



2024 Ascendant presented by Blue (17th of 26 events on 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Schedule) Tournament Media Site | Interview Transcripts

Berthoud, Colorado TPC Colorado July 11-14, 2024 Par/Yards: 72 / 8,029 Points: 500 (winner) Purse: \$1,000,000 / \$180,00 (winner)

### Final-Round Notes – Sunday, July 14, 2024

Weather: Sunny and hot. High of 98. Wind N  $\rightarrow$  NE at 7-15 mph, gusts up to 20 mph.

Suspension Summary: Play was suspended due to lightning at 1:44 p.m., and resumed at 4 p.m. (2 hours, 16 minutes).

#### Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Cristobal Del Solar	66	68	66	66	266 (-22)
T2	Brian Campbell	64	71	68	67	270 (-18)
	Matthew Riedel	71	69	64	66	270 (-18)
4	Alistair Docherty	68	71	63	69	271 (-17)

#### Charting the Champion (stats updated through tournament)

Category	<b>Cristobal Del Solar</b>		
Age (Birthdate)	30 (October 11, 1993)		
2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 5		
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2024	16-1-6		
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	41-1-10		
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at The Ascendant	2-1-1		

## Cristobal Del Solar is #TOURBound with victory at The Ascendant presented by Blue

**BERTHOUD, Colorado** – Cristobal Del Solar is #TOURBound and headed to the PGA TOUR next season. The 30-year-old Chilean trailed by three strokes after 54 holes of The Ascendant presented by Blue, but Del Solar made two eagles as he closed with a final-round 6-under 66, earning a four-stroke victory at TPC Colorado and becoming the fifth player to achieve #TOURBound status this season.

"I can say a bunch of words, but it's in there" Del Solar said as he pointed to his heart. "I can think of a bunch of words to describe it, but it's really deep. All the work we put in and just very happy it's paying off.

"I called my wife when I was signing the scorecard. She was bawling," Del Solar continued. "She was crying, and she's taking care of my daughter, so I didn't know if she was crying because of her or because of me, but, yeah, they're all very happy."

Del Solar's winning total of 22-under 266 – comprised of three 66s and a 4-under 68 – broke the previous 72-hole tournament scoring record of 20-under 268 established by 2023 champion Nicholas Lindheim.

Del Solar stood at 18-under par and tied for the lead with Korn Ferry Tour rookie Matthew Riedel when play was suspended due to lightning in the area. The only storm that hit the closing stretch of holes, though, was Del Solar after play resumed a little over two hours later.

Del Solar drained a 40-footer for eagle at the par-5 15th, chipped in for birdie at the par-3 16th, and curled in a birdie putt of just under 20 feet from the fringe at the par-4 18th as he stormed to a four-stroke win and his first Korn Ferry Tour title.

"I was just trying to keep it on the green," Del Solar said of his eagle putt at No. 15. "All I was trying to do is just have good speed. If it went in, amazing. If not, just have something near the hole, and I hit it perfect and just went in dead center. It was just crazy. My caddie said it was going with pretty good speed, but then my competitor was telling me that it was rolling pretty hard, so I don't really know who to believe. I thought it was a great putt."

Del Solar joined Benjamin Alvarado (2013 Brasil Classic) and three-time winner Mito Pereira as only the third Chilean to win on the Korn Ferry Tour. Upon conclusion of the season-ending Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance in October, Del Solar will join Alvarado (Class of 2013) and Pereira (Class of 2020-21) as one of three Chileans to earn a PGA TOUR card through the Korn Ferry Tour.

A native of Vina del Mar, Chile, Del Solar's earliest golf memories were rounds at Granadilla Country Club around the time he was eight years old. Del Solar remembered how he asked the older members for coins to buy ice cream for he and his friends.

As Del Solar excelled at golf and entered his teenage years, his parents saw an opportunity in the United States. Del Solar left his native Chile for Bradenton, Florida and IMG Academy, and later Florida State University, where he played five seasons and earned a 2017 All-America Third Team selection as a redshirt senior.

