

**2025 The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island
(1st of 26 events on 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Schedule)**

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Paradise Island, The Bahamas
Ocean Club Golf Course at Atlantis

January 12-15, 2025
Par/Yards: 70 (34-36) / 7,118

Points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$1,000,000 / \$180,000 (winner)

Partial First-Round Notes – Sunday, January 12, 2025

The first round was suspended due to darkness at 5:39 p.m. ET and will resume Monday at 7:15 a.m., with 27 players needing to complete the first round. The second round will begin as scheduled.

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 75. Wind N → N/NW at 7-15 mph, gusts up to 18 mph.

Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	Total
1	John VanDerLaan	60 (-10)
T2	Rick Lamb	62 (-8)
	Pierceson Coody	62 (-8)
T4	Robby Shelton	63 (-7)
	Tanner Gore	63 (-7)
	James Nicholas	63 (-7)

Charting the Leader

Category (Stats entering week)	John VanDerLaan
Age	28
2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 63
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2024	25-0-1
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	119-0-10
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island	4-0-0

John VanDerLaan (1st/-10)

- Poised to hold first 18-hole lead/co-lead in a Korn Ferry Tour event, with his previous career-high 18-hole position being T2/2022 Live and Work in Maine Open (finished T8), 2024 Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Woodhouse (finished T24)
- Posts his career-low round on the Korn Ferry Tour with 10-under 60; his previous career-low round on Tour was 63 on two different occasions (most recent: 8-under 63/2021 Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS/Round 4)
- Cards one eagle and nine birdies against one bogey in the first round; posts the tournament-low for a singular nine in 8-under 28 via an eagle on No. 11 and six consecutive birdies on Nos. 12-17
- Best finish in four previous starts at The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island is T11/2020
- Previously finished No. 63 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, maintaining fully exempt status for the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season with his fourth consecutive top 75 finish on the Points List (No. 53/2020-21, No. 47/2022, No. 42/2023, No. 63/2024)
- Finished T7 at Final Stage of the 2019 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament (now PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry) to earn guaranteed starts on the Korn Ferry Tour and secure membership for what became the 2020-21 season
- Played four seasons collegiately at Florida Southern College (2014-18) where he was a four-time All-American and named the 2018 Jack Nicklaus Award winner for NCAA Division II; he earned seven individual wins as a senior, with the crown jewel being the individual national title at the 2018 NCAA Division II Championship

Additional Player Notes

- Korn Ferry Tour winner **Rick Lamb** (T2/-8) matches his career-low round on Tour with an 8-under 62 (previous: 2021 Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS/Round 1; 2024 LECOM Suncoast Classic/Round 2)
- **Pierceson Coody** (T2/-8), a Class of 2023 Korn Ferry Tour graduate and one of two players in field ranked inside the top 200 of the Official World Golf Ranking, posts a bogey-free 8-under 62 in his first Korn Ferry Tour start since earning PGA TOUR membership at the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance
- **James Nicholas** (T4/-7) posts his career-low round on Tour with a 7-under 63 and is in line to establish a new career-high 18-hole position (previous: T13/2020 Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Hiland Dairy Foods/finished 69th)
- Korn Ferry Tour rookie **Jonas Baumgartner** (T7/-6), who finished No. 16 in the 2024 PGA TOUR University Ranking, opens with 6-under 64 in his first PGA TOUR-sanctioned start; he earned exempt membership until the third reshuffle (i.e. -- first 12 events) for the 2025 season via a T26 finish at Final Stage of 2024 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry
- PGA TOUR winners **Ryan Brehm** (T7/-6) and **Kevin Tway** (T7/-6) sit inside the top 10 after carding 6-under 64s in the first round