



## Elk Ridge Saskatchewan Open presented by Lake Country Co-op

Elk Ridge Resort | Resort Village of Elk Ridge, Saskatchewan | August 15-18, 2024

### Third-Round Notes – August 17, 2024

**PGA TOUR Americas 2024 Season:** 13th of 16 events

- North America Swing: 7th of 10 events

**Fortinet Cup Points:** 500 (winner)

**Purse:** \$225,000 (\$40,500 winner)

Pos.	Player	Score
1	A.J. Ewart (Canada)	63-66-67 – 196 (-14)
2	Chuan-Tai Lin (Chinese Taipei)	64-65-68 – 197 (-13)
T3	Bryce Lewis (United States)	67-64-67 – 198 (-12)
T3	John Keefer (United States)	65-65-68 – 198 (-12)
T3	Thomas Lilly (United States)	65-64-69 – 198 (-12)
T6	<i>Five Players Tied</i>	199 (-11)

**RESORT VILLAGE OF ELK RIDGE, Saskatchewan** – Team Canada member A.J. Ewart enters the final round with a one-stroke lead over Chinese Taipei’s Chuan-Tai Lin after carding a 3-under 67 on Saturday. Three-time runner-up Johnny Keefer is tied for third alongside Bryce Lewis and Thomas Lilly. Five players are tied for sixth after the third round.

Ewart reclaimed solo possession of the leaderboard after being part of a four-way tie for the lead after Friday’s second round. A birdie on No. 18 carded a third-round 3-under 67 and 14-under total for Ewart, and proved to be enough to withstand Chuan-Tai Lin who finished one group ahead in 13-under for the tournament. In three rounds, Ewart has taken advantage of the back-nine, and totals 11-under for the nine-hole stretch thus far.

On his mindset of going into the final round with the solo lead, Ewart noted, “Same as it was the last couple of days. Just go and stick to my process and hit golf shots and see where that puts me at the end of the day. I feel like if I can commit to every shot, and really stick to my process throughout the day, I’ll be happy wherever I finish tomorrow, no matter what happens.”

The 25-year-old gained entry into this week's field via sponsor exemption and made his fifth start of the season in Saskatchewan. With a victory, Ewart would become an exempt member on PGA TOUR Americas for the rest of the 2024 season and into the Latin America Swing of 2025. Most importantly, he would move into near contention for a Korn Ferry Tour card, as a win is projected to boost his standing in the Fortinet Cup 155 spots up to No. 14 with three events remaining in the season after starting the week off at No. 169.

Previously, the Coquitlam native has appeared in three other events this season on the basis of sponsor exemptions, as well as a fourth event due to his season-best and top-25 finish at the Explore NB Open (T25/-14). Another top-25 finish this week would guarantee Ewart a spot in next week's field at the CentrePort Canada Rail Park Manitoba Open.

Ewart is in his second year as a professional, and graduated from Division II Barry University in 2023. He played four seasons in Miami Shores, Florida, and won a school-record 14 times, breaking the previous record held by PGA TOUR player Adam Svensson. Ewart's most notable accomplishments in his collegiate career include winning the Jack Nicklaus Award as the top player in Division II golf and claiming medalist honors seven times in one season (previously held by Svensson).

Upon completion of college, Ewart earned status on PGA TOUR Canada through Q-School, and by registering only three made cuts in nine starts, finished No. 89 in the Fortinet Cup. By finishing outside of the top 80 in the points list, Ewart had to rely on sponsor exemptions for PGA TOUR-sanctioned starts this season. His career-best finish came at the 2023 ATB Classic on PGA TOUR Canada where he finished tied for 16th at 9-under. Ewart looks to top that finish this week as he holds the 54-hole lead/co-lead for the first time in his career.

Final-round tee times begin at 7:25 a.m. MT and will run until 11:23 a.m. MT off the No. 1 tee on Sunday.

### **About A.J. Ewart (1st/-14)**

**Age:** 25

**Birthplace:** Coquitlam, Canada

**Residence:** Coquitlam, Canada

**College:** Barry University

**Fortinet Cup (start of week):** 169th

- Made his fifth start on PGA TOUR Americas this week and gained entry to the field via sponsor exemption; best finish came at his Tour debut at the Explore NB Open (T25/-14)
- Has been a member of Golf Canada since 2017; initially joined the team's amateur squad from 2017-18 and 2022, and most recently became a part of Team Canada for 2023-24
- Played four seasons at Division II Barry University (2019-23); won a school-record 14 times, breaking the previous record held by fellow-Canadian and current PGA TOUR player Adam Svensson
- Tied Adam Svensson's school record of seven victories in a season during his junior year in 2022; finished inside the top-15 in each tournament appearance this season (13)
- Was just the second Division II player ever to win the Golfstat Cup, finishing the year with a 69.78 scoring average
- Won the Jack Nicklaus Award as the top player in Division II golf as a junior

- Began playing golf at two years old; got into the game through his father who was a touring professional and now teaches golf at Burnaby Mountain Golf Course

### **Competition Notes**

**Course Setup:** Par 70 / 6,781 yards; R3 average: 68.91

**Weather:** Cloudy with occasional showers and a high of 75. Wind from the northeast at 3-8 mph with gusts up to 17 mph.

- Team Canada member A.J. Ewart (1st/-14) holds the 54-hole lead/co-lead for the first time in his career, and gained entry into this week's field via sponsor exemption
- Yorkton-native and sponsor exemption Kade Johnson is tied for 19th in 9-under
- Brendon Doyle (T6) and Chris Korte (T11) shot the low round of the day in 5-under 65
- Andres Gallegos (T11/-10) finished the third round as the low Latin in 10-under
- Ewart (1st/-14) leads five Canadians in the top-25: Chris Crisologo (T11/-10), Kade Johnson (T19/-9), Jimmy Jones (T19/-9), and Johnny Travale (T23/-8)
- Chris Crisologo (T11/-10) recorded the fifth ace of the PGA TOUR Americas season in the first round on No. 17 – the 134-yard par 3
- Chris Crawford (T11/-10) recorded his second hole-in-one of the season in the second round on No. 15 – the 164-yard par 3
- Samuel Anderson (T36/-6) made a hole-in-one in the third round on the 315-yard par 4 No. 7; it was his second hole-in-one of the season
- Hole No. 3 – the 488-yard par 4 – is the most challenging hole at Elk Ridge Resort; averaging a +.350

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