



## Pre-Tournament Notes – PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry (Final Stage)

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**Dates:** December 12-15, 2024

**Where:** Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida

**Host Course:** TPC Sawgrass (Dye’s Valley Course) [Par 70 / 6,850 yards]

**Course Designer:** Pete Dye & Bobby Weed (1987)

**Additional Course:** Sawgrass Country Club (East-West) [Par 70 / 7,054 yards]

**Course Designer:** Ed Seay (1974); Robert Walker (2014 renovation)

**Format:** 72-hole stroke play, no cut

**Field:** 170 players

**Purse:** \$510,000 (\$50,000 winner)

### Quick Links

- [Tournament Media Site](#) (for tee times, transcripts, media hub access)
- [Inside The Field: Final Stage of PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry](#)
- [How It Works: PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry](#)

### Telecast / Livestreaming Coverage Times

- *Saturday, December 14 (Round 3)* – 1-3 p.m. ET [Golf Channel Digital / NBC Sports App]; 3-5 p.m. [Golf Channel]
- *Sunday, December 15 (Round 4)* – 12-2 p.m. ET [Golf Channel Digital / NBC Sports App]; 2-4 p.m. ET [Golf Channel]

### Things to Know

- Upon conclusion of Final Stage of PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry – which will see the field play two 18-hole rounds at both Dye’s Valley Course at TPC Sawgrass and Sawgrass Country Club – the top five finishers and ties will earn PGA TOUR membership for 2025.
- In addition to awarding PGA TOUR cards, PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry determines 2025 season eligibility for the Korn Ferry Tour and PGA TOUR Americas, with the following performance benefits available at Final Stage:
  - **Top Five and Ties:** PGA TOUR membership for 2025
  - **Next 40 Finishers and Ties:** Exempt for multiple reshuffles of the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season
    - The first 25 finishers and ties in this category will be subject to the third reshuffle, assuring them starts in the first 12 events of the 2025 season
    - Any remaining finishers within the category will be subject to the second reshuffle, assuring them starts in the first eight events of the 2025 season
  - All remaining finishers outside of the aforementioned categories earn conditional status for the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season, in addition to being exempt through the Latin America Swing of the 2025 PGA TOUR Americas season

## Field Notes (as of December 10, 2024)

- **Kensei Hirata**, who earned an exemption to Final Stage as the leading player from the Japan Golf Tour Order of Merit, is the highest-ranked player in the field in the Official World Golf Ranking (No. 114). Hirata, a six-time winner on the Japan Golf Tour, turned 24 years old in November and notably finished T6 at the 2023 ZOZO Championship on the PGA TOUR. Hirata also earned a wire-to-wire victory at the 2023 Japan PGA Championship at age 22, which made him the youngest winner in the event's history.
- While the top 10 players from the 2024 Fortinet Cup standings upon conclusion of the inaugural PGA TOUR Americas season earned Final Stage exemptions, **Johnny Keefer** finished No. 1 and earned both a Final Stage exemption and fully exempt status for the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season. Keefer, who earned PGA TOUR Americas membership via a No. 25 finish in the 2024 PGA TOUR University Ranking, can only improve his status this week by finishing in the top five and ties to earn PGA TOUR membership for 2025.
- The top five players from the 2024 PGA TOUR University Ranking earned exemptions to Final Stage, though No. 1 Michael Thorbjornsen is not in the field. Additionally, **Austin Greaser** and **Matthew Riedel** earned fully exempt status for the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season by virtue of finishing in the top three of the 2024 PGA TOUR University Total Points List (combined FedExCup and Korn Ferry Tour points earned).
  - No. 2 **Christo Lamprecht** (Georgia Tech) | 2023 The Amateur Championship winner
  - No. 3 **Austin Greaser** (University of North Carolina) | 2022 Western Amateur Championship winner
  - No. 4 **Matthew Riedel** (Vanderbilt University)
  - No. 5 **Nick Gabrelcik** (University of North Florida)

Seven additional players from the PGA TOUR University Class of 2024 qualified for Final Stage, though No. 8 Frederik Kjettrup, who earned fully exempt status for the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season by virtue of winning three times during the 2024 PGA TOUR Americas season to earn the Three-Victory Promotion, withdrew from this week's field. Additionally, No. 10 Karl Vilips is not in this week's field, as he earned PGA TOUR membership for the 2025 season with a top 30 finish on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List.

