



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)

Final-Round Notes - Sunday, June 29, 2025

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 88. Wind S/SW at 3-12 mph, gusts up to 16 mph.

Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Austin Smotherman	65	63	68	63	259 (-25)
2	Alvaro Ortiz	64	65	63	68	260 (-24)
T3	Sandy Scott	68	65	68	60	261 (-23)
	Nicolo Galletti	64	68	66	63	261 (-23)
T5	Ben Taylor	65	64	67	66	262 (-22)
	Neal Shipley	67	67	63	65	262 (-22)

Charting the Champion (stats updated through tournament)

Category	Austin Smotherman		
Age	31		
2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 1		
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2025	16-2-5		
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	94-3-14		
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at Memorial Health	4-1-1		
Championship presented by LRS	4-1-1		

Austin Smotherman (1st/-25)

- Earns his third career Korn Ferry Tour title (2021 Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation, 2025 BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNNEX) and second of the season in his 94th career start at 31 years, 1 month, 10 days of age
- Cards a bogey-free 8-under 63 in the final round via an eagle on the par-4 12th and six birdies (Nos. 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 16) to win by one stroke over 54-hole leader Alvaro Ortiz
- Trailed Ortiz by four shots heading into the final round; marks the sixth time this season that a winner has registered a come-from-behind win by at least four strokes
- With his victory, claims the No. 1 spot on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, overtaking Johnny Keefer
- Should Smotherman earn a third victory this season, he will earn an immediate promotion to the PGA TOUR via the Three-Victory Promotion
- Becomes the first multiple-time winner this season
- Improves to 3-for-4 in converting 36-hole leads into victory, with two of those instances coming from this season; marks the fifth time this season the 36-hole leader/co-leader has gone on to win
- Won his second Korn Ferry Title in his 92nd career start at the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNNEX
 earlier this month
- Marks fourth consecutive top-25 finish on Tour, highlighted by two victories in his last four starts, and logs his fifth top-10 of the season
- In his first made cut at the Memorial Health Championship, wins in his fourth career appearance at the event
- Split time last year between the PGA TOUR and Korn Ferry Tour; made 13 cuts over his 16 starts on TOUR with one top 10 (T7/Procore Championship), leading to a No. 169 finish in the FedEx Cup Fall

- Collected two top-10s in 11 starts during the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour season, leading to a No. 104 finish on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- Retained Korn Ferry Tour membership for the start of the 2025 season with a T19 finish at Final Stage of 2024
 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry (first 25 finishers and ties)
- Previously competed on the PGA TOUR during the 2021-22 and 2022-23 seasons, logging 11 top-25s and two top-10s over 60 starts (best finish: T5/2023 Mexico Open at Vidanta World)
- Earned PGA TOUR membership for the first time at the conclusion of the 2020-21 combined season with a No. 25 finish on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List

Additional Notes

- Third-year member **Alvaro Ortiz** (2nd/-24), who led by four strokes heading into the final round, logs the best finish of his career with a runner-up showing this week (previous best: T3/2025 AdventHealth Championship); posts the lowest 72-hole score of his career, totaling 24-under 260 (previous: 21-under 263/2024 Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS)
- Rookie **Sandy Scott** (T3/-23) posts the best finish of his Korn Ferry Tour career and ties the course record at Panther Creek Country Club with a final-round 11-under 60; becomes the fourth player to shoot 60 at the event (most recent: 2024/Jackson Suber/Round 2); logs a new career-low 18-hole score and posts the best final round score in tournament history (previous: 61/twice)
- First-year member **Nicolo Galletti** (T3/-23) posts his career-best finish and records the best 72-hole score of his career for the second time in a span of three events with 23-under 261; initially broke a string of six missed cuts at the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNNEX with a fifth place finish at 20-under 265
- Korn Ferry Tour winner Ben Taylor (T5/-22) earns his second top-10 finish of the season (other: T3/2025
 AdventHealth Championship); posted his previous best 72-hole score at the 2022 Memorial Health
 Championship presented by LRS (18-under 266) and broke that this week with 22-under 262
- The winner of the 2025 LECOM Suncoast Classic, **Neal Shipley** (T5/-22), posts his best finish since his victory and logs his third top-10 showing of the season (others: 1st/LECOM Suncoast Classic, T9/The Panama Championship)
- Three-time Korn Ferry Tour winner Pierceson Coody (T7/-21) finishes T7 to log his sixth top-10 finish this season; Coody is one of three players that lead the Korn Ferry Tour in 2025 with six top-10s (Hank Lebioda, Mitchell Meissner)
- Second-year member Ian Holt (T7/-21) posts back-to-back 8-under 63s to earn his second top-10 finish of the season (other: T2/118 Visa Argentina Open presented by Macro); ties his second-lowest 18-hole score with a bogey-free 8-under 63 via two eagles (Nos. 6, 16) and four birdies (Nos. 2, 3, 11, 13)
- In his third professional start on the Korn Ferry Tour, **Preston Summerhays** (T7/-21) notches the first top-10 finish of his career and records a new 72-hole score in 21-under 263; Summerhays finished T48 in his Korn Ferry Tour debut earlier this month at the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNNEX after earning exempt membership on Tour via his No. 7 finish in the 2025 PGA TOUR University Ranking
- PGA TOUR winner **Chesson Hadley** (T11/-20) cards a bogey-free 9-under 62 in the final round to post a new career-low round on the Korn Ferry Tour (previous: 63/four times); in his fifth start this season, and first season played since 2017, logs his first made cut and best finish since the 2017 DAP Championship (T2)