

**UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH**  
**(13th of 26 events on 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Schedule)**  
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Raleigh, North Carolina  
Raleigh Country Club

May 29-June 1, 2025  
Par/Yards: 70 / 7,394

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

**First-Round Notes – Thursday, May 29, 2025**

**Weather:** Mostly cloudy. High of 80. Wind SSW 3-10 mph.

**Leaderboard**

Pos.	Player	Total
1	Samuel Anderson	63 (-7)
T2	Justin Suh	64 (-6)
	Philip Knowles	64 (-6)
	Pierceson Coody	64 (-6)
	Wilson Furr	64 (-6)
	Martin Laird	64 (-6)
	Brandon Berry	64 (-6)

**Charting the Leader (stats entering week)**

Category	Samuel Anderson
Age	26
2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 71
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2025	12-0-1
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	13-0-1
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at UNC Health Championship	0-0-0

**Samuel Anderson (1st/-7)**

- Cards career-low round of 7-under 63, highlighted by eagles at the par-4 fourth and par-5 eighth, for a one-stroke lead (previous career-low round: 64, three times/2025 Veritex Bank Championship, Rounds 2 and 3; 118th Visa Argentina Open presented by Macro, Round 1)
- Holds his second career 18-hole lead/co-lead in what is his 14th career start on the Korn Ferry Tour (previous: T1/118th Visa Argentina Open presented by Macro/finished T20)
- Korn Ferry Tour rookie with one top-10 in 12 starts this season (T10/Veritex Bank Championship)
- Finished No. 15 in the 2024 Fortinet Cup standings on PGA TOUR Americas, and earned Korn Ferry Tour membership for the 2025 season with a T50 at Final Stage of 2024 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry
- Played the 2022 and 2023 seasons on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica
- Turned professional in 2021 after four seasons at University of Wisconsin (2017-21), where he finished with a 74.53 career scoring average and two runner-up finishes

**Additional Notes**

- Two-time Korn Ferry Tour winner **Justin Suh** (T2/-6), who was the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Player of the Year, opens in 6-under 64, marking his second score of 64 or lower in his last three rounds on Tour (63/Round 3/Visit Knoxville Open); his victory at the 118th Visa Argentina Open presented by Macro earlier this season earned him an exemption for the upcoming 153rd Open Championship at Royal Portrush
- Three-time Korn Ferry Tour winner **Pierceson Coody** (T2/-6) matches his season-high 18-hole position (T2/The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island/finished T7); he has three top-10s in five starts on Tour this season, in addition to five made cuts in eight starts on the PGA TOUR this season

- Class of 2022 Korn Ferry Tour graduate **Philip Knowles** (T2/-6) opens in 6-under 64, marking his first round in the 60s on Tour since a 69 in Round 2 of the 2024 Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron
- Class of 2023 Korn Ferry Tour graduate **Wilson Furr** (T2/-6) ends a streak of 10 consecutive rounds in the 70s with 6-under 64
- Four-time PGA TOUR winner **Martin Laird** (T2/-6) opens with 6-under 64 in his first Korn Ferry Tour start since the 2020 Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS
- **Brandon Berry** (T2/-6), who entered the week with nine consecutive missed cuts, cards a career-low round of 6-under 64 (previous: 65/2025 The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island/Round 3)
- Duke University alum **Julian Suri** (T8/-5) paces the players in the field with ties to the state of North Carolina, followed by Campbell University alum **Pontus Nyholm** (T17/-4), who won last week's Visit Knoxville Open for his first Korn Ferry Tour title, Raleigh native and University of North Carolina alum **Carter Jenkins** (T17/-4), and High Point native **Thomas Walsh** (T17/-4)
- **Mark Lawrence Jr.** (T8/-5), who gained entry to the field via a top-25 finish as an open qualifier at last week's Visit Knoxville Open, cards his fourth consecutive round in the 60s