



Pre-Tournament Notes

Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Woodhouse

August 7-10, 2025 • Omaha, Nebraska
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Reigning Champion: Matt McCarty



THIS WEEK ON TOUR

- The Korn Ferry Tour season continues with the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Woodhouse, the 21st event of the 26-event season.
- The Club at Indian Creek has hosted every iteration of the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Woodhouse, which played its inaugural event in 2017.
- This week's Official World Golf Ranking (OWGR) Strength of Field Rating is a 101.99, the highest such rating of the season, and a 25% increase over last year's Pinnacle Bank Championship field rating. The Pinnacle Bank Championship field marks the strongest Korn Ferry Tour event (per the field rating) since the OWGR changed their metric to the current system.
 - » Twelve players in the field are in the top 200 of the Official World Golf Ranking: **Johnny Keefer** (No. 56), **Neal Shipley** (No. 87), **Pierceson Coody** (No. 105), **Austin Smotherman** (No. 114), **Kensei Hirata** (No. 126), **S.H. Kim** (No. 142), **Hank Lebioda** (No. 159), **Hayden Springer** (No. 160), **Trace Crowe** (No. 163), **Chandler Blanchet** (No. 175), **Taylor Montgomery** (No. 177), and **Davis Chatfield** (No. 178).
- PGA TOUR winner Matt McCarty captured the 2024 Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Woodhouse, marking his second victory of the season. Just two weeks later, he secured a third win at the Albertsons Boise Open to earn an immediate promotion to the PGA TOUR via the Three-Victory Promotion. This week, three players in the field -- Keefer, Smotherman, and Shipley -- have a chance to follow McCarty as the next player to achieve the Three-Victory Promotion.
- Five of the 12 players who finished T9 or better in 2024 went on to earn PGA TOUR cards at the end of the season: Matt McCarty (Winner), Danny Walker (2nd), Thomas Rosenmueller (T5), Quade Cummins (T5) and Taylor Dickson (T9).

2025 KEY STORYLINES

- Second-year member **Julian Suri** earned his first Korn Ferry Tour title at last week's Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health after entering the final round five strokes behind the 54-hole co-leaders. Suri became the fourth player this season to overcome a 54-hole deficit of five-plus strokes this season, and with the win, rose to No. 16 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List.
- 18-year-old professional **Blades Brown** will make his first start as an official Korn Ferry Tour member this week after recording his second top-10 of the season at last week's Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health, eclipsing the necessary points threshold of 237.718 points to earn Special Temporary Membership for the remainder of the 2025 season.
- Rookies **Johnny Keefer** and **Neal Shipley**, in addition to **Austin Smotherman**, enter the week in pursuit of the Three-Victory Promotion, which would grant them an immediate promotion to the PGA TOUR. Keefer and Smotherman, ranked Nos. 1 and 2 respectively on the Points List, were the first players declared #TOURBound after effectively locking up top 20 finishes.
- Shipley, who stands No. 3 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, earned his second win of the season at The Ascendant presented by Blue, rallying seven strokes back to claim a one-shot victory. His comeback marked the largest final-round come-from-behind win on the Korn Ferry Tour since the 2024 Astara Chile Classic presented by Scotiabank.
- Justin Suh**, the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Player of the Year, returned to the winner's circle earlier this season with a five-stroke victory at the 118th VISA Argentina Open presented by Macro in March. The win earned Suh an exemption for the 153rd Open Championship at Royal Portrush, where he missed the cut in his tournament debut.
- Canadian **Myles Creighton**, who stands No. 20 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, earned his first Korn Ferry Tour title at the 2025 Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open, highlighted by an 11-under 59 in the third round. Creighton recorded the 15th sub-60 round in Korn Ferry Tour history, though he became only the third player to accomplish the feat and win the tournament.

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)
June 19-22	Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open	Myles Creighton (-17 / 263)
June 26-29	Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS	Austin Smotherman [2] (-25 / 259)
July 10-13	The Ascendant presented by Blue	Neal Shipley [2] (-18 / 270)
July 17-20	Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Hiland Dairy Foods	Chandler Blanchet (-27 / 261)
July 24-27	NV5 Invitational	Johnny Keefer [2] (-26 / 258)
July 31 - Aug. 3	Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health	Julian Suri (-18 / 262)
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.

