



Pre-Tournament Notes Veritex Bank Championship

April 25-28, 2024 • Arlington, Texas
Texas Rangers Golf Club • Par 71 • 7,010 yards
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Reigning Champion: Spencer Levin



THIS WEEK ON TOUR

- The Korn Ferry Tour returns to Texas Rangers Golf Club in Arlington, Texas for the fourth playing of the Veritex Bank Championship.
- Tim Widing's** victory at last week's LECOM Suncoast Classic vaulted him to No. 1 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, moving five points ahead of No. 2 **Mason Andersen** and six points ahead of No. 3 **Steven Fisk**. The No. 1 player on the Points List at season's end will earn fully exempt membership for the 2025 PGA TOUR season, as well as exemptions for the 2025 PLAYERS Championship and U.S. Open.
- Miles Russell, a 15-year-old amateur and the 2023 AJGA Rolex Junior Player of the Year, will make his second Korn Ferry Tour start following a T20 finish at last week's LECOM Suncoast Classic. Last Friday, at 15 years, 5 months, 18 days of age, Russell became the youngest player to make the cut in Korn Ferry Tour history. Two days later (15 years, 5 months, 20 days of age) he became the youngest player on record (i.e. - since 1983) to record a top-25 on either the Korn Ferry Tour or PGA TOUR.
 - The only other player under the age of 18 to record a top-25 in a Korn Ferry Tour event is Si Woo Kim (T11/2013 Mid-Atlantic Championship/17 years, 11 months, 5 days).
 - Gipper Finau previously held the record for youngest player to make the cut in Korn Ferry Tour history (16 years, 20 days/2006 Utah Championship).
- Each of the last five Korn Ferry Tour events ended in a sudden-death playoff, marking the longest such streak in Korn Ferry Tour history. The previous record for consecutive events which ended in a playoff was four (2004, 2019).
- Reigning champion **Spencer Levin**, who has four made cuts in eight starts this season and stands No. 102 on the Points List, will attempt to become the second player in Korn Ferry Tour history to successfully defend a title. The only successful title defense in Korn Ferry Tour history occurred at the Veritex Bank Championship, as Tyson Alexander won back-to-back titles in 2021 and 2022.
 - » Levin won the 2023 Veritex Bank Championship after he gained entry to the field as an open qualifier; he became the 24th player in history -- and only the second since the start of 2017 -- to win as an open qualifier.

2024 KEY STORYLINES

- All eight winners this season are first-time winners on the Korn Ferry Tour, tying the second-longest streak of first-time winners to open a season in Korn Ferry Tour history. The 2022 season also opened with eight consecutive first-time winners, while the 2002 season opened with 10 consecutive first-time winners.
- 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).
- 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		
May 16-19	AdventHealth Championship	
May 23-26	Visit Knoxville Open	
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 49 Korn Ferry Tour winners -- including seven of the eight winners from this season -- with 69 total wins, led by four-time winner **Kevin Stadler**.
- Field includes 13 PGA TOUR winners with 27 total victories, led by five-time winners **Ben Crane** and **Mark Wilson**.
- Four players in this week's field are in the top 200 of the Official World Golf Ranking: **Mason Andersen** (No. 152), **Steven Fisk** (No. 185), **Tim Widing** (No. 193), and **Isaiah Salinda** (No. 198).
- Five of the nine player who finished T7 or higher at the 2023 Veritex Bank Championship went on to earn PGA TOUR cards at season's end, including Jake Knapp, who won the 2024 Mexico Open at Vidanta on TOUR. The five players were: Patrick Fishburn (T3), Rico Hoey (T3), Tom Whitney (6th), Jacob Bridgeman (T7), and Knapp (T7).
- Numerous members in the field have ties to the state of Texas: **Sam Bennett** (Madisonville resident), **Steven Bodwitch** (Flower Mound resident), **Cooper Dossey** (Addison resident), **Noah Goodwin** (Dallas resident), **Tanner Gore** (El Paso native), **Cole Hammer** (Houston resident), sponsor exemption **Caleb Hicks** (Arlington native and resident), **Kyle Jones** (Grapevine resident), **Sung Kang** (Frisco resident), **Walker Lee** (Houston native and resident), sponsor exemption **Callum McNeill** (Hockley resident), **Mitchell Meissner** (San Antonio resident), **Alvaro Ortiz** (Dallas resident), **Tag Ridings** (Keller resident), **Thomas Rosenmueller** (Denton resident), **Brian Stuard** (Fort Worth resident), **Dawie van der Walt** (Kingwood resident), **Kyle Westmoreland** (Katy resident).
- 11 Korn Ferry Tour members in the field played collegiately in Texas:
 - » Baylor University (2) - **Cooper Dossey**, **Kyle Jones**
 - » Texas A&M University (2) - **Sam Bennett**, **Walker Lee**
 - » University of Texas-Arlington (2) - **Tanner Gore**, **Caleb Hicks**
 - » University of Texas (1) - **Cole Hammer**
 - » Other (4) - **Noah Goodwin** (Southern Methodist), **Mitchell Meissner** (Rice), **Thomas Rosenmueller** (North Texas), **Dawie van der Walt** (Lamar)

