

Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS
(15th of 25 events on 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Schedule)
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Springfield, Illinois June 25-28, 2026 Points: 500 (winner)
 Panther Creek Country Club Par/Yards: 71 / 7,258 Purse: \$1,000,000 / \$180,00 (winner)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, June 25, 2026

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 80. Wind SW→W 5-10 mph, gusts up to 12 mph.

Preferred lies were in effect for the first round.

Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	Total
1	Drew Nesbitt	60 (-11)
2	Carson Young	61 (-10)
T3	Jackson Buchanan	62 (-9)
	Tyler Duncan	62 (-9)

Charting the Leader (stats entering week)

Category	Drew Nesbitt
Age	31
2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 144
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2026	12-0-0
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	12-0-0
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at Memorial Health Championship	0-0-0

Drew Nesbitt (1st/-11)

- Opens with an 11-under 60 with eight birdies (Nos. 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15) and two eagles (Nos. 6, 16) against one bogey (No. 17), marking his lowest 18-hole score on the Korn Ferry Tour (previous: 63/2026 Visit Knoxville Open/R1)
- Matches the 18-hole tournament scoring record of 60 (fifth occurrence: Taylor Moore/2021/R3; Rob Oppenheim/2022/R3; Jackson Suber/2024/R2; Sandy Scott/2025/R4)
- Holds first 18-hole lead/co-lead in what is his 13th career start on Tour (previous 18-hole high position: T3/2026 Visit Knoxville Open/finished T50)
- Owns four made cuts over 12 starts this season (best finish: T26/Astara Chile Classic presented by Scotiabank)
- First-year Korn Ferry Tour member earned membership for the 2026 season with a No. 8 finish on the 2025 PGA TOUR Americas Points List
- Finished No. 8 on the 2025 PGA TOUR Americas Points List off the strength of his victory at the Digital Commerce Group Open, as well as two additional top-10 finishes
- Logged 25 career starts on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica from 2018-22, highlighted by his first PGA TOUR-sanctioned victory at the 60th Mexico Open
- Carded the first and only 59 ever recorded in PGA TOUR Latinoamérica history during the second round of the 65th ECP Brazil Open
- Played one full season on PGA TOUR Canada in 2022, logging eight starts with one top-25 finish
- Turned professional in 2014 after graduating from Eastview Secondary School in Barrie, Ontario, forgoing collegiate golf
- Toronto, Canada native, who resides in Tampa, Florida

Additional Notes

- **Carson Young** (2nd/-10) made 11 birdies on the day, including a stretch of seven consecutive on his back nine (Nos. 2 – 8), en route to a 10-under 61, matching his single round low in a PGA TOUR-sanctioned event (previous: 61/2024 World Wide Technology Championship/R2)
- Rookie **Jackson Buchanan** (T3/-9), who played four seasons at the University of Illinois (2021-25), cards a career-low bogey-free 9-under 62 (previous 18-hole low: 65/2026 LECOM Suncoast Classic/R1)
- **Tyler Duncan** (T3/-9), who finished No. 63 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, records an 18-hole career low with a bogey-free 9-under 62 (previous career low: 63/twice)
- **Bryson Nimmer** (T5/-8), winner of the 2025 Tulum Championship at PGA Riviera Maya, opens with an 8-under 63 and establishes a new 18-hole high position (previous 18-hole high position: T6/2024 Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron/finished T12)
- **Frankie Harris** (T5/-8), who finished No. 9 in the PGA TOUR University Class of 2026, establishes a new 18-hole career low with a bogey-free 8-under 63 in his second career start (previous low: 69/twice)
- Quincy, Illinois native and former University of Illinois Illini **Luke Guthrie** (T30/-5), who is competing as a sponsor exemption this week, opens with a 5-under 66