- No. 7 **Cole Sherwood** (Vanderbilt University)
  - No. 8 Frederik Kjettrup (Florida State University) – withdrew from Final Stage
  - No. 15 **Dylan Menante** (University of North Carolina)
  - No. 16 **Jonas Baumgartner** (Oklahoma State University)
  - No. 21 **Petr Hruby** (University of Washington) – Second Stage Medalist
  - No. 22 **Bryce Lewis** (University of Tennessee)
  - No. 25 **Johnny Keefer** (Baylor University) – No. 1 from 2024 Fortinet Cup (PGA TOUR Americas)
- Youngest player in the field is **Jonas Baumgartner**, who turned 22 years old in October. Baumgartner, who finished No. 16 in the 2024 PGA TOUR University Ranking and played the majority of summer and fall on the Challenge Tour, is one of seven players in the field under the age of 23. The other six are (from youngest to oldest) **Cameron Huss**, **Andi Xu**, **Nick Gabrelcik**, **Cole Sherwood**, **Drew Doyle**, and **Barend Botha**.
  - Field features 11 players who advanced through each stage of 2024 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry, beginning with Pre-Qualifying.

Drew Doyle	Luke Gifford	Jake Hall
John Houchin	John Houk	Cameron Huss
Dawson Jones	Owen Stamper	Andi Xu
Lance Yates	Runchanapong Youprayong	

- Field features 14 PGA TOUR winners, including five-time TOUR winner **Nick Watney**.
 

Sangmoon Bae (2)	Ryan Brehm	Austin Cook
Tyler Duncan	Tommy Gainey	Lanto Griffin
Garrick Higgo	Martin Laird (4)	S.Y. Noh
Sean O’Hair (4)	Scott Piercy (4)	Chez Reavie (3)
Nick Watney (5)	Richy Werenski	
- Field features 21 First Coast residents or natives, including Jacksonville University alum **Raul Pereda**, as well as University of North Florida alums **Nick Gabrelcik** and **Lance Yates**, who hails from Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
 

Tyson Alexander (Ponte Vedra Beach)	Samuel Anderson (Ponte Vedra Beach)
Dawson Armstrong (Jacksonville)	Derek Bard (Jacksonville)
Cody Blick (Jacksonville)	Adrien Dumont de Chassart (Ponte Vedra Beach)
Nick Gabrelcik (Jacksonville)	Tano Goya (Jacksonville)
Austin Greaser (Jacksonville)	Lanto Griffin (Jacksonville Beach)
Luke Guthrie (Ponte Vedra Beach)	Hank Lebioda (Ponte Vedra Beach)
Ryan McCormick (Jacksonville)	Raul Pereda (Jacksonville)
Marcus Plunkett (Atlantic Beach native)	Doc Redman (Jacksonville Beach)
Travis Trace (Jacksonville native and resident)	Thomas Walsh (Jacksonville)
Joe Weiler (Jacksonville)	Tim Wilkinson (Jacksonville Beach)
Carl Yuan (Jacksonville)	

### Seeking Status Improvements

- Numerous Final Stage entrants and qualifiers already earned PGA TOUR or Korn Ferry Tour membership for the 2025 season, making Final Stage of Q-School an opportunity to improve their status.
  - Final Stage entrants who finished Nos. 126-150 in the final 2024 FedExCup Fall standings and will have, at minimum, conditional status on TOUR in 2025:
 

No. 127 Hayden Springer	No. 130 S.H. Kim	No. 131 Pierceson Coody
No. 135 Garrick Higgo	No. 136 Carl Yuan	No. 137 Alejandro Tosti
No. 139 Adrien Dumont de Chassart		No. 141 Robby Shelton
No. 143 Matt NeSmith	No. 144 Brandon Wu	No. 145 Martin Laird
No. 146 Joseph Bramlett	No. 148 Trace Crowe	
  - Final Stage qualifiers who finished Nos. 31-75 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List have already earned fully exempt status for the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season (Nos. 31-60 also earned an exemption for Final Stage):
 

No. 31 Sam Bennett	No. 32 Alistair Docherty	No. 33 Trent Phillips
No. 34 Zach Bauchou	No. 36 Brandon Crick	No. 37 Doc Redman
No. 38 Kyle Westmoreland	No. 40 Pontus Nyholm	No. 41 Dalton Ward
No. 43 Seth Reeves	No. 44 Davis Chatfield	No. 45 Myles Creighton
No. 46 Joe Weiler	No. 48 Austin Hitt	No. 49 Emilio Gonzalez
No. 50 Matt Atkins	No. 51 Thomas Walsh	No. 52 Tommy Gainey
No. 54 Wil Bateman	No. 55 Richy Werenski	No. 56 Ross Steelman
No. 57 Alvaro Ortiz	No. 58 Tano Goya	No. 59 Roberto Díaz
No. 60 Nelson Ledesma	No. 62 S.Y. Noh	No. 64 Cody Blick
No. 67 Jack Maguire	No. 72 Dan McCarthy	No. 73 Davis Shore
No. 75 Hank Lebioda		

- Final Stage qualifiers who finished Nos. 76-100 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List earned conditional status – but are without guaranteed starts – for the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season:
 

