

**Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation**  
**(23rd of 26 events on 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Schedule)**  
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Franklin, Tennessee  
Vanderbilt Legends Club

September 11-14, 2025  
Par/Yards: 70 / 7,197

Points: 600 (winner)  
Purse: \$1,500,000 / \$270,00 (winner)

**Partial First-Round Notes – Thursday, September 11, 2025**

**Suspension Summary:** The first round was suspended at 3:10 p.m. due to dangerous weather, and resumed at 5:30 p.m. (delay of two hours, 20 minutes). The first round was suspended due to darkness at 7:02 p.m., with 43 players needing to complete their round. The first round will resume Friday at 6:45 a.m., with second-round tee times delayed by 20 minutes for the morning wave.

**Weather:** Mostly sunny. High of 90. Wind N 3-8 mph.

**Leaderboard**

Pos.	Player	Total
1	Nelson Ledesma	61 (-9)
2	Patrick Welch	62 (-8)
3	Stuart Macdonald	63 (-7)
T4	Trent Phillips	64 (-6)
	Robby Shelton	64 (-6)

**Charting the Leader (stats entering week)**

Category	Nelson Ledesma
Age	35
2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 105
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2025	21-0-0
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	146-2-13
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at Simmons Bank Open	6-0-0

**Nelson Ledesma (1st/-9)**

- Two-time Korn Ferry Tour winner cards 10 birdies and one bogey en route to career-low 9-under 61; his lowest score in 412 previous career rounds on the Korn Ferry Tour was 63 (five times, most recent: 2025 NV5 Invitational/Round 3)
- Ties the Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation 18-hole scoring record previously established by Chris Baker (2024/Round 2), Matt Atkins (2024/Round 3), and Max McGreevy (2024/Round 3)
- Boasts one top-25 (T16/2021) and five missed cuts in six previous appearances at the Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation
- In line to hold his fifth 18-hole lead/co-lead in a Korn Ferry Tour event and his first such lead since the 2023 Visit Knoxville Open (finished T10)
- Previously held the 18-hole lead at the 2019 Ascendant presented by Blue, where he earned his second Korn Ferry Tour title
- Earned his first Korn Ferry Tour title as a rookie at the 2018 LECOM Health Challenge en route to a No. 33 finish in the 2018 Korn Ferry Tour standings
- Finished No. 8 on the 2019 Korn Ferry Tour Points List to earn PGA TOUR membership for the first time
- Recorded top 75 finishes on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List two of the last three seasons (No. 60 in 2024, No. 53 in 2022)
- Played six consecutive seasons on PGA TOUR Latinoamerica (2012-17) and earned Korn Ferry Tour membership with a No. 5 finish on the 2017 Order of Merit

#### Additional Notes

- **Patrick Welch** (2nd/-8), who stands No. 54 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, makes nine birdies and one bogey en route to career-low 8-under 62; his lowest round in 178 previous career rounds on Tour was 63 (three times, most recent: 2025 Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Hiland Dairy Foods/Rounds 2 and 4)
- **Stuart Macdonald** (3rd/-7), who stands No. 46 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, opens in 7-under 63 to tie his career-low round on Tour (2021 Visit Knoxville Open/Round 4)
- **Trent Phillips** (T4/-6), who stands No. 60 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, opens in 6-under 64, his fourth opening round of 64 or lower in what is his 69th career start on Tour (61/2024 Veritex Bank Championship/finished 3rd; 62/2024 Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard/finished T8; 64/2023 UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH/finished 2nd)
- **Robby Shelton** (T4/-6), winner of the 2019 Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation, makes seven birdies and one bogey en route to 6-under 64
- **Davis Shore** (T25/-3), a Knoxville, Tennessee native and Sneds Tour alum who stands No. 38 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, opens in 3-under 67; he finished T26 at the 2024 Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation with four consecutive rounds in the 60s (67-67-66-68)
- **Cole Sherwood** (T52/-1), a Vanderbilt University alum who stands No. 34 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List in his first full season on Tour, makes four birdies and three bogeys for an opening-round 1-under 69; he finished No. 7 in the 2024 PGA TOUR University Ranking after four seasons (2020-24) at Vanderbilt
- **Blades Brown** (T52/-1), an 18-year-old Nashville, Tennessee native who stands No. 75 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, birdies two of his final four holes (Nos. 15 and 17) to card 1-under 69
- Upon conclusion of this week's Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation, the top 144 players on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List will qualify for the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship, the second of four season-ending Korn Ferry Tour Finals events