

# **Pre-Tournament Notes Utah Championship presented by** Zions Bank and Intermountain Health



August 1-4, 2024 • Farmington, Utah Oakridge Country Club • Par 71 • 7,045 yards 156 players • Purse: \$1,000,000 (\$180,000/Winner) Reigning Champion: Roger Sloan



## THIS WEEK ON TOUR

- The Korn Ferry Tour returns to Farmington, Utah for the 20th event of the Tour's 26-event season, the Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health.
- All four rounds of competition will air on Golf Channel (all times ET)
  - Thursday, Aug. 1 4 p.m. 6 p.m.
  - Friday, Aug. 2 4 p.m. 6 p.m.
  - Saturday, Aug. 3 3 p.m. 6 p.m.
  - Sunday, Aug. 4 3 p.m. 6 p.m.
- The Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health was on the Korn Ferry Tour's inaugural schedule in 1990, and this year marks the 33rd playing of the event (tournament was not held in 1997 and 1998).
- German Thomas Rosenmueller claimed his first career Korn Ferry Tour victory at last week's NV5 Invitational presented by Old National Bank, becoming the 14th first time winner on Tour this season and climbing to No. 15 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List.
- Steven Fisk reclaimed the No. 1 spot on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List from Tim Widing with his Tour-leading fifth top-three finish of the 2024 season at the NV5 Invitational presented by Old National Bank.
- Harry Higgs, one of three two-time winners this season (Taylor Dickson and Tim Widing [not in field] are the others), returns to action this week, making his first start since the Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS. Higgs, who is No. 4 on the Points List, is seeking the Three-Victory Promotion, which would earn them an immediate promotion to the PGA TOUR.

#### **2024 KEY STORYLINES**

- Kris Ventura, who won the 2019 Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health, is competing in the men's Olympic golf competition this week in France. Ventura is one of seven international players currently in the top 30 of the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List.
- · In addition to Dickson, Higgs, and Widing, four other players have been declared #TOURBound and secured PGA TOUR membership for the 2025 season: Matt McCarty (winner at the 2024 Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper), Cristobal Del Solar (winner of the 2024 Ascendant presented by Blue), Steven Fisk (winner of the 2024 Club Car Championship at The Landings Golf & Athletic Club), and Max McGreevy (winner of the 2024 Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS in Springfield, Illinois). Del Solar, Fisk and McGreevy also lead the Korn Ferry Tour in top-10s (six apiece).
- 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.
- · 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.
- Through 18 events this season, there are 14 first-time Korn Ferry Tour winners, as well as 12 wins by players in their 20s. Last season, there were just 10 first-time winners, and 12 wins by players in their 20s.

| oger Sloan           |                                                                                      |                                    |  |  |  |  |
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| 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 -<br>March 1 | 117th Visa Argentina Open<br>presented by Macro                                      | Mason Andersen (-17 / 263)         |  |  |  |  |
| March 7-10           | Astara Chile Classic<br>presented by Scotiabank                                      | Taylor Dickson (-17 / 271)         |  |  |  |  |
| April 4-7            | Club Car Championship at The<br>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 -<br>June 2   | UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH                                          | Kaito Onishi (-8 / 272)            |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 6-9              | BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNNEX                                            | Ryan Gerard (-26 / 259)            |  |  |  |  |
| June 13-16           | Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita<br>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<br>(-22 / 266) |  |  |  |  |
| July 18-21           | Price Cutter Charity Championship<br>presented by Dr Pepper                          | Matt McCarty (-25 / 263)           |  |  |  |  |
| July 25-28           | NV5 Invitational presented<br>by Old National Bank                                   | Thomas Rosenmueller<br>(-25 / 259) |  |  |  |  |
| Aug. 1-4             | Utah Championship presented by<br>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<br>the Snedeker Foundation                                     |                                    |  |  |  |  |
| Sept. 19-22          | Nationwide Children's Hospital<br>Championship                                       |                                    |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 3-6             | Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance                   |                                    |  |  |  |  |
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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**

- Eighth consecutive playing of the Utah Championship at Oakridge Country Club
- Field includes 53 Korn Ferry Tour winners -- including past champions Andrew Kozan (2022) and Joshua Creel (2021) -- with 71 total victories, led by four-time winners Kevin Stadler.
- 10 players in this week's field are in the top 200 in the Official World Golf Rankings: Steven Fisk
  (No. 105), Harry Higgs (No. 145), Cristobal Del Solar (No. 159), Frankie Capan III (No. 174), Matt
  McCarty (No. 175), Brian Campbell (No. 181), Ryan Gerard (No. 193), Mason Andersen (No.
  194), Sam Bennett (No. 197) and Alistair Docherty (No. 191).
- Field includes eight PGA TOUR winners with 20 total wins, led by Ben Crane with five career victories.
- Several current and former BYU Cougars are in this week's field: Kihei Akina, Max Brenchley, Cooper Jones, Peter Kuest, Carson Lundell, Cole Ponich and Daniel Summerhays
- Seven of the top 10 players from the 2024 PGA TOUR University Ranking are in this week's field:
  - » No. 3 Austin Greaser (North Carolina) -- No. 124 on Points List | T4 at Memorial Health Champ.
  - » No. 4 Matthew Riedel (Vanderbilt) -- No. 71 on Points List | T2 at The Ascendant
  - » No. 5 Nick Gabrelcik (North Florida) -- No. 127 on Points List | T7 Price Cutter Charity Champ.
  - » No. 6 William Moll (Vanderbilt) -- No. 148 on Points List | Five cuts made
  - » No. 7 Cole Sherwood (Vanderbilt) -- No. 179 on Points List | Three cuts made
  - » No. 9 Gustav Frimodt (TCU) -- No. 224 on Points List | One cut made
  - » No. 10 Karl Vilips (Stanford) -- No. 44 on Points List | 2nd last week

