



# Pre-Tournament Notes

## Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation



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 2023 Champion: Grayson Murray

### THIS WEEK ON TOUR

- The 2024 Korn Ferry Tour season continues with the Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation, the 24th event of the Tour's 26-event schedule and the second of four Korn Ferry Tour Finals events.
- This marks the first year that the event will be hosted at the Vanderbilt Legends Club in Franklin, Tennessee, the home course of the men's and women's golf teams of Vanderbilt University. The Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation will be contested on the North Course.
- This week's field is comprised of the top 144 players on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List. The field does not feature an alternate list should any players withdraw.
- Upon conclusion of the Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation, the top 120 players on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List will qualify for next week's Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship, the third of four Finals events.
- **Matt McCarty** enters the week No. 1 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List after claiming his third win of the season at last month's Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron. With the win, McCarty earned the coveted Three-Victory Promotion which grants him immediate eligibility for the PGA TOUR's FedExCup Fall events. McCarty holds a lead of 687 points over No. 2 **Max McGreevy**, which is more than a win during any Finals event (600 points for winner).
- In addition to McCarty, four other players have multiple wins this season - **McGreevy**, **Tim Widing** (No. 3), **Harry Higgs** (No. 6) - and if any of them were to win again this season, they would also earn the Three-Victory Promotion.
- This marks the second consecutive Korn Ferry Tour season with five multi-time winners. The last time back-to-back Korn Ferry Tour seasons featured at least five multi-time winners occurred in 2003 and 2004.

### 2024 KEY STORYLINES

- The top 13 players on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List have been declared #TOURBound and secured PGA TOUR membership for the 2025 season.
- Through 23 events this season, there are 15 first-time Korn Ferry Tour winners, as well as 18 wins by players under the age of 30. Last season, there were just 10 first-time winners, and 12 wins by players under the age of 30.
- Entering this week, there are eight international players inside the top 30 of the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, which would be equal to the number of international players who finished in the top 30 of the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List.
- Australian **Karl Vilips**, who earned conditional status for the second half of the Korn Ferry Tour season following a No. 10 finish in the 2024 PGA TOUR University Ranking, has a win, solo second, and four additional top-25s in his first seven career starts on Tour. Vilips enters the week at No. 17 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, and is bidding to become the second player to earn a PGA TOUR card the same season they joined the Korn Ferry Tour via PGA TOUR University performance benefits (Adrien Dumont de Chassart/2023).
- **Kris Ventura**, who represented Norway at the 2024 Men's Olympic Golf Competition (T43), sits 22nd on the points list and is bidding for a return to the PGA TOUR in 2025.
- South African **Aldrich Potgieter**, who enters the week at No. 23 on the Points List, is bidding to become the second-youngest graduate in Korn Ferry Tour history (would be 20 years and 23 days of age). Only Jason Day (19 years, 11 months, 23 days upon graduating in 2007) would still be younger. Earlier this season, Potgieter 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 at 19 years, 4 months, and 11 days of age.

