

Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health  
 (20th of 26 events on 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Schedule)

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Ogden, Utah  
 Ogden Golf & Country Club

July 31-August 3, 2025  
 Par/Yards: 70 / 7,097

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

### First-Round Notes – Thursday, July 31, 2025

**Weather:** Sunny. High of 94. Wind S/SW 5-16 mph, gusts of 20-28 mph.

### Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	Total
1	Étienne Papineau	61 (-9)
2	Taylor Montgomery	62 (-8)
3	Adrien Dumont de Chassart	63 (-7)
T4	Blades Brown	64 (-6)
	Trace Crowe	64 (-6)

### Charting the Leader (stats entering week)

Category	Étienne Papineau
Age	28
2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 129
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2025	19-0-0
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	43-0-1
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at Utah Championship	1-0-0

### Étienne Papineau (1st/-9)

- Cards career-low round of 9-under 61, highlighted by eagles at the par-4 fourth and par-5 15th, in his 131st career round on the Korn Ferry Tour (previous: 7-under 63/2024 Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard/Round 1)
- One of two players in the field who recorded two eagles in Round 1 (Runchanapong Youprayong)
- Holds first lead/co-lead after any round on the Korn Ferry Tour (previous career-high 18-hole position: T9/2024 Veritex Bank Championship/finished T55)
- Entered the week with 14 missed cuts in 19 starts this season, with his lone top-25 coming at The Ascendant presented by Blue/T19 in mid-July
- Finished No. 70 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List as a rookie, earning fully exempt status for 2025
- Played the 2022 and 2023 seasons on PGA TOUR Canada, with a win at the 2023 Times Colonist Victoria Open propelling him to a No. 4 finish in the 2023 Fortinet Cup standings and Korn Ferry Tour membership for the 2024 season
- Played five seasons at West Virginia University (2016-21), where he was named the team's Most Improved Player following his junior season (2018-19)

### Additional Notes

- Class of 2022 Korn Ferry Tour graduate **Taylor Montgomery** (2nd/-8), making his third start on the Korn Ferry Tour this season, cards 8-under 62 to tie his career-low round on either the PGA TOUR or Korn Ferry Tour; he has two career rounds of 62 on the Korn Ferry Tour (2022 Astara Golf Championship presented Mastercard/Round 3; 2021 Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health/Round 3), and one career round of 62 on the PGA TOUR (2022 CJ CUP in South Carolina/Round 4)

- Korn Ferry Tour winner and Class of 2023 Korn Ferry Tour graduate **Adrien Dumont de Chassart** (3rd/-7) records his fourth round of 63 or lower this season, with his lowest being an 11-under 59 in Round 1 of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open
- Open qualifier and 18-year-old professional **Blades Brown** (T4/-6), who needs a 2-way T40 finish to earn Special Temporary Membership for the remainder of the 2025 season, cards a 6-under 64, his third round of 64 or lower on Tour this season (previous: 61/Veritex Bank Championship/R1, 63/Veritex Bank Championship/R4)
- Ogden, Utah native **Connor Howe** (T6/-5), making his third start of the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season, cards his lowest round on Tour since a final-round 64 at the 2024 Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health
- Brigham Young University alum **Cole Ponich** (T10/-4), making his first Korn Ferry Tour start as a professional, opens in 4-under 66; he won the 2024 Utah State Amateur Championship contested at Ogden Golf & Country Club, and won the 2025 Provo Open in his professional debut
- Korn Ferry Tour winner **Bo Hoag** (T10/-4), the last man who gained entry to this week's field, opens in 4-under 66 in what is his second start on Tour this season