



Pre-Tournament Notes LECOM Suncoast Classic

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THIS WEEK ON TOUR

- The 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season resumes following a one-week break with the LECOM Suncoast Classic, the eighth event on the Tour's 26-event schedule.
- This year marks the seventh playing of the LECOM Suncoast Classic, with each iteration being contested at Lakewood National Golf Club's Commander Course.
- Past champions of the LECOM Suncoast Classic include three-time Korn Ferry Tour winner **Scott Gutschewski** (2023) and three players who finished in the top 70 of the 2024 FedExCup Fall standings: Mark Hubbard (2019), Andrew Novak (2020), Byeong Hun An (2022).
- Last season, Tim Widing defeated **Patrick Cover** and Steven Fisk on the second hole of a sudden-death playoff to capture his first career Korn Ferry Tour victory. Widing followed his win at the 2024 LECOM Suncoast Classic with a victory at the 2024 Veritex Bank Championship, which propelled him to a No. 5 finish on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List and his first PGA TOUR card.
- In addition to Widing, seven other players who finished in the top 10 and ties at last year's LECOM Suncoast Classic earned PGA TOUR membership at the season's end: Steven Fisk (T2), Noah Goodwin (T4), Kris Ventura (T4), Jackson Suber (T6), Isaiah Salinda (T8), Frankie Capan III (T8), and Mason Andersen (T8).

2025 KEY STORYLINES

- **Jeremy Gandon** earned his first Korn Ferry Tour title at the Club Car Championship at The Landings & Athletic Club, becoming the first rookie winner and fifth first-time winner of the 2025 season. Gandon followed three-time Korn Ferry Tour winner Paul Barjon as the second player from France to win on Tour.
- **Hank Lebioda** stands atop the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List through the first seven events of the season. Lebioda has held the No. 1 spot since winning the season-opening event, The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island, marking his first Korn Ferry Tour victory. The Orlando, Florida resident has three top-10 finishes in addition to his victory in The Bahamas this season.
- Fourth-year member **Logan McAllister** became the fourth first-time winner of the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season with his win at the Astara Chile Classic presented by Scotiabank. Beginning the season with conditional status, McAllister secured fully exempt status for the remainder of the season.
- **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. The win also earned Suh an exemption for the 153rd Open Championship at Royal Portush this July. Suh's only previous Korn Ferry Tour win came at the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance.
- Second-year member **Sudarshan Yellamaraju** captured his first career victory at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club with a five-stroke margin of victory, totaling 25-under 263 to break the 72-hole tournament scoring record.
- Three-time Korn Ferry Tour graduate **Josh Teater** overcame a six-stroke deficit in the final round of The Panama Championship to capture his second career Korn Ferry Tour victory. Teater, whose previous win came at the 2009 Utah Championship, ended the second-longest drought between victories in Korn Ferry Tour history (15 years, 4 months, 20 days). Teater began the 2025 season in the "Veteran Member" category and secured fully exempt status for the remainder of the season.
- **Kyle Westmoreland** captured his first career Korn Ferry Tour victory at the Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard in Bogota, Colombia. In the third round, Westmoreland (and **Johnny Keefer**) carded a 10-under 61, the lowest 18-hole score on the Lagos Course at Country Club de Bogota.

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	
April 24-27	Veritex Bank Championship	
May 1-4	PGA Riviera Maya Championship	
May 15-18	AdventHealth Championship	
May 22-25	Visit Knoxville Open	
May 29 - June 2	UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH	
June 5-8	BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNTEX	
June 19-22	Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open	
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	
Korn Ferry Tour Finals		
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

