



# Pre-Tournament Notes

## The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club

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### THIS WEEK ON TOUR

- The Korn Ferry Tour continues the 2025 season at The Abaco Club on Winding Bay for the eighth playing of The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club, the second stop of the Tour's 26-event schedule.
- All four rounds of competition will air live on Golf Channel (all times ET)
  - Sunday, Jan. 19 • 12 - 3 p.m.
  - Monday, Jan. 20 • 2 - 5 p.m.
  - Tuesday, Jan. 21 • 2 - 5 p.m.
  - Wednesday, Jan. 22 • 1 - 3 p.m.
- Hank Lebioda** made birdie on the first hole of a sudden-death playoff to defeat **S.H. Kim** and win the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season opener at last week's The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island, marking his first career Korn Ferry Tour victory in what was his 62nd career start on Tour.
- Reigning Champion Aldrich Potgieter, at 19 years, 4 months, 11 days, became the youngest winner in Korn Ferry Tour history at last season's Bahamas Great Abaco Classic. In 24 starts last season, the South African collected five top-25 finishes, including three top-10s, along with his victory en route to finishing No. 29 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List and securing his first PGA TOUR card.

### 2024 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Matt McCarty, who became the first player since 2021 to earn the Three-Victory Promotion, clinched the No. 1 spot on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points. By virtue of finishing atop the Korn Ferry Tour Points List, McCarty earns exemptions for the 2025 PLAYERS Championship and 2025 U.S. Open, in addition to being fully exempt for the 2025 PGA TOUR season.
- Aldrich Potgieter became the youngest winner in Korn Ferry Tour history at 19 years, 4 months, 11 days of age following his win at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club. Potgieter joined PGA TOUR winners Jason Day, Sungjae Im, and Akshay Bhatia as the fourth teenager to win on the circuit, and secured his PGA TOUR card via a No. 29 finish on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List. Potgieter earned TOUR membership at 20 years and 23 days of age, making him the second-youngest graduate in Korn Ferry Tour history, only trailing Day (19 years, 11 months, 23 days in 2007).
- Cristobal Del Solar carded the lowest round in PGA TOUR-sanctioned history in 13-under 57 in the opening round of the Astaro Golf Championship presented by Mastercard at Country Club de Bogota. Through his No. 14 finish on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, Del Solar became the third Chilean in history to earn PGA TOUR membership via the Korn Ferry Tour.
- After finishing No. 10 in the 2024 PGA TOUR University Ranking, Korn Ferry Tour Rookie of the Year Karl Vilips secured four consecutive top-15 finishes, highlighted by his maiden victory at the Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health, en route to a No. 19 finish on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List and PGA TOUR membership for the 2025 season.
- Of the 30 players who earned PGA TOUR membership via the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, 22 will be PGA TOUR rookies in 2025. Additionally, 11 of the 30 graduates were under the age of 26, the second-highest total in Korn Ferry Tour history (12/ Class of 2016).
- The 2024 Korn Ferry Tour graduating class had an average age of 27 years, 10 months, 20 days, making them the second-youngest class in Korn Ferry Tour history, only trailing the Class of 2016 (27 years, 9 months).

### 2025 SCHEDULE

Dates	Tournament	Winner (Score)
Jan. 12-15	The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island	Hank Lebioda (-18 / 262)
<b>Jan. 19-22</b>	<b>The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club</b>	
Jan. 30 - Feb. 2	The Panama Championship	
Feb. 6-9	Astaro Golf Championship presented by Mastercard	
Feb. 27 - March 2	118th Visa Argentina Open presented by Macro	
March 6-9	Astaro Chile Classic presented by Scotiabank	
April 3-6	Club Car Championship at The Landings Golf & Athletic Club	
April 16-19	LECOM Suncoast Classic	
April 24-27	Veritex Bank Championship	
May 1-4	PGA Riviera Maya Championship	
May 15-18	AdventHealth Championship	
May 22-25	Visit Knoxville Open	
May 29 - June 2	UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH	
June 5-8	BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX	
June 19-22	Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open	
June 26-29	Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS	
July 10-13	The Ascendant presented by Blue	
July 17-20	Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Hiland Dairy Foods	
July 24-27	NV5 Invitational presented by Old National Bank	
July 31 - Aug. 3	Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health	
Aug. 7-10	Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Woodhouse	
Aug. 14-17	Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron	
<b>Korn Ferry Tour Finals</b>		
Sept. 11-14	Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation	
Sept. 18-21	Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship	
Oct. 2-5	Compliance Solutions Championship	
Oct. 9-12	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

