

AdventHealth Championship
(11th of 26 events on 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Schedule)
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Kansas City, Missouri
Blue Hills Country Club

May 15-18, 2025
Par/Yards: 72 / 7,383

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

First-Round Notes – Thursday, May 15, 2025

Weather: Mostly sunny and breezy. High of 81. Wind W at 10-20 mph, gusts up to 28 mph.

Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	Total
T1	Jeremy Gandon	66 (-6)
	Carter Jenkins	66 (-6)
	S.H. Kim	66 (-6)
	Ben Taylor	66 (-6)
T5	Mitchell Meissner	67 (-5)
	Sudarshan Yellamaraju	67 (-5)

Charting the Co-Leaders (stats entering week)

Category	Jeremy Gandon	Carter Jenkins	S.H. Kim	Ben Taylor
Age	28	29	26	32
2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 5	No. 151	No. 6	No. 85
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2025	8-1-2	7-0-0	7-0-3	9-0-0
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	18-1-3	65-0-10	29-0-8	111-1-10
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at AdventHealth Championship	2-0-0	2-0-0	1-0-0	3-0-0

Jeremy Gandon (T1/-6)

- Cards bogey-free 6-under 66 to hold his first 18-hole lead/co-lead on the Korn Ferry Tour (previous career-high 18-hole position: T4/2025 Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard/T49)
- Earned his first Korn Ferry Tour title earlier this season at the Club Car Championship at The Landings Golf & Athletic Club, following three-time Korn Ferry Tour winner Paul Barjon as the second player representing France to win on Tour
- Advanced through both First Stage and Second Stage of 2024 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry on the cut line (T21 at First Stage site in Madison, Mississippi; T14 at Second Stage site in Palm Coast, Florida)
- Finished No. 35 in the 2024 Fortinet Cup standings on PGA TOUR Americas, but earned Korn Ferry Tour membership with a T50 finish at Final Stage of 2024 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry
- Previously finished No. 137 on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List in his first season as a member; he made just seven starts with conditional status, spending much of the season buried on the priority ranking after a T114 finish at Final Stage of 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament (now PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry)
- Played four seasons at Kansas State University (2015-19), winning four times individually, with the crown jewel being co-medalist honors at the 2018 Big 12 Conference Championship at Southern Hills Country Club

Carter Jenkins (T1/-6)

- Makes seven birdies and one bogey en route to 6-under 66 and the first 18-hole lead/co-lead of his Korn Ferry Tour career (previous career-high 18-hole position: T2/2024 Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health/finished T5)
- Finished No. 42 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, earning fully exempt status for the 2025 season
- Previously finished No. 34 on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List as a rookie

- Turned professional in 2016 and played six consecutive seasons on PGA TOUR Canada, with his best finish on the Order of Merit being 18th in 2016
- Played a season and a half at University of North Carolina-Greensboro (2013-14), where he won two events and was named the 2013-14 Southern Conference Freshman of the Year, after which he transferred to University of North Carolina and played a season and a half (2015-16) for the Tar Heels

S.H. Kim (T1/-6)

- Posts 6-under 30 on the back nine en route to 6-under 66 and his first 18-hole lead/co-lead on the Korn Ferry Tour (previous career-high 18-hole position: T3/2022 Huntsville Championship/finished T6)
- Boasts three top-10s, highlighted by runner-up finishes at The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island and the 118th VISA Argentina Open presented by Macro, in seven Korn Ferry Tour starts this season
- Finished No. 68 in the 2023 FedExCup Fall as a PGA TOUR rookie, but finished No. 130 in the 2024 FedExCup Fall, leaving him with conditional status for the 2025 PGA TOUR season
- Earned PGA TOUR membership upon conclusion of the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour season, which saw him finish in the top 25 of the standings as a rookie
- Prior to earning Korn Ferry Tour membership, won the 2020 KPGA Championship, becoming the first player in the history of the Korean Tour to win an even as a Monday qualifier, and won the 2021 Japan PGA Championship on the Japan Golf Tour

Ben Taylor (T1/-6)

- Makes seven birdies and one bogey en route to 6-under 66 and first 18-hole lead/co-lead on the Korn Ferry Tour (previous career-high 18-hole position: T2/2017 AdventHealth Championship/finished T60)
- Two-time Korn Ferry Tour graduate (2019, 2022)
- Won the 2018 Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard in his second season on the Korn Ferry Tour
- Turned professional in 2015 and played the 2016 season on PGA TOUR Canada, followed by three consecutive seasons on the Korn Ferry Tour (2017, 2018, 2019)
- Played two seasons at Nova Southeastern University (2011-13), leading the Sharks to the 2012 NCAA Division II national title and earning the 2012 Jack Nicklaus Award (Division II); he transferred to Louisiana State University for his final two seasons of eligibility (2013-15) and helped the Tigers win the 2015 NCAA Championship

Additional Notes

- Korn Ferry Tour winner **Sudarshan Yellamaraju** (T5/-5), who won the 2025 The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club, stands inside the top 10 after the first round for the second time this season (T6/Club Car Championship at The Landings Golf & Athletic Club/finished T56)
- **Mitchell Meissner** (T5/-5), who finished No. 47 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List for fully exempt status this season, stands inside the top five after the first round for the third time this season (1st/Tulum Championship at PGA Riviera Maya/finished T6; T2/Club Car Championship at The Landings Golf & Athletic Club/finished T23)
- Conditional member **Brandon Hoelzer** (T7/-4) was the last man who gained entry to the field via the priority ranking; he gained entry to the field Thursday morning following Jimmy Stanger's withdrawal
- Conditional member **Bryce Lewis** (T12/-3) leads the eight open qualifiers through the first round