

**2025 The Panama Championship**  
**(3rd of 26 events on 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Schedule)**  
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Panama City, Panama  
 Club de Golf de Panama

January 30-February 2, 2025  
 Par/Yards: 70 / 7,534

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

**Partial Second-Round Notes – Friday, January 31, 2025**

*The second round was suspended due to darkness at 6:25 p.m. ET and will resume Saturday at 8 a.m. ET, with 10 players needing to complete the second round. The 36-hole cut, currently projected at 1-over 141, will be made upon conclusion of the second round Saturday morning. Third-round tee times are expected to run from 9:30-11:30 a.m. off the first and 10th tees.*

**Weather:** Partly cloudy. High of 89. Wind NNW at 3-10 mph, gusts up to 15 mph.

**Leaderboard**

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	Total
1	Davis Chatfield	66	66	132 (-8)
T2	Johnny Keefer	64	69	133 (-7)
	Sam Bennett	66	67	133 (-7)
T4	Six players tied			134 (-6)

**Charting the Leader**

Category (Stats entering week)	Davis Chatfield
Age	25
2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 13
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2025	2-0-1
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	51-0-4
2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List Finish	No. 44
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2024	24-0-2
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at The Panama Championship	2-0-0

**Davis Chatfield (1st/-8)**

- Third-year member holds third 36-hole lead / co-lead in what is his 52nd career start on the Korn Ferry Tour (T1/2025 The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club/finished T7; T1/2023 Compliance Solutions Championship/finished T17)
- Ties the second-lowest opening 36-hole score in the last seven playings of The Panama Championship (2018-25; Taylor Pendrith/131/2020; Taylor Montgomery/132/2022)
- Recorded missed cuts in each of his previous two appearances at The Panama Championship (2023, 2024)
- Logged his fourth career top-10 in his most recent Korn Ferry Tour start (T7/2025 The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club)
- Finished in the top 75 of the Korn Ferry Tour Points List in each of his first two seasons on the Korn Ferry Tour (No. 62/2023, No. 44/2024)
- Earned Korn Ferry Tour membership for the first time via a T39 finish at Final Stage of 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament (now known as PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry)
- Played five seasons at University of Notre Dame (2017-22), where he was a 2022 All-Atlantic Coast Conference selection

### Additional Player Notes

- **Johnny Keefer** (T2/-7), who finished No. 1 in the 2024 Fortinet Cup standings on PGA TOUR Americas to earn Korn Ferry Tour membership for the first time, is in line to eclipse his season-high 36-hole position (T17/The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club)
- **Sam Bennett** (T2/-7), who finished No. 31 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List as a rookie (one spot outside of earning a PGA TOUR card), is in line to match his career-high 36-hole position in a Korn Ferry Tour event (T2/2024 Magnit Championship/finished T25)
- First-year Korn Ferry Tour member **Neal Shipley** (T4/-6) cards the low round of the day with a 7-under 63, tying the second-lowest 18-hole score in the last eight playings of The Panama Championship (2017-25; Chase Wright/62/Round 3/2020; Taylor Pendrith/63/Round 1/2020; Max McGreevy/63/Round 2/2020)
- The top-ranked player in the field and six-time Japan Golf Tour winner, **Kensei Hirata** (T4/-6), is in line to stand inside the top five through 36 holes for a third consecutive PGA TOUR-sanctioned start start (T3/2025 Sony Open in Hawaii – PGA TOUR/finished T21; T4/2025 The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club – Korn Ferry Tour/finished T2)
- Korn Ferry Tour winner **T.J. Vogel** (T4/-6), who was the last man into the 144-player field this week, is in line to stand T4 or higher through 36 holes for the fifth time in his Korn Ferry Tour career (most recent: T1/2024 Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Woodhouse/finished T3)
- First-year Korn Ferry Tour member **Brandon Berry** (T4/-6) is in line to stand inside the top five through 36 holes for a second consecutive start (T4/The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club/finished T48)