KORN FERRY TOUR

Evans Scholars Invitational

July 23-26, 2026

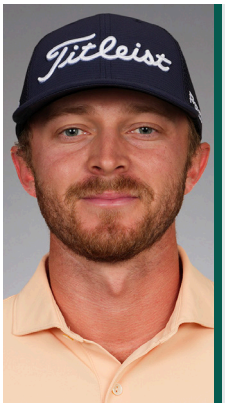
The Glen Club ▪ Glenview, Illinois

Par 71 ▪ 7,262 yards ▪ 156 players

Purse: $1,000,000 ($180,000/Winner)

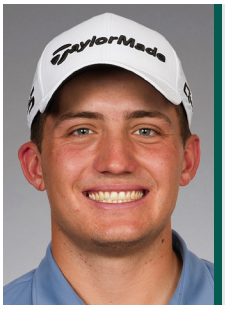
Reigning Champion: Johnny Keefer

PLAYERS TO WATCH



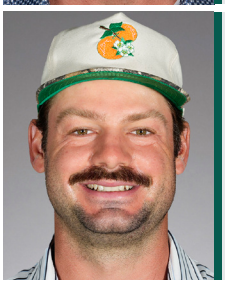
Ben Carr stands No. 15 on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List off the strength of a runner-up finish at last month's OccuNet Classic presented Amarillo National Bank. Carr, who finished No. 17 in the 2023 PGA TOUR University Ranking after five seasons at Georgia Southern University, has 10 made cuts in 12 starts this season. Carr is in his first season on the Korn Ferry Tour, as he played the previous two seasons on PGA TOUR Americas, finishing outside the top 50 of the standings both seasons.

Ian Gilligan, who defeated Blades Brown in the Round of 16 en route to winning the 2024 Western Amateur, stands No. 20 on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List. In his first full season on Tour, Gilligan has six top-10s -- all of which came in the first 10 events. Gilligan ended a streak of five consecutive missed cuts in the previous Tour event, The Blue Championship (T45). Gilligan finished No. 4 in the 2025 PGA TOUR University Ranking.



Christiaan Maas, who earned Korn Ferry Tour membership with a No. 2 finish in the 2026 PGA TOUR University Ranking, carded a final-round 9-under 63 and posted a T5 finish in the previous Tour event, The Blue Championship. Maas played four seasons at University of Texas, earning three individual victories. Maas was the runner-up finisher at the 2023 Western Amateur.

Tommy Morrison, who finished No. 6 in the 2026 PGA TOUR University Ranking after three and a half seasons at University of Texas, has top-10s in his first three starts on Tour (T10/OccuNet Classic, T5/Memorial Health Championship, 2nd/The Blue Championship), propelling him to No. 29 on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List. Morrison's most notable amateur title came at the 2024 European Amateur Championship.



Doc Redman stands No. 1 on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List off the strength of wins at the Astara Chile Classic and Visit Knoxville Open. A third win would earn him an automatic and immediate promotion to the PGA TOUR via the Three-Victory Promotion. Redman was notably the runner-up finisher at 2017 Western Amateur.

TOURNAMENT NOTES

- The 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Season -- the 36th season in Tour history -- continues this week with the Evans Scholars Invitational, the 17th tournament of the 25-event schedule.
- Field includes eight PGA TOUR winners with 14 career victories, led by **Ryan Palmer** with four career wins.
- Field includes 56 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 80 career victories, led by four-time winners **Chesson Hadley** and **Robby Shelton**.
- **Thomas Rosenmueller** (2024) is the lone past champion of Evans Scholars Invitational in the field.
- 11 players in the field are top 200 in the Official World Golf Ranking: **Blades Brown** (No. 97), **Doc Redman** (No. 127), **Ian Holt** (No. 152), **Cole Sherwood** (No. 156), **Ross Steelman** (No. 160), **Davis Lamb** (No. 167), **Jeremy Gandon** (No. 178), **Carson Young** (No. 188), **Drew Nesbitt** (No. 197), **Jay Card III** (No. 199), **Alistair Docherty** (No. 200).

2026 KEY STORYLINES

- **Doc Redman** and **Ian Holt**, Nos. 1 and 3 on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, respectively, are the only multi-time winners this season. Should either win for a third time this season, they will earn an automatic promotion to the PGA TOUR via the Three-Victory Promotion. Matt McCarty (2024) was the last player to achieve the feat.
- Upon conclusion of the 25-event Korn Ferry Tour season, the top 20 players on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List will be awarded PGA TOUR cards (i.e. - membership) for the 2027 season. Additionally, the player who finishes No. 1 will earn exemptions for the 2027 PLAYERS Championship and 2027 U.S. Open.
- Of the current top 20 players on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, 16 would be earning PGA TOUR membership for the first time.
- There are 11 first-time winners this season: **Alistair Docherty**, **Zack Fischer**, **Ian Holt**, **Davis Lamb**, **Dylan Menante**, **Drew Nesbitt**, James Nicholas, **Alvaro Ortiz**, **Doc Redman**, **Cole Sherwood**, and **Ross Steelman**.
- Three players in the top 10 of the Korn Ferry Tour Points List do not have a victory this season -- No. 5 **Hunter Eichhorn**, No. 9 **Cooper Dossey**, No. 10 **Michael Johnson**. Eichhorn, who played collegiately at Marquette University, leads the Tour with eight top-10s. Only two players finished the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Season with at least eight top-10s: No. 1 Johnny Keefer (nine) and No. 4 Neal Shipley (eight).
- 19-year-old **Blades Brown**, who stands No. 12 on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, earned Special Temporary Membership for the remainder of the 2026 PGA TOUR Season, granting him a position in the Priority Ranking and allowing him to accept an unlimited number of sponsor exemptions. Brown has two top-10s on TOUR this season (3rd/Puerto Rico Open, T9/ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic).
- Following the Compliance Solutions Championship, the third of four season-ending Korn Ferry Tour Finals events, the top 60 players on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List will qualify for the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by Virginia's Richmond Region at The Federal Club in Glen Allen, Virginia. Those 60 players will also earn full status for the 2027 Korn Ferry Tour Season.