### 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 / 263)
May 23-26	Visit Knoxville Open	Harry Higgs (-19 / 261)
May 30 - June 2	UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH	Kaito Onishi (-8 / 272)
Jun 6-9	BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNTEX	Ryan Gerard (-26 / 259)
June 13-16	Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics	Taylor Dickson (-19 / 261)
June 20-23	Compliance Solutions Championship	John Pak (-23 / 265)
June 27-30	Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS	Max McGreevy (-24 / 260)
July 11-14	The Ascendant presented by Blue	Cristobal Del Solar (-22 / 266)
July 18-21	Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper	Matt McCarty (-25 / 263)
July 25-28	NV5 Invitational presented by Old National Bank	Thomas Rosenmueller (-25 / 259)
Aug. 1-4	Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health	Karl Vilips (-25 / 259)
Aug. 8-11	Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Woodhouse	Matt McCarty (-14 / 270)
Aug. 15-18	Magnit Championship	Max McGreevy (-18 / 270)
<b>Korn Ferry Tour Finals</b>		
Aug. 22-25	Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron	Matt McCarty (-21 / 263)
<b>Sept. 12-15</b>	<b>Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation</b>	
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 49 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 69 total wins, led by three-time winners **Zecheng Dou, Tommy Gainey, Harry Higgs, Matt McCarty, and Max McGreevy.**
- Field includes seven PGA TOUR winners with 19 total victories, led by five-time winner **Jonathan Byrd.**
- There is one past champion of the Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation in the field, **Brent Grant** (2022), who sits 99th on the points list.
- This week's field features 13 players in the top 200 of the Official World Golf Ranking, including five in the top 125: **Matt McCarty** (No. 76), **Max McGreevy** (No. 109), **Tim Widing** (No. 110), **Steven Fisk** (No. 115), **Taylor Dickson** (No. 123), **Harry Higgs** (No. 141), **Frankie Capan III** (No. 165), **William Mouw** (No. 166), **Cristobal Del Solar** (No. 176), **Jackson Suber** (No. 180), **Brian Campbell** (No. 187), **Ryan Gerard** (No. 191) and **Isaiah Salinda** (No. 191).
- Isaiah Salinda**, who stands No. 16 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List and is on the verge of earning a #TOURBound declaration, finished T16 in the 2023 Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation, one of five top-25 finishes he logged throughout the 2023 season.
- Two Vanderbilt University alums are in the field, **Matthew Riedel** and **William Moll**, who both earned Korn Ferry Tour status via their top-10 finishes in the 2024 PGA TOUR University Rankings (Riedel finished 4th while Moll was 6th). Riedel, who has 11 starts this season, enters this week No. 68 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List, supported by a runner-up finish at The Ascendant presented by Blue. Moll has two top-25 finishes in 11 starts and sits 130th on the points list.

### PAST CHAMPIONS

Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Margin
2023	Grayson Murray	68	67	70	66	271 (-17)	3
2022	Brent Grant	69	65	69	69	272 (-16)	1
2021	Austin Smotherman	65	69	69	69	272 (-16)	3
2019	Robby Shelton	64	73	65	71	273 (-15)	Playoff
2018	Cameron Davis	67	71	67	65	270 (-18)	1
2017	Lanto Griffin	72	70	62	68	272 (-16)	Playoff
2016	James Driscoll	65	68	69	67	269 (-19)	3

### TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

<b>Low 18-Hole Score:</b>	62	Conrad Shindlet (2017/R1) Lanto Griffin (2017/R3)
<b>Low 36-Hole Score:</b>	130	Sebastián Muñoz (2018)
<b>Low 54-Hole Score:</b>	199	Lanto Griffin (2018)
<b>Low 72-Hole Score:</b>	269	James Driscoll (2016)
<b>Largest Margin of Victory:</b>	3	James Driscoll (2016) Austin Smotherman (2021) Grayson Murray (2023)

### 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.

Players listed in ***Bold Italics*** are declared #TOURBound and are assured of a finish in the top 30 of the final Points List.

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

Rank	Player	Points
1	<b><i>Matt McCarty</i></b>	2567
2	<b><i>Max McGreevy</i></b>	1880
3	<b><i>Tim Widing</i></b>	1686
4	<b><i>Steven Fisk</i></b>	1636
5	<b><i>Taylor Dickson</i></b>	1373
6	<b><i>Harry Higgs</i></b>	1361
7	<b><i>Brian Campbell</i></b>	1189
8	<b><i>Cristobal Del Solar</i></b>	1176
9	<b><i>Quade Cummins</i></b>	1173
10	<b><i>Kevin Roy</i></b>	1107
11	<b><i>Kevin Velo</i></b>	1086
12	<b><i>William Mouw</i></b>	1084
13	<b><i>Ryan Gerard</i></b>	1078
14	Thomas Rosenmueller	1029
15	Frankie Capan III	1019
16	Isaiah Salinda	1002
17	Karl Vilips	973
18	Jackson Suber	928
19	Mason Andersen	921
20	Jeremy Paul	915
21	John Pak	837
22	Kris Ventura	832
23	Aldrich Potgieter	795
24	Ricky Castillo	767
25	Sam Bennett	756
26	Trent Phillips	739
27	Kaito Onishi	731
28	Danny Walker	716
29	Trevor Cone	709
30	Noah Goodwin	705
31	Trey Winstead	692
32	Kyle Westmoreland	665
33	Dalton Ward	647
34	Brandon Crick	627
35	Zach Bauchou	622
36	Joe Weiler	590
37	Seth Reeves	590
38	Myles Creighton	580
39	Mitchell Meissner	570
40	Austin Hitt	540