



Pre-Tournament Notes

UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH

May 30 - June 2, 2024 • Raleigh, North Carolina
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THIS WEEK ON TOUR

- The Korn Ferry Tour heads to Raleigh, North Carolina for the UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH, the 12th event of the Tour's 26-event season.
- This week marks the 30th playing of the UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH, with Raleigh Country Club hosting for the fifth time.
- Raleigh Country Club, a Donald Ross course which opened in 1948, originally hosted the event from 1998-2000 before the UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH returned to the host course last season.
- Numerous players in the field played collegiately in the state of North Carolina, including **Ryan Blaum** (Duke), **Patrick Cover** (UNC-Wilmington), **Brett McLamb** (Campbell/North Carolina State), **Blake McShea** (UNC-Wilmington), **Pontus Nyholm** (Campbell), **Julian Suri** (Duke) and four players from the University of North Carolina (**Ryan Gerard**, **Austin Hitt**, **Carter Jenkins** and sponsor exemption **David Ford**).
- Joey Garber** (2018 winner) is the lone past champion in the field this week.
- Trent Phillips** returns to Raleigh one year after a runner-up finish when he was defeated by Jorge Fernández Valdés in a playoff. Phillips enters this week ranked 10th on the points list after logging three top-10s in 11 starts this season.
- South Africa's **Cole Stevens** is making his first ever start in a PGA TOUR-sanctioned event this week after earning a sponsor exemption by finishing No. 1 in the 2023-24 Bridgestone APGA Collegiate Ranking. Stevens played collegiately at Augusta University and clinched the top spot after winning the Southland Conference Individual Championship in late April.

2024 KEY STORYLINES

- Tim Widing**, who is currently No. 1 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List, was the first player this season to record multiple victories after winning the LECOM Suncoast Classic and the Veritex Bank Championship in back-to-back weeks. A 26-year-old from Jonkoping, Sweden, Widing has seven top-25 finishes in 10 starts this season, including three consecutive top-10 finishes in each of his last three starts.
- 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 Astar 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 Astar 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).
- Mason Andersen's** victory at the 117th Visa Argentina Open presented by Macro earned him an exemption for the 2024 Open Championship at Royal Troon. The Visa Argentina Open, which became a Korn Ferry Tour event this season, annually awards an exemption for The Open Championship via its partnership with the R&A.

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	
Jun 6-9	BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX	
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

- Field includes 47 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 66 total wins, led by four-time winner **Kevin Stadler**.
- Field includes 14 PGA TOUR winners with 26 total victories, led by five-time winner **Jonathan Byrd**.
- Six players in this week's field are in the top 200 of the Official World Golf Ranking: **Tim Widing** (No. 122), **Mason Andersen** (No. 151), **Frankie Capan III** (No. 172), **Steven Fisk** (No. 180), **Peter Kuest** (No. 183) and **Taylor Dickson** (No. 200).
- Six of the 10 players who finished T8 or better in this event last year are in the field this week: **Trent Phillips** (2nd), **John Augenstein** (T3), **Kyle Westmoreland** (5th), **Frankie Capan III** (T6), **Shad Tuten** (T8) and **Matt McCarty** (T8).
 - Westmoreland** held a share of the 18- and 36-hole leads in Raleigh last year, but settled for a solo-fifth finish after playing the final two rounds at even par.
 - Capan** is coming off his best career finish from last week, a solo runner-up at the Visit Knoxville Open, where he fell to Harry Higgs on the second hole of a sudden-death playoff. Capan has finished inside the top 10 in four of his last five starts on Tour.
- Doc Redman** attended Leesville Road High School in Raleigh, approximately 14 miles from Raleigh Country Club, and will be making his first ever start at the UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH.
- Quade Cummins** leads all players this season with five top-10 finishes. Cummins, who sits fifth on the points list, enters the week coming off three consecutive finishes inside the top 10.

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	815
4	Mason Andersen	813
5	Quade Cummins	781
6	Kevin Velo	708
7	Frankie Capan III	665
8	Jeremy Paul	645
9	Brian Campbell	634
10	Trent Phillips	627
11	Isaiah Salinda	600
12	Aldrich Potgieter	594
13	Taylor Dickson	579
14	Kris Ventura	572
15	Kevin Roy	561
16	Myles Creighton	557
17	Max McGreevy	544
18	Kyle Westmoreland	538
19	Noah Goodwin	475
20	Ricky Castillo	468
21	Cristobal Del Solar	466
22	Trey Winstead	445
23	Dalton Ward	435
24	Wil Bateman	413
25	Matt McCarty	374
26	Sam Bennett	368
27	Rob Oppenheim	352
28	Ross Steelman	333
29	Tanner Gore	315
30	Brandon Harkins	310

PAST CHAMPIONS

Year	Player / Score	Year	Player / Score
2023	Jorge Fernández Valdés (267 / -13)	2008	Scott Gutschewski (270 / -14)
2022	Davis Thompson (267 / -17)	2007	Kyle Thompson (268 / -16)
2020	Mito Pereira (263 / -21)	2006	Brenden Pappas (268 / -16)
2019	Sebastian Cappelen (263 / -21)	2005	Eric Axley (270 / -14)
2018	Joey Garber (266 / -18)	2004	Chris Anderson (271 / -13)
2017	Conrad Shindler (269 / -15)	2003	David Morland IV (268 / -16)
2016	Trey Mullinax (270 / -14)	2002	Zoran Zorkic (274 / -10)
2015	Kyle Thompson (267 / -17)	2001	John Maginnes (269 / -15)
2014	Byron Smith (268 / -16)	2000	Mark Hensby (266 / -18)
2013	Chesson Hadley (265 / -19)	1999	Vance Veazey (269 / -15)
2012	James Hahn (271 / -13)	1998	Brian Bateman (266 / -18)
2011	Kyle Thompson (270 / -14)	1997	Ahmad Bateman (284 / -4)
2010	John Riegger (193 / -20)	1996	Glen Hnatiuk (205 / -11)
2009	Kevin Johnson (266 / -18)	1995	Michael Christie (266 / -22)
		1994	Skip Kendall (276 / -12)

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

Low 18-Hole Score:	60	Jimmy Green (1998, R1), Chris Baker (2019, R2)
Low 36-Hole Score:	127	Chris Baker (2019)
Low 54-Hole Score:	193	John Riegger (2010)
Low 72-Hole Score:	263	Sebastian Cappelen (2019), Mito Pereira and Stephan Jaeger (2021)
Largest Margin of Victory:	5	John Riegger (2010)
Playoffs:	8	last in 2021 (Mito Pereira def. Stephan Jaeger)

COURSE INFORMATION

Raleigh Country Club

Ranked 6th most difficult in 2023

Years Hosted:	1998-2000, 2023-present
Scoring Average (2023):	70.291 / +0.291
Toughest Hole (2023):	No. 1, Par 4, 507 yards (4.312 / +0.312)
Easiest Hole (2023):	No. 9, Par 4, 337 yards (3.695 / -0.305)
Front-Nine Average (2023):	35.079 / +0.079
Back-Nine Average (2023):	35.212 / +0.212