



# 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 January 12-15, 2025 Points: 500 (winner)

Ocean Club Golf Course at Atlantis Par/Yards: 70 (34-36) / 7,118 Purse: \$1,000,000 / \$180,00 (winner)

## Partial Second-Round Notes – Monday, January 13, 2025

The second round was suspended due to darkness at 5:41 p.m. ET and will resume Tuesday at 7:15 a.m., with 17 players needing to complete the second round. Third-round tee times are expected to run from approximately 9:30 a.m. through 11:30 a.m. off the first and 10th tees.

**Weather:** Mostly sunny. High of 75. Wind E  $\rightarrow$  E/SE at 4-10 mph.

#### Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	Total
1	John VanDerLaan	60	64	124 (-16)
2	Rick Lamb	62	63	125 (-15)
3	S.H. Kim	66	62	128 (-12)
4	Hank Lebioda	67	62	129 (-11)
T5	Roberto Diaz	66	64	130 (-10)
	Ross Steelman	68	62	130 (-10)
	Pierceson Coody	62	68	130 (-10)
	Trey Winstead	65	65	130 (-10)

### **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	4-0-0
Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island	

## John VanDerLaan (1st/-16)

- Ties the third-lowest 36-hole score in Korn Ferry Tour history and ties the second-lowest opening 36-hole score in Korn Ferry Tour history, totaling 16-under 124 through the first two rounds
  - Three players recorded 36-hole scores of 124 or lower last season on the Korn Ferry Tour:
    - Matt McCarty 19-under 123, 2024 Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health (62-61/Rounds 2 and 3)
    - Matt Atkins 16-under 124, 2024 Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation (63-61/Rounds 2 and 3)
    - Griffin Wood 18-under 124, 2024 Veritex Bank Championship (64-60/Rounds 1 and 2)
- Holds his third 36-hole lead/co-lead on the Korn Ferry Tour (previous: T1/2020 Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard/finished T6; T1/2024 Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Woodhouse/finished T24)
- Followed a career-low 10-under 60 in Sunday's first round with a second-round 6-under 64, holds a one stroke lead over Korn Ferry Tour winner Rick Lamb
- 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

## Rick Lamb (2nd/-15)

- Cards eight birdies against one bogey for 7-under 63, stands 15-under par and one stroke behind current leader John VanDerLaan
- In line to establish a new career-high 36-hole position in what is his 126th career start on the Korn Ferry Tour (previous: 3rd/2024 Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation/finished T30)
- Will secure his first made cut in four appearances at The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island (2019, 2023, 2024)
- Matched his career-low round on Tour in the first round with an 8-under 62 (previous: 2021 Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS/Round 1; 2024 LECOM Suncoast Classic/Round 2)
- Finished No. 74 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List; he finished T13 at the second-to-last event of the 2024 season, the Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation, to move inside the top 75 and earn fully exempt status for the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season
- Winner of the 2016 LECOM Health Challenge on the Korn Ferry Tour as an open qualifier

#### **Additional Player Notes**

- Class of 2022 Korn Ferry Tour graduate S.H. Kim (3rd/-12) ties the low round of Round 2 with an 8-under 62, moves to solo third in his first appearance in a Korn Ferry Tour event since the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing and Finance
- Hank Lebioda (4th/-11), who finished No. 75 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, matches his career-low round on Tour in 8-under 62, also tying the low-round of the day (previous: 2018 UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH/Round 2)
- Ross Steelman (T5/-10) cards eight birdies (par-4 sixth, eighth, ninth, and 16th, par-5 11th and 15th, and par-3 third and 17th) for a bogey-free 8-under 62, tying Monday's low round
  - Establishes a new career-low, breaking his previous career-low round of 9-under 63 which occurred at the 2024 The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island (finished solo third)
- The No. 1 finisher in the 2022 PGA TOUR University Ranking and Class of 2023 Korn Ferry Tour graduate,
   Pierceson Coody (T5/-10), remains inside the top five of the leaderboard in his first Korn Ferry Tour start since earning PGA TOUR membership at the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance
- Twelve first-time Korn Ferry Tour members are poised to make the 36-hole cut, which is currently projected at 4-under 136, led by Korn Ferry Tour rookies **Sandy Scott** (T27/-6), **Barend Botha** (T27/-6), and **Jonas Baumgartner** (T27/-6 thru 17)