



Pre-Tournament Notes The Ascendant presented by Blue

July 11-14, 2024 • Berthoud, Colorado
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 Reigning Champion: Nicholas Lindheim



THIS WEEK ON TOUR

- Following a week off, the Korn Ferry Tour returns with The Ascendant presented by Blue, the 17th event of the Tour's 26-event season. TPC Colorado, which has hosted every iteration of The Ascendant, finished last season as the No. 8 toughest course relative to par on the Korn Ferry Tour.
- Eight of the 11 players who finished T9 or higher at last year's Ascendant presented by Blue, including reigning champion Nicholas Lindheim, earned their PGA TOUR cards with a top 30 finish on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List. The only three players who did not earn TOUR membership -- **Tim Widing** (T4), **Quade Cummins** (T6), **Jackson Suber** (T9) -- are in this week's field.
- Widing returns to The Ascendant ranked No. 3 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, and as one of four players to already achieve #TOURBound status, meaning he has secured PGA TOUR membership for the 2025 season. The other three #TOURBound players are current points leader **Steven Fisk**, No. 2 **Max McGreevy**, and No. 4 Harry Higgs (not in this week's field).
- Widing and Taylor Dickson, two of the three two-time winners this season (Higgs is the other), are both seeking the Three-Victory Promotion, which would earn them an immediate promotion to the PGA TOUR.
- University of Colorado alum **Jeremy Paul** enters the week No. 13 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List.
- Gustav Frimodt** and **Karl Vilips**, who finished No. 9 and 10, respectively, in the 2024 PGA TOUR University Ranking, are both making their Korn Ferry Tour debuts via sponsor exemptions.

2024 KEY STORYLINES

- Tim Widing** (pronounced VEE-ding) won back-to-back starts in April (LECOM Suncoast Classic, Veritex Bank Championship) and became the first player to achieve #TOURBound status this season, but his two-plus months as the No. 1 player on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List ended after the Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS. **Max McGreevy** won the event and climbed to No. 2 on the Points List, while **Steven Fisk** finished solo second and rose to No. 1.
- While the top 30 players on the final 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List earn PGA TOUR membership for 2025, the No. 1 player earns fully exempt membership and exemptions for both the 2025 PLAYERS Championship and 2025 U.S. Open.
- Following a T4 at the Compliance Solutions Championship, Harry Higgs became the second player this season to achieve #TOURBound status, thus [securing his return to the PGA TOUR](#). The Dallas resident captured back-to-back victories at the AdventHealth Championship and Visit Knoxville Open in May.
- Taylor Dickson** became the third two-time winner on Tour this season with his win at the Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics. Dickson earned his first career Korn Ferry Tour victory earlier in the year at the Astara Chile Classic presented by Scotiabank.
- 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 / 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 SYNEX	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	
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 48 Korn Ferry Tour winners -- including 11 winners from this season -- with 65 total wins, led by four-time winners **Kevin Stadler**.
- Two past champions of The Ascendant are in the field: **Nelson Ledesma** (2019), **Tag Ridings** (2021).
- Field includes seven PGA TOUR winners with 14 total victories, led by five-time winner **Ben Crane**.
- There are 11 players in this week's field currently ranked in the top 200 of the Official World Golf Rankings: **Steven Fisk** (No. 111), **Tim Widing** (No. 112), **Taylor Dickson** (No. 123), **Frankie Capan III** (No. 154), **Max McGreevy** (No. 162), **Mason Andersen** (No. 171), **Jackson Suber** (No. 174), **Ryan Gerard** (No. 181), **Peter Kuest** (No. 185), **Kevin Velo** (No. 193), and **Isaiah Salinda** (No. 195).
- Eight of the 11 players who finished T9 or higher at last year's Ascendant presented by Blue, including reigning champion Nicholas Lindheim, earned their PGA TOUR cards with a top 30 finish on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List. Those players were: Lindheim, Max Greyserman (2nd), Parker Coody (3rd), Alejandro Tosti (T4), Kevin Dougherty (T6), Adrien Dumont de Chassart (T6), Paul Barjon (T9), and Ben Silverman (T9).
- Eight of the top 10 players from the 2024 PGA TOUR University Ranking are in this week's field:
 - » No. 2 **Christo Lamprecht** (Georgia Tech)
 - » No. 3 **Austin Greaser** (North Carolina)
 - » No. 4 **Matthew Riedel** (Vanderbilt)
 - » No. 5 **Nick Gabrelcik** (North Florida)
 - » No. 6 **William Moll** (Vanderbilt)
 - » No. 7 **Cole Sherwood** (Vanderbilt)
 - » No. 9 **Gustav Frimodt** (TCU)
 - » No. 10 **Karl Vilips** (Stanford)

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	Steven Fisk	1436
2	Max McGreevy	1358
3	Tim Widing	1358
4	Harry Higgs	1241
5	Taylor Dickson	1094
6	Kevin Velo	1053
7	Mason Andersen	921
8	Quade Cummins	849
9	Ryan Gerard	804
10	Frankie Capan III	784
11	Jackson Suber	774
12	John Pak	762
13	Jeremy Paul	759
14	Brian Campbell	756
15	Isaiah Salinda	731
16	Kevin Roy	684
17	Aldrich Potgieter	673
18	Cristobal Del Solar	670
19	Trent Phillips	655
20	Kris Ventura	645
21	Kaito Onishi	633
22	William Mouw	617
23	Myles Creighton	557
24	Trey Winstead	550
25	Kyle Westmoreland	543
26	Noah Goodwin	530
27	Matt McCarty	529
28	Dalton Ward	515
29	Ricky Castillo	506
30	Patrick Cover	502

PAST CHAMPIONS

Year	Player (Score)
2023	Nicholas Lindheim (-20 / 268)
2022	Zecheng Dou (-17 / 271)
2021	Tag Ridings (-16 / 272)
2020	Will Zalatoris (-15 / 273)
2019	Nelson Ledesma (-15 / 273)

2023 LEADERBOARD

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)

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

Low 18-Hole Score:	63	Chase Johnson (2020/R4), Greyson Sigg (2020/R4) Taylor Moore (2021/R1)
Low 36-Hole Score:	131	Tyson Alexander (2021)
Low 54-Hole Score:	201	Alejandro Tosti (2023)
Low 72-Hole Score:	268	Nicholas Lindheim (2023)
Largest Margin of Victory:	2	Nicholas Lindheim (2023)
Playoffs:	1	2021 (Tag Ridings defeated David Skinns, Kevin Yu)
Holes-in-One:	4	Most recent: Vince India/2022//No. 2/R2

COURSE INFORMATION

TPC Colorado	
Years Hosted:	2019-present
Scoring Average (2023):	71.814 / -0.186
Toughest Hole (2023):	No. 18, Par 4, 531 yards (4.362 / +0.362)
Easiest Hole (2023):	No. 6, Par 4, 370 yards (3.575 / -0.425)
Front-Nine Average (2023):	35.356 / -0.644
Back-Nine Average (2023):	36.457 / +0.457