

## American Family Insurance Championship

University Ridge Golf Course • Madison, Wis. • June 11-13, 2021

### Golf Course Superintendent

**Phil Davidson, GCSAA**

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Years as GCSAA Member: 14

Years at University Ridge: 14

Years as a Superintendent: 7

Hometown: Decatur, Ga.

Education: Lawrence University and Horry-Georgetown  
Technical College

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Davidson's  
5<sup>th</sup> American Family Insurance event (2016-21)

### Other Key Golf Personnel

Lee Mahnke, Assistant Superintendent

Paul Karklus, Assistant Superintendent

Scott Vanko, Equipment Manager

Ryan Weime, PGA Professional

Number of Employees: 24

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 25

### Course Architect

Architect (year): Robert Trent Jones, Jr. (1991)

Renovation Architect (year): Robert Trent Jones, Jr. (2018)

Course Owner: University of Wisconsin Athletics

*Tournament Fact Sheets for the PGA, LPGA, Champions  
and Korn Ferry Tours and USGA can be found all year at:*

<https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>

### Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,083

Stimpmeter: 12

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,000 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 32

Acres of Rough: 60

Number of Sand Bunkers: 74

Number of Water Hazards: 5

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 7

Soil Conditions: Silt loam

Water Sources: Irrigation pond with well

Drainage Conditions: Good

### Turfgrass

Greens: 007 bentgrass .110"

Tees: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .300"

Fairways: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .375"

Rough: Bluegrass / tall fescue 2.5"

### Additional Notes

- Course renovations from 2018-20 include bunkers drainage system upgrades and sand replaced. Many bunkers were reshaped or removed and several bentgrass chipping areas added around greens for more shot variety.

- Course is in more than 450 acres of prairie and woodlands and is a habitat for deer, turkey, hawks, mink, and coyotes.

- Maintenance staff was reduced by 60 percent due to pandemic.

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