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	761
2	Mason Andersen	756
3	Steven Fisk	755
4	Kevin Velo	666
5	Isaiah Salinda	588
6	Jeremy Paul	573
7	Aldrich Potgieter	570
8	Brian Campbell	558
9	Taylor Dickson	525
10	Kyle Westmoreland	487
11	Kris Ventura	474
12	Quade Cummins	465
13	Kevin Roy	448
14	Trey Winstead	445
15	Ricky Castillo	436
16	Trent Phillips	405
17	Noah Goodwin	388
18	Wil Bateman	384
19	Max McGreevy	375
20	Cristobal Del Solar	371
21	Rob Oppenheim	349
22	Ross Steelman	315
23	Thomas Walsh	296
24	Patrick Cover	281
25	Jackson Suber	279
26	Matt McCarty	265
27	Myles Creighton	238
28	Cole Hammer	237
29	Keenan Huskey	230
30	Frankie Capan III	230

PAST CHAMPIONS

Year	Player (Score)
2023	Spencer Levin (-20/264)
2022	Tyson Alexander (-22/262)
2021	Tyson Alexander (-23/261)

2023 LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Spencer Levin	66	68	67	63	264 (-20)
2	Brett Drewitt	64	66	65	70	265 (-19)
T3	Patrick Fishburn	65	70	65	66	266 (-18)
	Rico Hoey	67	68	68	63	266 (-18)
5	Sam Saunders	65	67	70	65	267 (-17)
6	Tom Whitney	70	68	67	64	269 (-15)

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

Low 18-Hole Score:	62	12 times (Last: Noah Goodwin/2023/Round 1)
Low 36-Hole Score:	127	Anders Albertson, Dan McCarthy, Theo Humphrey (2021)
Low 54-Hole Score:	192	Theo Humphrey (2021)
Low 72-Hole Score:	261	Tyson Alexander (2021)
Largest Margin of Victory:	2	Tyson Alexander (2022)
Playoffs:	0	--
Holes-in-One:	2	Anders Albertson (No. 2/2021/Round 1) Tom Whitney (No. 12/2022/Round 4)

COURSE INFORMATION

Texas Rangers Golf Club	
Years Hosted:	2021-present
Scoring Average (2023):	69.662 / -1.338
Toughest Hole (2023):	No. 4, Par 4, 512 yards (4.249 / +0.249)
Easiest Hole (2023):	No. 9, Par 5, 532 yards (4.390 / -0.610)
Front-Nine Average (2023):	34.524 / -0.476
Back-Nine Average (2023):	35.138 / -0.862