

**Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance  
(26th of 26 events on 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Schedule)**

[Tournament Media Site](#) | [Interview Transcripts](#)

French Lick, Indiana

October 9-12, 2025

Points: 600 (winner)

French Lick Golf Resort (Pete Dye Course)

Par/Yards: 72 / 7,791

Purse: \$1,500,000 / \$270,00 (winner)

**Final-Round Notes – Sunday, October 12, 2025**

**Weather:** Sunny. High of 72. Wind E/NE 4-8 mph.

**[Leaderboard](#)**

| Pos. | Player            | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | Total     |
|------|-------------------|----|----|----|----|-----------|
| 1    | Chandler Blanchet | 69 | 71 | 68 | 66 | 274 (-14) |
| 2    | Barend Botha      | 71 | 68 | 67 | 70 | 276 (-12) |
| T3   | Joe Weiler        | 71 | 71 | 68 | 67 | 277 (-11) |
|      | Neal Shipley      | 73 | 66 | 68 | 70 | 277 (-11) |
| 5    | Trent Phillips    | 73 | 68 | 69 | 69 | 279 (-9)  |

**Meet the 20 newest PGA TOUR members, 2025 Korn Ferry Tour graduates**

**FRENCH LICK, Indiana** – The 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season concluded Sunday evening at the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing and Finance, as 20 PGA TOUR cards were awarded in a ceremony at The Pete Dye Course at French Lick Golf Resort.

The top 20 players on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List earned PGA TOUR membership for the 2026 season, which begins in January.

Chandler Blanchet birdied the first three holes of the final round en route to a 6-under 66 and a victory at the season-ending Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing and Finance, earning his second victory of the 2025 season. Blanchet finished two strokes ahead of runner-up Barend Botha, who entered the week in need of a win to potentially move into the top 20 of the final 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List.

There were 11 players who entered the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing and Finance mathematically assured of a PGA TOUR card, and the nine remaining cards were awarded to players who entered the week in the top 20 of the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List.

Johnny Keefer clinched the No. 1 position on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, earning exemptions for the 2026 PLAYERS Championship and 2026 U.S. Open. Keefer reached No. 1 for a second time after a victory at the 2025 NV5 Invitational in late July, his second win of the season, and solidified the top spot in the standings with a pair of top-10s in the season-ending Korn Ferry Tour Finals.

Some key numbers to know about the Korn Ferry Tour Class of 2025:

- **12** – Players who will be PGA TOUR rookies for the 2026 season (**Zach Bauchou, Chandler Blanchet, Davis Chatfield, Emilio Gonzalez, Kensei Hirata, Jeffrey Kang, Johnny Keefer, Christo Lamprecht, S.T. Lee, Pontus Nyholm, John VanDerLaan, Sudarshan Yellamaraju**)
- **9** – Countries and territories represented (Belgium, Canada, China, Japan, Mexico, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden, United States)
- **2** – PGA TOUR University alums earned their first PGA TOUR card (**Johnny Keefer**, No. 25 from Class of 2024; **Christo Lamprecht**, No. 2 from Class of 2024)

Below is a look at each graduate, listed in order of their finish on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List.

#### **No. 1 – Johnny Keefer**

Finished atop the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List off the strength of victories at the 2025 Veritex Bank Championship and 2025 NV5 Invitational. Led the Tour in top-five finishes (six), top-10s (nine), top-25s (15), and broke the Korn Ferry Tour record for single-season scoring average (67.95) previously established by Luke Guthrie (68.33 in 2012).

Finished No. 25 in the 2024 PGA TOUR University Ranking – the last position which awarded performance benefits – after five seasons at Baylor University (2019-24), where he broke Jimmy Walker’s school record for career scoring average (71.45). Earned PGA TOUR Americas membership via PGA TOUR University performance benefits and finished No. 1 in the 2024 Fortinet Cup standings, earning Korn Ferry Tour membership for the 2025 season. Following his professional debut in June 2024, stood No. 1,654 in the Official World Golf Ranking but entered the season-ending 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing and Finance ranked No. 51.

Moved to San Antonio, Texas in his early teens and honed his game at TPC San Antonio, host of the PGA TOUR’s Valero Texas Open. In addition to golf, grew up playing lacrosse; his father, John Keefer III, got Johnny into golf by bribing him with lacrosse equipment. Huge fan of the popular television show *The Office*; he claims to have watched the show in its entirety more than 10 times.

