Success comes quickly for Koivun

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For a sport with a reputation for moving slowly, golf always seems to be in a hurry to appoint the next big star.

Jackson Koivun is next on the list and certainly worth watching.

It's not just because he won a PGA Tour event — which included the No. 1 player in the world — just two months after leaving college. Remember, it was only two years ago when Nick Dunlap won The American Express (Scottie Scheffler played that one, too) while he was a sophomore at Alabama.

Different about Koivun is that he carried the expectations of being the No. 1 amateur in the world. He won six times in college, swept all the awards as the best player, led Auburn to another NCAA title and last year had three straight top-10 finishes in PGA Tour events without ever looking as though the moment was too big.

And then in his third start as a pro, Koivun shot 61 on Saturday in the 3M Open after Scheffler had set the target, and then held off Scheffler and everyone else with a 66 and a three-shot victory.

That he played bogey-free on the weekend — only three other PGA Tour winners this year have done that — speaks to his poise. There's also the three words he writes on his golf glove — confidence, trust, dominate. That last word he came up with at Auburn "because I just want to go see how good I can play."

He can play.

So where does he go now? For starters, the Rocket Classic this week in Detroit.

Jackson Koivun won the 3M Open golf tournament on Sunday in Blaine, Minn., in just his third start as a professional. (AP PHOTO/BAILEY HILLESHEIM)

Koivun, who earned his card a year ago as the No. 1 player in the PGA Tour University accelerated program for underclassmen, moved to No. 70 in the FedEx Cup with his victory at the 3M Open. Two tournaments remain for the top 70 to qualify for the postseason. That would be impressive.

But that's not enough. There already is chatter about Koivun being an option for Brandt Snedeker to take as a captain's pick for the Presidents Cup in September.

The notion would seem to follow Europe (never a bad idea when it comes to a cup) when Ludvig Aberg of Sweden was No. 1 in the PGA Tour University ranking in 2023. He didn't win until his ninth start as a pro — at the European Masters in Switzerland — but the polish and power were so evident that Luke Donald put him on the Ryder Cup team in Italy.

The idea was to take a player expected to be on many teams for many years and give him a taste of team competition early, especially a home game. It worked out well for Aberg, who went 2-2 in Rome, and ended the year matching the PGA Tour scoring record (253) to win at Sea Island.

The Presidents Cup is nothing like the Ryder Cup, of course. The greatest value would be getting comfortable in a team environment — although Koivun did play in the Walker Cup at Cypress Point last September — and getting phone numbers for group chats with players he still hasn't met.

Picking someone so raw wouldn't be all that unusual on the American side.

Jordan Spieth won his first PGA Tour event at age 19 — he started the year without a card and won in his 15th start as a pro — and he was picked for the 2013 Presidents Cup. Spieth qualified for the postseason and in the second playoff event in Boston shot a 62 on the final day. That led Phil Mickelson to text U.S. captain Fred Couples, "Dude, you've got to pick this guy."

He did, and Spieth played on nine of the next 10 U.S. teams. Two years after that pick, Spieth won the Masters and U.S. Open, had a chance at all four majors and reached No. 1 in the world.

Is that the road awaiting Koivun? He clearly has the game and can handle the stage.

Even so, golf is best viewed with a wide lens.

There was another California native once looked upon as golf's next big thing. Matthew Wolff had enormous power and a knack for big moments, leading Oklahoma State to the NCAA title in 2018 and then crushing the field the next year to win the NCAA individual title, one of six college wins.

Wolff turned pro and won the 3M Open in his third start in 2019, making eagle on the final hole to beat Bryson DeChambeau and Collin Morikawa. Wolff finished No. 70 in the FedEx Cup in just six starts, but he lasted only one playoff event.

The Presidents Cup had four captain's picks in 2019 (Tiger Woods used one of them on himself for Royal Melbourne) and Wolff was a never a big part of the conversation.

One year later, Wolff had the 54-hole lead in the 2020 U.S. Open at Winged Foot until DeChambeau raced past him to win. Within six months, Wolff was struggling with expectations and mental health issues. And then in 2022, he was off to LIV Golf.

Aberg has taken his lumps along the way — he has won just once since that blazing start right out of Texas Tech. Morikawa, who won in his sixth start as a pro, had two majors a little more than two years after leaving Cal. Scheffler was part of that age group and took nearly four years to win. And then he didn't stop winning.

WALLS

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Walls spends five or six hours riding around in his open-top cart with a bucket of seed-and-sand mix on the passenger side. He fills divots and repairs ball marks, picks up trash and fishes other golfers' errant shots out of the lagoon with his ball retriever.

Always strapped on the back of the cart is his golf bag, because he never knows when the mood will strike to stop and play a hole or maybe work on his game.

Outside the clubhouse are a couple of training devices Walls made to help young players get a feel for the golf swing arc. He has worked with kids in the First Tee program and gives lessons to adults for $50 per hour. The course holds an annual tournament, the Bob Walls Invitational, to raise money for equipment for neighborhood kids.

When he gets home from the course each day, he often gets on his iPad and watches hours of training videos.

