

**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)

**Third-Round Notes – Saturday, August 2, 2025**

**Weather:** Partly cloudy. High of 89. Wind SW → NW 6-14 mph, gusts of 16-25 mph.

**Leaderboard**

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	Total
T1	Robby Shelton	66	63	65	194 (-16)
	Taylor Montgomery	62	64	68	194 (-16)
3	Bio Kim	65	67	64	196 (-14)
T4	Kensei Hirata	72	63	62	197 (-13)
	David Kocher	67	66	64	197 (-13)
	Blades Brown	64	66	67	197 (-13)
	Étienne Papineau	61	67	69	197 (-13)

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

Category	Robby Shelton	Taylor Montgomery
Age	29	30
2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 68	No. 127
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2025	13-0-2	2-0-1
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on PGA TOUR in 2025	4-0-0	17-0-1
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	86-4-13	63-0-15
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at Utah Championship	3-0-0	2-0-1

**Robby Shelton (T1/-16)**

- Four-time Korn Ferry Tour winner bidding to become the 14th player in Korn Ferry Tour history with at least five career wins
- Making his 87th career start, would have the fourth-fewest starts by a five-time Korn Ferry Tour winner, only trailing Chris Smith (46), Sean Murphy (55), and Matt Gogel (70)
- Holds his seventh 54-hole lead/co-lead in a Korn Ferry Tour event; 3-for-6 converting to victory (2022 BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX, 2019 Visit Knoxville Open, 2019 Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation)
- Leads the field with 21 birdies and one eagle; no other player in the field has more than 19 birdies and eagles
- Two-time Korn Ferry Tour graduate who earned PGA TOUR membership with multi-win Korn Ferry Tour seasons in 2019 and 2022
- Following a No. 87 finish in the 2023 FedExCup Fall standings, finished No. 141 in the 2024 FedExCup Fall standings, leaving him with conditional PGA TOUR status for the 2025 season
- Previously qualified for the 2020 FedExCup Playoffs as a PGA TOUR rookie, finishing No. 66 in the 2019-20 FedExCup standings
- Finished No. 2 in the 2017 Fortinet Cup standings on PGA TOUR Canada to earn Korn Ferry Tour membership for the 2018 season
- Played three seasons at University of Alabama (2013-16), garnering three consecutive All-America First Team honors and breaking Justin Thomas' school record with seven career victories

### Taylor Montgomery (T1/-16)

- A five-time runner-up finisher on the Korn Ferry Tour seeking first PGA TOUR-sanctioned title; he is one of eight players in Korn Ferry Tour history without a victory and at least five runner-up finishes (six-time runner-up Greg Whisman has the most runner-up finishes without a win in Korn Ferry Tour history)
- Holds third 54-hole lead/co-lead in a Korn Ferry Tour event (previous: T1/2022 Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Woodhouse/finished T3, T2/2021 Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health/finished T2)
- 16-under 194 marks his lowest 54-hole score in a Korn Ferry Tour event (previous: 195, three times, including 2021 Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health)
- Bidding to become the eighth 36-hole leader/co-leader to go on to win this season; he would be the third consecutive 36-hole leader/co-leader who went on to win
- Making third start of the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season, as he holds conditional PGA TOUR membership from a No. 138 finish in the 2024 FedExCup Fall standings
- Qualified for the 2023 FedExCup Playoffs and finished No. 54 in the 2023 FedExCup Fall standings as a PGA TOUR rookie
- Finished No. 5 on the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Points List to earn PGA TOUR membership for the 2022-23 season; he finished as the first man out of TOUR membership upon conclusion of the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour season
- Played four seasons at University of Nevada-Las Vegas (2013-17)

### Additional Notes

- Sponsor exemption **Bio Kim** (3rd/-14), a 10-time international winner who previously played three seasons on the Korn Ferry Tour (2012, 2013, 2018), stands inside the top five through 54 holes of a Korn Ferry Tour event for the second time in his career (T2/2012 Stadion Classic at UGA/finished T7); he is bidding to become the eighth sponsor exemption to win on the Korn Ferry Tour since 1998 (most recent: Ben Silverman/2023 The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club)
- Rookie **Kensei Hirata** (T4/-13), who entered the week at No. 134 in the Official World Golf Ranking, ties **Pontus Nyholm** (T11/-11) for the low round of the day with 8-under 62 and equals his career-low round on Tour (2025 Veritex Bank Championship/Round 3)
- Open qualifier and 18-year-old professional **Blades Brown** (T4/-13), who needs a 2-way T40 finish to earn Special Temporary Membership for the remainder of the 2025 season, establishes a new career-high 54-hole position in what is his eighth Korn Ferry Tour start (previous: T11/2025 Veritex Bank Championship/finished T2)
- Second-year member **Étienne Papineau** (T4/-13), who finished No. 70 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List as a rookie for fully exempt status this season, records two bogeys and cards 1-under 69 after playing the first 36 holes without a bogey
- Two-time Korn Ferry Tour winner **David Kocher** (T4/-13) holds his highest 54-hole position since the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance/3rd/finished T14
- Korn Ferry Tour winner and Brigham Young University alum **Daniel Summerhays** (T8/-12), making only his third start of the season since returning from back surgery, cards a third consecutive round in the 60s for the first time in his last five starts on Tour
- Brigham Young University alum **Cole Ponich** (T24/-9), making his first Korn Ferry Tour start as a professional, can gain entry to next week's Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Woodhouse with a top-25 finish Sunday; he won the 2024 Utah State Amateur Championship contested at Ogden Golf & Country Club, and won the 2025 Provo Open in his professional debut
- Ogden, Utah native and longtime Ogden Golf & Country Club member **Connor Howe** (T41/-7), making his third start of the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season, falls outside the top 40 after a 1-over 71