#### **No. 2 Chandler Blanchet**

In what was his fourth season on the Korn Ferry Tour, earned his first PGA TOUR card off the strength of victories at the 2025 Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Hiland Dairy Foods and 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing and Finance. Previously finished No. 95 (2020-21) and No. 115 (2022) on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List, regained membership with a No. 1 finish on the 2023 PGA TOUR Latinoamerica Order of Merit, and finished No. 84 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List to begin the 2025 season with conditional status.

Played four seasons at University of West Florida (2014-18), an NCAA Division II program in Pensacola, Florida, where he earned 13 individual victories, with the crown jewel being medalist honors (and the Arnold Palmer Award) at the 2017 NCAA Division II Championship. Also earned the 2017 Division II Jack Nicklaus Award. As a freshman, finished the 2014-15 season with a 74.33 scoring average, which he followed with single-season scoring averages of 71.49 (2015-16), 68.76 (2016-17), and 69.67 (2017-18).

Born and raised in Gainesville, Florida, where he and his older brother, Christian, frequented Meadowbrook Golf Club and the George Cobb-designed Gainesville Country Club. Prepped at Buchholz High School, which counts two-time NBA champion Vernon Maxwell, two-time MLB All-Star pitcher Andrew Miller, and professional tennis player Ben Shelton among its alumni. In the mid-2020s, got into pour-over coffee and began traveling with his coffee-brewing essentials.

### **No. 3 Austin Smotherman**

A three-time Korn Ferry Tour winner returning to the PGA TOUR after victories at the 2025 BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX and 2025 Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS. Ranked tied for third on Tour with 13 top-25s this season, only trailing Johnny Keefer (15) and Chandler Blanchet (14). Graduating from the Korn Ferry Tour for a second time, having previously accomplished the feat upon conclusion of the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour season, when he finished No. 25 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List and earned the last available TOUR card from the standings. Previously earned Korn Ferry Tour membership for the first time after a No. 4 finish on the 2019 PGA TOUR Latinoamerica Order of Merit.

A native of Loomis, California who grew up playing at Haggin Oaks Golf Complex in nearby Sacramento and was an active participant in First Tee – Greater Sacramento for 10 years. Won the 2012 California Interscholastic Federation High School Championship as a senior at Del Oro High School. Played four seasons at Southern Methodist University (2012-16), where he was a two-time All-American Athletic Conference selection (2014, 2016) and, alongside teammates Bryson DeChambeau and Harry Higgs, helped the Mustangs win the 2014 AAC Championship and qualify for match play at the 2014 NCAA Championship. Enjoys Bruce Lee movies.

### **No. 4 Neal Shipley**

Earned PGA TOUR membership for the first time off the strength of comeback victories at the 2025 LECOM Suncoast Classic, where he overcame a four-stroke 54-hole deficit and defeated fellow graduate S.T. Lee in a playoff, and 2025 Ascendant presented by Blue, where he trailed by seven strokes through 54 holes and closed in 8-under 64 for a one-stroke victory.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania who graduated from Central Catholic High School, which counts Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback Dan Marino, two-time NFL Pro Bowl quarterback Marc Bulger, and actor Zachary Quinto among its alumni. Played three seasons at James Madison University (2019-22) and two seasons at Ohio State University (2022-24), earning a bachelor's degree in quantitative finance from the former and a master's degree in data analytics from the latter.

Earned exemptions for the 2024 Masters Tournament and 2024 U.S. Open from his runner-up finish at the 2023 U.S. Amateur Championship (lost to future PGA TOUR winner Nick Dunlap in the championship match), and subsequently became the first player since Viktor Hovland (2019) to earn low amateur honors at both major championships in the same year. Featured in Season 3 of the Netflix documentary series *Full Swing*.

#### **No. 5 Emilio Gonzalez**

Secured PGA TOUR membership for the first time with a victory at the 2025 Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron in what was his third consecutive season on the Korn Ferry Tour. Previously finished No. 49 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List and No. 172 on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List as a rookie, though he missed a significant portion of 2023 while recovering from appendicitis.