- The field includes seven PGA TOUR winners who have combined for nine career victories, highlighted by **Sangmoon Bae** and **Andrew Landry**, who each own two PGA TOUR titles.
- Field includes 45 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 64 total wins, led by **Robby Shelton** with four career victories. All seven winners from this season are in the field.
- Scott Gutschewski** is the lone past champion of the LECOM Suncoast Classic in the field this week. A three-time Korn Ferry Tour winner, Gutschewski claimed the 2023 LECOM Suncoast Classic title at 46 years, 6 months, and 22 days old, becoming the 10th-oldest winner in Korn Ferry Tour history (est. 1990). At season's end, Gutschewski returned to the PGA TOUR and graduated from the Korn Ferry Tour for a fifth time (2004, 2008, 2010, 2021, 2023).
- Four players in this week's field are inside the top 200 of the Official World Golf Ranking: No. 115 **Kensei Hirata**, No. 155 **Johnny Keefer**, No. 163 **S.H. Kim**, and No. 195 **Justin Suh**.
- Sixteen-year-old amateur **Miles Russell** will make his first start of the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season at the LECOM Suncoast Classic via sponsor exemption. Russell made his Korn Ferry Tour debut at the 2024 LECOM Suncoast Classic, where he became the third-youngest player to compete in a Korn Ferry Tour event, the youngest to make a cut, and the youngest on record (since 1983) to record a top-25 finish on either the Korn Ferry Tour or PGA TOUR at 15 years, 5 months, 20 days of age.
- Seventeen-year-old professional **Blades Brown**, who finished T41 at the Club Car Championship at The Landings Golf & Athletic Club in his Korn Ferry Tour debut and became the ninth-youngest player to make the cut in Korn Ferry Tour history, is in the field via a sponsor exemption. Prior to his Korn Ferry debut, made four PGA TOUR starts in 2025, highlighted by a T34 finish at the Mexico Open at VidantaWorld.

2025 KORN FERRY TOUR POINTS LIST

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

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

Rank	Player	Points
1	Hank Lebioda	828
2	Josh Teater	671
3	Jeremy Gandon	623
4	Justin Suh	620
5	S.H. Kim	569
6	Davis Chatfield	540
7	Logan McAllister	527
8	Sudarshan Yellamaraju	506
9	Kyle Westmoreland	502
10	Christo Lamprecht	477
11	Johnny Keefer	474
12	Rick Lamb	470
13	Russell Knox	464
14	Kensei Hirata	459
15	Pierceson Coody	431
16	Cole Sherwood	420
17	Austin Smotherman	371
18	Mitchell Meissner	342
19	Davis Shore	315
20	Emilio Gonzalez	304
21	Nick Gabrelcik	292
22	Ian Holt	266
23	Dylan Wu	255
24	Alistair Docherty	245
25	Matthew Anderson	224
26	Trey Winstead	224
27	Chandler Blanchet	214
28	John VanDerLaan	203
29	Barend Botha	192
30	Rob Oppenheim	189

PAST CHAMPIONS

Year	Player (Score)
2024	Tim Widing * (-20 / 264)
2023	Scott Gutschewski * (-21 / 263)
2022	Byeong Hun An (-17 / 267)
2021	Hayden Buckley * (-13 / 271)
2020	Andrew Novak (-23 / 265)
2019	Mark Hubbard (-26 / 262)

2024 LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Tim Widing *	67	64	67	66	264 (-20)
T2	Steven Fisk	65	67	64	68	264 (-20)
	Patrick Cover	63	69	63	69	264 (-20)
T4	Noah Goodwin	65	69	68	63	265 (-19)
	Kris Ventura	66	66	66	67	265 (-19)
T6	Cody Blick	65	68	66	67	266 (-18)
	Jackson Suber	64	67	68	67	266 (-18)

* - Won in sudden-death playoff

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

Low 18-Hole Score:	59	Mac Meissner (2023/Round 2)
Low 36-Hole Score:	126	Kevin Dougherty (2023)
Low 54-Hole Score:	194	Kevin Dougherty (2023)
Low 72-Hole Score:	262	Mark Hubbard (2019)
Largest Margin of Victory:	2	Mark Hubbard (2019)
Playoffs:	3	Last in 2024 (Tim Widing defeated Patrick Cover and Steven Fisk)

COURSE INFORMATION

Lakewood National Golf Club	
Years Hosted:	2019-present
Scoring Average (2024):	68.905 / -2.095
Toughest Hole (2024):	No. 2, Par 4, 491 yards (4.373 / +0.373)
Easiest Hole (2024):	No. 10, Par 5, 550 yards (4.455 / -0.545)
Front-Nine Average (2024):	35.092 / -0.908
Back-Nine Average (2024):	33.813 / -1.187