



**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      January 18-21, 2026      Points: 500 (winner)  
The Abaco Club on Winding Bay      Par/Yards: 72 / 7,296      Purse: \$1,000,000 / \$180,00 (winner)

## Third-Round Notes – Tuesday, January 20, 2026

**Cut:** 67 professionals at even-par 144 from a field of 131 professionals and one amateur.

**Weather:** Mostly skies and breezy. High of 72. Wind N/NE 10-22 mph, gusts of 24-28 mph.

## Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Ian Holt	71	66	68	205 (-11)
T2	Will Gordon	72	66	69	207 (-9)
	Barend Botha	67	70	70	207 (-9)
T4	<i>Seven Players Tied</i>				208 (-8)

### Charting the Leader (stats entering week)

Category	Ian Holt
Age	30
2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	T22
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2026	1-0-0
2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 42
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2025	25-0-2
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	44-0-2
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic	1-0-0

**Ian Holt (1st/-11)**

- Cards bogey-free 4-under 68 with a closing birdie at the par-5 18th for a two-stroke lead (at 11-under 205) over Will Gordon and Barend Botha, who will join him in the final group of the final round
- Holds his first 54-hole lead on Tour in what is his 45th career start; his previous career-high 54-hole position was T3 (2025 Blue Championship/finished T12; 2025 Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open/finished T13)
- Recorded a T40 finish at the 2025 The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club, his only previous appearance in the event
- Finished No. 42 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, earning full status for the 2026 season
- Recorded a career-high finish (T2) at the 118th Visa Argentina Open presented by Macro in February 2025
- Fourth season with Korn Ferry Tour membership (2019, 2023, 2025); he previously finished No. 150 on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List as a rookie
- Finished No. 10 on the 2024 PGA TOUR Americas Points List, earning Korn Ferry Tour membership for 2025
- Began the 2024 PGA TOUR Americas season with conditional status and open qualified into his season debut at the 2024 Times Colonist Victoria Open, the eighth event of the season; he recorded back-to-back top-25 finishes and won his third start at the 2024 Explore NB Open, which propelled him to a top 10 finish on the PGA TOUR Americas Points List
- Turned professional in 2018 and played four seasons on PGA TOUR Canada (2018, 2019, 2021, 2022)

- Played four seasons at Kent State University (2014-18), where he earned three collegiate victories, including medalist honors at the 2018 Mid-American Conference Championship, and was named the MAC Golfer of the Year in 2017 and 2018

#### **Additional Notes**

- Three of the top 10 players on the current leaderboard are Korn Ferry Tour winners – **Will Gordon** (T2/-9 – won 2022 Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron), **Matt Atkins** (T4/-8 – won 2017 El Bosque Mexico Championship), **Ben Martin** (T4/-8 – won 2013 Mylan Classic and 2013 United Leasing Championship)
- **Barend Botha** (T2/-9), 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, stands inside the top two through 54 holes for the second time in his last three Korn Ferry Tour starts (1st/2025 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by Virginia's Richmond Region/finished 2nd)
- **Marshall Meisel** (T4/-8), who missed the cut in his Korn Ferry Tour debut at the season-opening The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island, earned Korn Ferry Tour membership for the 2026 season as one of five players who advanced through each stage of 2025 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry, beginning with Pre-Qualifying; he finished T42 at Final Stage of 2025 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry
- **Jackson Van Paris** (T4/-8), who finished No. 5 in the 2025 PGA TOUR University Ranking after four seasons at Vanderbilt University (2021-25), cards a 3-under 69 despite a double bogey at the par-4 ninth; he holds conditional status and is making his season debut this week via a sponsor exemption, in addition to already having successfully open qualified for the next Korn Ferry Tour event (The Panama Championship)
- **Justin Hastings** (T4/-8), who plays from Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands and won the 2025 Latin America Amateur Championship, cards a 1-under 71 despite a double bogey at the par-4 ninth; he finished No. 13 in the 2025 PGA TOUR University Ranking after four seasons at San Diego State University (2021-25)
- **Blades Brown** (T19/-4), 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, rebounds from a 2-over 74 in the second round with a 2-under 70 in the third round; he will compete on the PGA TOUR next week as a sponsor exemption at The American Express