- The Abaco Club on Winding Bay will host the tournament for the seventh time in the event's eight-year history - the tournament was contested at Royal Blue Golf Club in Nassau, The Bahamas during the 2020 season.
- Field includes 21 PGA TOUR winners with 38 total wins, led by five-time TOUR winner **Nick Watney**.
- Field includes 45 Korn Ferry Tour winners - including three past champions of The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic: **Andrew Landry** (2017), **Jared Wolfe** (2020) and **Brandon Harkins** (2022) - with 68 total wins, led by **Robby Shelton** with four career victories.
- Three players in this week's field are in the top 200 in the Official World Golf Rankings: **Kensei Hirata** (No. 112), **S.H. Kim** (No. 186) and **Pierceson Coody** (No. 200).
  - Hirata, a six-time winner on the Japan Golf Tour, makes his Korn Ferry Tour debut this week, following a T21 finish at the Sony Open in Hawaii on the PGA TOUR. The Osaka, Japan native earned guaranteed starts in the first 12 events of the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season via a T8 finish at Final Stage of PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry.
- Nassau, The Bahamas native **Devaughn Robinson**, who is competing as a sponsor exemption, is making his third career start at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic, fifth career start on Tour, and seeking his first made cut.
- Including reigning champion Aldrich Potgieter, six of seven previous winners of The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic have gone on to earn their PGA TOUR card at season's end: Ben Silverman (2023), **Jared Wolfe** (2020), Rafael Campos (2019), Adam Svensson (2018) and Andrew Landry (2017).

### PAST CHAMPIONS

Year	Player (Score)
2024	Aldrich Potgieter (-10 / 278)
2023	Ben Silverman (-15 / 273)
2022	Brandon Harkins (-18 / 270)
2020	Jared Wolfe (-18 / 270)
2019	Rafael Campos (-7 / 281)
2018	Adam Svensson (-17 / 271)
2017	Andrew Landry (-16 / 272)

### 2024 LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Aldrich Potgieter	72	70	71	65	278 (-10)
T2	Quade Cummins	69	73	73	65	280 (-8)
T2	Kyle Westmoreland	66	74	68	72	280 (-8)
T4	Austin Smotherman	74	71	70	66	281 (-7)
T4	Daniel Summerhays	70	73	71	67	281 (-7)
T6	Noah Goodwin	70	70	73	69	282 (-6)
T6	Tano Goya	73	72	69	68	282 (-6)
T6	Michael Johnson	72	72	69	69	282 (-6)
T9	Two Players Tied					283 (-5)

### TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

<b>Low 18-Hole Score:</b>	63	Greg Yates (R3/2020)
<b>Low 36-Hole Score:</b>	132	Alvaro Ortiz (2022)
<b>Low 54-Hole Score:</b>	201	Jared Wolfe (2020), Zecheng Dou (2022)
<b>Low 72-Hole Score:</b>	270	Jared Wolfe (2020), Brandon Harkins (2022), Zecheng Dou (2022)
<b>Largest Margin of Victory:</b>	4	Jared Wolfe (2020)
<b>Playoffs:</b>	2	Last in 2023 (Ben Silverman defeated Cody Blick)
<b>Holes-in-One:</b>	2	Michael Letzig (R2/No. 10/2017), Rhein Gibson (R2/No. 17/2017)

### 2025 KORN FERRY TOUR POINTS LIST

At the end of the 26-event Korn Ferry Tour season, the top 20 players on the season-long points list will be awarded PGA TOUR cards (i.e. - membership) for the 2026 season. Below is a look at the 2025 Points List.

Click here to view the full points list:  
[2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List](#)

Rank	Player	Points
1	Hank Lebioda	500
2	S.H. Kim	300
3	Davis Shore	190
4	Austin Smotherman	135
5	Emilio Gonzalez	110
6	Sebastian Cappelen	100
7	Barend Botha	88
	Pierceson Coody	88
9	Trace Crowe	68
	Brandon Harkins	68
	Russell Knox	68
	Rick Lamb	68
	Ross Steelman	68
	John VanderLaan	68
15	Zach Bauchou	47
	Roberto Diaz	47
	Cooper Dossey	47
	Peter Kuest	47
	Adam Long	47
	S.Y. Noh	47
	Rob Oppenheim	47
	Sandy Scott	47
	Dylan Wu	47
24	Kevin Chappel	36
	Billy Kennerly	36
	Pontus Nyholm	36
27	Davis Chatfield	30
	Alvaro Ortiz	30
	Trent Phillips	30
	Rayhan Thomas	30

### COURSE INFORMATION

The Abaco Club on Winding Bay	
Ranked third most difficult in 2024	
<b>Years Hosted:</b>	2017 - 2019; 2022 - present
<b>Scoring Average (2024):</b>	73.304 / +1.304
<b>Toughest Hole (2024):</b>	No. 9, Par 4, 425 yards (4.478 / +0.478)
<b>Easiest Hole (2024):</b>	No. 1, Par 5, 560 yards (4.265 / -0.735)
<b>Front-Nine Average (2024):</b>	35.823 / -0.177
<b>Back-Nine Average (2024):</b>	37.484 / +0.165