

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)

Second-Round Notes – Friday, September 12, 2025

Cut: 66 professionals at 3-under 137 from a field of 136 professionals.

Weather: Sunny. High of 89. Wind NE 5-10 mph.

Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	Total
1	Austin Hitt	66	61	127 (-13)
T2	Nelson Ledesma	61	67	128 (-12)
	Stuart Macdonald	63	65	128 (-12)
T4	<i>Five Players Tied</i>			129 (-11)

Charting the Leader (stats entering week)

Category	Austin Hitt
Age	27
2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 41
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2025	22-0-0
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	49-0-3
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at Simmons Bank Open	1-0-0

Austin Hitt (1st/-13)

- Makes 10 birdies and one bogey en route to career-low 9-under 61; his lowest score in 161 previous career rounds on the Korn Ferry Tour was 62 (2024 Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Hiland Dairy Foods/Round 1)
- Ties Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation 18-hole scoring record previously established by Chris Baker (2024/Round 2), Matt Atkins (2024/Round 3), Max McGreevy (2024/Round 3), and Nelson Ledesma (2025/Round 1)
- At 13-under 127, ties Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation 36-hole scoring record previously established by Paul Peterson, who went on to win the 2024 Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation
- Holds his second 36-hole lead/co-lead in what is his 50th career start on the Korn Ferry Tour (T1/2024 Panama Championship/finished T11)
- Stands No. 41 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List and is the highest-ranked player without a top-10 this season (next-highest player without a top-10: Augusto Núñez/No. 69)
- Finished No. 48 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List as a rookie, earning fully exempt status for the 2025 season (top 75 from Points List)
- Missed cut at the 2024 Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation, his only previous appearance
- Played two seasons on PGA TOUR Canada (2021, 2022) and two seasons on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica (2022, 2023), earning Korn Ferry Tour membership for the first time with a No. 4 finish on the 2023 Order of Merit
- Played five seasons at University of North Carolina (2016-21), where he posted a 72.20 career scoring average and earned All-Atlantic Coast Conference selections in 2019 and 2021

Additional Notes

- Two-time Korn Ferry Tour winner **Nelson Ledesma** (T2/-12) follows career-low 9-under 61 with bogey-free 3-under 67 to total 12-under 128, his lowest opening 36-hole score in what is his 147th career start on Tour; also marks his highest 36-hole position since holding the outright lead through 36 holes of the 2024 UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH/finished 3rd
- **Stuart Macdonald** (T2/-12), who stands No. 46 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, birdies four consecutive holes on the back nine (Nos. 14-17) to card 5-under 65 and match his career-high 36-hole position (2021 Club Car Championship at The Landings Golf & Athletic Club/finished T28)
- **Zach Bauchou** (T4/-11), who stands No. 30 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, plays his final 10 holes in 7-under par to card 6-under 64; ties his second-highest 36-hole position on Tour this season (T1/Tulum Championship at PGA Riviera Maya/finished T8; T4/The Panama Championship/finished T17)
- Rookie **Caleb VanArragon** (T4/-11), who stands No. 67 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, ties his career-high 36-hole position (2025 NV5 Invitational/finished T7, 2025 Veritex Bank Championship/finished 9th)
- **Trent Phillips** (T4/-11), who stands No. 60 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, ties his career-high 36-hole position (2024 Veritex Bank Championship/finished 3rd)
- **Patrick Welch** (T4/-11), who stands No. 54 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, records his sixth consecutive round in the 60s and stands inside the top five through 36 holes for the second time this season (3rd/Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Hiland Dairy Foods/finished 2nd)
- Rookie **Zach James** (T4/-11), who stands No. 51 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, stands inside the top five through 36 holes for the third time this season (2nd/Veritex Bank Championship/finished T2; 1st/Pinnacle Bank Championship presented Woodhouse/finished T8)
- Four-time Korn Ferry Tour winner **Robby Shelton** (T9/-10), who earned his first Korn Ferry Tour title at the 2019 Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation, stands inside the top 10 through 36 holes for the third time in what is his fourth appearance at the Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation (T6/2019, T4/2022)
- **Davis Shore** (T18/-7), a Knoxville, Tennessee native and Sneds Tour alum who stands No. 38 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, cards 4-under 66 for his sixth consecutive round in the 60s at Vanderbilt Legends Club; he finished T26 at the 2024 Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation with four rounds in the 60s (67-67-66-68)
- **Blades Brown** (T38/-4), an 18-year-old Nashville, Tennessee native who stands No. 75 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, cards bogey-free 3-under 67 to record his seventh made cut in 11 starts on Tour
- **Cole Sherwood** (MC/-2), a Vanderbilt University alum who stands No. 34 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List in his first full season on Tour, misses the cut after back-to-back rounds of 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
- Three players who began the week outside the top 144 of the Korn Ferry Tour Points List made the cut:
 - No. 153 **Ian Gilligan** (T27/-5) – projected No. 144
 - No. 147 **Bio Kim** (T38/-4) – projected No. 145
 - No. 145 **Clay Feagler** (T27/-5) – projected No. 137