



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

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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)

First-Round Notes - Thursday, October 9, 2025

Weather: Sunny. High of 67. Wind E/NE 8-15 mph, gusts of 18 mph.

Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	Total	
T1	Trey Winstead	69 (-3)	
	Emilio Gonzalez	69 (-3)	
	Chandler Blanchet	69 (-3)	
	Jeffrey Kang	69 (-3)	
T5	Three Players Tied	70 (-2)	

Charting the Co-Leaders (stats entering week)

Category	Chandler Blanchet	Emilio Gonzalez	Jeffrey Kang	Trey Winstead
Age	29	27	34	26
2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 7	No. 4	No. 16	No. 48
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2025	21-1-5	24-1-7	23-0-5	23-0-3
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	95-1-8	61-1-9	53-0-7	47-0-7
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at Korn Ferry Tour Champ.	1-0-0	1-0-0	Debut	1-0-0

Chandler Blanchet (T1/-3)

- Cards 3-under 69 highlighted by an eagle at the par-5 14th (one of three made on the hole in the first round)
- Stands No. 7 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List and is one of 11 players declared #TOURBound and mathematically assured of a PGA TOUR card
- Holds his fourth career 18-hole lead/co-lead, all of which have come this season, including the 2025 Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Hiland Dairy Foods, which he went on to win
- Missed cut in only previous appearance at the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing and Finance (2020)
- In three previous seasons on the Korn Ferry Tour (2020-21, 2022, 2024), highest finish on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List was No. 84 in 2024, which earned him conditional membership for the 2025 season
- Finished No. 1 on the 2023 PGA TOUR Latinoamerica Order of Merit to regain Korn Ferry Tour membership
- Played four seasons at University of West Florida (2014-18), an NCAA Division II program in Pensacola, Florida, where he was credited with 13 individual victories, with the crown jewel being individual medalist honors at the 2017 NCAA Division II Championship

Emilio Gonzalez (T1/-3)

- Cards 3-under 69 with six birdies, the second-most of any player in the field in the first round (Robby Shelton/seven)
- Stands No. 4 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List and is one of 11 players declared #TOURBound and mathematically assured of a PGA TOUR card
- Holds first 18-hole lead/co-lead in a Korn Ferry Tour event (previous career-high 18-hole position: T4/2024 LECOM Suncoast Classic/finished T30)

- Finished T20 at the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing and Finance, his only previous appearance in the event
- Earned his first Korn Ferry Tour title earlier this season at the 2025 Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron
- In two previous seasons on the Korn Ferry Tour, 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 the 2023 season while recovering from appendicitis
- Earned Korn Ferry Tour membership for the first time via a T24 finish at Final Stage of the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament (now known as PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry)
- 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 won three consecutive conference player of the year awards

Jeffrey Kang (T1/-3)

- Cards 3-under 69 highlighted by an eagle at the par-4 10th, the only eagle made on any par 4 in the first round
- Stands No. 16 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List and can mathematically secure a place in the top 20 with a finish of solo sixth or higher
- Through 18 events, stood No. 57 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, but moved onto the top 20 bubble with three top-five finishes in his last seven starts (2nd/NV5 Invitational, 2nd/Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron, T4/Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship)
- Holds first 18-hole lead/co-lead in a Korn Ferry Tour event (previous career-high 18-hole position: T5/2024
 Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health/finished T8)
- Making tournament debut at the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing and Finance
- Finished No. 81 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List as a rookie
- Played four seasons on PGA TOUR Canada (2016, 2021, 2022, 2023), highlighted by a No. 6 finish on the 2023
 Order of Merit
- Played two seasons on PGA TOUR China (2018, 2019), where he won the 2018 Chengdu Championship for his only PGA TOUR-sanctioned victory
- Played four seasons at University of Southern California (2010-14), where he earned All-Pac-10 Conference Second Team honors in 2011 and 2012
- Represented the United States at the 2008 Junior Ryder Cup alongside Jordan Spieth and Andrew Yun

Trey Winstead (T1/-3)

- Cards 3-under 69, overcoming a double bogey at the par-4 sixth with five birdies
- Stands No. 48 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, with a win being his only potential path to finishing in the top 20
- Holds third 18-hole lead/co-lead and first of the season (2024 UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH/finished T4, 2024 Panama Championship/finished T5)
- Finished T44 at the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing and Finance, his only previous appearance in the event
- Finished No. 35 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List as a rookie, earning fully exempt status for the 2025 season
- Earned Korn Ferry Tour membership for the first time with a T28 finish at Final Stage of 2023 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry
- Played five seasons at Louisiana State University (2017-22), where he posted a career scoring average of 72.53

Additional Notes

- Alistair Docherty (T8/-1), who finished No. 32 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List after a T2 finish at the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing and Finance, entered the week at No. 51 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, with a win being his only potential path to finishing in the top 20
- Based on current projections, one player is projected to move into the top 20
 - O No. 48 **Trey Winstead** (T1/-3) projected No. 14

- Based on current projections, one player is projected to fall out of the top 20
 - O No. 20 Sudarshan Yellamaraju (T21/+1) projected No. 21
- The Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing and Finance is the 26th and final event of the 2025 season, and the top 20 players on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List upon conclusion of the final round will earn PGA TOUR membership for the 2026 season
- Additionally, players ranked Nos. 21-50 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List upon conclusion of the final round will earn an exemption for Final Stage of 2025 PGA TOUR Q-School, where PGA TOUR cards will be awarded to the top five finishers