

Pre-Tournament Notes – Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron

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Dates: August 24-27, 2023

Where: Boise, Idaho

Course: Hillcrest Country Club (Par 71 / 6,880 yards)

Course Designer: A.V. Macan (1940), Robert Muir Graves (1968)

Format: 72-hole stroke play

Field: 156 players

Purse: \$1,500,000 (\$270,000/winner)

Defending Champion: Will Gordon

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- [Tournament Media Site \(for tee times, transcripts, media hub access\)](#)
- [2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List](#) (Top 30 earn PGA TOUR cards at end of season)

Golf Channel Telecast Coverage Times

- Thursday, August 24 (Round 1) – 9:30-11:30 p.m. ET [Tape Delay]
- Friday, August 25 (Round 2) – 11:30 p.m. – 1:30 a.m. ET [Tape Delay]
- Saturday, August 26 (Round 3) – 11 p.m. – 1 a.m. ET [Tape Delay]
- Sunday, August 27 (Round 4) – 4-6 p.m. ET [LIVE]

Things to Know / New Korn Ferry Tour Finals Structure

- The 2023 Korn Ferry Tour season continues with the 34th playing of the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron, the first event of the Korn Ferry Tour Finals and 23rd tournament on the 26-event schedule
- The Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron is one of four tournaments played every season since the Korn Ferry Tour's inaugural 1990 season, with Hillcrest Country Club hosting every iteration
 - The other three events with such distinction are the Visit Knoxville Open, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics, and Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper
 - Only the Albertsons Boise Open, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open, and Price Cutter Charity Championship are entering their 34th playing, as the Visit Knoxville Open was only contested once (2021) during the 2020-21 combined season
- The reimagined Korn Ferry Tour Finals system in place for the first time this season will see a progressive reduction in field sizes – with players qualifying via their standing on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List – and see qualifiers compete for increased purses and points allocations
 - *Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron* – 156 players
 - Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation (September 14-17) – 144 players
 - Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship (September 21-24) – 120 players
 - Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance (October 5-8) – 75 players [no 36-hole cut]
- Upon the conclusion of the season-ending Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance, PGA TOUR cards will be awarded to the top 30 players on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- Other notable changes [announced in June 2022](#) and implemented for the first time this season include:
 - **Increase from 25 to 30 PGA TOUR cards** annually awarded via the Korn Ferry Tour Points List
 - **Reimagined Korn Ferry Tour Finals**
 - *Previous Finals System:* Three-event competition for 25 PGA TOUR cards between the top 75 from the Korn Ferry Tour Points List and Nos. 126-200 on the FedExCup standings

- **2023 and Beyond Finals System:** Final four events of the season where members will compete for increased purses and points (600 points for winning one of the four Finals events, compared to 500 for winning one of the 22 preceding events) to determine the season-long points race, in addition to a progressive reduction in field sizes
 - **One season-long Korn Ferry Tour Points List** as opposed to separate points lists for the regular season and Korn Ferry Tour Finals
 - **Purse increases** to \$1.5 million for the four Korn Ferry Tour Finals events and \$1 million for the 22 preceding events, with the \$28 million season purse representing the highest single-season total in Korn Ferry Tour history
 - With a top-15 at last week's Magnit Championship, rookie winner and PGA TOUR University Class of 2023 alum Adrien Dumont de Chassart became the sixth player declared #TOURBound, meaning he is assured of finishing in the top 30 and earning PGA TOUR membership for the 2024 season; he joined Korn Ferry Tour Points List leader **Ben Kohles**, No. 2 **Rico Hoey**, No. 3 **Ben Silverman**, No. 4 **Alejandro Tosti**, and No. 5 **Pierceson Coody**

Bubble Watch

PGA TOUR cards will be awarded to the top 30 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List following the conclusion of the season-ending Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance (scheduled October 4-7).

