

**KORN FERRY TOUR
PLAYER OF THE YEAR AND
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCEMENT**



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JACK RYAN: We'll go ahead and get started here with the Korn Ferry Tour Player of the Year announcement. First of all, we would like to congratulate all 50 graduates of the Korn Ferry Tour. And without further ado, we'll pass it over to Alex Baldwin.

ALEX BALDWIN: Thank you. Thank you everyone for joining us. Thank you to the members of the media who are here. We've got some PGA TOUR staff, we have some players, caddies. Again, really excited to have everyone here today.

Would also like to extend a thank-you to the Houston Open for providing us the opportunity to award our Korn Ferry Tour special acknowledgements today. Our Tour has certainly enjoyed tremendous success over the years. We owe tremendous gratitude to Korn Ferry for being a new partner this year. They joined us earlier this year, so certainly want to acknowledge them.

It's also an honor to have Commissioner Jay Monahan here. We greatly appreciate his support of the Korn Ferry Tour and for golf's next wave of PGA TOUR stars.

So 2019 was an incredibly memorable and very exciting season for the Korn Ferry Tour. We saw intense competition, we saw heartache, we saw great triumphs. Each and every season is incredibly special and I think what we are excited about today is really acknowledging and celebrating that stand out performance and that player who truly set himself apart from his peers.

So I am very proud to officially name Dallas native and former University of Texas Longhorn standout, Scottie Scheffler, both the 2019 confident Player of the Year and also Rookie of the Year.

Scottie earned two wins on the Korn Ferry Tour, the Evans Scholars Invitational and the Nationwide Charity Championship. He earned just a little bit over \$560,000 last year in prize money, which was the third highest in our tour history. He held both the regular season points list, he was the leader of the regular season point list as well as our Korn Ferry Tour Finals list. That is a first since Chesson Hadley in 2017. So that earned him both fully exempt status in the 2019-20 PGA TOUR season, but also garnered him an exemption into the 2020 PLAYERS Championship. I know we're excited to have you down at TPC Sawgrass.

Since you've been on Tour, you've had a couple of top-20 finishes, you're sitting inside the Top-25 on the FedExCup standings. I know we're incredibly excited for you, Scottie.

There's a great, great future ahead of you. We're so proud of all you've accomplished on our Korn Ferry Tour and really excited to see what you're going to do, and without further ado, congratulations.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Thank you, thank you very much. Appreciate it. Am I had supposed to do like a spiel?

ALEX BALDWIN: Sure, go for it.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I had a good season on the Tour this year. It was a lot of fun, made some great friends. It was a long season, but we really enjoyed it. Glad to have made it through the Tour and onto the PGA TOUR, so I guess mission accomplished, we'll say.

ALEX BALDWIN: Yeah, you did it. I think the other great stat was you had 10 Top-10 finishes, I think that was the highest we've sign since 2015.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Yeah, cool I guess, yeah.

ALEX BALDWIN: It just comes that easy.

JACK RYAN: Well, congratulations, Scottie. We'll take some questions out here.

Q. Scottie, I was just wondering, what was the main benefit you got out of playing the Korn Ferry Tour, especially as it pertains to preparing you for live on the PGA TOUR?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Yeah, I think it's important learning how to play week to week. Can you all hear me? Okay. Week to week is a lot different than playing in college. College, you play one event every two or three weeks and it's only a two- or three-day event. It's a lot different when you get out on the Korn Ferry Tour and start playing a bunch of weeks a year. I think this is my maybe 26th, 27th event of the year, so it's a big adjustment from college. I think it was important for me to learn what I like to do week to week, where I take days off, when I get my practice in and stuff like that, very important.

Q. Scottie, what would you say your favorite memory is from your year on the Korn Ferry?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I made a lot of great friends on the Tour. I really enjoyed spending time with those guys. And it was nice, a lot of my good friends graduated as well, so it's enjoyable. For instance, this week we're all staying in a house so it's kind of fun to all be able to experience our rookie year together.

Q. At what point in your Korn Ferry season could you tell that, okay, this is going to be one and done for me and that you could kind of enjoy the ride and know that your game was going to thrive?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Well, I mean, I guess when I locked up my card I think after Nashville was kind of like, okay, good job, got enough points, whatnot, to where I guess I didn't have to think about it the rest of the year, I'll say.

But yeah, I guess at that point I think it was maybe around the time of the Nelson in Dallas I was kind of close and then was able to lock it up in Nashville. But, I mean, I was still kind of upset with how I was playing because I had some close calls. I lost in a playoff in Nashville and then I think I had another close call in Savannah before that. So I was still kind of a little bit upset and wanted to start winning. It was nice to be able to get that done a short time after that. That was kind of the main goal as the rest of the year went on. It doesn't really -- never really kind of settled down. I think I'm a pretty competitive person, so it's not something like once like I reached that goal getting the card the job's done. Just I think week to week I stayed pretty competitive.

Q. I was just curious, I think you were 16 maybe when you played the Nelson?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Seventeen.

Q. Do you remember what you were thinking then when you first had a chance to play in a PGA TOUR event and has it felt similar to what it is now? I mean, is it what you imagined it would be?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Yeah, it's pretty cool. When I played, I was 17 when I played the Byron, it was my senior year of high school. Playing at home was pretty cool. Pretty much most of the guys I knew in high school came out and watched, good crowds. It was a lot of fun and I was thinking, man, I just can't wait to get back out here. You get treated so well at these events, the courses are always in really good shape, you get pretty spoiled out here, so I just couldn't wait to get back. Definitely been off to a great start, all the events have been really good so far, food's great, yeah.

Q. With all the success you've had early on in your career, what kind of advice would you give to another young player coming up and trying to replicate that success?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I guess I would just say probably stay competitive and keep getting your work in and find a routine that works for them, because a lot of guys do stuff very differently. I don't really find too many people out here that like to work the way I do, so I think it's important to kind of find what works well for you and that's important, especially starting out playing week to week, like I said.

JACK RYAN: No further questions? Well, thank you, Scottie, and congratulations on the awards. Thank you to Korn Ferry Tour president Alex Baldwin for joining us and thank all of you. We'll have some photo opportunities outside. Thank you.