"When I visited him for his 101st birthday, I wasn't even in the door and the first thing he said to me was that he was breaking down his whole game, changing this, changing that," Dozier said. "He's always working on his game."

Walls has still got plenty of game. He regularly shoots in the low 30s on the par-3 Hogan course. In fact, the other day he shot 31 to win a match against course manager Mike Rice.

"The first time I beat him — and I haven't beaten him very often — I had to have a hole-in-one to do it," Rice said. "Who'd ever thought a 103-year-old gentleman could knock a ball 180 yards consistently every day and have enough energy and strength to do it?"

Walls spends the fall and winter in Phoenix and is on a course or practice range every day there, too.

"Golf is the first thing I think about when I wake up in the morning," he said.

He fusses over his stance, swing plane and the direction his shoulders are pointing at his finish. Recently, he's been working on getting more consistent with his lob wedge so he doesn't have to rely so much on his sand wedge.

"He's going to hit right down the middle and the next shot is going to be on the green," King said. "He's not going to do anything to hurt himself. Sweet and easy. That's what I love about his game. And he practices, too. Every day he hits a few balls, and I know he does because I'm down here most every day. I love playing with him. I think he's one of kind."

LEGALS

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Washington Township
Crawford County
will meet on 8/26/2026 at 5pm at Arma Library for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at Crawford County Clerks Office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2027 Expenditures and Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2027 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

	Prior Year Actual 2025		Current Year Estimate 2026		Proposed Budget 2027		
Fund	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	13,724	0.403	15,900	0.391	16,000	12,953	0.390
Cemetery	24,410	0.581	24,900	0.392	25,375	22,527	0.678
Totals	38,134	0.984	40,800	0.783	41,375	35,479	1.068
*Funds Supported by Township and 3rd Class City - Revenue Neutral Rate***							0.731
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	38,134		40,800		41,375		
Total Tax Levied	28,188		24,320		xxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Total Assessed Valuation	28,680,372		31,061,113		33,216,150		
Township Assessed Valuation Only					25,071,853		

Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1	2024	2025	2026
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Purchase Principal	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.
***Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988*

Bobbi Wicker
Treasurer

CHIEFS

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7-on-7 and 11-on-11 work of camp Wednesday, even though the Chiefs won't have pads on for several more days. At one point, he zipped a pass between two defenders to Kelce for a nice gain in the red zone.

"I feel stronger than I've ever felt as far as strength and lifting and stuff like that," Mahomes said, "so now it's just about getting that quarterback stuff down, the stuff moving in the pocket quick — making those quick movements — reacting and doing stuff like that.

"I feel like I wasn't playing my best football at the end of last year before I got hurt," he added. "I've got to find ways to get better, kind of navigating the pocket, run the offense better, getting the ball out of my hands and letting guys make plays. So I think this injury has kind of helped me focus on those little things as I kind of get back to who I am."

Notes: DE Ethan Downs had surgery to repair a torn ACL in his left knee and was placed on injured reserve. ... Rice (knee) and CB L'Jarius Snead (knee) participated in about half the practice before spending the rest of the time with the training staff.

GORILLAS

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the basketball.

"Three freshmen – Mason English, Landon Short and Ethan Sage – played a ton of minutes for us and got a lot of experience. Ethan won't be back; he transferred to Belmont (a Missouri Valley Conference school), which is unfortunate and kind of caught us off guard a little bit. Hayden Shanks, who started for us, is back."

The Gorillas have added size with their newcomers.

"We signed a 7-foot center from Jacksonville University (Charles Caporaso) who was at Coffeyville (Community College) prior to that. We signed a 6-8 kid from Seward County who averaged about 13 points per game. We signed another 7-footer from a junior college in Nebraska who has a little bit of work to do. We brought in a guard from Dodge City Community College who averaged about 17 per game.

"I feel comfortable with our backcourt. Our frontcourt, hopefully we can stay healthy this year and have a good season."

LEGALS

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS

KANSAS TEACHERS COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION
PLAINTIFF

vs.

ERNA WULF, et al.
DEFENDANTS

Case No. CRP-2026-CV-000080
Div. No.
K.S.A. 60

TITLE TO REAL ESTATE INVOLVED

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Kansas to: ERNA K. WULF A/K/A ERNA KAY WULF; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ERNA K. WULF A/K/A ERNA KAY WULFand the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of such of the defendants as may be deceased; the unknown spouses of the defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of such defendants as are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown guardians and trustees of such of the defendants as are minors or are in anywise under legal disability; and all other persons who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the District Court of Crawford County, Kansas, by Kansas Teachers Community Credit Union for judgment in the sum of $65,925.04, plus interest, costs and other relief; judgment that plaintiff's lien is a first lien on the said real property and sale of said property to satisfy the indebtedness, said property described as follows, to wit:

THE NORTH SIXTY (60) FEET OF LOTS NUMBERED FORTY EIGHT (48), FORTY NINE (49), FIFTY (50), AND FIFTY ONE (51), IN PLAYTER'S FIRST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF PITTSBURG, CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF. Commonly known as 204 South Olive Street, Pittsburg, Kansas 66762

and you are hereby required to plead to said petition in said Court at Pittsburg, Kansas on or before the 9/2/2026 Should you fail therein judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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