



Pre-Tournament Notes – Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper

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Dates: July 20-23, 2023

Where: Springfield, Missouri

Course: Highland Springs Country Club (Par 72 / 7,115 yards)

Course Designer: Robert Trent Jones Jr. (1989)

Format: 72-hole stroke play

Field: 156 Players

Purse / Winner's Share: \$1,000,000 / \$180,000 winner

Defending Champion: David Kocher

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Things to Know

- The 2023 Korn Ferry Tour season continues this week with the 34th playing of the Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper, the 18th tournament on the 26-event schedule
- The Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper is one of four tournaments played every season since the Korn Ferry Tour's inaugural 1990 season, with Highland Springs Country Club hosting every iteration of the tournament
 - 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 Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron
 - Only the Price Cutter Charity Championship, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open, and Albertsons Boise Open are entering their 34th playing, as the Visit Knoxville Open was only contested once (2021) during the 2020-21 combined season
- Defending champion **David Kocher** returns to Springfield, Missouri after breaking the 72-hole tournament scoring record with a winning total of 28-under 260 en route to a six-stroke victory last year
- Kocher's winning total of 28-under 260 last year was tied for the fourth lowest score relative to par in Korn Ferry Tour history
 - -30 [258] - Daniel Chopra - 2004 Henrico County Open
 - -30 [250] - Stephan Jaeger - 2016 Ellie Mae Classic at TPC Stonebrae
 - -29 [255] - Steve Wheatcroft - 2011 Melwood Prince George's County Open
 - **-28 [260] - David Kocher - 2022 Price Cutter Charity Championship**
 - -28 [256] - Martin Piller - 2015 Albertsons Boise Open
- Another past champion in this week's field is **Ben Silverman**, who won the 2017 Price Cutter Charity Championship en route to earning his first PGA TOUR card; he won the second event of the 2023 season, The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club, as a sponsor exemption and stands No. 3 on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- Notable past champions of the event include 2009 Open Championship winner Stewart Cink (1996), three-time PGA TOUR winner Chris DiMarco (1997), television and radio talent Colt Knost (2008), PGA TOUR winner Mackenzie Hughes (2016), Harry Higgs (2019), and PGA TOUR members Max McGreevy (2020) and Dylan Wu (2021)
- Seven of the 11 players who finished T8 or higher in last year's event earned a PGA TOUR card at season's end: Taylor Montgomery (T2), Augusto Núñez (T2), Robby Shelton (T2), Kevin Yu (T2), Justin Suh (7th), Austin Eckroat (T8), Harry Hall (T8)

- Zack Fischer, who finished solo sixth at last year’s Price Cutter Charity Championship, is competing at The Open Championship via his victory at the 2022 Visa Argentina Open presented by Macro (a PGA TOUR Latinoamérica event which will [transition to the Korn Ferry Tour in 2024](#))
- Rico Hoey, who stands No. 2 on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, is playing the PGA TOUR’s Barracuda Championship as a sponsor exemption this week

Field Notes (as of 7/18/2023)

- 10 champions from the first 17 events of the 2023 season are in this week’s field:
 - **Ben Kohles** (x2), **Paul Barjon**, **Pierceson Coody**, **Adrien Dumont de Chassart**, **Jorge Fernández Valdés**, **Rhein Gibson**, **Spencer Levin**, **Chandler Phillips**, **Ben Silverman**, **David Skinns**
- Field includes 40 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 57 total victories, led by current Korn Ferry Tour Points List leader **Ben Kohles** with four
- Field includes five PGA TOUR winners with 12 total victories, led by **Camilo Villegas** with four
- Field includes five players inside top 200 of the Official World Golf Ranking: **Alejandro Tosti** (No. 155), **Pierceson Coody** (No. 158), **Ben Silverman** (No. 175), **Ben Kohles** (No. 185), **Yuto Katsuragawa** (No. 190)