- denotes playoff victory



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TOURNAMENT FIELD STORYLINES

- Field includes 17 PGA TOUR winners with 30 career victories, highlighted by five-time TOUR winner **Nick Watney**.
- The field features 58 Korn Ferry Tour winners who have combined for 88 career victories, led by four-time Korn Ferry Tour winner **Robby Shelton**.
- Shelton is the lone past champion of the Pinnacle Bank Championship in this week's field. The two-time Korn Ferry Tour graduate (Class of 2019, 2022) earned his third top-10 finish of the season at last week's Utah Championship, finishing T7 after holding a share of the 54-hole lead.
 - » In his rookie season on the PGA TOUR, Shelton qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs and finished No. 66 in the 2019-20 FedExCup standings. The FedExCup Playoffs begin this week on the PGA TOUR with the FedEx St. Jude Championship, and three Class of 2024 Korn Ferry Tour graduates highlight the field: Ryan Gerard, Brian Campbell, and Aldrich Potgieter.
- Players in the field with ties to the state of Nebraska include Omaha native and three-time Korn Ferry Tour winner **Scott Gutschewski**, in addition to his son, **Luke Gutschewski**, who is competing via sponsor exemption this week after defending his title at the Nebraska Qualifier.
 - » Luke made his Korn Ferry Tour debut at the 2024 Pinnacle Bank Championship alongside his father and younger brother, Trevor. He will be making his first professional start on the Korn Ferry Tour this week after making his professional debut at last week's Osprey Valley Open on PGA TOUR Americas, where he finished T14.
- Additional players with Nebraska ties include **Brandon Crick** (McCook native, University of Nebraska alum), open qualifier and Omaha resident **Alex Schaake**, and Lincoln resident **Rudy Sautron**, who is making his Korn Ferry Tour debut via sponsor exemption.

PAST CHAMPIONS

Year	Player (Score)
2024	Matt McCarty (-14 / 270)
2023	Alejandro Tosti (-19 / 265)
2022	Robby Shelton (-17 / 267)
2021	David Skinnis (-14 / 270)
2020	Seth Reeves (-11 / 273)
2019	Kris Ventura (-16 / 268)
2018	David Skinnis (-16 / 268)
2017	Sam Ryder (-21 / 263)

2024 LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Matt McCarty	69	67	67	67	270 (-14)
2	Danny Walker	62	70	67	72	271 (-13)
T3	T.J. Vogel	66	64	72	70	272 (-12)
T3	Brandon Crick	67	67	68	70	272 (-12)
T5	S.Y. Noh	68	66	72	67	273 (-11)
T5	Thomas Rosenmueller	70	65	70	68	273 (-11)
T5	Quade Cummins	69	66	70	68	273 (-11)
8	Ryan Blaum	71	70	69	64	274 (-10)
T9	Taylor Dickson	73	68	70	64	275 (-9)
T9	Pontus Nyholm	76	65	68	66	275 (-9)
T9	Austin Hitt	72	69	67	67	275 (-9)
T9	Zecheng Dou	71	66	68	70	275 (-9)

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

Low 18-Hole Score:	62	Seven times; last: Danny Walker (Round 1 / 2024)
Low 36-Hole Score:	129	Jacob Bridgeman (2023)
Low 54-Hole Score:	196	Sam Ryder (2017)
Low 72-Hole Score:	263	Sam Ryder (2017)
Largest Margin of Victory:	8	Sam Ryder (2017)
Hole-in-Ones:	7	Last: Michael Johnson (2023 / No. 17 / Round 2)
Playoffs:	0	--

KORN FERRY TOUR POINTS LIST

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

Players listed in **Bold Italics** are declared #TOURBound and are assured of a finish in the top 20 of the final Points List.

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

Rank	Player	Points
1	<i>Johnny Keefer</i>	<i>2,026</i>
2	<i>Austin Smotherman</i>	<i>1,845</i>
3	Neal Shipley	1,530
4	Hank Lebioda	1,391
5	S.H. Kim	1,343
6	Davis Chatfield	1,126
7	Pierceson Coody	1,107
8	Chandler Blanchet	1,067
9	Kensei Hirata	1,059
10	Emilio Gonzalez	1,032
11	Trace Crowe	975
12	Mitchell Meissner	920
13	Jeremy Gandon	852
14	Sudarshan Yellamaraju	851
15	Pontus Nyholm	845
16	Julian Suri	844
17	S.T. Lee	834
18	Josh Teater	826
19	Justin Suh	718
20	Myles Creighton	694
21	Alvaro Ortiz	686
22	Logan McAllister	683
23	Ross Steelman	649
24	Kyle Westmoreland	646
25	Adrien Dumont de Chassart	645
26	Jeffrey Kang	628
27	Zach Bauchou	623
28	Rick Lamb	616
29	Bryson Nimmer	609
30	Cole Sherwood	591

COURSE INFORMATION

The Club at Indian Creek

Years Hosted:	2017-present
Scoring Average (2024):	71.183 / +0.183
Toughest Hole (2024):	No. 11, Par 4, 533 yards (4.264 / +0.264)
Easiest Hole (2024):	No. 4, Par 5, 576 yards (4.468 / -0.532)
Front-Nine Average (2024):	36.114 / +0.114
Back-Nine Average (2024):	35.069 / +0.069