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### 2024 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry (Final Stage)

Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida  
TPC Sawgrass (Dye's Valley Course)  
Sawgrass Country Club (East-West)

December 12-15, 2024  
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/6,850  
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Purse: \$510,000 (\$50,000 winner)

#### First-Round Notes – Thursday, December 12, 2024

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**Weather:** Sunny. High of 57. Wind N/NE 6-14 mph, gusts up to 20 mph.

**Dye's Valley Course Round 1 Scoring Average:** 71.5 (+1.5)

**Sawgrass Country Club Round 1 Scoring Average:** 73.049 (+3.049)

#### First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	Course	Total
1	Corey Shaun	DV	61 (-9)
2	Richy Werenski	DV	66 (-4)
T3	Cooper Musselman	CC	67 (-3)
	Ryan McCormick	DV	67 (-3)
	Lanto Griffin	DV	67 (-3)
	Callum Tarren	CC	67 (-3)
T7	13 Players Tied		68 (-2)

#### Corey Shaun (1st/-9) – DV

- Opens with bogey-free 9-under 61 at Dye's Valley, breaking the course record of 62 previously shared by Roberto Castro (2015 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance/Round 4) and Tommy Gainey (2014 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance/Round 2)
- Ties José Toledo (2017/Whirlwind Golf Club – Devil's Claw) for the lowest first-round score in Q-School records dating back to 1992
- Holds a five-stroke lead, marking the largest 18-hole lead at Q-School in records dating back to 1992; the largest 18-hole lead in that span was four strokes (José Toledo/2017)
- Posts one of two bogey-free rounds at Dye's Valley (Nate Stember/2-under 68), and one of only three bogey-free rounds at either course in Round 1 (Cooper Musselman/3-under 67/Sawgrass CC; Joe Weiler/1-under 69/Sawgrass CC)
- Beats the Round 1 scoring average at Dye's Valley (71.5) by 10.5 strokes
- Marks his career-low round in PGA TOUR-sanctioned play (previous: 62/2021 Forme Open at TPC River's Bend/Round 2) and his first round in the 60s at a PGA TOUR-sanctioned event since a first-round 69 at the 2024 Totalplay Championship at Atlas Country Club on PGA TOUR Americas back in March
- Advanced through First and Second Stage of 2024 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry
- Earned DP World Tour membership for the 2024-25 season with a solo-14th finish at Final Stage of its Q-School last month
- Finished No. 102 on the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Points List as a Tour rookie; his only top-10 in 20 starts was a T3 finish at the season-opening The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay
- Withdrew after two rounds in his only previous career appearance at Final Stage of Q-School in 2021
- Finished No. 2 on the 2021 Forme Tour Order of Merit, earning Korn Ferry Tour membership for the 2022 season and an exemption to Final Stage of 2021 Q-School

#### Additional Player Notes

- PGA TOUR winner **Richy Werenski** (2nd/-4), who finished No. 55 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List and earned fully exempt status for the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season, opens in 4-under 66 as he seeks to improve his PGA TOUR status for the 2025 season; he was exempt to Final Stage by virtue of finishing in the top 60 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- **Cooper Musselman** (T3/-3) and **Callum Tarren** (T3/-3) shared the low round of the day at Sawgrass Country Club with matching 3-under 67s

- Musselman advanced through First and Second Stage of Q-School this year, as he last held membership on a PGA TOUR-sanctioned tour in 2023, when he finished No. 119 on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List; he also recorded a T31 finish as a sponsor exemption on the PGA TOUR at the 2024 ISCO Championship
- Tarren finished No. 180 in the 2024 FedExCup Fall standings and would be in line for conditional Korn Ferry Tour status in 2025 should he not earn additional performance benefits this week at Final Stage; he previously qualified for the 2022 and 2023 FedExCup Playoffs in his first two seasons on the PGA TOUR
- **Takumi Kanaya** (T7/-2), a seven-time winner on the Japan Golf Tour and former No. 1 player in the World Amateur Golf Ranking, opens his first career appearance at Final Stage of Q-School in 2-under 68 at Sawgrass Country Club; he advanced through Second Stage of Q-School
- **Johnny Keefer** (T7/-2), who finished No. 1 in the 2024 Fortinet Cup standings on PGA TOUR Americas and earned fully exempt status for the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season, opens in 2-under 68 at Dye's Valley; he earned an exemption to Final Stage by virtue of finishing in the top 10 of the 2024 Fortinet Cup standings
- **Kensei Hirata** (T20/-1), the highest-ranked player in the field at No. 114 in the Official World Golf Ranking and a six-time winner on the Japan Golf Tour, opens his first career appearance at Final Stage of Q-School in 1-under 69 at Dye's Valley; he earned an exemption to Final Stage as the leading player on the Japan Golf Tour Order of Merit
- **Runchanapong Youprayong** (T42/+1) leads the 11 players who advanced through each stage of 2024 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry, beginning with Pre-Qualifying

#### **Final Stage Performance Benefits**

- *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