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Golf Course Superintendent
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Years as GCSAA Member: 12
Years at University Ridge: 12
Years as a Superintendent: 5
Hometown: Decatur, Ga.
Education: Lawrence University and Horry-Georgetown Technical College

Number of Full-Time Staff Members: 28
Number of Tournament Volunteers: 25

Other Key Golf Personnel
Dave Helke, Assistant Superintendent
Paul Karklus, Assistant Superintendent
Ryan Fritsch, Assistant Superintendent
Alex Panzenhagen, Assistant Superintendent
Scott Vanko, Equipment Manager
Anet Novak, Horticulturist
Ryan Weime, PGA Professional
Mike Gaspard, Manager

Course Architect
Renovation Architect (year): Robert Trent Jones, Jr. (’18)
Course Owner: University of Wisconsin Athletics

Tournament Set-up
Par: 72
Yardage: 7,000
Stimpmeter: 12

Course Statistics
Average Green Size: 7,000 sq. ft.
Average Tee Size: 1,500 sq. ft.
Acres of Rough: 60
Number of Sand Bunkers: 74
Number of Water Hazards: 5
Soil Conditions: Silt loam
Water Sources: Irrigation pond with well
Drainage Conditions: Good

Turfgrass
Greens: 007 bentgrass .110”
Tees: Bentgrass / Poa .300”
Fairways: Bentgrass / Poa .375”
Rough: Bluegrass / tall fescue 2.5”

Additional Notes
• Renovations include all course bunkers drainage system upgraded and all sand replaced. Many bunkers were reshaped or removed to allow for better maintenance. Several bentgrass chipping areas added around greens for more shot variety.

• Typically ranked in top five university courses nationally.

• Course traverses more than 450 acres of prairie and woodlands. It is the habitat for deer, turkey, hawks, mink and coyotes.

• Course hosted 2018 NCAA Cross Country Championship in November.

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