



Pre-Tournament Notes AdventHealth Championship

May 16-19, 2024 • Kansas City, Missouri
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THIS WEEK ON TOUR

- Following a two-week break in the schedule, the Korn Ferry Tour resumes this week in Kansas City, Missouri at the AdventHealth Championship, the 10th tournament of the 26-event season.
- This marks the 14th ever playing of the event and the fifth time held at Blue Hills Country Club.
- Three past winners of the AdventHealth Championship are in the field this week: **Trevor Cone** (2022), **Zecheng Dou** (2017) and **Jamie Lovemark** (2013).
- Harry Higgs**, who grew up in Overland Park, Kansas, will be making his fifth ever start in this event. Higgs made his first PGA TOUR-sanctioned start at the 2009 AdventHealth Championship at the age of 17 years old. His best finish in Kansas City came in 2019 when he finished T2.
- Reigning champion Grayson Murray won last year's event by one stroke over and went on to finish the season ranked seventh on the season-long points list. In 11 PGA TOUR starts this season, Murray has two top-10 finishes, including his second career TOUR win which came at the 2024 Sony Open in Hawaii. He currently sits 35th in the FedExCup standings.
- Five of the seven players who finished T5 or higher at the 2023 AdventHealth Championship went on to earn PGA TOUR cards at season's end, including Grayson Murray (winner), Rico Hoey (T2), Wilson Furr (T2), Alejandro Tosti (4th) and Parker Coody (T5).

2024 KEY STORYLINES

- Each winner in the first eight events of the season were first-time winners on the Korn Ferry Tour, tying the second-longest streak of first-time winners to open a season in Korn Ferry Tour history. The 2022 season also opened with eight consecutive first-time winners, while the 2002 season opened with 10 consecutive first-time winners.
- Tim Widing is the only player this season with two victories after back-to-back wins at the LECOM Suncoast Classic and the Veritex Bank Championship. Widing, who sits No. 1 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List and will be playing in the PGA Championship this week, earned his second win of the season by recording the lowest 72-hole score relative to par in Tour history (31-under 253).
- South African **Aldrich Potgieter**, the youngest Korn Ferry Tour member this season, won The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club in January and became the [youngest winner on either the Korn Ferry Tour or PGA TOUR since 1931](#) (19 years, 4 months, and 11 days). Two weeks later at the Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard, Potgieter carded a second-round 11-under 59 and became the [youngest player to record a sub-60 round](#) in a PGA TOUR-sanctioned event.
- Also at the Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard, 30-year-old Chilean **Cristobal Del Solar** carded the [lowest 18-hole score ever recorded in a PGA TOUR-sanctioned event](#) with a 13-under 57. Del Solar topped the previous record of 58, previously achieved by Jim Furyk (PGA TOUR's 2016 Travelers Championship) and Stephen Jaeger (Korn Ferry Tour's 2016 Ellie Mae Classic at TPC Stonebrae).
- Mason Andersen's** victory at the 117th Visa Argentina Open presented by Macro earned him an exemption for the 2024 Open Championship at Royal Troon. The Visa Argentina Open, which became a Korn Ferry Tour event this season, annually awards an exemption for The Open Championship via its partnership with the R&A.

2024 SCHEDULE

Dates	Tournament	Winner (Score)
Jan. 14-17	The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay	Jeremy Paul (-17 / 271)
Jan. 21-24	The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club	Aldrich Potgieter (-10 / 278)
Feb. 1-4	The Panama Championship	Isaiah Salinda (-12 / 268)
Feb. 8-11	Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard	Kevin Velo (-22 / 261)
Feb. 29 - March 1	117th Visa Argentina Open presented by Macro	Mason Andersen (-17 / 263)
March 7-10	Astara Chile Classic presented by Scotiabank	Taylor Dickson (-17 / 271)
April 4-7	Club Car Championship at The Landings Golf & Athletic Club	Steven Fisk (-14 / 274)
April 18-21	LECOM Suncoast Classic	Tim Widing (-20 / 264)
April 25-28	Veritex Bank Championship	Tim Widing (-31 / 253)
May 16-19	AdventHealth Championship	
May 23-26	Visit Knoxville Open	
May 30 - June 2	UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH	
Jun 6-9	BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX	
June 13-16	Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics	
June 20-23	Compliance Solutions Championship	
June 27-30	Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS	
July 11-14	The Ascendant presented by Blue	
July 18-21	Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper	
July 25-28	NV5 Invitational presented by Old National Bank	
Aug. 1-4	Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health	
Aug. 8-11	Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Woodhouse	
Aug. 15-18	Magnit Championship	
Korn Ferry Tour Finals		
Aug. 22-25	Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron	
Sept. 12-15	Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation	
Sept. 19-22	Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship	
Oct. 3-6	Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance	

Korn Ferry Tour Finals refers to the final four events of the 26-event season, where players will compete for increased purses and points (600 points for winning a Finals event, compared to 500 for winning one of the 22 preceding events) to determine the season-long points race. The total purse for each of the first 22 events is \$1 million (\$180,000 to the winner) and increases to \$1.5 million for each of the four Korn Ferry Tour Finals events.



