

Veritex Bank Championship
(9th of 26 events on 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Schedule)
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Arlington, Texas
Texas Rangers Golf Club

April 24-27, 2025
Par/Yards: 71 / 7,010

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

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, April 26, 2025

Cut: 71 professionals at 9-under 133 from a field of 156 professionals. The second round resumed at 7:29 a.m. and was completed at 12:58 p.m.

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 82. Wind S/SE at 8-16 mph, gusts up to 20 mph.

Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Johnny Keefer	63	61	66	190 (-23)
T2	Caleb VanArragon	65	62	64	191 (-22)
	Austin Greaser	63	64	64	191 (-22)
	Rick Lamb	60	66	65	191 (-22)
5	Tyson Alexander	64	67	61	192 (-21)

Charting the Leader (stats entering week)

Category	Johnny Keefer
Age	24
2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 11
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2025	8-0-3
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	8-0-3
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at Veritex Bank Championship	Debut

Johnny Keefer (1st/-23)

- Follows 10-under 61 in the second round with 5-under 66 in the third round to total 23-under 190, tying the third-lowest opening 54-hole score in Korn Ferry Tour history (most recent: 190/Tim Widing/2024 Veritex Bank Championship/Won)
- Held a one-stroke lead through 36 holes at 18-under 124, which made him the eighth player in Korn Ferry Tour history to total 124 or lower on the opening 36 holes of a tournament
- Previously broke the Korn Ferry Tour record for lowest 36-hole score (any consecutive rounds) at the 2025 Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard, where he totaled 19-under 122 (61-61) in Rounds 2 and 3; he is now the first player in Korn Ferry Tour history with multiple 36-hole scores (any consecutive rounds) of 124 or lower
- Holds his second 54-hole lead/co-lead in what is his ninth career start on Tour (previous: 1st/The Panama Championship/finished T2)
- Leads the field with 26 combined birdies and eagles (24 birdies, two eagles)
- Earned fully exempt status on the Korn Ferry Tour for the 2025 season by finishing No. 1 in the 2024 Fortinet Cup standings on PGA TOUR Americas; in 10 starts last season, made all 10 cuts and posted nine top-10s, including four runner-up finishes and a victory at the 2024 Manitoba Open
- Claimed the final spot in the 2024 PGA TOUR University Ranking and finished No. 25 to earn exempt membership into the North America Swing of PGA TOUR Americas
- Played five seasons (2019-24) at Baylor University where he recorded seven top-three finishes, highlighted by two victories (2021/Rice Intercollegiate, 2023/Valero Texas Collegiate); topped PGA TOUR member Jimmy Walker's school record for career stroke average (71.45)

Additional Notes

- **Austin Greaser** (T2/-22), who finished No. 3 in the 2024 PGA TOUR University Ranking, is the only player in the field with three rounds of 64 or better this week (63-64-64); he entered the week with three rounds of 64 or lower in 22 career starts on the Korn Ferry Tour
- Rookie **Caleb VanArragon** (T2/-22) had not stood higher than T17 through 54 holes in his nine career starts on the Korn Ferry Tour prior to this week (six missed cuts in nine starts)
- Korn Ferry Tour winner **Rick Lamb** (T2/-22) establishes a new career-high 54-hole position (previous: 3rd/2016 Visit Knoxville Open/finished T3); he is seeking his first victory since the 2016 LECOM Health Challenge, which he won as an open qualifier en route to earning PGA TOUR membership at season's end
- **Tyson Alexander** (5th/-21), winner of the 2021 and 2022 Veritex Bank Championships, cards career-low round of 10-under 61 in the third round (previous: 62/2022 Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open/Round 1); he is bidding to become the second player in Korn Ferry Tour history to win the same event three times (Kyle Thompson/UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH/2007, 2011, 2015)
- **Blades Brown** (T11/-19), a 17-year-old professional in his third career start on the Korn Ferry Tour, records his third consecutive made cut; he is the first player in Korn Ferry Tour history to record three made cuts prior to turning 18 years old
- Rookie and conditional member **Tanner Napier** (T29/-16), competing this week via a sponsor exemption, records his first made cut in his fifth career start on the Korn Ferry Tour (four missed cuts in first four starts this season)
- Two open qualifiers made the 36-hole cut: conditional member **Andrew Loupe** (T22/-17) and **Joey Herrera** (T39/-14)
 - Loupe, who birdied three of his final four holes to make the cut on the number, is a conditional member playing from the "Past Champion 5-10 Years" category via his victory at the 2015 Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship – which propelled him to PGA TOUR membership for a second time in three years via the Korn Ferry Tour Finals (2013, 2015); his start this week marked his first TOUR-sanctioned start since the 2022 CJ CUP Byron Nelson, with his last made cut in a TOUR-sanctioned event coming at the 2021 ISCO Championship (finished 74th), and his last made cut in a Korn Ferry Tour event coming at the 2017 DAP Championship (finished T50)
 - Herrera, making his third career start on the Korn Ferry Tour, recorded a hole-in-one on the par-3 15th in the first round and made the cut on the number (missed cut in previous two Korn Ferry Tour starts – one each in 2023 and 2024)
- The 36-hole cut was made at 9-under 133, marking the lowest 36-hole cut score (both in terms of total score and score relative to par) in Korn Ferry Tour history; the previous record for lowest 36-hole cut score was 135 (five times, most recent: 2024 Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS), and the previous record for lowest 36-hole cut score relative to par was 7-under (seven times, most recent: 2024 Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS)