



# Pre-Tournament Notes

## The Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics



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### THIS WEEK ON TOUR

- The 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season resumes after a week break with the 36th playing of The Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics, the 15th event of the Tour's 26-event schedule.
- The Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics is one of four tournaments on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour schedule to best played every season since the Tour's inaugural 1990 season.
  - The other three events with such distinction are the Visit Knoxville Open, Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Hiland Dairy Foods, and Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron.
  - Only the Wichita Open, Price Cutter Charity Championship, and Albertsons Boise Open are set to enter their 36th playing this year, as the Visit Knoxville Open was only contested once (2021) amid the 2020-21 combined season.
- 11 Korn Ferry Tour members in this week's field competed at last week's U.S. Open at Oakmont Country Club with three making the cut: **Ryan McCormick** (T50), **Johnny Keefer** (T61) and **James Nicholas** (T61).
- Pablo Ereno Perez** (UCLA) and **Algot Kleen** (Louisiana State) who finished No. 9 and No. 10, respectively, in the 2025 PGA TOUR University Eligibility Ranking will make their professional debuts this week in Wichita. Additionally, No. 2 **Brendan Valdes** (Auburn), No. 3 **Ian Gilligan** (Florida), No. 4 **Jackson Van Paris** (Vanderbilt), No. 5 **Phichaksn Maichon** (Texas A&M), No. 6 **Preston Summerhays** (Arizona State), No. 7 **Sebastian Moss** (Louisville), and No. 8 **Omar Morales** (UCLA) are also in this week's field making their second starts of the season.
- 18-year-old **Blades Brown** recorded his second top 25 of the season last time out at the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX, earning a spot in this week's field. Brown, who will be making his sixth start of the year, needs a two-way T35 or better (20.051 points) to secure Special Temporary Membership for the remainder of the 2025 season.

### 2025 KEY STORYLINES

- Austin Smotherman** captured his second career Korn Ferry Tour victory last time out at the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX. Smotherman's win vaulted him up to No. 4 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, positioning himself for a return to the PGA TOUR after earning his first TOUR card with a No. 25 finish on the Points List in the 2020-21 combined season.
- Raleigh, North Carolina resident **Trace Crowe**, who was a PGA TOUR rookie last season via a runner-up finish at Final Stage of 2023 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry, earned his second Korn Ferry Tour title at last week's UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH. Crowe's 21-under 259 broke the UNC Health Championship's 72-hole scoring record, in addition to his five-stroke win tying the largest margin of victory this season.
- Korn Ferry Tour rookie **Johnny Keefer** stands atop the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List. Keefer overtook the No. 1 spot from Hank Lebioda, who held the top spot following his season-opening win at The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island, after a runner-up finish at the Visit Knoxville open. The former Baylor Bear captured his first career Korn Ferry Tour victory earlier this season at the Veritex Bank Championship and owns five top-10s in 12 starts as well. Keefer, who stands inside the top 100 in the Official World Golf Rankings, made his Major Championship debut earlier this season at the PGA Championship (MC) and made his first career cut at a Major with a T61 finish at last week's U.S. Open.
- Sweden's **Pontus Nyholm** defeated Keefer on the first hole (No. 18) of a sudden-death playoff at the Visit Knoxville Open to claim his first Korn Ferry Tour victory. Nyholm is one of 10 first-time winners on Tour this season, as well as one of three international winners, joining S.H. Kim (South Korea) and **Sudarshan Yellamaraju** (Canada).
- Justin Suh**, the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Player of the Year, returned to the winner's circle with a five-stroke victory at the 118th VISA Argentina Open presented by Macro in March 2025. The win earned Suh an exemption for the 153rd Open Championship at Royal Portrush this coming July.