Played four seasons at St. Mary's University (2016-20), an NCAA Division II program in San Antonio, Texas, where he earned seven individual victories, including the 2018 Ryan Palmer Foundation Invitational, and earned three consecutive conference player of the year awards. Recruited to the St. Mary's golf team through his older sister, Maria Regina, who earned five individual victories and broke school records for single-season and career scoring average in her four seasons with the women's golf team.

Grew up in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, where he and his siblings honed their games at Club de Golf Malanquin. Becomes the sixth player from Mexico to earn PGA TOUR membership via the Korn Ferry Tour.

#### **No. 6 Hank Lebioda**

Secured a return to the PGA TOUR off the strength of his first Korn Ferry Tour title – a playoff win over fellow graduate S.H. Kim at the season-opening The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island – and four additional top-five finishes. Previously graduated from the Korn Ferry Tour following the 2018 season and maintained PGA TOUR membership through the end of the 2022-23 season, with a 2021 FedExCup Playoffs appearance being a highlight of his time on TOUR. Finished No. 75 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, the final position which awarded fully exempt status for the 2025 season.

Played four seasons at Florida State University (2012-16), where he earned two individual victories, garnered a 2015 All-America Second Team honor, and was named the 2016 Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Year. Followed Bobby Cochran (1994) and Brooks Koepka (2010, 2012) as the third Florida State player to be named ACC Player of the Year. Native of Orlando, Florida who earned eight varsity letters (six in golf, two in baseball) at Trinity Preparatory School in nearby Winter Park.

#### **No. 7 Adrien Dumont de Chassart**

Clinched his return to the PGA TOUR with a record-setting victory at the 2025 Compliance Solutions Championship, where his winning score of 33-under 251 marked the lowest 72-hole score relative to par in Korn Ferry Tour history, as well as the second-lowest 72-hole score in Tour history (250/Stephan Jaeger/2016 Ellie Mae Classic). Also carded an 11-under 59, the 14th sub-60 round in Korn Ferry Tour history, at the 2025 Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open.

Previously earned PGA TOUR membership for the first time with a No. 11 finish on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List; he joined the Korn Ferry Tour in June 2023 by way of performance benefits from his No. 3 finish in the 2023 PGA TOUR University Ranking, and won his professional debut at the 2023 BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX just 12 days after his final collegiate event. Played five seasons at University of Illinois (2018-23), where he became the third player in history to earn three consecutive Big Ten Conference Player of the Year awards (2021, 2022, 2023), following Northwestern University's Luke Donald (1999-2001) and Indiana University's Randy Leen (1996-98).

Hails from Villers-la-Ville, Belgium, a municipality roughly 40 minutes from Brussels, and remains one of only two Korn Ferry Tour graduates to represent Belgium (Thomas Detry/2022).

#### **No. 8 S.H. Kim**

Retained PGA TOUR membership and improved his status for the 2026 season with a victory at the 2025 AdventHealth Championship and a pair of runner-up finishes. Graduating from the Korn Ferry Tour for a second time, having previously accomplished the feat as a rookie in 2022. As a PGA TOUR rookie, finished No. 68 in the 2023 FedExCup Fall standings with a runner-up finish at the 2023 Procore Championship. Prior to his first Korn Ferry Tour title this season, earned four international victories, including wins at the 2020 KPGA Championship and 2021 Japan PGA Championship, prestigious events on the KPGA Tour and Japan Golf Tour, respectively.

#### **No. 9 Christo Lamprecht**

Secured PGA TOUR membership for the first time in what was his first full season on the Korn Ferry Tour. Won the 2025 Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Woodhouse in dramatic fashion, as he holed a bunker shot on the 72nd hole of regulation for a walk-off birdie and a one-stroke victory. Previously played the second half of the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour season via PGA TOUR University performance benefits from his No. 2 finish in the 2024 PGA TOUR University Ranking.

In four seasons at Georgia Tech (2021-24), became the first South African to reach No. 1 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking (September 2023), broke Bryce Molder's school records for career scoring average (70.05) and single-season scoring average (69.16 as a senior in 2023-24), and became the sixth Yellow Jacket to be named Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Year, winning the award in 2024. Notably won the 128th Amateur Championship in June 2023 at the age of 22, following Bobby Jones (1930) and Charlie Yates (1938) as the third Georgia Tech alum to win The Amateur. Also became the fourth South African to win The Amateur, following Bobby Cole (1966), Jovan Rebula (2018), and Aldrich Potgieter (2022). Earned an exemption for the 2023 Open Championship, where he earned low amateur honors.

