

2024 AdventHealth Championship
(10th of 26 events on Korn Ferry Tour 2024 Schedule)

Kansas City, Missouri May 16-19, 2024 Points: 500 (winner)
Blue Hills Country Club Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,383 Purse: \$1,000,000 / \$180,00 (winner)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, May 16, 2024

Weather: Mostly cloudy morning, partly cloudy afternoon. High of 73. W/SW winds 4-12 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Jeff Overton 64 (-8)
Griffin Wood 64 (-8)
Vince Whaley 65 (-7)
Alistair Docherty 65 (-7)

Two players tied at 6-under

Things to Know

- Jeff Overton and Griffin Wood share the 18-hole lead following matching bogey-free 8-under 64s
- In just his second ever Korn Ferry Tour start, Wood earns the first 18-hole lead/co-lead of his career
- Overton records his lowest round in a PGA TOUR-sanctioned event since returning to competition in 2022
- Following a runner-up finish at last week’s Myrtle Beach Classic, Alistair Docherty sits one shot off the lead
- This week marks the 14th playing of the AdventHealth Championship
- Announced this week, AdventHealth will remain title sponsor of the AdventHealth Championship through 2029

First-Round Lead Notes

- 2 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win the AdventHealth Championship
 - *Trevor Cone (2022) and Cameron Young (2021)*
- 0 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on Tour in 2024

Charting the Co-leaders

Category (Stats entering week)	Jeff Overton	Griffin Wood
Age	40 (May 28, 1983)	34 (Jan. 26, 1990)
2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	N/A	No. 126
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour career	27-0-0	1-0-0
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2024	3-0-0	1-0-0
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at AdventHealth Championship	1-0-0	0-0-0

Jeff Overton (Co-leader/-8)

- Bogey-free opening round included eight total birdies coming on four par-4s, two par-5s and two par-3s
- Marks his second 18-hole lead/co-lead on the Tour (solo leader at 2023 Magnit Championship, finished T23)
- Opening round 8-under 64 marks the lowest score of his Korn Ferry Tour career
- Making the 28th Korn Ferry Tour start of his career and fourth this season
- Since turning professional in 2005, has made 301 starts on the PGA TOUR
 - Best season on TOUR came in 2010 when he finished No. 29 in the FedExCup standings following six top-10 finishes in 26 starts, including three as runner-up
 - In his career, has 32 top-10 finishes on TOUR
- Member of the United States team at the 2010 Ryder Cup
- Overton [returned to competitive golf in 2022](#) following complications from back surgery in 2017

- Played collegiately at Indiana University, where he was the 2004-05 Big Ten Conference Player of the Year and the 2005 Big Ten Championship individual medalist
- Plays from Evansville, Indiana

Griffin Wood (Co-leader/-8)

- In his second career start on the Korn Ferry Tour, clinches his second lead/co-lead after any round (36-hole solo leader at last month's Veritex Bank Championship)
- Bogey-free 8-under 64 was made up of eight total birdies coming on six par-4s and two par-5s
- Three weeks ago at the Veritex Bank Championship, Wood earned a start as an open qualifier
 - Wood held the outright 36-hole lead after tying the second-lowest 36-hole score in Korn Ferry Tour history (64-60 – 124)
 - Finished T16, earning him a start in this week's AdventHealth Championship via the top-25 finish
- Made six starts on PGA TOUR Canada in 2022, tallying two made cuts (best finish: T40/Quebec Open)
- Does not currently have status on any PGA TOUR-sanctioned tour
- Turned professional in 2012 after playing four seasons at Evansville University (2008-12)
 - Finished his collegiate career ranked second in program history in career scoring average (75.00)
- Plays from Phoenix, Arizona

Quotables

Jeff Overton on his lowest round of the season... "I've been hitting the ball extremely well, playing at a very high level. It just has been ever so slightly off here and there on a couple holes just from lack of playing a little bit, not controlling my emotions when we do hit bad shots. Just kind of today, I was able to not do that kind of stuff. I had a lot of really good scores in some Monday qualifiers, but I haven't had just the flow to get it into these tournament rounds. It's good to finally get one in and not be completely out of the tournament after the first day."

Griffin Wood on what was working best in his first-round 64... "I putted really well. Greens are perfect. They remind me of where I'm from in southern Indiana, the bentgrass greens. So comfortable, I did everything well. My driver was a little off here and there, but the good ones I hit were perfect. I parred both of the par 5s on my back nine, the front, so usually when you do that, you don't shoot 8-under. So it was kind of a weird, different round."

Griffin Wood on the confidence boost from his recent top-25 finish ... "As long as I can handle it, I know that I can do it now. As long as I approach it properly mentally, I feel like I can contend and should be out here. But it's just a matter of capitalizing on opportunities and that's the hardest part is, coming into this week, was keeping it, not making too big a deal of it."

Notes

- In his first start of the Korn Ferry Tour season, **Vince Whaley** (T3/-7) carded a first-round 7-under 65 via eight birdies against one bogey
 - Whaley has made 12 PGA TOUR starts this season, including two top-25 finishes (T18/Puerto Rico Open, T23/Corales Puntacana Championship)
 - Currently No. 159 in the FedExCup Standings
 - Has 131 total starts across the PGA TOUR and Korn Ferry Tour since turning professional in 2017
- **Alistair Docherty** (T3/-7) carded eight birdies against one bogey for a first-round 7-under 65, tying the second-lowest round of his Korn Ferry Tour career (best: 64/R2/BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX)
 - Opened the first round with a 6-under 30 on the front nine at Blue Hills Country Club
 - Entered the week fresh off the a runner-up finish at the Myrtle Beach Classic last weekend on the PGA TOUR, where earned the start as a sponsor exemption
 - Clinches the best 18-hole position of his Korn Ferry Tour career (40 total starts)