### 2025 SCHEDULE

Dates	Tournament	Winner (Score)
Jan. 12-15	The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island	Hank Lebioda (-18 / 262) #
Jan. 19-22	The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club	Sudarshan Yellamaraju (-25 / 263)
Jan. 30 - Feb. 2	The Panama Championship	Josh Teater (-9 / 271)
Feb. 6-9	Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard	Kyle Westmoreland (-18 / 265)
Feb. 27 - March 2	118th VISA Argentina Open presented by Macro	Justin Suh (-23 / 275)
March 6-9	Astara Chile Classic presented by Scotiabank	Logan McAllister (-19 / 265)
April 3-6	Club Car Championship at The Landings Golf & Athletic Club	Jeremy Gandon (-17 / 271) #
April 16-19	LECOM Suncoast Classic	Neal Shipley (-18 / 266) #
April 24-27	Veritex Bank Championship	Johnny Keefer (-30 / 254)
May 1-4	Tulum Championship at PGA Riviera Maya	Bryson Nimmer (-9 / 279) #
May 15-18	AdventHealth Championship	S.H. Kim (-20 / 268)
May 22-25	Visit Knoxville Open	Pontus Nyholm (-19 / 265) #
May 29 - June 1	UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH	Trace Crowe (-21 / 259)
June 5-8	BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX	Austin Smotherman (-25 / 260)
<b>June 19-22</b>	<b>Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open</b>	
June 26-29	Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS	
July 10-13	The Ascendant presented by Blue	
July 17-20	Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Hiland Dairy Foods	
July 24-27	NV5 Invitational	
July 31 - Aug. 3	Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health	
Aug. 7-10	Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Woodhouse	
Aug. 14-17	Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron	
<b>Korn Ferry Tour Finals</b>		
Sept. 11-14	Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation	
Sept. 18-21	Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship	
Oct. 2-5	Compliance Solutions Championship	
Oct. 9-12	Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance	

Korn Ferry Tour Finals refers to the final four events of the 26-event season, where players will compete for increased purses and points (600 points for winning a Finals event, compared to 500 for winning one of the 22 preceding events) to determine the season-long points race. The total purse for each of the first 22 events is \$1 million (\$180,000 to the winner) and increases to \$1.5 million (\$270,000 to the winner) for the four Korn Ferry Tour Finals events.

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### TOURNAMENT STORYLINES

- This year marks the 25th consecutive year that Crestview Country Club has played host for the Wichita Open.
- Field includes 14 PGA TOUR winners with 27 career victories, highlighted by **Nick Watney** with five career TOUR victories.
- Field includes 65 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 82 career victories, led by **D.A. Points** and **Robby Shelton** with four wins each.
- Five previous champions of the Wichita Open are in this week's field: **Norman Xiong** (2022), **Jared Wolfe** (2020), **Rob Oppenheim** (2015), **Scott Piercy** (2008), and **Sebastian Cappelen** (2014).
- Six players in this week's field are in the top 200 of the Official World Golf Ranking: **Johnny Keefe** (No. 81), **Kensei Hirata** (No. 128), **Pierceson Coody** (No. 138), **Neal Shipley** (No. 145), **Trace Crowe** (No. 166), and **Austin Smotherman** (No. 174).
- 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour graduate **Austin Smotherman**, who stands No. 4 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, captured his second career victory last time out at the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX, where he clinched a three-stroke margin of victory.
- Three Korn Ferry Tour members in this week's field played collegiate golf in the state of Kansas: **Harry Hillier** played five seasons at the University of Kansas (2018-22), while Shawnee, Kansas resident **Robert Streb** (2005-09) and **Jeremy Gandon** (2015-19) played at Kansas State University.

### KORN FERRY TOUR POINTS LIST

At the end of the 26-event Korn Ferry Tour season, the top 20 players on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List will be awarded PGA TOUR cards (i.e. - membership) for the 2026 season.

