



## Pre-Tournament Notes – Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS

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**Dates:** July 15-18, 2021

**Where:** Springfield, Illinois

**Course:** Panther Creek Country Club (Par 71/7,228 yards)

**Field:** 156 players

**Purse:** \$600,000 (\$108,000/winner)

**Format:** 72-hole stroke play

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### Things to Know

- Defending champion **Brett Drewitt** returns and will attempt to become the first player to successfully defend his title in the Korn Ferry Tour’s 32-year history
- In addition to Drewitt, past champion **Anders Albertson** (2018) is in the field
- This will be the sixth edition of the Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS with all six contested at Panther Creek Country Club
- The 2021 tournament returns to its original date of mid-July after taking place in September in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic

### Field Notes (as of 7/13/21)

- Field headlined by two of the top 10 and 17 of the top 25 in the Korn Ferry Tour points standings
- No. 13 **Cameron Young** and No. 16 **Jared Wolfe** are each seeking a third win for immediate promotion to the PGA TOUR
- Three of the 12 players who have already eclipsed 1,700 points – which is the threshold the Korn Ferry Tour is currently using as its fail-safe number for players to finish inside of the top 25 of the 2020-21 points standings and secure PGA TOUR cards – are in this week’s field: No. 3 **Chad Ramey**, No. 10 **Adam Svensson** and No. 12 **Brandon Wu**
- Field includes 50 past Korn Ferry Tour winners with 69 total wins, led by **Martin Piller** (six)
- 20 winners in the field from the current season: **Tyson Alexander, Hayden Buckley, Roberto Díaz, Brett Drewitt, Evan Harmeling, Harry Hall, David Kocher, Max McGreevy, Trey Mullinax, Andrew Novak, Chad Ramey, Seth Reeves, Tag Ridings, Austin Smotherman, Adam Svensson, Curtis Thompson, Peter Uihlein, Jared Wolfe** (x2), **Brandon Wu, Cameron Young** (x2)

### 2020 Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS Recap

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	Total	
1	Brett Drewitt	67	62	68	68	265 (-19)
T2	Harry Hall	69	62	70	65	266 (-18)
T2	Ben Kohles	65	68	66	67	266 (-18)
T2	Austen Truslow	67	67	63	69	266 (-18)

- Australian **Brett Drewitt** fired a final-round 68 to hold off **Harry Hall, Ben Kohles** and Austen Truslow for his first career victory

- Drewitt had made just six of 18 cuts in 2020 entering the tournament before his breakthrough win
- The T2 finish was a breakthrough of sorts for Hall as well; the Englishman had previously made just four career starts with one made cut (T36) to show for it before the T2 in Springfield; Hall went on to win in 2021 at the Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics
- 2018 tournament champion **Anders Albertson** was in contention before a final-round 71 dropped him to a T5 finish

#### Past Champions

Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Margin
2020	Brett Drewitt	67	62	68	68	265 (-19)	1
2019	Xinjun Zhang	68	72	63	66	269 (-15)	Playoff
2018	Anders Albertson	66	66	64	63	259 (-25)	2
2017	Adam Schlenk	67	66	65	72	270 (-14)	Playoff
2016	Martin Flores	66	64	65	67	262 (-22)	2

#### Tournament Records

- Low 18-hole score – 61 (Chase Wright/R2/2018; Charlie Saxon/R1/2020)
- Low 72-hole score – 259 (Anders Albertson/2018)
- Largest Margin of Victory – two (Martin Flores/2016; Anders Albertson/2018)
- Holes-in-one – five (Cody Gribble/R1/No. 5/2016; Ben Kohles/R1/No. 17/2018; Chase Seiffert/R4/No. 2/2019; John Oda/R2/No. 14/2019; George Cunningham/R2/No. 5/2020)

#### Miscellaneous Notes

- Players with Illinois ties in the field include **Shane Smith, Brad Hopfinger, Nick Hardy, Scott Langley, Vince India** and **Brian Campbell**; Smith grew up in Godfrey and starred at Illinois Wesleyan University in nearby Bloomington; Hopfinger and India are each Chicago residents who each played at the University of Iowa, while Hardy, another Chicago resident, was an All-American at the University of Illinois; Langley and Campbell are also former University of Illinois alumni
- Monday qualifiers who gained entry into the field include **Kyle Weldon, Peyton White, Ted Smith, Scott Stevens, Logan McCracken, George Kneiser** and **Brant Peaper**
- The tournament, previously known as the Lincoln Land Championship presented by LRS, is entering its first year with a title sponsor as the Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS
- The Memorial Health Championship is the 20th Korn Ferry Tour tournament of 2021 and 40th of the 2020-21 season

#### Last week on Tour – TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Tag Ridings	70	68	66	68	272 (-16)
T2	David Skinns	69	69	69	65	272 (-16)
T2	Kevin Yu	68	67	70	67	272 (-16)
T4	Tyson Alexander	65	66	71	71	273 (-15)
T4	Taylor Pendrith	70	70	68	68	273 (-15)

- **Tag Ridings** edged **Kevin Yu** and **David Skinns** in a dramatic playoff to earn his second career Korn Ferry Tour victory and first since 2002; the span of 6,985 days between victories set a new Tour record for the longest time between two wins
- Ridings sunk a 20-foot birdie putt on the first playoff hole to extend the playoff after Skinns had drained a 40-foot birdie just before him, before a two-putt par at the second extra hole earned him the win
- Ridings moved from 138th to 69th with the win while Skinns moved from 84th to 58th and Yu moved from 148th to 100th

- Yu, a member of the inaugural PGA TOUR University class, earned his best career finish of T2; since he made his first start just over a month ago, Yu ranks fifth in points on the Korn Ferry Tour behind just the four winners over that span

### Korn Ferry Tour 2020-21 Season

With the Korn Ferry Tour forming a combined 2020-21 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 Memorial Health Championship will be the 40th tournament (of 43) of the 2020-21 regular season.

Twenty-five PGA TOUR cards will be awarded to the top-25 players in the Korn Ferry Tour standings following the conclusion of the regular season at the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna (Aug. 12-15). Additionally, 25 PGA TOUR cards will be awarded through the three-event Korn Ferry Tour Finals at the conclusion of the 2021 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance (Sept. 2-5).

With four events remaining in the regular season, the Korn Ferry Tour is currently using the 1,700-point threshold as its fail-safe number for players to finish inside the top 25. Adam Svensson and Brandon Wu are the two most recent players to cross the threshold after finishes at last week's TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes. Twelve players have now passed the 1,700-point threshold.

### Current Korn Ferry Tour Standings

Position	Player	Points	Wins	Top-10s	Points Behind	Starts
1	Stephan Jaeger	2,649	2	10	--	31
2	Mito Pereira	2,556	3	9	93	32
3	Chad Ramey	2,251	1	9	398	36
4	Greyson Sigg	2,100	1	9	549	30
5	Taylor Pendrith	2,070	--	8	579	33
6	Davis Riley	1,944	2	7	705	32
7	Will Zalatoris	1,876	1	10	688	16
8	Lee Hodges	1,844	1	8	805	33
9	David Lipsky	1,782	1	6	867	28
10	Adam Svensson	1,754	1	7	895	35