



### Pre-Tournament Notes – Astara Chile Classic presented by Scotiabank

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**Dates:** March 7-10, 2024

**Where:** Santiago, Chile

**Host Course:** Prince of Wales Country Club (Par 72 – 6,929 yards)

**Course Designer:** Alexander McDonald (1930)

**Field :** 156 players

**Purse:** \$1,000,000 (\$180,000/winner)

**Defending Champion:** Ben Kohles

**Format:** 72-hole stroke play

#### Quick Links

- [Tournament Media Site](#)
- [2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List](#) (Top 30 earn PGA TOUR cards at end of season)
- [Burning Questions for 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Season](#) (by Kevin Prise, PGATOUR.com)
- [Korn Ferry Tour Players to Watch in 2024](#) (by Adam Stanley for PGATOUR.com)
- [Mason Andersen wins 117th Visa Argentina Open presented by Macro](#) (PGATOUR.com)

#### Things to Know

- The Astara Chile Classic presented by Scotiabank, hosted at Price of Wales Country Club and being played for the sixth time, is the sixth event of the 2024 season as well as the final international event
- The event made its return to the Korn Ferry Tour schedule last season after last being contested in 2015
- Price of Wales Country Club will play host to the event for the fifth time (2012-2015, 2023-present); Club de Golf Mapocho hosted the event in 2015
- **Dawie van der Walt**, who won the event in 2015 contested at Club de Golf Mapocho, is the only past champion in this week's field
- Other notable past champions include PGA TOUR winners Adam Hadwin and Kevin Kisner, as well as Ben Kohles who finished No. 1 on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List to earn his PGA TOUR card and starts in The PLAYERS Championship and U.S. Open in 2024
- **Mason Andersen** defeated **Kris Ventura** on the second hole of a sudden-death playoff (No. 18) to win the 117th Visa Argentina Open presented by Macro last week for his first career Korn Ferry Tour win
  - In addition to earning 500 points and \$180,000 of the tournament-record \$1 million purse, Andersen earns an exemption for the 2024 Open Championship at Royal Troon this coming July
  - Andersen also takes over the No. 1 spot from **Aldrich Potgieter** on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List through five events
- For only the third time in the last nine seasons, the first five events of the Korn Ferry Tour season were won by first-time winners (2022 – first eight events; 2018 – first seven events)

#### Field Notes (as of 3/5/24)

- Past Champion **Dawie van der Walt** (2015) is the only past champion in this week's Astara Golf Championship presented by Scotiabank
- Field includes three past PGA TOUR winners with four total victories, led by **Fabián Gómez** with two
- Field includes 35 past Korn Ferry Tour winners with 47 total victories, led by **Kevin Stadler** with four
- Field includes all five winners of the 2024 season: **Jeremy Paul**, **Aldrich Potgieter**, **Isaiah Salinda**, **Kevin Velo** and **Mason Andersen**
- Field includes six Chileans: **Agustin Errazuriz**, **Gabriel Moran-Birke**, **Toto Gana**, **Cristobal Del Solar**, **Matias Dominguez** and **Felipe Aguilar**

- The highest-ranked player in this week’s field is **Mason Andersen** (OWGR, No. 156)

### 2023 Astara Chile Classic presented by Scotiabank (March 30 – April 2)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Ben Kohles*	68	66	66	67	267 (-21)
2	Dimi Papadatos	66	69	67	65	267 (-21)
T3	Tim Widing	71	64	66	68	269 (-19)
	Rico Hoey	70	65	64	70	269 (-19)
T5	Brandon Hagy	68	68	68	66	270 (-18)
	Brandon Harkins	70	65	68	67	270 (-18)

