

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)

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, June 28, 2025

Cut: 75 professionals at 5-under 137 from a field of 156 professionals; the 36-hole cut was made upon conclusion of the second round, which resumed at 6:44 a.m. and concluded at 9:16 a.m.

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 92. Wind SW at 3-12 mph.

Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Alvaro Ortiz	64	65	63	192 (-21)
T2	Zach James	65	66	65	196 (-17)
	Davis Chatfield	66	65	65	196 (-17)
	Austin Smotherman	65	63	68	196 (-17)
	Ben Taylor	65	64	67	196 (-17)
T6	Two Players Tied				197 (-16)

Charting the Leader (stats entering week)

Category	Alvaro Ortiz
Age	29
2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 37
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2025	13-0-1
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	61-0-4
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS	3-0-1

Alvaro Ortiz (1st/-21)

- Matches the low round of the day with an 8-under 63, totaling 21-under 192 to post the lowest opening 54-hole score of his career (previous: 16-under 197/2024 Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS/finished T4)
- Holds the first 54-hole lead of his Korn Ferry Tour career (previous best: T2/twice)
- Ties the second-lowest 54-hole score in tournament history with a 21-under 192; only trailing 2024 Korn Ferry Tour graduate and winner of the 2024 Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS, Max McGreevy, by one stroke (22-under 191)
- Logs the largest 54-hole lead in Memorial Health Championship history, holding a four-stroke lead heading into the final round (previous: 2/Kyle Thompson/2017)
- Seeks his first Korn Ferry Tour victory in what is his 62nd start on Tour
- Making his third appearance at the Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS; matched his season-best finish of 2024 at the event last year (T4)
- Looks to claim his second top-10 finish of the season, having posted a season-best T3 at the 2025 AdventHealth Championship after holding the 36-hole lead
- Owns five top 25s highlighted by a top-10 in 13 starts this season
- Finished No. 57 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List in what was his second season on Tour, earning fully exempt status for the 2025 season

- Previously finished No. 133 on the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Points List as a rookie
- Played two seasons on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica (2020-21; 2023), highlighted by a No. 4 finish on the 2020-21 Order of Merit, as well as a victory at the 2020 Abierto Mexicano de Golf
- Decorated amateur career included a victory at the 2019 Latin America Amateur Championship, which earned him an exemption for the 2019 Masters Tournament (finished T36 and was the second-lowest amateur, only behind Viktor Hovland, who finished T32)
- Played four seasons at University of Arkansas (2014-18), where he earned two collegiate victories

Additional Notes

- Second-round co-leader **Austin Smotherman** (T2/-17) stands inside the top-three following the third round for the second time this season; most recently trailed 54-hole leader Carl Yuan at the 2025 BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX which he converted into his second Korn Ferry Tour career victory
- First-year member **Zach James** (T2/-17) establishes a new career-high 54-hole position off the strength of a bogey-free 6-under 65 in the third round via an eagle (No. 16) and four birdies (Nos. 6, 11-13); has logged three top 25s in six cuts made this season, highlighted by a runner-up finish at the Veritex Bank Championship
- **Davis Chatfield** (T2/-17), who stands No. 6 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, matches his lowest opening 54-hole score with a 17-under 196 (other: 2025 UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH/finished T2); stands T3 or higher after 54 holes for the fifth time this season (most recent: T3/UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH/finished T2)
- Korn Ferry Tour winner **Ben Taylor** (T2/-17) posts a bogey-free 4-under 67 to stand inside the top-three entering the final round for the first time since 2022 Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Woodhouse (T1/finished 2nd); finished No. 185 in the 2024 FedExCup Fall standings to initially hold status on the Korn Ferry Tour earlier this season
- First-round leader and Quincy, Illinois native **Luke Guthrie** (T6/-16) cards a third-round 2-under 69 via seven birdies (Nos. 2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 13, 16) against three bogeys and a double bogey; stands inside the top-10 following 54 holes for the second time this season and establishes his season-best 54-hole position (previous: T10/The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club/finished T5)
- Tournament winner **Neal Shipley** (T6/-16) establishes a new career-high 54-hole position (previous best: T7/2025 The Panama Championship/finished T9); ties the low round of the day and matches his second-lowest 18-hole score with 8-under 63 via an eagle (No. 16) and six birdies (Nos. 2, 6, 10, 12-14), only trailing his career-low round by one stroke (62/2025 Veritex Bank Championship)
- The No. 6 finisher in the 2025 PGA TOUR University Eligibility Ranking, **Preston Summerhays** (T8/-15), posts a career-low round with a 6-under 65 in what is his third professional start on the Korn Ferry Tour; establishes a new career-high 54-hole position and stands inside the top-10 following 54 holes for the second time this season (previous: T9/2025 BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX/finished T48)
- Three-time Korn Ferry Tour winner **Pierceson Coody** (T8/-15) stands inside the top-10 following 54 holes for the seventh time this season; Coody is making his ninth start of the season this week and has made the cut in each start
- Rookie **Bryce Lewis** (T15/-13) establishes a new career-high 54-hole position (previous: T16/2025 UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH/finished T12); posts the lowest opening 54-hole score of his career in 13-under 200 (previous best: 8-under 202/2025 UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH)