



# 2025 The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club (2nd of 26 events on 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Schedule) Tournament Media Site | Interview Transcripts

Great Abaco, The Bahamas The Abaco Club on Winding Bay January 19-22, 2025 Par/Yards: 72 (36-36) / 7,141

Points: 500 (winner) Purse: \$1,000,000 / \$180,00 (winner)

### Third-Round Notes – Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 76. Wind E/SE  $\rightarrow$  S/SE at 8-13 mph, gusts up to 25 mph.

#### **Leaderboard**

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Sudarshan Yellamaraju	70	64	65	199 (-17)
T2	Hank Lebioda	68	68	64	200 (-16)
	Christo Lamprecht	68	65	67	200 (-16)
4	Kensei Hirata	71	63	67	201 (-15)
T5	Five players tied				202 (-14)

### **Charting the Leader**

Category	Sudarshan Yellamaraju	
Age	23	
2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List		
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2024	25-0-1	
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	28-0-1	
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club	1-0-0	

### Sudarshan Yellamaraju (1st/-17)

- At 17-under 199, breaks the 54-hole tournament scoring record and posts his second-lowest 54-hole score on Tour (197/2024 NV5 Invitational)
- Holds first 54-hole lead/co-lead of his career in what is his 26th start on Tour (previous best 54-hole position; T5/2024 NV5 Invitational)
- Bidding for first career Korn Ferry Tour victory
- Secured guaranteed starts in the first eight events of the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season with a T36 finish at Final Stage of 2024 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry
- As a rookie, Finished No. 99 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, logging 13 made cuts and one top-10 finish (T7/NV5 Invitational) in 25 starts
- Finished T14 at Final Stage of 2023 PGA TOUR Q-School to earn Korn Ferry Tour membership for the first time
- Previously competed on PGA TOUR Canada (2022, 2023); where he made 12 cuts in 18 total starts with four top-10s
- Turned professional in 2021 and plays from Mississauga, Ontario

## Hank Lebioda (T2/-16)

- Captured his first Korn Ferry Tour victory last week at The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island in his 62nd career start on Tour
- Bidding to become the 15th player (16th occurrence) in Korn Ferry Tour history to win back-to-back events
- Matches the best 54-hole position of his career on Tour; which he established last time out at The Bahamas Golf Classic

- 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

# Christo Lamprecht (T2/-16)

- Establishes a new career-best 54-hole score at 16-under 200 (204/2025 The Bahamas Golf Classic)
- Held the 36-hole co-lead for the first time in his Korn Ferry Tour career
- Making first career start at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club
- Made 10 starts during the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour season with three made cuts, including a T5 finish at The Ascendant
- Earned guaranteed starts in the first 12 events of the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season with a T19 finish at Final Stage of 2024 PGA TOUR Q-School
- Owns five career starts on the PGA TOUR, including the 2023 Open Championship (T74) and 2024 Masters Tournament (MC); best finish came at the 2024 Butterfield Bermuda Championship (T23)
- Finished No. 2 in the 2024 PGA TOUR University Ranking after four seasons at Georgia Tech (2021-24), earning Korn Ferry Tour membership for the remainder of the 2024 season
- Captured two collegiate victories, garnering three All-America honors (First Team in 2023 and 2024, Third Team in 2022) and three All-Atlantic Coast Conference selections (2022, 2023, 2024), along with the 2024 ACC Player of the Year award
- A George, South Africa native

## Additional Player Notes

- Six-time Japan Tour winner and Korn Ferry Tour rookie Kensei Hirata (4th/-15) cards a bogey-free 5-under 67 and trails the leader by two strokes in his Korn Ferry Tour debut
  - Hirata finished T21 at the Sony Open in Hawaii on the PGA TOUR earlier this month
- PGA TOUR winner **William McGirt** (T5/-14) stands inside the top five after 54 holes for the first time in any PGA TOUR-sanctioned event since the 2017 Sentry (finished T9)
- **Trey Winstead** (T5/-14), who finished No. 35 on the 2024 points list in his rookie season on Tour to earn fully exempt status for the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season, cards the low round of the day and matches his career best with a bogey-free 9-under 63
- Two-time PGA TOUR winner **Russell Knox** (T10/-13), who finished T9 at The Bahamas Golf Classic, stands at T10 ahead of the final round and eyes a second consecutive top-10 finish
- The 36-hole cut was made at 4-under 140 with 65 professionals advancing to the final two rounds