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TOURNAMENT STORYLINES

- Field includes 53 Korn Ferry Tour winners -- including seven of the eight winners from this season -- with 76 total wins, led by four-time winner **Kevin Stadler**.
- Field includes 18 PGA TOUR winners with 36 total victories, led by five-time winner **Jonathan Byrd**.
- Five players in this week's field are in the top 200 of the Official World Golf Ranking: **Mason Andersen** (No. 148), **Steven Fisk** (No. 183), **Trent Phillips** (No. 194), **Taylor Dickson** (No. 198) and **Isaiah Salinda** (No. 200).
- Ross Steelman** is a native of Columbia, Missouri, approximately a one-hour drive from Kansas City. Steelman, currently No. 24 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List, has four top-25 finishes in eight starts this season, with his best being a solo-third in the season-opening event.
- Sponsor exemption and Leawood, Kansas native **Chase Hanna** will be making his 10th career Korn Ferry Tour start this week, his first since the 2019 season. As an amateur, Hanna was the 2013 Kansas City Golf Association Junior Player of the Year, and he went on to play collegiately at the University of Kansas and was the 2017 Big 12 Conference individual golf champion.
- Mason Andersen** (No. 2 on the points list entering the week) and **Isaiah Salinda** (No. 8) both finished inside the top 10 in this event last season. Andersen placed T5 and Salinda recorded the first top-10 of his Korn Ferry Tour career with a T9.
- Charlie Hillier**, a native of Te Puke, New Zealand, is playing as a sponsor exemption this week. Hillier played on the collegiate level at the University of Kansas from 2015-19 and now resides in Overland Park, Kansas. In six starts this season, Hillier has one made cut (T64 at The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay).

KORN FERRY TOUR POINTS LIST

At the end of the 26-event Korn Ferry Tour season, the top 30 players on the season-long points list will be awarded PGA TOUR cards (i.e. - membership) for the 2025 season. Below is a look at the top 30 players on the Points List entering this week.

Click here to view the full points list:
[2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List](#)

Rank	Player	Points
1	Tim Widing	1261
2	Mason Andersen	813
3	Steven Fisk	755
4	Kevin Velo	666
5	Trent Phillips	595
6	Isaiah Salinda	593
7	Jeremy Paul	579
8	Brian Campbell	575
9	Aldrich Potgieter	570
10	Quade Cummins	565
11	Taylor Dickson	543
12	Myles Creighton	538
13	Kris Ventura	522
14	Kyle Westmoreland	487
15	Kevin Roy	448
16	Trey Winstead	445
17	Ricky Castillo	444
18	Max McGreevy	410
19	Wil Bateman	401
20	Noah Goodwin	388
21	Cristobal Del Solar	377
22	Frankie Capan III	365
23	Rob Oppenheim	349
24	Ross Steelman	315
25	Thomas Walsh	296
26	Patrick Cover	283
27	Jackson Suber	279
28	Matt McCarty	265
29	Trevor Cone	248
30	Cole Hammer	237

PAST CHAMPIONS

Year	Player (Score)
2022	Trevor Cone 272 (-16)
2021	Cameron Young 269 (-19)
2019	Michael Gellerman 277 (-11)
2018	Sepp Straka 262 (-22)
2017	Zecheng Dou 259 (-25)
2016	Wesley Bryan 264 (-20)
2015	Martin Piller 258 (-26)
2014	Zack Sucher 265 (-19)
2013	Jamie Lovemark 266 (-18)
2012	Shawn Stefani 267 (-17)
2011	James Nitties 258 (-26)
2009	Michael Sim 264 (-20)

2023 LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Grayson Murray	68	69	64	68	269 (-19)
T2	Rico Hoey	69	66	67	68	270 (-18)
T2	Wilson Furr	63	71	65	71	270 (-18)
4	Alejandro Tosti	70	66	67	69	272 (-16)
T5	Parker Coody	69	71	69	65	274 (-14)
T5	Jackson Suber	66	74	67	67	274 (-14)
T5	Mason Andersen	69	67	70	68	274 (-14)
8	Brad Hopfinger	65	73	67	70	275 (-13)
T9	Ten players tied					276 (-12)

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

Low 18-Hole Score:	60	Scott Dunlap (2011, R2) and Tom Hoge (2014, R3)
Low 36-Hole Score:	127	Martin Piller (2015) and Shane Bertsch (2015)
Low 54-Hole Score:	192	Kyle Jones (2018)
Low 72-Hole Score:	258	James Nitties (2011) and Martin Piller (2015)
Largest Margin of Victory:	5	James Nitties (2011)
Playoffs:	1	Wesley Bryan defeated (2016)
Holes-in-One:	7	Most recently, Josh Teater (No. 12/2023/Round 3)

COURSE INFORMATION

Blue Hills Country Club

Years Hosted:	2019-present
Scoring Average (2023):	71.146 / -0.854
Toughest Hole (2023):	No. 4, Par 4, 444 yards (4.225 / +0.225)
Easiest Hole (2023):	No. 1, Par 5, 533 yards (4.520 / -0.480)
Front-Nine Average (2023):	35.626 / -0.374
Back-Nine Average (2023):	35.520 / -0.480