

**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)

**Third-Round Notes – Saturday, September 13, 2025**

**Weather:** Sunny. High of 90. Wind light and variable.

**Leaderboard**

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Zach Bauchou	65	64	64	193 (-17)
2	Austin Hitt	66	61	67	194 (-16)
3	Ian Gilligan	69	66	61	196 (-14)
T4	Four Players Tied				197 (-13)

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

Category	Zach Bauchou
Age	29
2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 30
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2025	20-0-4
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	54-0-11
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at Simmons Bank Open	2-0-0

**Zach Bauchou (1st/-17)**

- Cards bogey-free 6-under 64, highlighted by birdies at the par-4 17th and 18th, to take a one-stroke lead at 17-under 193
- Holds his second 54-hole lead/co-lead on the Korn Ferry Tour in what is his 55th career start (2024 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance/finished T9)
- Stands No. 30 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List off the strength of four top-10s, including a season-high T4 finish at The Ascendant presented by Blue
- Finished No. 34 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, earning fully exempt status for the 2025 season; he previously finished No. 82 on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List in just eight starts, as he earned Special Temporary Membership off the strength of top-five finishes at the 2023 Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open (T4) and 2023 Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Woodhouse (T5)
- Finished T22 in both his previous starts at the Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation (2023, 2024)
- Played four seasons at Oklahoma State University (2015-19), where he was a 2018 All-America Second Team selection, two-time All-Big 12 Conference selection, and helped the Cowboys win the 2018 NCAA Championship alongside future FedExCup champion Viktor Hovland, future PGA TOUR winner Austin Eckroat, and multi-time Korn Ferry Tour graduate Kris Ventura
- Finished T2 at the 2013 Junior PLAYERS Championship

**Austin Hitt (2nd/-16)**

- Cards 3-under 67 with six birdies and three bogeys to total 16-under 194 – eclipsing his previous career-low 54-hole score by three strokes (2025 NV5 Invitational/197) – and stand one stroke behind 54-hole leader Zach Bauchou
- Establishes a new career-high 54-hole position in what is his 50th career start on Tour (previous: 2025 The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club/T5)

- Held the 36-hole lead at 13-under 127, which tied the 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
- Carded a 9-under 61 in the second round, which tied 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); Ian Gilligan also matched the 18-hole tournament scoring record with a 9-under 61 in Saturday's third round
- 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

- **Ian Gilligan** (3rd/-14), who finished No. 4 in the 2025 PGA TOUR University Ranking to earn Korn Ferry Tour membership for the remainder of the 2025 season, ties the Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation 18-hole scoring record with bogey-free 9-under 61; the 18-hole tournament scoring record was previously established by Chris Baker (2024/Round 2), Matt Atkins (2024/Round 3), Max McGreevy (2024/Round 3), Nelson Ledesma (2025/Round 1), and Austin Hitt (2025/Round 2)
- Rookie **Johnny Keefer** (T4/-13), who earned victories at the 2025 Veritex Bank Championship and 2025 NV5 Invitational, is bidding to earn the Three-Victory Promotion, which would grant him immediate eligibility for FedExCup Fall events on the PGA TOUR; he currently stands No. 1 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List and leads No. 2 Austin Smotherman by 227 points
- Four-time Korn Ferry Tour winner **Robby Shelton** (T4/-13), who earned his first Korn Ferry Tour title at the 2019 Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation, stands inside the top five through 54 holes for the third time this season (T1/Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health/finished T7; T1/Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Woodhouse/finished 3rd); he is bidding to become the 14 player in Korn Ferry Tour history with at least five career wins
- **Alvaro Ortiz** (T4/-13), who stands No. 24 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, logs his third-highest 54-hole position of the 2025 season (1st/Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS/finished 2nd; 2nd/AdventHealth Championship/finished T3)
- Rookie **Caleb VanArragon** (T4/-13), who stands No. 67 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, logs his third-highest 54-hole position of the season (2nd/NV5 Invitational/finished T7; T2/Veritex Bank Championship/finished 9th)
- **Davis Shore** (T17/-9), a Knoxville, Tennessee native and Sneds Tour alum who stands No. 38 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, cards 2-under 68 for his seventh 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** (T35/-6), an 18-year-old Nashville, Tennessee native who stands No. 75 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, cards 2-under 68 and currently projects to rise to No. 71 on the Points List
- 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** (3rd/-14) – projected No. 83
  - No. 147 **Bio Kim** (T35/-6) – projected No. 143
  - No. 145 **Clay Feagler** (T46/-4) – projected No. 145