

2025 Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard
(4th of 26 events on 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Schedule)
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Bogotá, Colombia	February 6-9, 2025	Points: 500 (winner)
Country Club de Bogotá	Par/Yards: 71 (35-36) / 7,237 (Lagos); 70 (35-35) / 6,254 (Pacos)	
Purse: \$1,000,000 / \$180,000 (winner)		

First-Round Notes – Thursday, February 6, 2025

Preferred lies were in effect for the first round.

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 68. Wind N/NE at 4-8 mph

Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	Course	R1	Total
1	Rick Lamb	PC	62	62 (-8)
T2	Esteban Jaramillo (a)	PC	63	63 (-7)
	Fabián Gómez	PC	63	63 (-7)
T4	Roger Sloan	PC	64	64 (-6)
	Harry Hillier	PC	64	64 (-6)
	Patrick Welch	PC	64	64 (-6)
	Jeremy Gandon	PC	64	64 (-6)
	Jack Maguire	PC	64	64 (-6)
	Michael Johnson	PC	64	64 (-6)
	Ian Holt	PC	64	64 (-6)
	James Nicholas	FC	65	65 (-6)

Charting the Leader

Category	Rick Lamb
Age	34
2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 26
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2025	3-0-1
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	128-1-7
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard	3-0-0

Rick Lamb (1st/-8)

- Cards an opening round bogey-free 8-under 62 on the Pacos course, matching his career-low 18-hole score (2025 The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island/R1; 2024 LECOM Suncoast Classic/R2; 2021 Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS/R1;)
- Third 18-hole lead/co-lead of his Korn Ferry Tour Career in what is his 129th start
- Making fifth career start at Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard; owns three made cuts in four previous starts with his best finish coming in the form of a T49 (2023)
- Finished No. 74 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List to earn fully exempt status for the 2025 season
- Made 15 cuts in 22 starts last season on Tour with four top-10 finishes
- Defeated Dominic Bozzelli, Rhein Gibson and C.T. Pan in a playoff to capture his first career Korn Ferry Tour victory at the 2016 LECOM Health Challenge, an event he open-qualified into
- Finished No. 24 in the 2016 Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season money list to earn his first PGA TOUR card for the 2016-17 season

- Made 34 starts on the PGA TOUR with 13 made cuts, including a podium finish at the 2017 John Deere Classic (T3)
- Transferred to the University of Tennessee (2011-13) after two seasons at Santa Clara University (2009-2011); Named an All-American in 2013 at Tennessee and finished runner-up at the 2013 NCAA Championships as a senior

Additional Player Notes

- 23-year-old Colombian amateur **Esteban Jaramillo** (T2/-7), who is competing as a sponsor exemption this week, matches the lowest round by an amateur in a Korn Ferry Tour event with a 7-under 63 (last: Zachary Olsen/2017 Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open/R4) and cards the lowest round by an amateur at the Astara Golf Championship (previous: Daniel Faccini/65/2024/R2)
- Two-time PGA TOUR winner **Fabián Gómez** (T2/-7) posts a 7-under 63, matching his lowest opening-round score in any PGA TOUR-sanctioned event (2023 BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX; 2009 BMW Charity Pro-Am)
- **James Nicholas** (T4/-6), who is making his second career start at the Astara Golf Championship, turns in the low round of the day at the Lagos course with a 6-under 65; highlighted by an eagle on the par-5 18th
- Two-time Korn Ferry Tour winner **Roger Sloan** (T4/-6) stands inside the top five after 18 holes of play for the first time since the 2018 UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH (T1/finished T10)
- First-year member **Harry Hillier** (T4/-6), who earned Korn Ferry Tour membership for the first time with a No. 7 finish in the 2024 PGA TOUR Americas Fortinet Cup, records the lowest round of his career with 6-under 64 in what is his fifth start on Tour
- Colombian **Ricardo Celia** (T12/-5), who finished T32 at last season's Astara Golf Championship, made birdie on five of his final six holes (Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8) en route to a 5-under 65