



Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation (23rd of 26 events on 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Schedule)

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Franklin, Tennessee September 11-14, 2025 Points: 600 (winner)

Vanderbilt Legends Club Par/Yards: 70 / 7,197 Purse: \$1,500,000 / \$270,00 (winner)

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, September 14, 2025

Weather: Mixed skies. High of 90. Wind light and variable.

Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Zach Bauchou	65	64	64	64	257 (-23)
2	Austin Hitt	66	61	67	65	259 (-21)
3	Patrick Welch	62	67	69	63	261 (-19)
T4	Caleb VanArragon	66	63	68	66	263 (-17)
	Johnny Keefer	67	66	64	66	263 (-17)

Charting the Champion (stats updated through tournament)

Category	Zach Bauchou		
Age	29		
2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 7		
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2025	21-1-5		
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	55-1-12		
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at Simmons Bank Open	3-1-1		

Zach Bauchou (1st/-23)

- Earns first Korn Ferry Tour title at 29 years, 8 months, 17 days of age, becoming the 16th first-time Korn Ferry Tour winner this season
- Closes with third consecutive round of 6-under 64 to convert one-stroke 54-hole lead into two-stroke victory at 23-under 257, breaking the Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation 72-hole scoring record by three strokes (260/Paul Peterson/2024)
- Improves to 1-for-2 converting 54-hole lead/co-lead into victory (2024 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance/finished T9)
- Rises to No. 7 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List; the top 20 players on the Points List upon conclusion of the season-ending Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance will earn PGA TOUR membership for the 2026 season
- 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

Additional Notes

- Austin Hitt (2nd/-21), who entered the week as the highest-ranked player on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List without a top-10 this season, records a career-high finish (previous: T5/2024 Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health); his 72-hole score of 259 ties the ninth-highest 72-hole score by a runner-up finisher in Korn Ferry Tour history
- Patrick Welch (3rd/-19) holes out for eagle on the 72nd hole of regulation en route to his second top-three finish of the season (2nd/Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Hiland Dairy Foods); he earns an additional 50 points (the difference between a solo third and 3-way T3) as a result of his hole-out eagle, rising to No. 33 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- Rookie Johnny Keefer (T4/-17), who earned victories at the 2025 Veritex Bank Championship and 2025 NV5
 Invitational, records his Tour-leading eighth top-10 of the season to extend his lead at No. 1 on the 2025 Korn
 Ferry Tour Points List
- Rookie **Caleb VanArragon** (T4/-17) closes in 4-under 66 to record a career-high finish and his third top-10 of the season (T7/NV5 Invitational; 9th/Veritex Bank Championship)
- Davis Shore (T25/-10), a Knoxville, Tennessee native and Sneds Tour alum, improves upon his T26 finish from the 2024 Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation; he projects to move down to No. 39 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- **Blades Brown** (T30/-9), an 18-year-old Nashville, Tennessee native, closes in 3-under 67 and projects to rise to No. 70 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- The top 144 players on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List qualify for the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship, the second of four season-ending Korn Ferry Tour Finals events
- Two players who began the week outside the top 144 of the Korn Ferry Tour Points List move into the top 144 of the Points List and earn berths in the 2025 Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship:
 - o No. 153 Ian Gilligan (T7/-15) rises to No. 128
 - o No. 147 **Bio Kim** (T25/-10) rises No. 137
- Two players who began the week inside the top 144 of the Korn Ferry Tour Points List fall out of the top 144:
 - o No. 143 **Keenan Huskey** (MC) falls to No. 146
 - o No. 144 Joseph Bramlett (DNS) falls to No. 147