\* - Won with birdie on second hole (No. 18) of sudden-death playoff

- 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List winner, Ben Kohles defeated Australian Dimi Papadatos in the second hole of a sudden-death playoff for his first win of the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Season and the third of his career
- Papadatos posted a runner-up finish in his first career Korn Ferry Tour start; he earned conditional membership with a T59 finish at Final Stage of the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament
- **Tim Widing** finished T3 at 19-under for the best finish of his Korn Ferry Tour career; Led the field in birdies with 29 (28 birdies, one eagle)
- Rico Hoey, who earned his PGA TOUR card at season’s end by finishing No. 4 on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, recorded his second top-10 finish of the season and best career placement up to that point with a T7
- **Brandon Hagy** finished T5 at 18-under to post his first top-10 in PGA TOUR-sanctioned play since a solo-fifth at the 2021 Barracuda Championship, and his first top-10 on the Korn Ferry Tour since back-to-back top-10s at the 2019 Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship (T5) and 2019 Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron (T2)
- **Brandon Harkins** posts his second top-five finish of the season with a T5; his only previous seasons on Tour with two top-five finishes were 2017 and 2020-21 (two apiece)

### Past Champions

Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Margin
2023	Ben Kohles	68	66	66	67	267 (-21)	Playoff
2015	Dawie van der Walt	64	66	68	65	263 (-21)	2
2014	Adam Hadwin	67	69	67	69	272 (-16)	1
2013	Kevin Kisner	71	67	61	68	267 (-21)	1
2012	Paul Haley II	67	64	64	71	266 (-22)	3

### Host Course Information – Prince of Wales Country Club

- Scoring Average (2023) Par - 72: 70.157 / -1.843
- Toughest Hole (2023): No. 15, Par 3, 221 yards – 3.182 / +0.182
- Easiest Hole (2023): No. 3, Par 5, 551 yards – 4.503 / -0.497

### Tournament Scoring Records

- Low 18-Hole Score: 61, Kevin Kisner (2013, Round 3)
- Low 36-Hole Score: 130, Edward Loar (2013), Brett Drewitt, Wes Roach and Dawie van der Walt (2015)
- Low 54-Hole Score: 195, Paul Haley II (2023)
- Low 72-Hole Score: 263, Dawie van der Walt (2015)
- Largest Margin of Victory: 3, Paul Haley II (2012)

**Last week on Tour – 117th Visa Argentina Open presented by Macro (February 29 – March 3)**

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1*	Mason Andersen	64	67	69	63	263 (-17)
2	Kris Ventura	66	65	64	68	263 (-17)
T3	Dalton Ward	68	64	64	68	264 (-16)
	Brian Campbell	64	67	66	67	264 (-16)
T5	<i>Five Players Tied</i>					265 (-15)

\* - Won with birdie on the second hole of sudden-death playoff (No. 18)

- With a solo second, **Kris Ventura** posts his highest finish in a Korn Ferry Tour event since a pair of victories in 2019 (won the Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank, and Pinnacle Bank Championship), when he earned a promotion to the PGA TOUR at season’s end
- **Brian Campbell** closed with an eagle on the 72nd hole to finish T3 and post a second consecutive top-three finish (P2/Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard); his last top-three finishes prior to this season were recorded in 2019 (T3/2019 BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNTEX; T3/2019 Club Car Championship at The Landings Golf & Athletic Club)
- Open qualifier **Dalton Ward** earned a spot into the Astara Chile Classic presented by Scotiabank with a T3 finish; he needs to earn 91.32 points (i.e. – a 3-way T6 finish or higher) to become eligible for Special Temporary Membership for the remainder of the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour season
  - Ward’s highest finish in 25 career starts on the Korn Ferry Tour prior to this week was T17/2023 HomeTown Lenders Championship
- **Will Bateman** placed T5 for his third consecutive top-25, as well as his second top-five finish of the season (T2/The Panama Championship)
- First-time member **Van Holmgren** (T5/-15), who held the outright 54-hole lead, posts a top-five finish in his second career start on Tour (MC/2024 Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard)
- **Cole Hammer**, who finished No. 5 in the 2022 PGA TOUR University Ranking, recorded his second top-10 of the season with a T10 at 13-under par; he entered the season with one top-10 in 20 career starts on Tour