

2026 Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard
(4th of 25 events on 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Schedule)

[Tournament Media Site](#)

Bogotá, Colombia February 5-8, 2026 Points: 500 (winner)
Country Club de Bogotá - Lagos Par/Yards: 71 (35-36) / 7,237 Purse: \$1,000,000 / \$180,00 (winner)

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, February 8, 2026

The third round resumed at 6:42 a.m. Sunday and was completed at 9:56 a.m. ET.

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 67. Wind W 5-10 mph. Preferred lies were in use for round four.

Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	James Nicholas	68	65	66	66	265 (-19)
2	Norman Xiong	65	71	65	66	267 (-17)
3	Carson Young	70	67	66	65	268 (-16)
T4	Four Players Tied	--	--	--	--	270 (-14)

Charting the Champion (stats updated through tournament)

Category	James Nicholas
Age	28
2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 3
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2026	4-1-1
2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 64
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	69-1-3
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard	3-1-1

James Nicholas (1st/-19) | [Champion Interview Transcript](#)

- Counters three bogeys (Nos. 4, 12 and 14) with six birdies (Nos. 2, 5, 6, 8, 13 and 16) and a 13-foot eagle putt at the par-5 18th to close in 5-under 66 and earn a two-stroke victory over Norman Xiong, totaling 19-under 265 for the tournament
- Converts his first 54-hole lead into his first Korn Ferry Tour title in his 69th career start on Tour; his previous career-high finish on Tour was T3 at the Compliance Solutions Championship in October 2025
- Played 29 holes on Sunday due to play being suspended during the third round for inclement weather
- Third appearance at the Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard (MC/2022, T19/2025, Won/2026)
- New York native finished No. 64 in the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points
- Turned professional in 2019, played on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2020, 2022-2023 and 2025
- Played collegiately for four seasons at Yale University (2015-19), winning five NCAA events, highlighted by medalist honors at the 2019 Ivy League Championship, named the 2018 and 2019 Ivy League Player of the Year, a 2018 and 2019 All-Ivy First Team selection, and a 2018 All-America Scholar; also won three consecutive Bosordi Student Championships

Additional Player Notes

- **Norman Xiong** (2nd/-17), who finished No. 117 in the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List carded seven birdies against two bogeys to card a final round 5-under 66; two-time Korn Ferry Tour winner posted his best finish at the Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard in his fourth appearance (previous best finish: T65/2025)
- Korn Ferry Tour winner **Carson Young** (3rd/-16), who played his last two seasons on the PGA TOUR and finished No. 129 in the FedExCup Fall, went bogey-free his last 54-holes and carded a final-round 6-under 65, highlighted by an eagle on No. 10
- **Jackson Suber** (T4/-14), who is making his season debut this week closes with a 5-under 66; marks his 10th top-10 finish in 46 starts on the Korn Ferry Tour
- **Ricardo Celia** (T49/-5), who is a conditional member closes with a 1-over 72; the Barranquilla, Colombia native's best finish in five starts at the Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard was in 2019 (T25)
- **Camilo Villegas** (T49/-5), who is a native of Medellin, Colombia, closes with a 1-under 70; five-time PGA TOUR winner holds Korn Ferry Tour membership this season via a T7 finish at Final Stage of 2025 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry, where he fell one stroke shy of a playoff for a PGA TOUR card
- **Jimmy Stanger** withdrew (illness) during the third round