Stands 6 feet, 8 inches and hails from George South Africa. Entered high school at 5 feet, 7 inches but went through a major growth spurt, leading friends to jokingly refer to him as Melman, a reference to the giraffe from the animated movie *Madagascar*. Grandfather also stood 6 feet, 8 inches, while his great grandfather was 7 feet tall. Father, Christo Lamprecht Sr., is 6 feet, 4 inches. Counts fellow South African Ernie Els as a family friend.

**No. 10 Davis Chatfield**

Earned PGA TOUR membership for the first time in what was his third consecutive season on the Korn Ferry Tour; he was one of six players to finish in the top 20 of the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List without a victory this season. Posted runner-up finishes at the 2025 Astara Chile Classic presented by Scotiabank and 2025 UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH, and logged six of his nine career top-10s on Tour this season.

Previously finished No. 44 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List and No. 62 on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List as a rookie. Turned professional in summer 2022 and was one of eight players who advanced through every stage of the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament (now PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry), beginning with pre-qualifying, to earn Korn Ferry Tour membership for the first time. Played four seasons at University of Notre Dame (2017-22), where he earned a 2022 All-Atlantic Coast Conference honor.

A native of Attleboro, Massachusetts who honed his game at Highland Country Club, a 9-hole golf course, and The Links at Mass Golf, a par-3 course. Continues to reside in the northeast, where he plays and practices at TPC Boston and Wannamoisett Country Club, with the latter serving as host of the annual Northeast Amateur. Has yet to make his PGA TOUR debut.

**No. 11 Zach Bauchou**

Secured PGA TOUR membership for the first time with a win at the 2025 Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation, the first of four season-ending Korn Ferry Tour Finals events. Played his way onto the bubble for PGA TOUR cards last season and held the 36- and 54-hole leads at the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing and Finance, but carded a final-round 76 and ultimately fell three strokes short of TOUR membership.

Turned professional in 2019 but struggled to earn membership on tours around the world until 2022, when he played a season on the Asian Tour. Began 2023 without status on a PGA TOUR-sanctioned circuit, but played his way to Special Temporary Membership on the Korn Ferry Tour and finished No. 82 on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List for conditional membership in 2024. Earned his first Korn Ferry Tour start of the 2023 season with a win at the Auggie Navarro Pro-Am Invitational, which granted him a sponsor exemption for the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open; he finished T4 and later added a T5 at the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Woodhouse en route to Special Temporary Membership.

Played four seasons at Oklahoma State University (2015-19), where he was a 2018 All-America Second Team selection and a member of the famed 2018 NCAA Championship-winning team featuring PGA TOUR winners Austin Eckroat, Viktor Hovland, Matthew Wolff, and Korn Ferry Tour graduates Kris Ventura and Sam Stevens. Other amateur highlights included back-to-back victories at the Canadian Amateur Championship (2016, 2017) and a T2 finish at the 2013 Junior PLAYERS Championship.

**No. 12 Pierceson Coody**

A three-time Korn Ferry Tour winner who secured a return to the PGA TOUR with seven top-10s, including runner-up finishes at the 2025 Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard and 2025 BMW Charity

Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX. One of six players to finish in the top 20 of the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List without a victory this season.

Graduating from the Korn Ferry Tour for a second time, having previously accomplished the feat after a No. 6 finish on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List. Earned three wins in his first 26 career starts on the Korn Ferry Tour, capturing two titles in 2023 and another as a rookie in 2022, when he joined the Tour in June after a No. 1 finish in the 2022 PGA TOUR University Ranking. Played four seasons at University of Texas (2018-22), where he rose to No. 1 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking and helped the Longhorns win the 2022 NCAA Championship, marking the program's first team national title since the Jordan Spieth-led Longhorns won the 2012 title. Followed Ben Crenshaw (1971-73) and Justin Leonard (1992-94) as the third player in program history to earn three All-America First Team selections.

Grandson of three-time PGA TOUR winner Charles Coody and fraternal twin brother of Parker Coody. Pierceson and Parker both earned TOUR cards via the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, which made them the second set of twins to simultaneously hold TOUR membership (Allan and Curtis Strange/1981).

