

Astara Chile Classic presented by Scotiabank
(Sixth of 25 events on 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Schedule)

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Santiago, Chile
Prince of Wales Country Club

March 5-8, 2026
Par/Yards: 71 / 7,134

Points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$1,000,000 / \$180,00 (winner)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, March 5, 2026

Weather: Sunny. High of 87. Wind SW 6-18 mph.

Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	Total
T1	James Nicholas	64 (-7)
	Caleb VanArragon	64 (-7)
T3	Augusto Núñez	65 (-6)
	Austin Hitt	65 (-6)
	Nicolo Galletti	65 (-6)
	Marshall Meisel	65 (-6)

Charting the Co-Leaders (stats entering week)

Category	James Nicholas	Caleb VanArragon
Age	28	24
2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 4	No. 29
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2026	5-1-1	5-0-0
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	70-1-3	31-0-3
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at Astara Chile Classic	1-0-0	1-0-0

James Nicholas (T1/-7)

- Cards bogey-free 7-under 64 and holds his first 18-hole lead/co-lead in what is his 71st career start on the Korn Ferry Tour (previous career-high 18-hole position: T2/2025 Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open/finished T23)
- Earned his first Korn Ferry Tour title last month at the 2026 Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard in Bogota, Colombia, where he eagled the 72nd hole of regulation for a two-stroke victory
- One of three first-time Korn Ferry Tour winners this season (Ian Holt, Alistair Docherty)
- Finished No. 64 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, earning full status for the 2026 season
- Missed the cut at the 2025 Astara Chile Classic presented by Scotiabank, his only previous start in the event
- Previously held conditional status for the 2020-21 and 2022 Korn Ferry Tour seasons, and played the 2024 season on the DP World Tour
- Played four seasons at Yale University (2015-19), where he earned five collegiate victories, including medalist honors at the 2019 Ivy League Championship, and was the 2018 and 2019 Ivy League Player of the Year

Caleb VanArragon (T1/-7)

- Opens with bogey-free 7-under 64 and holds his first 18-hole lead/co-lead in what is his 32 career start on the Korn Ferry Tour (previous career-high 18-hole position: T2/2025 Evans Scholars Invitational/finished T7)
- Finished No. 56 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List as a rookie, earning full status for the 2026 season
- Finished T75 at the 2025 Astara Chile Classic presented by Scotiabank, his only previous start in the event
- Earned Korn Ferry Tour membership for the first time via 2024 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry
- Played five seasons at Valparaiso University (2019-24), where he was a five-time All-Missouri Valley Conference selection and the 2024 MVC Golfer of the Year

Additional Notes

- **Marshall Meisel** (T3/-6) makes a field-leading nine birdies to card 6-under 65; he was one of five players who advanced through each stage of 2025 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry, beginning with pre-qualifying, and he entered this week at No. 74 on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List with three made cuts in five starts, including a T17 at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club
- Sponsor exemption **Gustavo Silva** (T7/-5), a native of Rancagua, Chile, opens his second career start on the Korn Ferry Tour (2023 Astara Chile Classic presented by Scotiabank/MC) with a bogey-free 5-under 66
- Argentine amateur **Segundo Oliva Pinto** (T40/-2), who qualified for this week's event with a T7 finish at the 119th Visa Argentina Open presented by Macro last week, opens in 2-under 69; his top-10 last week was the first by an amateur in a Korn Ferry Tour event since 2022 (Cole Anderson/T3/Live and Work in Maine Open)