



Pre-Tournament Notes

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics



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THIS WEEK ON TOUR

- The Korn Ferry Tour heads to Wichita, Kansas for the 14th event of the season, the Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics.
- The Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics is one of four tournaments played every season since the Korn Ferry Tour's inaugural 1990 season, with this year marking the 35th playing of the event.
 - The other three events with such distinction are the Visit Knoxville Open, Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper, and Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron.
 - Only the Wichita Open, Price Cutter Charity Championship, and Albertsons Boise Open are set to enter their 35th playing this year, as the Visit Knoxville Open was only contested once (2021) amid the 2020-21 combined season.
- Six past champions return to Wichita this week: **Ricky Castillo** (2023), **Jared Wolfe** (2020), **Ollie Schniederjans** (2016), **Rob Oppenheim** (2015), **Scott Piercy** (2008) and **Ben Crane** (2000).
- Reigning champion **Ricky Castillo** looks to defend his title after winning last year's event in his first career start on the Korn Ferry Tour. With the win, Castillo became the 19th player in the Tour's history to win in his debut start. This season, the 23-year-old Castillo has tallied three top-10 finishes in 12 starts and enters the week No. 25 on the points list.
- Wichita native **Sam Stevens** will make his first ever start at the Wichita Open this week. Stevens currently sits 94th on the PGA TOUR's FedExCup Standings after logging two top-10 finishes in 17 starts on TOUR this season.

2024 KEY STORYLINES

- Tim Widing sits No. 1 on the points list and was the first Korn Ferry Tour member to achieve #TOURBound status and secure PGA TOUR membership for the 2025 season. A 26-year-old from Jonkoping, Sweden, Widing (pronounced VEE-ding) won back-to-back starts in April, earning his first Korn Ferry Tour win via a three-way playoff at the 2024 LECOM Suncoast Classic, and following it with a record-setting victory at the 2024 Veritex Bank Championship a week later.
- Harry Higgs joined Widing as the only players this season with multiple wins after claiming victory at the AdventHealth Championship and the Visit Knoxville Open. In each of his victories, Higgs won in a playoff, becoming the first player in Korn Ferry Tour history to win back-to-back tournaments in a playoff.
- 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).

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	Harry Higgs (-19 / 269)
May 23-26	Visit Knoxville Open	Harry Higgs (-19 / 261)
May 30 - June 2	UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH	Kaito Onishi (-8 / 272)
June 6-9	BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX	Ryan Gerard (-26 / 259)
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

- This marks the 24th consecutive year that Crestview Country Club will play host for the Wichita Open.
- Field includes 46 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 67 total wins, led by four-time winner **Kevin Stadler**.
- Field includes 14 PGA TOUR winners with 30 total victories, led by six-time winner **Bill Haas**.
- Five players in this week's field are in the top 200 of the Official World Golf Ranking: **Sam Stevens** (No. 126), **Mason Andersen** (No. 152), **Peter Kuest** (No. 186), **Ryan Gerard** (No. 188), and **Cristobal Del Solar** (No. 196).
- **Ryan Gerard**, No. 10 on the points list, enters Wichita fresh off his first Korn Ferry Tour win at last week's BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX, where he clinched a six-stroke margin of victory.
- **Christo Lamprecht** is making his Korn Ferry Tour debut after finishing No. 2 in the PGA TOUR University Class of 2024. Lamprecht played four seasons at Georgia Tech (2021-24), earning two collegiate victories and the 2024 Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Year award. Additionally, he won the 128th Amateur Championship in June 2023, which earned him exemptions for the 2023 Open Championship (T74 - low amateur) and 2024 Masters Tournament (missed cut).

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	1341
2	Harry Higgs	1101
3	Steven Fisk	946
4	Kevin Velo	869
5	Mason Andersen	863
6	Max McGreevy	850
7	Quade Cummins	794
8	Jeremy Paul	703
9	Frankie Capan III	670
10	Ryan Gerard	668
11	Brian Campbell	667
12	Cristobal Del Solar	656
13	Isaiah Salinda	655
14	Trent Phillips	651
15	Kaito Onishi	633
16	Aldrich Potgieter	594
17	Taylor Dickson	588
18	Kris Ventura	572
19	Kevin Roy	561
20	Myles Creighton	557
21	Kyle Westmoreland	543
22	Trey Winstead	535
23	Dalton Ward	510
24	Noah Goodwin	483
25	Ricky Castillo	476
26	Seth Reeves	457
27	Matt McCarty	428
28	Wil Bateman	413
29	Trevor Cone	408
30	Daniel Summerhays	388

PAST CHAMPIONS

Year	Player (Score)
2023	Ricky Castillo (261 / -19)
2022	Norman Xiong (254 / -26)
2021	Harry Hall (260 / -20)
2020	Jared Wolfe (264 / -16)
2019	Henrik Norlander (265 / -15)
2018	Brady Schnell (266 / -14)
2017	Aaron Wise (259 / -21)
2016	Ollie Schniederjans (263 / -17)
2015	Rob Oppenheim (267 / -13)
2014	Sebastian Cappelen (262 / -18)
2013	Scott Parel (266 / -18)
2012	Casey Wittenberg (266 / -18)
2011	Mathew Goggin (266 / -18)
2010	Jhonattan Vegas (264 / -20)
2009	Chris Tidland (268 / -16)
2008	Scott Piercy (262 / -22)
2007	Brad Elder (265 / -19)
2006	Kevin Johnson (266 / -18)
2005	Joe Daley (268 / -16)
2004	Bradley Hughes (270 / -14)
2003	Jeff Klauk (265 / -19)
2002	Tyler Williamson (272 / -8)
2001	Jason Dufner (266 / -22)
2000	Ben Crane (263 / -25)
1999	Brad Elder (268 / -20)
1998	Emlyn Aubrey (265 / -23)
1997	Ben Bates (269 / -19)
1996	Rick Cramer (269 / -19)
1995	David Toms (269 / -19)
1994	Dennis Postlewait (271 / -17)
1993	David Duval (271 / -17)
1992	Jeff Woodland (204 / -12)
1991	Eric Hoos (199 / -17)
1990	Tom Lehman (202 / -14)

COURSE RECORDS

Low 18-Hole Score:	60	Justin Suh (2022/R4), Alejandro Tosti (2023/R4)
Low 36-Hole Score:	124	Aaron Wise (2017)
Low 54-Hole Score:	191	Scott Piercy (2008), Aaron Wise (2017), Kevin Yu (2021), Norman Xiong (2022)
Low 72-Hole Score:	254	Norman Xiong (2022)
Largest Margin of Victory:	5	Aaron Wise (2017), Norman Xiong (2022)
Playoffs:	8	last in 2023 (Ricky Castillo def. Kyle Jones and Adrien Dumont de Chassart)

COURSE INFORMATION

Crestview Country Club	
Years Hosted:	2001-present
Scoring Average (2023):	67.70 / -2.30
Toughest Hole (2023):	No. 6, Par 4, 495 yards (4.179 / +0.179)
Easiest Hole (2023):	No. 14, Par 5, 501 yards (4.169 / -0.831)
Front-Nine Average (2023):	34.193 / -0.807
Back-Nine Average (2023):	33.507 / -1.493