PGA TOUR University Class of 2023

- Seven of the top 10 finishers from the 2023 PGA TOUR University Ranking are in the field this week:
 - No. 2 **Fred Biondi** (Florida) – won individual and team national titles at 2023 NCAA Championship
 - No. 3 **Adrien Dumont de Chassart** (Illinois) – *won professional and Korn Ferry Tour debut in June*
 - No. 4 **Ross Steelman** (Georgia Tech)
 - No. 6 **William Mouw** (Pepperdine)
 - No. 7 **Ryan Burnett** (North Carolina)
 - No. 8 **Patrick Welch** (Oklahoma)
 - No. 10 **Yuxin Lin** (Florida)
- 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
- For all events prior to the Korn Ferry Tour Finals, the PGA TOUR University category on the Korn Ferry Tour Priority Ranking will be filled by five players to a floor of the No. 10 finisher from the 2023 PGA TOUR University Priority Ranking
 - *Example:* No. 3 Adrien Dumont de Chassart and No. 9 Ricky Castillo now play out of the Tournament Winners category, meaning their places in the PGA TOUR University category will be filled by No. 6 William Mouw and No. 7 Ryan Burnett, respectively
 - *Additional Example:* If No. 2 Fred Biondi records a top-25, he plays the next tournament out of the “Top-25 Previous Event” category, meaning his place in the PGA TOUR University category would be filled by No. 8 Patrick Welch (since Nos. 6 and 7 will already be in field via previous example)
- **Adrien Dumont de Chassart** has posted top-10s in each of his first four Korn Ferry Tour starts, including a win in his professional and Tour debut last month at the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX
- **William Mouw** has top-25s in each of his last four Korn Ferry Tour starts, as well as a T13 at the John Deere Classic on the PGA TOUR

2023 Korn Ferry Tour Season

- A number of changes to the Korn Ferry Tour [announced this past June](#) will be implemented for the first time this season, with the most notable changes being:
 - **Increase from 25 to 30 PGA TOUR cards** annually awarded via the Korn Ferry Tour Points List
 - Reimagining of the 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
 - Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron (August 24-27) – 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 cut]
- **One season-long Korn Ferry Tour Points List** as opposed to separate points lists for the regular season and Korn Ferry Tour Finals
- **Purses increasing** 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

2022 Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper (July 21-24, 2022)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	David Kocher	63	66	65	66	260 (-28)
T2	Taylor Montgomery	63	68	66	69	266 (-22)
	Augusto Núñez	66	67	66	67	266 (-22)
	Robby Shelton	66	66	64	70	266 (-22)
	Kevin Yu	65	67	68	66	266 (-22)

- **David Kocher** broke the 72-hole tournament scoring record and tied for the fourth lowest 72-hole score relative to par in Korn Ferry Tour history with a winning total of 28-under 260
- Kocher’s six-stroke victory marked the largest margin of victory on the Korn Ferry Tour since Ben Taylor’s six-stroke win at the 2018 Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard
- Kocher held a share of the 18-hole lead before he secured the outright 36- and 54-hole leads en route to his second Korn Ferry Tour win and first since the 2020 El Bosque Mexico Championship by INNOVA
- Kocher eventually finished No. 35 on the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- Robby Shelton notched his third career runner-up finish; he later earned his fourth career win at the 2022 Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna and returned to the PGA TOUR for the 2022-23 season
- Taylor Montgomery recorded the fifth runner-up finish in the 58th start of his Korn Ferry Tour career; his T2 was the first of four consecutive top-10s he concluded the 2022 season with en route to his first PGA TOUR card
- Augusto Núñez posted his fifth consecutive top-6 finish and tied his career-high finish in what was his 103rd Korn Ferry Tour start; he earned his first PGA TOUR card at season’s end
- Kevin Yu recorded his second runner-up finish of the season and third runner-up finish in 24 career starts on the Korn Ferry Tour up to that point; he earned a PGA TOUR card at season’s end

Past Champions

Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Margin
2022	David Kocher	63	66	65	66	260 (-28)	6
2021	Dylan Wu	68	65	63	65	261 (-27)	2
2020	Max McGreevy	64	68	71	64	267 (-21)	1
2019	Harry Higgs	66	68	65	67	266 (-22)	2
2018	Martin Trainer	62	68	65	68	263 (-25)	1
2017	Ben Silverman	70	63	63	67	263 (-25)	1
2016	Mackenzie Hughes	67	67	64	66	264 (-24)	1
2015	Dawie van der Walt	63	65	65	72	265 (-23)	2

