



Pre-Tournament Notes

Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Hiland Dairy Foods

July 17-20, 2025 • Springfield, Missouri
Highland Springs Country Club • Par 72 • 7,115 yards
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THIS WEEK ON TOUR

- The Korn Ferry Tour season continues with the Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Hiland Dairy Foods, the 18th event of the Tour's 26-event season.
- Highland Springs Country Club has hosted every iteration of the Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Hiland Dairy Foods, first played in 1990. This week marks the 36th playing of the Price Cutter Charity Championship.
- The Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Hiland Dairy Foods is one of four tournaments on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour schedule to be played every season since the Tour's inaugural 1990 season.
 - » The other three events with such distinction are the Visit Knoxville Open, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open, and Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron.
 - » Only the Price Cutter Charity Championship, Wichita Open (already contested), and Albertsons Boise Open are set to mark their 36th playing this year, as the Visit Knoxville Open was only held once (2021) amid the 2020-21 combined season.
- PGA TOUR winner Matt McCarty earned the first of his three victories last season at the Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Hiland Dairy Foods. Declared #TOURBound following the win, McCarty went on to secure the Three-Victory Promotion just five weeks later with additional titles at the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Woodhouse and the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron.
- **Neal Shipley** became the second two-time winner this season, joining Austin Smotherman, after claiming last week's title at The Ascendant presented by Blue. While Smotherman is not in the field this week, both players remain in pursuit of the Three-Victory Promotion, which would earn them an immediate promotion to the PGA TOUR.

2025 KEY STORYLINES

- 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 this week.
- Rookie **Neal Shipley** earned his second win of the season at last week's The Ascendant presented by Blue, rallying from 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. With the win, Shipley became just the second multi-time winner this season, joining Austin Smotherman, and vaulted to No. 4 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List.
- **Austin Smotherman** became the first Korn Ferry Tour member to earn a #TOURBound declaration and secure PGA TOUR membership for the 2026 season. Across a three-week stretch in June, Smotherman won the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX and Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS, which vaulted him to the No. 1 position on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, and effectively assured himself of a top 20 finish on the final Points List. Smotherman previously graduated from the Korn Ferry Tour following the 2020-21 season, after which he played three consecutive seasons on the PGA TOUR.
- Korn Ferry Tour rookie **Johnny Keefer** stands No. 2 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List off the strength of his win at the 2025 Veritex Bank Championship and two runner-up finishes. In addition to five top-10s in 14 starts on Tour this season, Keefer earned starts in two of this year's major championships (PGA Championship/MC; U.S. Open/T61). Last year, Keefer finished No. 25 -- the final spot which awarded performance benefits -- in the 2024 PGA TOUR University Ranking, and finished No. 1 in the 2024 Fortinet Cup standings for the inaugural PGA TOUR Americas season.
- Canadian **Myles Creighton** 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	
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.

- denotes playoff victory



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TOURNAMENT FIELD STORYLINES

- Field includes nine PGA TOUR winners with 17 career victories, highlighted by **Ben Crane** with five career TOUR victories.
- The field features 44 Korn Ferry Tour winners who have combined for 62 career victories, led by four-time Korn Ferry Tour winner **Robby Shelton**.
- Six players in this week's field are in the top 200 of the Official World Golf Ranking: **Johnny Keefe** (No. 81), **Neal Shipley** (No. 94), **S.H. Kim** (No. 141), **Kensei Hirata** (No. 144), **Hank Lebioda** (No. 159), and **Trace Crowe** (No. 186).
- Two-time Korn Ferry Tour winner **David Kocher**, the 2022 champion of the Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Hiland Dairy Foods, is the only past winner in this week's field.
- Columbia, Missouri native **Ross Steelman** is one of four players in this week's field with ties to the state of Missouri. Steelman is coming off a T4 finish at last week's The Ascendant presented by Blue, marking the second-highest finish of his Korn Ferry Tour career. He held a three-stroke lead entering the final round and ultimately earned his fifth top-10 of the season, moving up to No. 24 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List.
- Springfield natives **Nick Sheppard** and **Nate Angus** join Steelman as Missouri representatives in this week's field. Sheppard will make his Korn Ferry Tour debut, while Angus is set for his second career start on Tour and first since the 2023 Price Cutter Charity Championship. Wildwood resident **Chris Naegel**, who earned a spot in the field as an open qualifier, will make his first start of the 2025 season. Naegel finished No. 101 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, just one spot shy of retaining conditional membership for the current season.