No. 78 Shad Tuten	No. 80 Ryan Blaum	No. 81 Jeffrey Kang
No. 85 Will Chandler	No. 88 Rhein Gibson	No. 89 Brendon Jelley
No. 99 Sudarshan Yellamaraju		
- Medalists (and co-medalists) from each Second Stage site of 2024 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry earned Korn Ferry Tour membership and are subject to the second reshuffle of the 2025 season, meaning they earned guaranteed starts for the first eight events of the 2025 season
  - Savannah, Georgia (The Landings Golf & Athletic Club – Deer Creek) – **Marcelo Rozo**
  - Dothan, Alabama (Robert Trent Jones – Highlands / Marshwood) – **Ashton Van Horne, Owen Stamper**
  - Valencia, California (Valencia Country Club) – **Petr Hruby**
  - Palm Coast, Florida (Hammock Beach Golf Resort & Spa – Conservatory) – **Luke Guthrie**
  - Valdosta, Georgia (Kinderlou Forest Golf Club) – **Samuel Anderson**

**Past Q-School Medalists (bolded name denotes player is in Final Stage field)**

<i>PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry (2023-Present)</i>									
Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total	Margin
2023	Harrison Endycott	65	68	65	67	--	--	265 (-15)	4
<i>Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament (2013-22)</i>									
Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total	Margin
2022	Bo Hoag	67	67	71	65	--	--	270 (-14)	1
2021	Zack Fischer	67	67	65	69	--	--	268 (-14)	4
2020	n/a	--	--	--	--	--	--	---	--
2019	Curtis Thompson	68	62	69	66	--	--	265 (-21)	None
	Braden Thornberry	65	70	65	65	--	--	265 (-21)	None
2018	Danny Walker	67	65	66	63	--	--	261 (-27)	1
2017	Lee McCoy	65	67	63	65	--	--	260 (-28)	2
2016	Jim Renner	68	69	69	63	--	--	269 (-17)	3
2015	Adam Svensson	64	65	65	72	--	--	266 (-20)	7
2014	Brad Fritsch	72	64	65	65	70	66	402 (-27)	7
2013	Zack Fischer	75	67	66	65	64	64	401 (-31)	2
<i>PGA TOUR Qualifying Tournament (1985-2012)</i>									
Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total	Margin
2012	D.H. Lee	68	72	65	64	71	67	407 (-25)	1
2011	Brendon Todd	71	68	69	71	68	68	415 (-17)	1
2010	Billy Mayfair	69	69	68	68	67	70	411 (-18)	1
2009	Troy Merritt	67	69	68	67	70	69	410 (-22)	1
2008	Harrison Frazar	69	64	72	<b>59</b>	69	67	400 (-32)	8
2007	Frank Lickliter II	62	62	68	72	68	71	403 (-29)	4
2006	George McNeill	73	66	67	69	67	67	409 (-23)	5
2005	J.B. Holmes	69	69	68	67	66	69	408 (-24)	3
2004	Brian Davis	72	65	67	69	68	74	415 (-17)	1
2003	Mathias Grönberg	67	69	67	71	70	68	412 (-20)	2
2002	Jeff Brehaut	71	64	72	73	63	73	416 (-16)	1
2001	Pat Perez	67	68	63	70	65	72	405 (-27)	1
2000	Steve Allan	65	69	65	65	68	68	400 (-32)	2
1999	Blaine McCallister	70	69	68	66	61	67	401 (-19)	2

1998	Mike Weir	75	65	66	68	70	64	408 (-24)	3
1997	Scott Verplank	66	64	67	70	69	71	407 (-22)	6
1996	Allen Doyle	72	70	70	72	68	--	352 (-8)	None
	Jimmy Johnston	71	72	68	71	70	--	352 (-8)	None
1995	Carl Paulson	70	65	69	65	69	71	409 (-23)	1
1994	Woody Austin	70	68	72	68	69	67	414 (-18)	4
1993	Ty Armstrong	71	70	68	71	67	68	415 (-17)	None
	Robin Freeman	70	68	68	68	70	71	415 (-17)	None
	Dave Stockton Jr.	68	72	66	68	70	71	415 (-17)	None
1992	Skip Kendall	79	67	69	70	67	71	423 (-9)	None
	Massy Kuramoto	70	71	72	69	71	70	423 (-9)	None
	Perry Moss	71	74	66	70	71	70	423 (-9)	None
	Brett Ogle	70	70	71	72	69	71	423 (-9)	None
	Neale Smith	67	72	71	70	71	72	423 (-9)	None
1991	Mike Standly								
1990	Duffy Waldorf								
1989	David Peoples								
1988	Robin Freeman								
1987	John Huston								
1986	Steve Jones								
1985	Tom Sieckmann								