

Firekeepers Casino Championship (Epson Tour)

Battle Creek Country Club • Battle Creek, Mich. • June 9-11, 2023

Golf Course Superintendent

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Years as GCSAA Member: 17

Years at Battle Creek CC: 7

Years as a Superintendent: 6

Previous Courses: Island Hills (super), Flossmoor (asst)

Hometown: Kalamazoo, Mich.

Education: Michigan State University

Other Key Golf Personnel

Brent Davis, Assistant Superintendent

Lee Yonker, Assistant Superintendent

Brian Gott, Equipment Manager

Doug Kreis, PGA Professional

Maribeth Szlaga, General Manager

Number of Employees: 21

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 0

Course Architect

Architect (year): Willie Park, Jr. (1919)

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Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 6,741 (unofficial)

Stimpmeter: 11.5

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 9,170 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 120

Acres of Fairway: 30

Acres of Rough: 80

Number of Sand Bunkers: 50

Number of Water Hazards: 3

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 6

Soil Conditions: Mostly clay

Water Sources: Goguac Lake

Turfgrass

Greens: Bentgrass / *Poa annua*

Tees: Bentgrass

Fairways: Bentgrass

Rough: Kentucky bluegrass/ryegrass 2.5"

Additional Notes

- The tournament is in early June after a late July date last year (seven weeks earlier). The rough will be a lot more dense this year.
- Cold weather had delayed the turf breaking dormancy.
- The course has hosted an Epson Tour event since 2014.

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