PAST CHAMPIONS

Year	Player (Score)	Year	Player (Score)
2024	Matt McCarty (-25 / 263)	2006	Doug LaBelle II (-27 / 261)
2023	Pierceson Coody (-25 / 263)	2005	Roger Tambellini (-21 / 267)
2022	David Kocher (-28 / 260)	2004	Brad Ott (-25 / 263)
2021	Dylan Wu (-27 / 261)	2003	Tom Carter (-21 / 267)
2020	Max McGreevy (-21 / 267)	2002	Patrick Sheehan (-19 / 269)
2019	Harry Higgs (-22 / 266)	2001	Steve Haskins (-13 / 131)
2018	Martin Trainer (-25 / 263)	2000	Pat Perez (-18 / 270)
2017	Ben Silverman (-25 / 263)	1999	Ryan Howison (-18 / 270)
2016	Mackenzie Hughes (-24 / 264)	1998	Anthony Painter (-21 / 267)
2015	Dawie van der Walt (-23 / 265)	1997	Chris DiMarco (-12 / 204)
2014	Cameron Percy (-21 / 267)	1996	Stewart Cink (-16 / 272)
2013	Andrew Svoboda (-22 / 266)	1995	Mike Schuchart (-17 / 271)
2012	Chris Wilson (-21 / 267)	1994	Jerry Haas (-16 / 272)
2011	Steve Friesen (-26 / 262)	1993	Tommy Tolles (-17 / 271)
2010	Hunter Haas (-26 / 262)	1992	Lennie Clements (-11 / 205)
2009	Justin Bolli (-21 / 267)	1991	Rick Dalpos (-15 / 201)
2008	Colt Knost (-26 / 262)	1990	Jeff Cook (-9 / 207)
2007	Tom Scherrer (-26 / 262)		

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

Low 18-Hole Score:	60	Tyler Williamson (2004/R4)
Low 36-Hole Score:	128	Dawie van der Walt (2015), Chad Collins (2009) Boo Weekley (2006), Troy Matteson (2005) Joe Ogilvie (2003)
Low 54-Hole Score:	193	Dawie van der Walt (2015)
Low 72-Hole Score:	260	David Kocher (2022)
Largest Margin of Victory:	6	David Kocher (2022) Hunter Haas (2010)
Playoffs:	5	Most Recent: 2012 (Chris Wilson defeated Scott Harrington)

KORN FERRY TOUR POINTS LIST

At the end of the 26-event Korn Ferry Tour season, the top 20 players on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List will be awarded 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>Austin Smotherman</i>	1,745
2	Johnny Keefe	1,448
3	Hank Lebioda	1,340
4	Neal Shipley	1,308
5	S.H. Kim	1,301
6	Pierceson Coody	1,107
7	Davis Chatfield	937
8	Emilio Gonzalez	870
9	Josh Teater	826
10	Mitchell Meissner	817
11	S.T. Lee	804
12	Trace Crowe	793
13	Pontus Nyholm	772
14	Jeremy Gandon	758
15	Kensei Hirata	747
16	Justin Suh	713
17	Myles Creighton	691
18	Alvaro Ortiz	683
19	Logan McAllister	656
20	Sudarshan Yellamaraju	655
21	Kyle Westmoreland	646
22	Rick Lamb	613
23	Bryson Nimmer	609
24	Ross Steelman	585
25	Ian Holt	552
26	Christo Lamprecht	543
27	Chandler Blanchet	533
28	Adrien Dumont de Chassart	524
29	Cole Sherwood	515
30	Zach Bauchou	506

COURSE INFORMATION

Highland Springs Country Club

Years Hosted:	1990-present
Scoring Average (2024):	69.399 / -2.601
Toughest Hole (2024):	No. 14, Par 4, 427 yards (4.154 / +0.154)
Easiest Hole (2024):	No. 11, Par 5, 535 yards (4.393 / -0.607)
Front-Nine Average (2024):	34.534 / -1.466
Back-Nine Average (2024):	34.865 / -1.135