"I came here by myself and my family stayed back home. Grew up pretty quick, and I think that definitely helped," Del Solar said. "My family is very goal-oriented, they're very hard workers... they raised us that way, very disciplined. I've talked about (playing on the PGA TOUR) with my family forever, since playing on my home course, joking around, making a putt, fist pumping or, you know, thinking you're going to win a PGA TOUR event or major."

The victory moved Del Solar to No. 5 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, putting him firmly in the chase for the No. 1 spot with nine events remaining in the season. While the top 30 players on the final Points List will earn PGA TOUR membership for 2025, the No. 1 player earns fully exempt status, as well as coveted exemptions for the 2025 PLAYERS Championship and 2025 U.S. Open.

"Everything is just kind of coming together, and that's what I've been wanting to happen for a while," Del Solar said. "I'm just happy that all the work that I've put in is paying off. (My) career is just starting from this point on. I want to be on the PGA TOUR, I want to stay on the PGA TOUR, I want to be one of the best players in the world, so this is just a start."

# **Final-Round Notes**

• Cristobal Del Solar (1st/-22) becomes the 12th first-time Korn Ferry Tour winner this season

- Del Solar's victory marks his sixth top-10 of the season, tying Max McGreevy for the most top-10s on Tour this season
- Matthew Riedel (T2/-18), who finished No. 4 in the 2024 PGA TOUR University Ranking, posts his best finish in what was his fifth start (and third made cut) on the Korn Ferry Tour; he entered the week with a season-high finish of T34/Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS
- **Brian Campbell** (T2/-18) records his fourth runner-up finish in a Korn Ferry Tour event, as well as his second runner-up finish of the 2024 season (P2/Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard)
- Alistair Docherty (4th/-17) birdies the final hole in regulation to tie his career-high finish (T4/2024 Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS), moves out of a 6-way T5 and into a solo-fourth finish, a difference of 45 points on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- Matt McCarty (T5/-16), who carried a three-stroke lead into the final round, cards a 3-over 75, tied for the fourth-highest round of the final round; McCarty posts his third top-10 of the season all of which are top-five finishes (T3/Astara Chile Classic presented by Scotiabank; T4/AdventHealth Championship)
  - Only two of the seven 54-hole leads of three-plus strokes this season have been converted into victories (Ryan Gerard/BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNNEX/led by three, won by six; John Pak/Compliance Solutions Championship/led by seven, won by three)
- **Christo Lamprecht** (T5/-16), who finished No. 2 in the 2024 PGA TOUR University Ranking and earned fully exempt Korn Ferry Tour membership for the remainder of the 2024 season, closes in 6-under 66 and converts his first made cut on Tour into a top-five finish
- University of Colorado alum and Korn Ferry Tour winner Jeremy Paul (T5/-16) birdies three of the final four holes (Nos. 15, 17, 18) and posts his first top-10 since winning the season-opening The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay, also records his second top-10 in three starts at The Ascendant presented by Blue (T3/2022)
- Two-time Korn Ferry Tour winner **Trevor Cone** (T5/-16) posts a second consecutive top-10 and his fifth top-10 of the season; he did not have more than two top-10s in a single Korn Ferry Tour season prior to this year
- In his first PGA TOUR-sanctioned start, open qualifier Timmy Crawford (T5/-16), who recorded the fifth hole-in-one on a par 4 in Korn Ferry Tour history in Saturday's third round, qualifies for next week's Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper with a top-25 finish
- Open qualifier Will Chandler (T10/-15) converts his third made cut of the season into his first top-25 finish on the Korn Ferry Tour and, subsequently, a spot in next week's Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper
- Australian Karl Vilips (T13/-14), who finished No. 10 in the 2024 PGA TOUR University Ranking, records a top-25 in his Korn Ferry Tour debut and earns a spot in next week's Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper