

The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club
(Second of 25 events on 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Schedule)
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Great Abaco, The Bahamas
The Abaco Club on Winding Bay

January 18-21, 2026
Par/Yards: 72 / 7,296

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

Partial Second-Round Notes – Monday, January 19, 2026

The second round was suspended due to darkness at 5:38 p.m. and will resume Tuesday at 7 a.m., with 38 players needing to complete the second round. Third-round tee times are expected to run from 9:20-11:20 a.m.

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 72. Wind N/NW → N/NE 6-16 mph, gusts of 16-22 mph.

[Leaderboard](#)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	Total
T1	Mitchell Meissner	69	--	-8 (thru 15*)
	Hayden Buckley	67	--	-8 (thru 15*)
T3	Barend Botha	67	70	137 (-7)
	Ben Martin	71	--	-7 (thru 13)
T5	Three Players Tied			138 (-6)

Charting the Leader (stats entering week)

Category	Hayden Buckley	Mitchell Meissner
Age	29	29
2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	T44	--
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2026	1-0-0	1-0-0
2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	n/a	No. 21
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2025	n/a	26-0-7
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	39-1-5	75-0-9
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic	0-0-0	2-0-1

Hayden Buckley (T1/-8 thru 15*)

- Cards 5-under 67 in the first round and maintains a bogey-free 3-under par scorecard through 15 holes of the second round
- Played the last four seasons on the PGA TOUR, qualifying for the 2022 and 2023 FedExCup Playoffs before finishing outside the top 150 of the FedExCup Fall standings in both 2024 and 2025
- Retained PGA TOUR membership for the 2025 season with a runner-up finish at Final Stage of 2024 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry (top five and ties earned TOUR cards for 2025)
- Class of 2021 Korn Ferry Tour Finals graduate
- Won the 2021 LECOM Suncoast Classic en route to a No. 32 finish on the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour Points List; he was the first alternate the morning of the first round and gained entry to the field 15 minutes prior to a 7:17 a.m. tee time after Brandon Hagy withdrew
- Played four seasons at University of Missouri (2014-18), where he earned four individual victories (all as a senior), and garnered 2018 All-America Third Team and 2018 All-Southeastern Conference First Team laurels

Mitchell Meissner (T1/-8 thru 15*)

- Follows 3-under 69 with six birdies and one bogey through 15 holes of his second round
- Finished No. 21 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, making him the first man out of PGA TOUR membership for the 2026 season (top 20 earned TOUR cards)

- Recorded a T7 at the 2025 The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club, one of seven top-10s he logged in 26 starts last season
- Previously finished No. 47 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List and No. 95 on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List as a rookie
- Finished No. 1 on the 2022 PGA TOUR Latinoamerica Order of Merit to earn Korn Ferry Tour membership for the first time; he finished atop the Order of Merit with three runner-up finishes and a pair of third-place finishes
- Played four seasons at Rice University (2014-18), winning three individual titles, with the crown jewel being medalist honors at the 2018 Conference USA Championship
- Won the 2018 Texas Amateur at Whispering Pines Golf Club
- In December 2017, while struggling with his putting, began putting left-handed (swings right-handed)
- Older brother of PGA TOUR member and Korn Ferry Tour graduate Mac Meissner

Additional Notes

- Five of the top seven players on the current leaderboard are either Korn Ferry Tour winners or Korn Ferry Tour graduates – **Hayden Buckley** (T1), **Ben Martin** (T3), **Ben Kohles** (T5), **Kevin Dougherty** (T5), **Will Gordon** (T5)
- **Barend Botha** (T3/-7), who finished T22 at the 2026 season-opening The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island after a No. 28 finish on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List as a rookie, overcomes an opening bogey and double bogey at the par-3 17th with five birdies for a 2-under 70
- **Brandon Harkins** (T8/-5), who won the 2022 The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club, is in line to make the 36-hole cut at 5-under 139; he begins the 2026 season deep down the Priority Ranking in the “Past Champion 5-10 Years” category, and he is in the field this week by virtue of his 2022 victory
- **Jackson Van Paris** (T8/-5), who holds conditional status and is competing this week via a sponsor exemption, is in line to make the 36-hole cut in his season debut; he finished No. 5 in the 2025 PGA TOUR University Ranking after four seasons at Vanderbilt University (2021-25)
- **Blades Brown** (T35/-2), an 18-year-old professional who earned full status for the 2026 season with a No. 68 finish on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, is two strokes above the projected 36-hole cut of even-par 144 with two holes remaining in his second round; he will compete on the PGA TOUR next week as a sponsor exemption at The American Express