



Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS (16th of 26 events on 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Schedule)

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Springfield, Illinois June 26-29, 2025 Points: 500 (winner)

Panther Creek Country Club Par/Yards: 35-36 – 71 / 7,258 Purse: \$1,000,000 / \$180,00 (winner)

First-Round Notes - Thursday, June 26, 2025

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 93. Wind SW at 3-12 mph, gusts up to 20 mph

Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	Total
1	Luke Guthrie	63 (-8)
T2	Hank Lebioda	64 (-7)
	Alvaro Ortiz	64 (-7)
	Nicolo Galletti	64 (-7)
	Algot Kleen	64 (-7)
T6	Six Players Tied	65 (-6)

Charting the Leader (stats entering week)

Category	Luke Guthrie
Age	35
2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 95
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2025	15-0-1
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	143-2-14
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at Memorial Health	4-0-0
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Luke Guthrie (1st/-8)

- Cards a bogey-free 8-under 63 in the first round; posts his best 18-hole score since the 2019 UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH (62/Round 2/finished 6th)
- Holds the fourth 18-hole lead/co-lead of his Korn Ferry Tour career; most recently held the first round lead earlier this season at the 2025 Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club (finished T5)
- Quincy, Illinois native who is making his fifth career appearance at the Memorial Health Championship (best finish: T73/2018)
- Owns seven made cuts in 15 starts this season, logging his lone top-10 at the Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club; posted a T5 finish in the Bahamas for his first top-five finish across any PGA TOUR-sanctioned Tour since the 2019 NV5 Invitational (finished T4)
- Gained Korn Ferry Tour membership for the 2025 season by earning medalist honors at Second Stage of 2024
 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry, earning starts in the first eight events of the season
- Earned his first PGA TOUR card at the conclusion of the 2012 Korn Ferry Tour season; two-time Korn Ferry
 Tour winner who captured victories at the WNB Golf Classic and Albertsons Boise Open presented by
 Chevron to secure a No. 2 finish on the 2012 Korn Ferry Tour money list
- Made 59 cuts in 106 starts on the PGA TOUR with seven top-10 finishes, including a podium finish at the 2013 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches
- Played collegiately at University of Illinois for four seasons (2008-12), helping the Fighting Illini win four
 consecutive Big Ten Conference Championships and winning seven times as an individual, including a pair of
 Big Ten titles in 2011 and 2012
- Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida resident

Additional Notes

- Korn Ferry Tour winner **Hank Lebioda** (T2/-7), who stands No. 3 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List off the strength of his victory at the season-opening Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island, cards his low opening round of the season with a bogey-free 7-under 64; sits inside the top-five after 18 holes for the third time this season (T2/The Panama Championship, T4/The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic)
- Alvaro Ortiz (T2/-7) sits inside the top-five following the first round for the first time this season (previous: T2/2024 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance/finished T33); finished T4 at the 2024 Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS, matching his best result of the season
- Nicolo Galletti (T2/-7) posts the second-lowest round of his career in 7-under 64, only trailing his 9-under 62 at the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNNEX which earned him his first career 18-hole lead/co-lead earlier this month (finished 5th); carded seven birdies in his last eight holes to post 6-under 29 on the front-nine (started on No. 10)
- Rookie **Algot Kleen** (T2/-7) posts a career-low, bogey-free 7-under 64 via an eagle (No. 6) and five birdies (Nos. 2, 11, 13, 15, 16); making his second start on the Korn Ferry Tour after earning exempt membership on the Tour via his No. 10 finish in the 2025 PGA TOUR University Eligibility Ranking
- Caleb VanArragon (T6/-6) cards a bogey-free 6-under 65 to stand inside the top-10 for the second time after 18 holes in what is his 17th career start on the Korn Ferry Tour (previous: T3/Astara Chile Classic presented by Scotiabank/finished T75)
- First-year member Bryce Lewis (T6/-6) holds the best 18-hole position of his career in what is his 12th start
 on the Korn Ferry Tour (previous: T12/2025 BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNNEX/finished T10);
 collected three top-25s in his last four starts after initially earning entry into the Visit Knoxville Open as the
 last man in the field
- Sponsor exemption and University of Illinois alum, Jackson Buchanan (T12/-5), posts a bogey-free 5-under 66 in his professional debut on the Korn Ferry Tour; making his second appearance at the Memorial Health Championship after competing on a sponsor exemption as an amateur in 2024 (finished T39)
- Buchanan finished No. 11 in the 2025 PGA TOUR University Eligibility Ranking, earning exempt membership
 on PGA TOUR Americas for the remainder of the 2025 season, which begins next week (July 3-6) at the
 Explore NB Open in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada
- Preston Summerhays (T25/-4), who finished No. 6 in the 2025 PGA TOUR University Eligibility Ranking, finishes eagle-birdie-par to card 4-under 67; establishes a new career-high 18-hole position in what is his seventh career start on the Korn Ferry Tour (previous: T28/2025 BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNNEX/finished T48)