



2023 Club Car Championship at The Landings Golf & Athletic Club (5th of 26 events on 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Schedule) Tournament Media Site | Interview Transcripts

Savannah, Georgia	March 23-26, 2023	Points: 500 (winner)
The Landings Golf & Athletic Club	Par / Yards: 36-36—72 / 7,185	Purse: \$1,000,000 / \$180,000 (winner)
(Deer Creek)		

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, March 25, 2023

Weather: Partly cloudy with a high of 77. Wind SW at 8-16 mph, gusts up to 26 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

David Skinns	67-68-68–203 (-13)
Tom Whitney	71-70-63–204 (-12)
Brett Drewitt	70-68-67–205 (-11)
Shad Tuten	68-67-70–205 (-11)
Tim Widing	68-68-70-206 (-10)
Six Players Tied	207 (-9)

Things to Know

- Two-time Korn Ferry Tour winner **David Skinns**, one of three 36-hole co-leaders, posts second consecutive 4-under 68 and birdies the par-5 18th to reach 13-under par for the tournament and take outright 54-hole lead
- United States Air Force Academy graduate and Air Force veteran **Tom Whitney** cards 9-under 63, the low round of the week, to climb 41 spots on the leaderboard and move within one stroke of Skinns on Military Appreciation Day at the Club Car Championship
- Armstrong State University alum and Augusta, Georgia native (now playing out of Aiken, South Carolina) **Shad Tuten**, another of the three 36-hole co-leaders, makes three birdies against one bogey for 2-under 70 but slips to T3
- Abel Gallegos, the youngest Korn Ferry Tour member this season (21 years, 1 month, 23 days), cards seven birdies against three bogeys en route to 4-under 68 and rises from T19 to T6 at 9-under par
- The 36-hole cut was made at 2-under par Saturday morning upon conclusion of the second round (suspended 7:42 p.m. Friday with 10 players still nedding to complete their round, resumed 8:30 a.m. Saturday), with 72 professionals advancing to the final two rounds

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 3 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win Club Car Championship (Evan Harmeling, 2020; Dan McCarthy, 2019; Sam Burns, 2018)
- 1 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on Tour in 2023 (Ben Silverman/The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club)

Charting the Leader (stats entering the week)

Category	David Skinns
Age	41 (Febraury 1, 1982)
2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 30
Starts – wins – top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour (2023)	4-0-1
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Starts – wins – top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour (Career)	135-2-11
Starts – wins – top-10s at Club Car Championship	4-0-0

David Skinns (1st/-13)

• Birdies first two holes, makes back-to-back bogeys at Nos. 3 and 4, and scatters four birdies across final 14 holes (Nos. 6, 7, 11, 18) for second consecutive 4-under 68 and the outright lead

- Holds first career 54-hole lead in a Korn Ferry Tour event; he stood T2 (2018) and T3 (2021) through three rounds in his two victories at the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna
- Seeking third career Korn Ferry Tour victory and first since winning the 2021 Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna, the 43rd and final regular season event of the 2020-21 combined season, which propelled him to his first PGA TOUR card
- Bidding to become the first Korn Ferry Tour aged 40 or older since Tag Ridings won the 2021 Ascendant presented by Blue at 46 years, 10 months, 4 days of age
- Making 136th career start on the Korn Ferry Tour and fifth start at the Club Car Championship at The Landings Golf & Athletic Club (best finish: T27/2018)
- Has two top-25s this season, including a season-high finish of solo-ninth at The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay, to sit No. 30 on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- Played primarily on the Korn Ferry Tour for four seasons from 2017-21, recording nine top-10s and two wins, both of which came at the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna (2018, 2021)
- Won 2020-21 regular season finale and finished 22nd on Korn Ferry Tour Points List to earn first PGA TOUR card
- Made 23 starts on the PGA TOUR last season, but ultimately returned to the Korn Ferry Tour after finishing 178th on the final FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List

Tom Whitney (2nd/-12)

