



# The Ascendant presented by Blue (17th of 26 events on 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Schedule) Tournament Media Site | Interview Transcripts

Berthoud, Colorado July 10-13, 2025 Points: 500 (winner)

TPC Colorado Par/Yards: 72 / 8,015 Purse: \$1,000,000 / \$180,00 (winner)

## Partial Second-Round Notes – Friday, July 11, 2025

Suspension Summary: The first round resumed at 6:44 a.m. The second round was suspended for the day at 6:02 p.m. due to ongoing dangerous weather. The second round will resume at 6:45 a.m. Saturday.

Weather: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. High of 87. Wind N/NE 4-14 mph, gusts of 20-plus mph.

#### **Leaderboard**

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	Total
1	Tom Whitney	67	67	134 (-10)
T2	Nicolo Galletti	69	66	135 (-9)
	Ross Steelman	67	1	-9 (thru 13*)
T4	Adrien Dumont de Chassart	68	68	136 (-8)
	Emilio Gonzalez	69	67	136 (-8)

### Charting the Clubhouse Leader (stats entering week)

Category	Tom Whitney
Age	36
2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 76
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2025	16-0-0
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	133-0-13
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at The Ascendant	5-0-0

#### Tom Whitney (1st/-10)

- Cards back-to-back rounds of 5-under 67; his previous low round at The Ascendant presented by Blue and 16 career rounds at TPC Colorado was 3-under 69 (four times: R3/2019, R4/2021, R1/2022, R3/2022)
- Held one 36-hole lead/co-lead in a Korn Ferry Tour event (2017 Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS/finished T5)
- Stood inside the top five through 36 holes twice this season (T4/The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club/finished T40; T5/Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard/finished T26)
- Stands No. 76 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, having posted his season-high finish in his most recent start (T11/Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS)
- Owns three made cuts in five previous appearances at The Ascendant presented by Blue (T55/2019, T42/2021, T64/2022)
- Finished No. 164 in the 2024 FedExCup Fall standings as a PGA TOUR rookie
- Korn Ferry Tour graduate who finished No. 21 on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List to earn PGA TOUR membership for the first time
- Followed Kyle Westmoreland (2022) as the second United States Air Force Academy graduate to earn PGA TOUR membership
- Turned professional in 2010 but fulfilled his four-year service term in the United States Air Force and returned to professional golf in May 2014
- Played four seasons at the United States Air Force Academy (2006-10), winning four times individually and garnering All-America Scholar honors in 2009 and 2010

#### **Additional Notes**

- Korn Ferry Tour rookie **Nicolo Galletti** (T2/-9) has stood inside the top five through 36 holes once this season (T2/BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNNEX/finished 5th)
- Ross Steelman (T2/-9 thru 13\*), one of six 18-hole co-leaders, has stood inside the top 10 through 36 holes twice this season (1st/Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard/finished T6; T5/The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island/finished T9)
- Emilio Gonzalez (T4/-8), who stands No. 7 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, has stood higher than T10 through 36 holes of a Korn Ferry Tour event twice in 52 career starts on Tour (T4/2024 Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron/finished T19; T5/2024 Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard/finished T8)
- Only three of the 16 players who currently stand T8 or higher are Korn Ferry Tour winners: Adrien Dumont de
   Chassart (T4/-8) and three-time winners Pierceson Coody (T8/-6) and Zecheng Dou (T8/-6 thru 13\*), who won
   the 2022 Ascendant presented by Blue
- Korn Ferry Tour winner **Neal Shipley** (T17/-5), who was the runner-up finisher to Nick Dunlap in the 2023 U.S. Amateur Championship contested at Cherry Hills Country Club in Cherry Hills Village, Colorado, is poised to make the cut in his tournament debut