Players ranked Nos. 24-37 are separated by 93 points, roughly a top-eight finish in any of the four Korn Ferry Tour Finals events (solo-eighth in the Finals is worth 94 points). Players ranked Nos. 28-34 are separated by 49 points, roughly a top-20 finish in a Finals event (2-way T20 in the Finals is worth 49.876 points).

| Rank | Player | Points | Wins | Top-10s |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--------|------|---------|
| 24 | Jackson Suber | 765 | -- | 4 |
| 25 | Rhein Gibson | 755 | 1 | 4 |
| 26 | Cody Blick | 747 | -- | 2 |
| 27 | Brett Drewitt | 742 | -- | 5 |
| 28 | Logan McAllister | 739 | -- | 5 |
| 29 | John VanDerLaan | 737 | -- | 4 |
| 30 | Grayson Murray | 724 | 1 | 2 |
| TOP 30 EARN PGA TOUR CARD | | | | |
| 31 | Taylor Dickson | 701 | -- | 3 |
| 32 | Chase Seiffert | 694 | -- | 3 |
| 33 | Roger Sloan | 693 | 1 | 1 |
| 34 | Matt McCarty | 690 | -- | 4 |
| 35 | Chris Gotterup | 686 | -- | 2 |
| 36 | Mac Meissner | 677 | -- | 2 |
| 37 | Paul Barjon | 672 | 1 | 2 |

Field Notes (as of 8/22/2023)

- Of the 20 champions from the first 22 events this season, 17 of those winners are in this week's field:
 - **Pierceson Coody** (two wins), **Ben Kohles** (two wins), **Paul Barjon**, **Ricky Castillo**, **Trace Crowe**, **Jorge Fernández Valdés**, **Rhein Gibson**, **Scott Gutschewski**, **Rico Hoey**, **Chan Kim**, **Spencer Levin**, **Grayson Murray**, **Chandler Phillips**, **Ben Silverman**, **Roger Sloan**, **Jimmy Stanger**, **Alejandro Tosti**
- Three-time winner **Pierceson Coody**, who earned his second victory of the 2023 season last month at the Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper, and four-time winner **Ben Kohles** are bidding to become the 13th player in history to earn the Three-Victory Promotion, which grants an immediate promotion to the PGA TOUR; they would [become eligible for the 2023 FedExCup Fall](#)
- Field includes 48 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 69 total victories, led by **Ben Kohles** with four
- Field includes seven PGA TOUR winners with 14 total victories, led by **Sean O'Hair**, and **Camilo Villegas** with four apiece

- Field includes 10 players currently inside top 200 of the Official World Golf Ranking: **Alejandro Tosti** (No. 97), **Pierceson Coody** (No. 106), **Rico Hoey** (No. 126), **Ben Silverman** (No. 145), **Chan Kim** (No. 164), **Grayson Murray** (No. 165), **Ben Kohles** (No. 168), **Jimmy Stanger** (No. 194), **Parker Coody** (No. 197), **Jake Knapp** (No. 199)

PGA TOUR University Class of 2023

- Seven of the top 10 finishers from the 2023 PGA TOUR University Ranking qualified for this week's Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron:
 - No. 3 **Adrien Dumont de Chassart** (Illinois) – **declared #TOURBound; won professional and Korn Ferry Tour debut in June, recorded top-10s in each of first six Korn Ferry Tour starts (tied Korn Ferry Tour record for consecutive top-10s)**
 - No. 4 **Ross Steelman** (Georgia Tech) – *one top-25 in seven starts*
 - No. 6 **William Mouw** (Pepperdine) – *five top-25s in first nine Korn Ferry Tour starts (including career-high T11 last week), also finished T13 at John Deere Classic*
 - No. 7 **Ryan Burnett** (North Carolina) – *two top-25s in eight starts, including a top-10*
 - No. 8 **Patrick Welch** (Oklahoma) – *three top-25s in 10 starts, including career-high T3 last week*
 - No. 9 **Ricky Castillo** (Florida) – **won professional and Korn Ferry Tour debut in June**
 - No. 10 **Yuxin Lin** (Florida) – *one top-25 in seven starts*
- The top five finishers from the 2023 PGA TOUR University Ranking earned fully exempt status on the Korn Ferry Tour through the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Finals (which grants entry to its field based off the Korn Ferry Tour Points List), as well as an exemption to Final Stage of 2023 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry – where the top five finishers and ties earn PGA TOUR cards – and the ability to accept unlimited PGA TOUR sponsor exemptions for the remainder of 2023 and 2024
- Finishers Nos. 6-10 from the 2023 PGA TOUR University Ranking earned conditional status for the remainder of the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour season, as well as fully exempt status for the 2023 PGA TOUR Canada season, an exemption to Second Stage of 2023 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry, and exempt status through the Latin America Swing of the 2024 PGA TOUR Americas season
- Adrien Dumont de Chassart** and **Ricky Castillo**, who finished No. 3 and No. 9 in the PGA TOUR University Class of 2023, respectively, both [won their professional and Korn Ferry Tour debuts in back-to-back events](#) to earn fully exempt status for the remainder of the 2023 season
 - Dumont de Chassart won the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX (Sunday, June 11), followed by Castillo's win a week later at the Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics (Sunday, June 18), as Castillo defeated Dumont de Chassart and Kyle Jones in a playoff
 - Castillo's win upended Dumont de Chassart's bid to become the second player in Korn Ferry Tour history to win their first two starts on Tour (Ben Kohles/2012)