- Seeking first Korn Ferry Tour victory in 99th career start and fifth season on Tour
- Ties career-low round and cards career-low score relative to par with 9-under 63 (previous career-low rounds on the Korn Ferry Tour: 8-under 63s in final round of 2021 Chitimacha Louisiana Open, 2021 Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank)
- Ties career-best 54-hole position on the Korn Ferry Tour (T2 at 2017 Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS/finished T5)
- Entered the week at No. 24 on 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List off the strength of a T3 at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club, which tied his career-high finish on Tour (3rd/2021 Chitimacha Louisiana Open)
- Missed cut in each of three previous starts at this event (2020, 2021, 2022)
- Boasts rounds of 71-70-63 this week; his previous six rounds in this event were (in order, beginning with 2020): 69-71-75-76-71-77
- Played collegiately at the United States Air Force Academy and fulfilled a four-year term on active duty (2010-14) as an Air Force officer, serving as a nuclear missile operator, prior to pursuing his professional golf career
- First earned Korn Ferry Tour membership ahead of 2017 season via a T113 finish at Final Stage of the 2016 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament
- Recorded four top-25s in 15 starts in 2017 and finished No. 89 in the standings for conditional membership in 2018, but had six missed cuts in 11 starts and went without a top-25 in 2018, losing Tour membership
- Spent the 2019 season on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica, where he earned his lone PGA TOUR-sanctioned win in Argentina and regained Korn Ferry Tour membership with No. 2 finish in the Totalplay Cup Standings, in addition to earning guaranteed starts for first 12 events of the 2020-21 season with T3 at Final Stage of the 2019 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament
- Finished top 75 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List each of the last two seasons (No. 62 in 2020-21; No. 67 in 2022)

Quotables

David Skinns on being the outright 54-hole leader... "It's a 72-hole tournament, you've got to play all 72 of them, so it doesn't matter if you start well or finish well with 72 holes. I try to take them one at a time and see where we are at the end."

Skinns on this week being compared to when he won in 2021... "Omaha was pretty unique because I never really felt nervous at all that week, because there was one result was going to get me my (PGA TOUR) card and I was kind of fine either way. I played well five weeks before that as well, and I knew I needed to win to get my card. It wasn't pressure off, but, yeah, I wasn't sweating it really because if it happened, great. I'm in a similar spot now."

Shad Tuten on entering the final round three shots off the lead... "I'm right where I want to be. I mean, reasonably speaking at the beginning of the week if I was two or three back from the lead, I would be right where I wanted to be. I really didn't have my best stuff today on the greens. Absolutely striping the golf ball. Looking really ready for tomorrow."

Tuten on playing with added pressure… "I thrive on it. I really feel like it's more so more motivation than I usually would have at any other event. Like I said before, this is my major. This is the one that really means the most to me. Obviously every event is equal in points and money and all that, but this one means the world to me. I'm just ready."

Notes

- Two-time Korn Ferry Tour graduate (2016, 2020-21) and Korn Ferry Tour winner **Brett Drewitt** (T3/-11) stands T3 or higher through 54 holes for the fourth time in his career on Tour (T3 at 2020 Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS/Won; T3 at 2021 Veritex Bank Championship/finished T3; 2nd at 2023 Panama Championship/finished T8)
- Shad Tuten (T3/-11) stands inside the top five on the leaderboard through three rounds for the fourth time in his Korn Ferry Tour career and second time this season (T4 at 2021 Club Car Championship at The Landings Golf & Athletic Club/finished T3; T3 at 2022 Chitimacha Louisiana Open/finished T28; 1st at 2023 The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay/finished T4)
- Rookie **Tim Widing** (5th/-10) follows consecutive 4-under 68s with 2-under 70 in round three; has three made cuts in four starts this season, with season-high finish of T25 (The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay), and has not stood higher than T34 through 54 holes in a Korn Ferry Tour event; he earned membership for the first time and guaranteed starts in the first eight events of the season with a T29 at Final Stage of the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament last November
- Five open qualifiers make the 36-hole cut for the first time since the 2021 Emerald Coast Classic at Sandestin conditional members Brad Hopfinger (T16/-7), Jack Maguire (T30/-6), and Jay Card III (T45/-4), along with non-members Angus Flanagan (T45/-4) and Bryce Hendrix (T45/-4)
- Two-time Korn Ferry Tour winner **Nicholas Lindheim**, one of the three 36-hole co-leaders, salvages even-par 72 with birdie on the par-5 18th but falls to T6
- Two of the three past champions officially made the 36-hole cut Saturday morning defending champion **T.J. Vogel** (71st/E), 2020 champion **Evan Harmeling** (T45/-4)