeo, President
Metedeconk National Golf Club

Schedule

Monday, August 12 - Closed to the Public

All Day Practice Rounds

Tuesday, August 13 - Closed to the Public

All Day Practice Rounds
11:00am – 12:00pm Magnit Championship Junior Clinic (invite only)

Wednesday, August 14 - Closed to the Public

7:00 am – 2:15 pm Official Pro-Am (1 Tee)

Thursday, August 15

7:30am Gates Open
10:30am betPARX Clubhouse Patio Hospitality Open
6:45am – 2:27pm Round One Tee Times

Friday, August 16

7:30am Admissions Open
10:00am betPARX Clubhouse Patio Hospitality Open
6:45am – 2:27pm Round Two Tee Times (1 & 10 Tee)

Saturday, August 17 - First Responder Appreciation Day

7:30am Admissions Open
10:00am betPARX Clubhouse Patio Hospitality Open
7:00am – 1:00pm Round Three Tee Times

Sunday, August 18

7:30am Admissions Open
10:30am betPARX Clubhouse Patio Hospitality Open
7:00am – 1:00pm Final Round Tee Times
Immediately Following Play Trophy Ceremony

The Magnit Championship Marks the Korn Ferry Tour's Return to New Jersey

The Korn Ferry Tour is set to return to New Jersey this week with the second edition of the Magnit Championship, Aug. 15-18 at Metedeconk National Golf Club. As the final opportunity for players to qualify for the Korn Ferry Tour Finals and to earn PGA TOUR status for 2025, the Magnit Championship features an elite field that include multiple Korn Ferry Tour and PGA TOUR winners, former collegiate standouts, New Jersey residents and future stars of the PGA TOUR.

Nine of the top-10 and 90 of the top-100 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List are committed to the championship. The field also features several New Jersey residents and natives, including Princeton alum Evan Harmeling, Morgan Hoffmann (Franklin Lakes), David Kocher (Morristown) and John Pak (Scotch Plains).

In addition, several PGA TOUR winners are entered into the championship, including Jonathan Byrd, Tommy Gainey, Satoshi Kodaira, Trey Mullinax, Sean O'Hair and Richy Werenski among others.

The field also includes 15 of the 17 winners during the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour season. Six of those 16 winners have secured their 2025 PGA TOUR

cards and are in the field this week.

They will be among a 156-player field in the 72-hole championship Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 15-18, competing for a share of the \$1 million purse.

Following the conclusion of the Magnit Championship, the top 156 players on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List will advance to the four-tournament Korn Ferry Tour Finals, where 30 PGA TOUR cards will be awarded at the conclusion based on the Points List.

The inaugural Magnit Championship was contested in August of 2023, where Chan Kim captured his first Korn Ferry Tour win by three shots at 20-under par. The Magnit Championship marked the Korn Ferry Tour's first event in New Jersey in 25 years.

Metedeconk National Golf Club, which originally opened in 1987, is located in the upper region of the New Jersey Pinelands and is routed through the local marsh and lowland pine forest. Metedeconk National Golf Club is a private, 27-hole facility, which was designed by world-renowned golf course architects Robert Trent Jones, Sr. and Roger Rulewicz.





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Hole Descriptions

Hole 1 Par: 4

Right out of the gate the player is presented with a great risk-reward option. This par 4 dog leg to the left has a bunker that protects the inside of the leg. The long hitter can challenge the bunker and if successful, he will have a wedge shot into one of the smaller greens on the golf course; miss your tee shot and you're punching out of the woods. If you choose to play it safe off the tee, you will be left with a mid-iron shot into an elevated green that is well protected by bunkers.



Hole 2 Par: 4

This par 4 provides the player with a generous fairway off the tee. The approach shot calls for precision as the green slants hard from right to left and front to back. When the pin is back right, a good player can use the slope of the green to his advantage and set up a good look at birdie.



Hole Descriptions

Hole 3

Par:5

Robert Trent Jones Sr. gives us a par 5 with a lot of trouble lurking. Off the tee a player must challenge the bunker on the right; otherwise, a straight shot will leave you playing out of the left woods. From there the hole demands a long layup shot. The elevated green has two tiers and it's guarded by a deep bunker. Really big hitters can go for the green in two but they'll have to clear a hazard fronting the green. The back left pin is in a bowl and makes birdie a good possibility. Distance control and accuracy are the keys to this approach shot. Find yourself on the wrong tier and a two putt will be difficult.



Hole 4
Par: 4

This par 4 presents another risk reward option for the player. If you challenge the right side off the tee you can catch a fairway that slopes away from you and will propel your ball into a short iron approach shot. However, miss right and you will not have a look into the number one handicap hole. Play conservative off the tee and your ball will land into an upslope and you will have a mid to long iron shot into a well-guarded green.



Hole Descriptions

Hole 5

Par: 3

This is one of the more intimidating par 3 tee shots on the course. The green is a peninsula surrounded by water and bunkers. Only the most fearless of players will directly chase the back left pin. The wind can be tricky on this hole so take enough club. If you bail out right, you'll be playing from a bunker or high grass, directly towards the lake.



Hole 6

Par: 5

Once again, Jones has presented us with another risk-reward hole for this par 5. There is a small hazard that runs up the left side of the fairway and sticks out at about 230 yards off the tee. The long hitter will look to carry the hazard and set himself up for a look at the green in two shots. A lateral hazard runs up along the left side of the hole and fronts the left side of the green. The dramatic slope from right to left in the middle of this green can be a friend to those using it to access the back left pin but it brings a three-putt into play if you're stuck on the wrong side.