2022 Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron Recap

| Pos. | Player | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | Total |
|------|------------------|----|----|----|----|-----------|
| 1 | Will Gordon | 67 | 66 | 67 | 63 | 263 (-21) |
| T2 | MJ Daffue | 69 | 66 | 63 | 65 | 263 (-21) |
| | Philip Knowles | 61 | 64 | 68 | 70 | 263 (-21) |
| T4 | Six Players Tied | | | | | 264 (-20) |

- Will Gordon erased a seven-stroke deficit with a final-round 8-under 63 (tied for the lowest score of the final round) and earned his first Korn Ferry Tour win, in addition to securing a return to the PGA TOUR
- MJ Daffue, who had already secured his first PGA TOUR card prior to the start of the event, played his way into a sudden-death playoff after he began the day at T6 and five strokes behind Philip Knowles, the outright 54-hole leader
- Knowles bogeyed the 72nd hole and signed for a 1-under 70 in the final round, dropping into a playoff with Gordon and Daffue but ultimately securing his first PGA TOUR card

Past Champions

| Year | Player | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | Total | Margin |
|------|--------------------|----|----|----|----|-----------|---------|
| 2022 | Will Gordon | 67 | 66 | 67 | 63 | 263 (-21) | Playoff |
| 2021 | Greyson Sigg | 65 | 70 | 65 | 65 | 265 (-19) | 1 |
| 2020 | Stephan Jaeger | 65 | 64 | 65 | 68 | 262 (-22) | 2 |
| 2019 | Matthew NeSmith | 65 | 67 | 67 | 66 | 265 (-19) | 1 |
| 2018 | Sangmoon Bae | 65 | 67 | 67 | 66 | 265 (-19) | 4 |
| 2017 | Chesson Hadley | 67 | 68 | 68 | 65 | 268 (-16) | 4 |
| 2016 | Michael Thompson | 67 | 66 | 64 | 64 | 261 (-23) | 1 |
| 2015 | Martin Piller | 61 | 63 | 65 | 67 | 256 (-28) | 3 |
| 2014 | Steve Wheatcroft | 64 | 66 | 65 | 65 | 260 (-24) | 1 |
| 2013 | Kevin Tway | 65 | 69 | 63 | 64 | 261 (-23) | Playoff |
| 2012 | Luke Guthrie | 64 | 71 | 62 | 65 | 262 (-22) | 4 |
| 2011 | Jason Kokrak | 68 | 68 | 63 | 67 | 266 (-18) | 2 |
| 2010 | Hunter Haas | 68 | 64 | 67 | 64 | 263 (-21) | 1 |
| 2009 | Fran Quinn | 68 | 65 | 68 | 69 | 270 (-14) | 1 |
| 2008 | Chris Tidland | 69 | 65 | 66 | 64 | 264 (-20) | 4 |
| 2007 | Jon Mills | 65 | 68 | 66 | 64 | 263 (-21) | 3 |
| 2006 | Kevin Stadler | 64 | 64 | 70 | 66 | 264 (-20) | 1 |
| 2005 | Greg Chalmers | 66 | 65 | 69 | 69 | 269 (-15) | Playoff |
| 2004 | Scott Gump | 66 | 68 | 68 | 68 | 270 (-14) | 2 |
| 2003 | Roger Tambellini | 68 | 65 | 66 | 68 | 267 (-17) | 6 |
| 2002 | Jason Gore | 66 | 68 | 66 | 73 | 273 (-11) | 2 |
| 2001 | Michael Long | 66 | 69 | 67 | 68 | 270 (-14) | 1 |
| 2000 | Tim Clark | 66 | 67 | 67 | 67 | 269 (-15) | 6 |
| 1999 | Carl Paulson | 69 | 66 | 65 | 66 | 266 (-18) | 4 |
| 1998 | Mike Sposa | 63 | 71 | 66 | 65 | 265 (-19) | 2 |
| 1997 | Iain Steel | 67 | 66 | 66 | 68 | 267 (-17) | 3 |
| 1996 | Matt Gogel | 67 | 65 | 67 | 71 | 270 (-14) | 1 |
| 1995 | Frank Lickliter II | 66 | 66 | 68 | | 200 (-13) | 1 |
| 1994 | Keith Fergus | 65 | 69 | 64 | | 198 (-15) | Playoff |
| 1993 | Tommy Moore | 68 | 67 | 64 | | 199 (-14) | 3 |
| 1992 | Jaime Gomez | 67 | 68 | 67 | | 202 (-11) | 1 |
| 1991 | Russell Beiersdorf | 67 | 66 | 69 | | 202 (-11) | Playoff |
| 1990 | Ricky Smallridge | 64 | 67 | 68 | | 199 (-14) | 3 |

