



## The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club

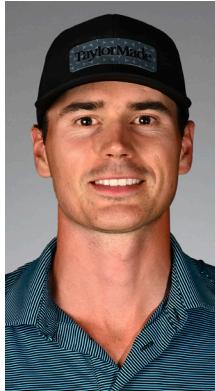
January 18-21, 2026 • Great Abaco, The Bahamas  
The Abaco Club on Winding Bay • Par 72 • 7,296 yards  
132 players • Purse: \$1,000,000 (\$180,000/Winner)  
Reigning Champion: Sudarshan Yellamaraju



### THIS WEEK ON TOUR



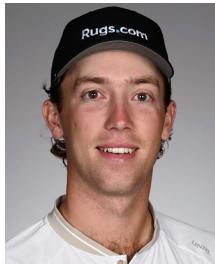
**Taylor Dickson**, a Class of 2024 Korn Ferry Tour graduate, earned his third career Korn Ferry Tour win at the season-opening The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island. Dickson followed Chan Kim (2023 Albertsons Boise Open) as the second winner in Korn Ferry Tour history to record a bogey-free 72-hole tournament. Dickson's previous victories on Tour came in 2024, propelling him to a No. 6 finish on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List and his first PGA TOUR card.



Rookie **Hunter Eichhorn** finished T6 in the season-opening The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island, his first start as a Tour member. Eichhorn has successfully open qualified into five Korn Ferry Tour events the last two seasons, and qualified for the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Finals despite not having membership. Eichhorn, who grew up playing a nine-hole course in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, played five seasons at Marquette University (2017-22), where he was a three-time BIG EAST Conference Player of the Year (2018, 2021, 2022).



**Justin Hastings**, a rookie who finished No. 13 in the 2025 PGA TOUR University Ranking, played four seasons at San Diego State University (2021-25), where he broke Xander Schauffele's school record for career scoring average (71.11) and won the 2025 Latin America Amateur Championship. Hastings grew up in Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands and played inline hockey (i.e. - roller hockey) for several years.



**Jackson Van Paris** finished No. 5 in the 2025 PGA TOUR University Ranking and earned conditional status for the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Season with a T62 finish at Final Stage of 2025 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry. Van Paris, competing via a sponsor exemption this week, had one top-25 in nine starts last season (T22/Utah Championship).



18-year-old **Blades Brown**, who began the 2025 season with no status on any PGA TOUR-sanctioned circuit, earned four top-25 finishes, including a runner-up finish at the Veritex Bank Championship, in 14 Korn Ferry Tour starts last season. He went on to finish No. 68 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, securing full status for the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Season.

### TOURNAMENT NOTES

- The 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Season continues with The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club, the second tournament of the 25-event schedule.
- This will be the ninth playing of The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club, and the eighth at The Abaco Club on Winding Bay.
- Sudarshan Yellamaraju**, who is making his first start as a PGA TOUR member at this week's Sony Open in Hawaii, won the 2025 The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club in record-setting fashion, breaking tournament records for low 72-hole score (25-under 263) and margin of victory (five strokes). The victory propelled Yellamaraju to a No. 19 finish on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List and his first PGA TOUR card.
- PGA TOUR winner **Russell Knox**, who finished T2 at last year's The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club, returns to the field. Knox is one of 11 PGA TOUR winners in this week's field. The contingent of TOUR winners boast 25 TOUR wins, with five-time TOUR winner **Jonathan Byrd** leading the group.
- Field features 55 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 86 Korn Ferry Tour wins, led by four-time winners **Ben Kohles** and **Robby Shelton**.
- Three past champions of The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club are in this week's field: **Ben Silverman** (2023), **Brandon Harkins** (2022), and **Jared Wolfe** (2020).

### 2026 KEY STORYLINES

- The 2026 Korn Ferry Tour season, the 36th in the Tour's history, will feature 25 events across seven countries and 15 states. There will be 10 televised events throughout the season, beginning with this week's The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island.
- Two new events are featured on the 2026 schedule: Colonial Life Charity Classic (May 14-17) in Columbia, South Carolina, and the OccuNet Classic presented by Amarillo National Bank (June 11-14) in Amarillo, Texas.
- Through its partnership with The R&A, the 119th Visa Argentina Open presented by Macro (Feb. 26-March 1) will once again award an exemption to The Open Championship. This year's winner will earn an exemption for the 2026 Open Championship at Royal Birkdale, scheduled for July 16-19.
- At the conclusion of the 25-event Korn Ferry Tour season, the top 20 players on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List will be awarded PGA TOUR cards (i.e. - membership) for the 2027 season. Additionally, the player who finishes No. 1 on the Points List will earn exemptions for the 2027 PLAYERS Championship and 2027 U.S. Open.
- Following the Compliance Solutions Championship, the third of four season-ending Korn Ferry Tour Finals events, the top 60 players on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List will qualify for the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by Virginia's Richmond Region at The Federal Club in Glen Allen, Virginia. Those 60 players will also earn full status for the 2027 Korn Ferry Tour season.

### TUNE IN

- All four rounds of The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island will be broadcast live on the Golf Channel (all times ET):
  - Sunday, January 18 • 2 - 5 pm
  - Monday, January 19 • 2 - 5 pm
  - Tuesday, January 20 • 2 - 5 pm
  - Wednesday, January 21 • 1 - 4 pm