Hole Descriptions

Hole 7

Par: 3

This is a versatile par 3 that can play anywhere from a mid to long iron in depending on where the tee and pin are placed. The green is treacherous with multiple tiers and a forced carry over a large hazard. To have a good look at birdie the player needs to get his ball on the proper tier and underneath the hole. Three is a good score on this tough hole. Bail out left and you're in the hazard; bail out right and you'll have a tricky shot from high above.



Hole 8

Par: 4

This medium length par 4 has a large bunker on the left side of the fairway that acts like a magnet to approaching tee shots. A tee ball down the right side of the fairway will open up the green for your approach shot. This hole has another severely sloped green the can send poorly struck shots off both the left and back of the green. Get the distance correct and you could have a good look at birdie; miss this green or find your ball on the side of the spine that bisects this green and you should be happy to walk away with a bogey.

Hole Descriptions

Hole 9

Par: 4

The 9th hole epitomizes all that Metedeconk is about. Once again Jones has saved one of his most difficult holes for the last. The hole is a long dog leg to the right and has Metedeconk's signature pitch pine protecting the right side of the fairway. A long drive off the tee over the tree leaves you with a short iron in. However, a tee shot out to the left is your safe route and will leave you a mid to long iron into a green with water front and right. You can bail out to the left. This green complex is treacherous. You must place your ball on the correct tier if you want to think about making a par.



Hole 10

Par: 4

The tee shot here requires accuracy. The further you try to hit it, the more accurate you have to be. The player must be mindful of the deep bunker on the left side of the fairway. If you have the power, fire away. Play your tee shot too far right and you risk running out of room rather quickly and playing your second from the trees. You must navigate a bunker fronting the right side of the green and a tricky false front left on your approach shot. If the pin is in the back left on the small plateau, you have to play short as long creates a difficult par.



Hole Descriptions

Hole 11 Par: 3

This is a slightly uphill par 3 that typically plays longer than its stated yardage. Beware of the back left pin where there is not much room and plenty of forced carry to get past the bunker fronting the left side of the green. The front edge pin leaves little room for error with bunkers on both sides; leave it short and the upslope will have you chipping from 30 yards. Bail out right and you're playing from the woods.



Hole 12 Par: 5

Arguably the most difficult par 5 on the entire course, this hole typically plays into the wind and is only reachable in two for the very longest of hitters. The tee shot has water that can come into play on the left and a fairway bunker guarding the right side. The second shot is all about risk and reward, and the more you bring the water on the left into play the shorter the shot you will have into the green. The green is protected by a large bunker in the front. Hit your approach shot too long and you risk releasing into one of the slippery catch areas behind the green. The back right hole location brings water and the front bunker into play. A conservative approach to the middle of the green will leave you with a tricky putt.



Hole Descriptions

Hole 13 Par: 4

The fescue grass short of the fairway makes for an intimidating tee shot as it blinds the golfer to where the fairway begins. The large bunker on the left side of the fairway gobbles up many tee shots. The big hitter can clear this bunker, but the fairway is severely sloped from right to left and less than precise shot will land in the rough. The hole sets up well for a left to right tee shot. The 4th green is one of the deepest on the golf course, and one of the most well-bunkered too. While the front pin may appear to be the easiest, a player must navigate the false front that lies just short of the green. A back right pin is a tough target so find the middle of the green and be happy with par.



Hole 14 Par: 5

A short par 5 that never plays as easy as it looks on the scorecard. A tee shot to the left side of the fairway gives you a good look at the green and a chance to get home in two. The green is guarded on the front and left by two deep bunkers; avoid these and this becomes a hole you can pick up a shot against par and get your round on track.



Hole Descriptions

Hole 15 Par: 3

The difficulty of this par 3 is dictated by the location of the pin and the prevailing wind. The large back-to-front slope on the right side of the green generally dictates how aggressive you can be. If you're short, you could find yourself in the hazard. The front right hole location is the most difficult, as it's guarded by two bunkers.



Hole 16 Par: 4

Robert Trent Jones Sr.'s design philosophy was for a difficult par and an easy bogey. No hole exemplifies this more than hole number 7. The fairway is generous off the tee but the more you try and chew off, the tighter the landing area. The green is very narrow in the front and slopes hard from right to left. It is surrounded by trouble: water to the left, a hill behind and bunkers in front and behind the green. The downhill approach shot—especially if it is windy—demands accuracy to navigate this hole in par or better. The far-left pin is accessible for a good look at birdie; miss your approach though and you're looking at a double bogey.



Hole Descriptions

Hole 17 Par: 4

A large bunker in the middle of this fairway is the trademark of this hole creating options off the tee. Laying back before the bunker forces the player to have a mid-iron into a narrow green. Taking a more aggressive route over the bunker leaves you with a wedge and an inviting approach shot. The hole moves from right to left and positioning of your tee shot is imperative on this tough par 4.



Hole 18 Par: 4

The finishing hole offers a very generous fairway to attack off the tee. All the trouble begins with the approach shot. Metedeconk is known for difficult finishing holes after each nine and the 9th stands up to this test. While the green is generous, there are three separate tiers to navigate. Failure to get your ball on the proper tier will make a two-putt treacherous! Between the wind and the elevation change, choosing the correct club for your approach shot is not an easy task. Be careful of the front pin position; with a poorly played approach shot or misjudged downhill putt you'll find yourself pitching from the fairway back up a steep slope.

