



# 2025 The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island (1st of 26 events on 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Schedule) Tournament Media Site | Interview Transcripts

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 / \$180,00 (winner)

# Final-Round Notes – Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Weather: Mostly cloudy and windy. High of 73. Wind N/NE at 15-25 mph.

#### **Leaderboard**

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Hank Lebioda *	67	62	67	66	262 (-18)
2	S.H. Kim	66	62	71	63	262 (-18)
3	Davis Shore	65	66	66	66	263 (-17)
4	Austin Smotherman	66	69	63	66	264 (-16)
5	Emilio Gonzalez	65	68	67	65	265 (-15)
6	Sebastian Cappelen	70	66	65	65	266 (-14)

\* - Won with birdie on the first hole of sudden-death playoff (No. 18)

## Charting the Champion (stats updated through tournament)

Category	Hank Lebioda		
Age	31 years, 0 months, 1 day		
2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 1		
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2025	1-1-1		
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	62-1-6		
2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 75		
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2024	24-0-1		
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at The Bahamas Golf Classic at	3-1-2		
Atlantis Paradise Island			

### Hank Lebioda (1st/-18)

- Claims his first Korn Ferry Tour victory in what was his 62nd career start on Tour
- Entered the final round four strokes behind 54-hole leader John VanDerLaan, closes in 4-under 66 to overcome the deficit and defeat S.H. Kim with a birdie on the first hole a sudden-death playoff (par-4 18th)
- Matches the best come-from-behind win at The Bahamas Golf Classic (four strokes/Chandler Phillips/2023)
- At 18-under 262, breaks the 72-hole tournament scoring record previously established by Zecheng Dou (270/2019)
- Marks his second top-10 in three career appearances at The Bahamas Golf Classic (T9/2018)
- Matched his career-low round on Tour with an 8-under 62 in the second round (previous: 2018 UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH/Round 2)
- Finished No. 75 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List to earn fully exempt membership for the 2025 season; he played the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour season with conditional status from his Nos. 151-200 finish (No. 182) in the 2023 FedExCup Fall standings
- Previously maintained PGA TOUR membership from the 2018-19 season through the end of the 2022-23 season, and qualified for the 2021 FedExCup Playoffs
- Secured his PGA TOUR card for the 2018-19 season via the 2018 Korn Ferry Tour standings
- Winner of the 2017 Quebec Open powered by Videotron Business on PGA TOUR Canada

• Played collegiately at Florida State University (2012-16), where he was a four-time All-Atlantic Coast Conference selection, 2013 ACC Freshman of the Year, and 2016 ACC Player of the Year

# **Additional Player Notes**

- Class of 2022 Korn Ferry Tour graduate S.H. Kim (2nd/-18) closes in 7-under 63, the lowest score of the final round, and birdies the 72nd hole to make his second playoff appearance on the Korn Ferry Tour, falls to 0-2 in Korn Ferry Tour playoffs (2022 Lake Charles Championship/lost to Trevor Werbylo)
- **Davis Shore** (3rd/-17), who finished No. 73 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List as a rookie, birdies three of the final six holes, including the par-4 18th, to post a career-high finish in his 23rd career start on the Korn Ferry Tour (previous: T4/2024 Compliance Solutions Championship)
- Emilio Gonzalez (5th/-15), who finished No. 49 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, records his second top-five finish in his last four Korn Ferry Tour starts (T3/2024 Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation); he did not record a top-five finish in any of his first 34 career starts on the Korn Ferry Tour
- Competing via a medical extension, **Sebastian Cappelen** (6th/-14) posts his first top-10 in a Korn Ferry Tour event since a playoff runner-up finish at the 2019 Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open
- Korn Ferry Tour rookie **Barend Botha** (T7/-13) closes in 4-under 66 to total 13-under 267 and record a top-10 in his Korn Ferry Tour debut; he earned Korn Ferry Tour membership for the 2025 season via a No. 4 finish on the 2024 PGA TOUR Americas Fortinet Cup standings
- Ross Steelman (T9/-12) records a top-10 finish in the season-opening event for a second consecutive year (3rd/2024 The Bahamas Golf Classic)
- John VanDerLaan (T9/-12), the 54-hole leader who carried a four-stroke lead into the final round, cards 6over 76, the second-highest score in the final round