Click here to view the full points list:  
[2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List](#)

Rank	Player	Points
1	Johnny Keefe	1,375
2	S.H. Kim	1,301
3	Hank Lebioda	1,289
4	Austin Smotherman	1,073
5	Davis Chatfield	852
6	Trace Crowe	793
7	Josh Teater	779
8	Pontus Nyholm	752
9	Seungtaek Lee	750
10	Pierceson Coody	730
11	Justin Suh	713
12	Mitchell Meissner	712
13	Neal Shipley	703
14	Jeremy Gandon	699
15	Kensei Hirata	681
16	Sudarshan Yellamaraju	648
17	Kyle Westmoreland	617
18	Logan McAllister	605
19	Rick Lamb	603
20	Bryson Nimmer	603
21	Cole Sherwood	515
22	Christo Lamprecht	500
23	Russell Knox	479
24	Emilio Gonzalez	476
25	Ross Steelman	472
26	Tyson Alexander	454
27	Blaine Hale Jr.	439
28	Sebastian Cappelen	434
29	Trey Winstead	430
30	Davis Shore	384

### PAST CHAMPIONS

Year	Player (Score)	Year	Player (Score)
2024	Taylor Dickson (261 / -19)	2006	Kevin Johnson (266 / -18)
2023	Ricky Castillo (261 / -19) *	2005	Joe Daley (268 / -16) *
2022	Norman Xiong (254 / -26)	2004	Bradley Hughes (270 / -14) *
2021	Harry Hall (260 / -20)	2003	Jeff Klauk (265 / -19)
2020	Jared Wolfe (264 / -16)	2002	Tyler Williamson (272 / -8)
2019	Henrik Norlander (265 / -15) *	2001	Jason Dufner (266 / -22)
2018	Brady Schnell (266 / -14) *	2000	Ben Crane (263 / -25)
2017	Aaron Wise (259 / -21)	1999	Brad Elder (268 / -20)
2016	Ollie Schniederjans (263 / -17) *	1998	Emlyn Aubrey (265 / -23)
2015	Rob Oppenheim (267 / -13)	1997	Ben Bates (269 / -19) *
2014	Sebastian Cappelen (262 / -18)	1996	Rick Cramer (269 / -19)
2013	Scott Parel (266 / -18)	1995	David Toms (269 / -19) *
2012	Casey Wittenberg (266 / -18)	1994	Dennis Postlewait (271 / -17)
2011	Mathew Goggin (266 / -18)	1993	David Duval (271 / -17)
2010	Jhonattan Vegas (264 / -20)	1992	Jeff Woodland (204 / -12)
2009	Chris Tidland (268 / -16)	1991	Eric Hoos (199 / -17)
2008	Scott Piercy (262 / -22)	1990	Tom Lehman (202 / -14)
2007	Brad Elder (265 / -19)		

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### TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

<b>Low 18-Hole Score:</b>	60	Alejandro Tosti (2023 / Round 4) Justin Suh (2022 / Round 4)
<b>Low 36-Hole Score:</b>	124	Aaron Wise (2017)
<b>Low 54-Hole Score:</b>	191	Five occurrences (last: Adrien Dumont de Chassart / 2023)
<b>Low 72-Hole Score:</b>	254	Norman Xiong (2022)
<b>Largest Margin of Victory:</b>	5	Norman Xiong (2022); Aaron Wise (2017)
<b>Playoffs:</b>	8	Last: 2023 (Ricky Castillo defeated Adrien Dumont de Chassart and Kyle Jones)

### COURSE INFORMATION

Crestview Country Club	
<b>Years Hosted:</b>	2001-present
<b>Scoring Average (2024):</b>	68.692 / -1.308
<b>Toughest Hole (2024):</b>	No. 6 Par 4, 495 yards (3.126 / +0.261)
<b>Easiest Hole (2024):</b>	No. 14, Par 5, 501 yards (4.395 / -0.605)
<b>Front Nine Average (2024):</b>	34.465 / -0.535
<b>Back Nine Average (2024):</b>	34.227 / -0.773