#### **No. 13 S.T. Lee**

Earned PGA TOUR membership for the first time in what was his rookie season on the Korn Ferry Tour. Tallied six top-10 finishes, including a playoff runner-up finish (lost to Neal Shipley) at the 2025 LECOM Suncoast Classic. Ranked second on Tour with 21 made cuts (Pontus Nyholm/22). One of six players to finish in the top 20 of the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List without a victory this season.

Prior to earning Korn Ferry Tour membership for the first time via 2024 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry, played eight years on the KPGA Tour, and earned his first international victory at the 2024 Lexus Masters. Has yet to make his PGA TOUR debut.

#### **No. 14 Jeffrey Kang**

Earned PGA TOUR membership for the first time in what was his second season on the Korn Ferry Tour. Solidified his place in the top 20 of the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List with a top-25 finish at the season-ending Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing and Finance. Stood No. 57 on the Points List through 18 events, but moved into the top 20 with runner-up finishes at the 2025 NV5 Invitational and 2025 Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron, along with a T4 at the 2025 Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship (the second of four Korn Ferry Tour Finals events) in his final eight starts. One of six players to finish in the top 20 of the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List without a victory this season.

Turned professional in 2014 but did not make an OWGR-sanctioned start until 2016, after which he played predominantly on PGA TOUR Canada and PGA TOUR China until 2024, when he earned Korn Ferry Tour membership as a Second Stage medalist at 2023 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry. Finished No. 81 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List as a rookie for conditional membership in 2025.

Los Angeles native who played four seasons at University of Southern California (2010-14), where he was a two-time All-Pac-10 Conference Second Team honoree (2011, 2012). Represented the United States at the

2008 Junior Ryder Cup alongside Jordan Spieth. Named to the 2009 AJGA Rolex Junior All-America First Team alongside PGA TOUR winners Patrick Cantlay, Emiliano Grillo, and Jordan Spieth.

#### **No. 15 Kensei Hirata**

Earned PGA TOUR membership for the first time in what was his rookie season on the Korn Ferry Tour. Posted four top-three finishes, including co-runner-up finishes at the 2025 The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club and 2025 Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health. One of six players to finish in the top 20 of the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List without a victory this season. Becomes the fifth player from Japan to earn PGA TOUR membership through the Korn Ferry Tour, following Ryuji Imada (2004), Ryo Ishikawa (2013), Hiroshi Iwata (2015), and Kaito Onishi (2024).

Reached No. 99 in the Official World Golf Ranking, the highest ranking of his career, after his runner-up finish in The Bahamas earlier this season. Prior to earning Korn Ferry Tour membership through 2024 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry, earned six victories on the Japan Golf Tour and was named the 2024 Japan Golf Tour Rookie of the Year. Earned four wins in 2024, becoming the third-youngest player in Japan Golf Tour history to win four times in a season (23 years, 301 days), only trailing Ryo Ishikawa (18 years, 17 days in 2009) and 11-time PGA TOUR winner Hideki Matsuyama (21 years, 279 days in 2013).

#### **No. 16 Trace Crowe**

Retained PGA TOUR membership and improved his status for the 2026 season, as he maintained a position in the top 20 of the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List despite the fact he missed all four season-ending Korn Ferry Tour Finals events with a wrist injury. A first-time Korn Ferry Tour graduate who earned his second career win at the 2025 UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH.

Previously earned his first PGA TOUR card with a runner-up finish at Final Stage of 2023 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry, capping a year which included his first Korn Ferry Tour win at the 2023 NV5 Invitational and a No. 38 finish on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List. The year prior, finished No. 138 on the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Points List as a rookie. Played four seasons at Auburn University (2015-19), where he earned three individual victories and All-Southeastern Conference Second Team honors in 2017 and 2019.

#### **No. 17 John VanDerLaan**

Earned PGA TOUR membership for the first time in what was his fifth consecutive season on the Korn Ferry Tour. Stood No. 52 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List with three events remaining, and earned a place in the top 20 with his first Korn Ferry Tour win at the 2025 Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship, the second of four season-ending Korn Ferry Tour Finals events.