Course Information – Hillcrest Country Club

- Years Hosted: 1990-Present
- Scoring Average (2022): 68.521 / -2.479
- Toughest Hole (2022): No. 13, Par 3, 216 yards – 3.174 / +0.174
- Easiest Hole (2022): No. 16, Par 5, 535 yards – 4.205 / -0.795
- Course Record: 59, Russell Knox (2013, Round 2)

Tournament Records

- 18-Hole Score: 59, Russell Knox (2013, Round 2)
- 36-Hole Score: 124, Martin Piller (2015)
- 54-Hole Score: 189, Martin Piller (2015)
- 72-Hole Score: 256, Martin Piller (2015)
- Margin of Victory: 6, Tim Clark (2000), Roger Tambellini (2003), Martin Piller (2015)
- Playoffs: 4 (last in 2022, Will Gordon defeated MJ Daffue, Philip Knowles)

Last Week on Tour – Magnit Championship

| Pos. | Player | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | Total |
|------|----------------|----|----|----|----|-----------|
| 1 | Chan Kim | 70 | 66 | 68 | 64 | 268 (-20) |
| 2 | Taylor Dickson | 67 | 73 | 62 | 69 | 271 (-17) |
| T3 | Wilson Furr | 68 | 69 | 69 | 66 | 272 (-16) |
| | Mac Meissner | 71 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 272 (-16) |
| | Patrick Welch | 67 | 70 | 67 | 68 | 272 (-16) |

- **Chan Kim**, an eight-time winner on the Japan Golf Tour and 2020-21 Japan Golf Tour Order of Merit winner, earned his first Korn Ferry Tour victory with a final-round 8-under 64, as he played the final seven holes in 6-under par with an eagle and four birdies
- The win moved Kim from No. 54 to No. 12 on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, putting him in position to earn a PGA TOUR card at season's end
- Kim became the 10th first-time Korn Ferry Tour winner this season, and the third such winner in the last four events (Trace Crowe/NV5 Invitational presented by Old National Bank; Alejandro Tosti/Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna)
- **Taylor Dickson**, who is seeking his first PGA TOUR card in his third season on the Korn Ferry Tour, posted a career-high finish in his 72nd start on Tour and climbed from No. 57 to No. 31 on the Points List; his previous career-high finishes were a pair of solo-thirds as a rookie during the 2020-21 season (2021 NV5 Invitational presented by Old National Bank, 2021 Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper)
- Making his 40th career start on the Korn Ferry Tour, **Mac Meissner** posted his second top-three finish of the season (PT2/The Panama Championship); his career-high finish as a rookie last season was a pair of T5s across 22 starts
- Rookie **Wilson Furr** closed in 6-under 66 for his second top-three finish of the season (T2/AdventHealth Championship); his only other top-10 this season was a T7 at the HomeTown Lenders Championship, which he followed with a career-high finish at the AdventHealth Championship in his next start
- Making his 10th start since joining the Korn Ferry Tour via PGA TOUR University Class of 2023 performance benefits, **Patrick Welch** (T3/-16) records his first top-10 and third top-25 (T12/Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open; T12/Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank)
- Four-time Korn Ferry Tour winner **Ben Kohles** (T9/-11) returned to No. 1 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List following his fifth top-10 of the season and first since winning the HomeTown Lenders Championship back in April; he previously held the No. 1 position for 15 consecutive events following his first win of the season at the Astara Chile Classic
- **Chris Naegel** (T16/-8) logged back-to-back top-25s for the first time in his career and moved from No. 165 to No. 138 on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List; he ended a streak of 10 consecutive missed cuts two weeks ago with his first top-25 since May 2021 (T24/2021 NV5 Invitational presented by Old National Bank) – which earned him a spot in the Magnit Championship