



Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Woodhouse (21st of 26 events on 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Schedule) Tournament Media Site | Interview Transcripts

Omaha, Nebraska August 7 – 10, 2025 Points: 500 (winner)

The Club at Indian Creek Par/Yards: 36-35 – 71 / 7,721 Purse: \$1,000,000 / \$180,00 (winner)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, August 7, 2025

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 86. Wind SE at 7-14 mph, gusts up to 23 mph.

Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	Total
1	Peter Kuest	63 (-8)
2	Runchanapong Youprayong	64 (-7)
T3	Bio Kim	65 (-6)
	Matt Atkins	65 (-6)
	Harry Hillier	65 (-6)
T6	Six Players Tied	66 (-5)

Charting the Leader (stats entering week)

Category	Peter Kuest
Age	27
2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 137
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2025	17-0-0
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	49-0-1
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at Pinnacle Bank Championship	2-0-0

Peter Kuest (1st/-8)

- Opens in 8-under 63 via two eagles on the par-5 seventh and 15th, in addition to five birdies (Nos. 1, 3, 4, 6, 14) against one bogey (No. 17); ties his career-low 18-hole score, which he last recorded at the 2022 Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Hiland Dairy Foods
- Concludes Round 1 as one of two players in the field to card two eagles (Runchanapong Youprayong)
- Holds second 18-hole lead/co-lead of his Korn Ferry Tour career (previous: 2022 Price Cutter Charity Championship/finished T49)
- Earned his second top-25 finish of the season at last week's Utah Championship; if Kuest did not finish in the top 25 last week, he would not have gained entry into this week's field based off the priority ranking
- Has missed the cut in each of his prior two appearances at the Pinnacle Bank Championship (2022, 2024)
- Entered the week with 12 missed cuts in 17 starts this season, and has two top-25 finishes highlighted by his season-opening T15 result at The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island
- Finished No. 135 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, but earned starts on the Korn Ferry Tour for 2025 through his Nos. 151-200 finish on the PGA TOUR the prior season
- Made four starts on the PGA TOUR in 2024, beginning with the Valero Texas Open via open qualifying, and through back-to-back top-25 finishes – including a T10 in Texas – made two additional starts at the Corales Puntacana Championship (T9) followed by The CJ CUP Byron Nelson (MC), as well as the Black Desert Championship via sponsor exemption (MC)
- Earned Special Temporary Membership on the PGA TOUR during the 2022-23 season off the strength of top-25s at the 2023 CJ CUP Byron Nelson (T14), 2023 Rocket Mortgage Classic (T4), and 2023 John Deere Classic (T17); he failed to accrue enough non-member FedExCup points to finish in the top 125 of the 2022-23 FedExCup Fall, relegating him to conditional status on the Korn Ferry Tour for the 2024 season

- Finished No. 128 on the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Points List as a rookie, after he earned conditional membership with a T63 at Final Stage of 2021 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament (now PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry)
- Since the start of 2022, has more top-25s on the PGA TOUR (seven) than Korn Ferry Tour (five)
- Turned professional in 2020 after four seasons at Brigham Young University (2016-20), where he won 10 individual titles, including the 2017 West Coast Conference Championship, and was named the 2019 West Coast Conference Golfer of the Year

Additional Notes

- Rookie **Runchanapong Youprayong** (2nd/-7), who was the last man in the field after Scott Gutschewski withdrew the morning of Round 1, opens in 7-under 64 via two eagles (Nos. 7, 15) and four birdies (Nos. 1, 4, 14, 16) against one bogey (No. 17) to card his career-low 18-hole score
- **Bio Kim** (T3/-6), a 10-time international winner who previously played three seasons on the Korn Ferry Tour (2012, 2013, 2018), stands T3 in his second start of the 2025 season after earning a spot in this week's field via his top-25 finish at last week's Utah Championship where he competed on a sponsor exemption
- Korn Ferry Tour winner Matt Atkins (T3/-6) posts his low-opening round of the season and establishes his
 season-best 18-hole position to stand inside the top-three following the first round for the first time since the
 2024 Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open (T3/finished T17); Atkins finished No. 50 on the 2024
 Korn Ferry Tour Points List and has made only five cuts in 20 starts this season, highlighted by a season-best
 T9 finish at the NV5 Invitational
- First-year member **Harry Hillier** (T3/-6) posts a bogey-free 6-under 65 and stands inside the top-10 through 18 holes for the third time this season (most recent: T9/NV5 Invitational/finished T30)
- John VanDerLaan (T6/-5), who has finished inside the top 75 of the Korn Ferry Tour Points List for four consecutive seasons, stands inside the top-10 following 18 holes for the fourth time this season; VanDerLaan recorded his career-best finish at the 2023 Pinnacle Bank Championship where he earned the first runner-up result of his career
- Four-time Korn Ferry Tour winner **Robby Shelton** (T6/-5), who was the 54-hole co-leader at last week's Utah Championship and earned his third top-10 finish of the season, stands inside the top-10 following 18 holes for the fourth time this season (most recent: T10/Utah Championship/finished T7)
- Three players who entered the week inside the top 20 of the Korn Ferry Tour Points List stand inside the top-20 and ties: **Sudarshan Yellamaraju** (T6/-5), **Julian Suri** (T12/-4), and **Hank Lebioda** (T12/-4)
- Omaha native Luke Gutschewski (T56/-1), who is making his professional debut on the Korn Ferry Tour, opens with 1-under 70; playing on his second sponsor exemption at the Pinnacle Bank Championship after teeing it up in last year's event alongside his father, three-time Korn Ferry Tour winner Scott Gutschewski, and younger brother Trevor