2014	Cameron Percy	64	68	68	67	267 (-21)	1
2013	Andrew Svoboda	64	72	66	64	266 (-22)	3
2012	Chris Wilson	68	67	65	67	267 (-21)	Playoff
2011	Steve Friesen	62	68	68	64	262 (-26)	5
2010	Hunter Haas	65	66	66	65	262 (-26)	6
2009	Justin Bolli	65	67	69	66	267 (-21)	1
2008	Colt Knost	64	67	69	62	262 (-26)	4
2007	Tom Scherrer	66	63	66	67	262 (-26)	4
2006	Doug LaBelle II	63	67	67	64	261 (-27)	2
2005	Roger Tambellini	65	70	67	65	267 (-21)	1
2004	Brad Ott	65	66	68	64	263 (-25)	1
2003	Tom Carter	66	68	68	65	267 (-21)	1
2002	Patrick Sheehan	63	68	66	72	269 (-19)	2
2001	Steve Haskins	66	65			131 (-13)	1
2000	Pat Perez	66	69	66	69	270 (-18)	Playoff
1999	Ryan Howison	67	68	69	66	270 (-18)	Playoff
1998	Anthony Painter	67	63	68	69	267 (-21)	1
1997	Chris DiMarco	66	70	68		204 (-12)	1
1996	Stewart Cink	68	67	69	68	272 (-16)	Playoff
1995	Mike Schuchart	69	70	65	67	271 (-17)	Playoff
1994	Jerry Haas	69	65	69	69	272 (-16)	1
1993	Tommy Tolles	68	68	69	66	271 (-17)	2
1992	Lennie Clements	72	66	67		205 (-11)	Playoff
1991	Rick Dalpos	70	66	65		201 (-15)	4
1990	Jeff Cook	69	70	68		207 (-9)	Playoff

Course Information – Highland Springs Country Club

- Years Hosted: 1990-Present
- Scoring Average (2022): 70.021 / -1.979
- Toughest Hole (2022): No. 13, Par 3, 174 yards – 3.168 / +0.168
- Easiest Hole (2022): No. 1, Par 5, 547 yards – 4.342 / -0.658

Tournament Scoring Records

- Low 18-Hole Score: 60, Tyler Williamson (2004, Round 4)
- Low 36-Hole Score: 128, Joe Ogilvie (2003), Troy Matteson (2005), Boo Weekley (2006), Chad Collins (2009), Dawie van der Walt (2015)
- Low 54-Hole Score: 193, Dawie van der Walt (2015)
- Low 72-Hole Score: 260, David Kocher (2022)
- Margin of Victory: 6 strokes, Hunter Haas (2010) and David Kocher (2022)
- Playoffs: 5 (last, 2012, Chris Wilson defeated Scott Harrington)

Last Week on Tour – The Ascendant presented by Blue Recap (July 13-16)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Nicholas Lindheim	66	67	69	66	268 (-20)
2	Max Greyserman	68	66	70	66	270 (-18)
3	Parker Coody	69	67	68	67	271 (-17)
T4	Alejandro Tosti	72	65	64	71	272 (-16)
	Tim Widing	68	70	64	70	272 (-16)

- Making his fifth and final start in preparation to return to the PGA TOUR, where he will eventually play via a medical extension, Nicholas Lindheim earned his third career Korn Ferry Tour win and first since the 2017 DAP Championship

- Making 83rd career start on the Korn Ferry Tour, Max Greyserman, who finished No. 46 on the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour Points List and only made seven starts in 2022 due to injury, logged a career-high finish, topping previous career-high finish of T4/2021 Visit Knoxville Open
- Rookie **Parker Coody**, who won on PGA TOUR Canada last year and finished No. 13 in the PGA TOUR University Class of 2022, posted a career-high finish in 12th career start on Tour, topping previous career-high finish of T4/Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics
- Rookie **Alejandro Tosti**, who held the outright 54-hole lead and broke the 54-hole tournament scoring record at 15-under 201, logged his Tour-leading seventh top-10 of the season, as well as his fourth finish of T4/solo-fourth this season (4th/AdventHealth Championship; T4/Visit Knoxville Open; T4/Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics)
- Playing in the final pairing of the final round, rookie **Tim Widing** closed in 2-under 70 for his fourth top-10 of the season and second T4 finish in the last three events