#### **PAST CHAMPIONS**

| YearPlayer (Score)                |                                   |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2023Roger Sloan (-24 / 260)       | 2007Franklin Langham (-20 / 264)  |
| 2022 Andrew Kozan (-21 / 263)     | 2006Craig Kanada (-16 / 272)      |
| 2021Joshua Creel (-24 / 260)      | 2005 Garrett Willis (-13 / 275)   |
| 2020 Kyle Jones (-20 / 264)       | 2004 Brett Wetterich (-16 / 272)  |
| 2019Kris Ventura (-14 / 270)      | 2003Zach Johnson (-21 / 267)      |
| 2018Cameron Champ (-24 / 260)     | 2002 Arron Oberholser (-14 / 202) |
| 2017 Brice Garnett (-21 / 263)    | 2001 David Sutherland (-16 / 272) |
| 2016Nicholas Lindheim (-15 / 269) | 2000 Andy Morse (-19 / 269)       |
| 2015 Patton Kizzire (-19 / 269)   | 1999 Carl Paulson (-22 / 266)     |
| 2014Andres Gonzales (-21 / 263)   | 1996 Michael Christie (-20 / 196) |
| 2013Steven Alker (-22 / 262)      | 1995Glen Hnatiuk (-13 / 203)      |
| 2012Doug LaBelle II (-15 / 269)   | 1994Chris Perry (-11 / 205)       |
| 2011J.J. Killeen (-22 / 262)      | 1993Sean Murphy (-12 / 204)       |
| 2010 Michael Putnam (-18 / 266)   | 1992 Jeff Woodland (-14 / 202)    |
| 2009Josh Teater (-20 / 264)       | 1991Ted Tryba (-14 / 202)         |
| 2008Brendon Todd (-22 / 262)      | 1990John Daly (-13 / 203)         |

| TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS |     |                                                                        |  |  |  |
|----------------------------|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Low 18-Hole Score:         | 59  | Will Wilcox (2013/R4)                                                  |  |  |  |
| Low 36-Hole Score:         | 125 | Cameron Champ (2018)                                                   |  |  |  |
| Low 54-Hole Score:         | 191 | Jim Knous (2018)                                                       |  |  |  |
| Low 72-Hole Score:         | 260 | Roger Sloan (2023, Cameron Champ (2018)                                |  |  |  |
| Largest Margin of Victory: | 6   | Brendon Todd (2008), Carl Paulson (1999)                               |  |  |  |
| Playoffs:                  | 5   | Last in 2020 (Kyle Jones defeated Paul Haley II and Daniel Summerhays) |  |  |  |

## **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         | 1570   |
| 2    | Tim Widing          | 1491   |
| 3    | Max McGreevy        | 1373   |
| 4    | Harry Higgs         |        |
| 5    | Taylor Dickson      |        |
| 6    | Cristobal Del Solar | 1170   |
| 7    | Matt McCarty        |        |
| 8    | Brian Campbell      |        |
| 9    | Kevin Velo          |        |
| 10   | Quade Cummins       | 947    |
| 11   | Ryan Gerard         |        |
| 12   | Mason Andersen      | 921    |
| 13   | Jeremy Paul         |        |
| 14   | Jackson Suber       |        |
| 15   | Thomas Rosenmueller |        |
| 16   | John Pak            |        |
| 17   | Frankie Capan III   |        |
| 18   | Kris Ventura        |        |
| 19   | Isaiah Salinda      |        |
| 20   | Kevin Roy           |        |
| 21   | Trent Phillips      |        |
| 22   | Sam Bennett         |        |
| 23   | Kaito Onishi        |        |
| 24   | Aldrich Potgieter   |        |
| 25   | William Mouw        |        |
| 26   | Noah Goodwin        |        |
| 27   | Dalton Ward         |        |
| 28   | Trevor Cone         |        |
| 29   | Myles Creighton     |        |
| 30   | Trey Winstead       | 565    |

## **COURSE INFORMATION**

Oakridge Country Club

Years Hosted: 2017-present

Toughest Hole (2023):

**Scoring Average (2023):** 68.415 / -2.585

No. 10, Par 4, 517 yards (4.407 / +0.407)

**Easiest Hole (2023):** No. 7, Par 5, 551 yards

(4.275 / -0.725)

Front-Nine Average (2023): 34.285 / -1.715

Back-Nine Average (2023): 34.13 / -0.87