Finished in the top 75 of the Korn Ferry Tour Points List each of his four previous seasons on Tour, with his career-high finish being No. 42 in 2023. Turned professional out of Florida Southern College in 2018 and played the 2019 season on PGA TOUR Canada. In four seasons at Florida Southern (2014-18), an NCAA Division II program in Lakeland, Florida, earned 11 individual victories, including the individual national title at the 2018 NCAA Division II Championship. Also named the 2018 Division II Jack Nicklaus Award winner. The



year prior, alongside his younger brother, Michael, helped Florida Southern win the team national title at the 2017 NCAA Division II Championship. Michael also followed John as the individual national champion in 2019.

A native of Southbury, Connecticut, his earliest golf memory was attending the Travelers Championship at five years old. The family stopped at a concession stand for a snack and four-time PGA TOUR winner Billy Andrade sat down next to them at a picnic table and ate some of John's animal crackers.

#### **No. 18 Zecheng Dou**

A three-time Korn Ferry Tour winner who secured a return to the PGA TOUR with a late-season surge in the Korn Ferry Tour Finals. In the final three events of the season, posted back-to-back runner-up finishes at the 2025 Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship (T2) and 2025 Compliance Solutions Championship (solo second), followed by a top-25 at the season-ending Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing and Finance. One of six players to finish in the top 20 of the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List without a victory this season.

Graduating from the Korn Ferry Tour for a third time, having previously accomplished the feat after the 2017 and 2022 seasons.

#### **No. 19 Sudarshan Yellamaraju**

Earned PGA TOUR membership for the first time in what was his second season on the Korn Ferry Tour. Won the 2025 The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club, the second event of the season, and added a pair of top-five finishes en route to his TOUR card. Previously finished No. 99 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List as a rookie. Played the 2022 and 2023 seasons on PGA TOUR Canada prior to earning Korn Ferry Tour membership.

Born in Visakhapatnam, India and emigrated to Winnipeg, Manitoba around the time he was four years old. Got his start in golf hitting range balls with a set of rental clubs at a local golf dome in Winnipeg, in addition to watching YouTube videos and golf on television with his father, Suresh. Later moved to Mississauga, Ontario around the time he was 11 years old and won the 2017 Ontario Men's Amateur Championship at age 16. Eschewed college golf and turned professional in 2021 at 19 years old. Graduated from Stephen Lewis Secondary School in Mississauga and took a gap year prior to turning professional.

#### **No. 20 Pontus Nyholm**

Earned PGA TOUR membership for the first time in what was his fourth consecutive season on the Korn Ferry Tour. Defeated fellow graduate Johnny Keefer in a playoff at the 2025 Visit Knoxville Open for his first Korn Ferry Tour title. Becomes the ninth player from Sweden to earn PGA TOUR membership via the Korn Ferry Tour, following recent graduates Vincent Norrman (2022) and Tim Widing (2024). Has yet to make his PGA TOUR debut.

Finished in the top 75 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List each of his three previous seasons on Tour, including a career-high No. 40 finish in 2024. Played four seasons at Campbell University (2017-21), where he earned four individual victories, was named the 2020-21 Big South Conference Golfer of the Year, and broke the

school record for career scoring average (71.17). Earned one of his four collegiate victories on the Copperhead Course at Innisbrook Golf Resort (2019 Intercollegiate at Innisbrook), host of the PGA TOUR's Valspar Championship. Alongside PGA TOUR winners Ludvig Åberg and Vincent Norrman, helped Sweden win the 2019 European Amateur Team Championship. Almost chose to play ice hockey over golf (he was a right wing) and he remains a huge hockey fan, with his favorite NHL team being the Edmonton Oilers.

***Meet The 20 Pronunciation Guide***

- Zach Bauchou – BOH-shoo
- Chandler Blanchet – BLON-shay
- Zecheng Dou – zuh-CHUNG DOH
- Adrien Dumont de Chassart – A-dree-en DOO-mon deh shah-SART
- Kensei Hirata – KEN-seh HEE-rah-tah
- Christo Lamprecht – CRIS-toh LAMP-reckt
- Hank Lebioda – LEE-bee-oh-duh
- Pontus Nyholm – PON-tuss NEE-holm
- John VanDerLaan – VAN-dur-lin
- Sudarshan Yellamaraju – suh-DAR-shin yell-uh-MUH-rah-ju