

Ogden, Utah
Ogden Golf & Country Club

July 30-August 2, 2026
Par/Yards: 70 / 7,097

Points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$1,000,000 / \$180,00 (winner)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, July 30, 2026

Weather: Sunny. High of 95. Wind SE at 5-10 mph.

Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	Total
T1	Ross Steelman	61 (-9)
	Jay Card III	61 (-9)
T3	Kevin Dougherty	63 (-7)
	Mason Andersen	63 (-7)
	Jeremy Gandon	63 (-7)
	Barend Botha	63 (-7)
	Joseph Bramlett	63 (-7)

Charting the Leaders (stats entering week)

Category	Ross Steelman	Jay Card III
Age	25	32
2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 4	No. 32
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2026	16-1-5	18-0-2
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	70-1-12	58-0-5
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at Utah Championship	4-0-1	3-0-0

Ross Steelman (T1/-9)

- Cards a 9-under 61 featuring 10 birdies against a lone bogey, including birdies on six consecutive holes (Nos. 17-18, 1-4), matching his career-low round (2025 Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard/Round 2) and tying the lowest round in tournament play at Ogden Golf & Country Club (Étienne Papineau/2025/Round 1; Petr Hruby/2025/Round 4), to share the 18-hole lead with Jay Card III
- Holds the second 18-hole lead/co-lead of his career (T1/2025 The Blue Championship/finished T4)
- The fourth-year Korn Ferry Tour member earned his first career victory earlier this season at The Blue Championship, part of a four-top-10 campaign that also includes a playoff loss to Alvaro Ortiz at the UNC Health Championship and a third-place finish at last week's Evans Scholars Invitational; he is projected to move to No. 1 on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- The 6-foot-5 Columbia, Missouri, native, who ranks second on the Korn Ferry Tour in driving distance this season, posted a T8 at the 2024 edition of this event at Oakridge Country Club; he led Thursday's field in Strokes Gained: Off the Tee (+2.51)
- Previously earned full status for the 2026 season with a No. 32 finish on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- Finished No. 56 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List in his first full season on Tour
- Finished No. 4 in the 2023 PGA TOUR University Ranking after two and a half seasons at University of Missouri (2019-21) and two seasons at Georgia Tech (2021-23); he notably finished T2 at the 2023 NCAA Championship

Jay Card III (T1/-9)

- Matches Steelman with a bogey-free 9-under 61 featuring an eagle at the par-5 15th and seven birdies, closing in 6-under 29 on the back nine with a birdie at the 18th; he led the field in Strokes Gained: Putting (+5.12) with 149 feet, 6 inches of putts made

- Holds the first 18-hole lead/co-lead of his Korn Ferry Tour career
- Returned to the Korn Ferry Tour this season via a No. 2 finish in the 2025 PGA TOUR Americas Fortinet Cup standings, capping that campaign by winning the season-ending Fortinet Cup Championship with a closing 62; the two-time previous Tour member (2022-23) finished T29 at this event in 2023
- The 32-year-old Shelter Island, New York, native is a classically trained vocalist who earned a music performance degree from High Point University and has performed at Carnegie Hall and the Vatican; he caddied for **Joseph Bramlett** (T3/-7) in two Korn Ferry Tour events in 2019

Additional Notes

- **Kevin Dougherty** (T3/-7) cards a 7-under 63 featuring an eagle at the par-4 fourth; still seeking his first Korn Ferry Tour title, the veteran's career runner-up finishes include playoff losses at the 2019 Wichita Open Supporting Wichita's Youth (Lost to Henrik Norlander) and the 2020 Savannah Golf Championship (Lost to Evan Harmeling)
- **Barend Botha** (T3/-7) opens with 63 one year after finishing runner-up at the 2025 edition of this event (T2/16-under 264)
- **Andrew Kozan** (T8/-6), the 2022 Utah Championship winner, opens inside the top 10 with a 6-under 64
- **Ian Holt** (T39/-4), No. 2 on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List with two wins this season (The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic; The Panama Championship), remains one victory from the Three-Victory Promotion and automatic PGA TOUR membership
- Ogden native and sponsor exemption **Connor Howe** (T23/-5) opens with 5-under 65 at the course where he grew up learning the game; the Weber High School alum has made the cut at this event in each of the last two years (T36/2024; T37/2025) and owns four top-25s on PGA TOUR Americas this season
- Monday qualifier **Carson Lundell** (T23/-5), a Brigham Young University alum, follows Monday's 9-under 63 qualifying round at Glen Eagle Golf Club with a 65, four days after winning the Colorado Open
- **Tommy Morrison** (T23/-5), winner of last week's Evans Scholars Invitational, extends his streak of consecutive rounds in the 60s to 16 with a 65 as he bids for back-to-back victories
- Farmington, Utah, native **Preston Summerhays** (T39/-4) opens with 66 one year after posting a T7 at the 2025 edition, the top finish among players with Utah ties
- Defending champion **Julian Suri** (T78/-2) opens his title defense with 68 after closing in 7-under 63 last year for a two-stroke victory at 18-under 262
- Brigham Young University alum **Daniel Summerhays** (T78/-2), a Utah native and runner-up at the 2020 edition of this event, opens with 68, while Ogden-native sponsor exemption **Mitchell Schow** (T59/-3), a University of Utah alum and the 2020 Utah State Amateur champion, cards a 3-under 67
- The 35th playing of the Utah Championship makes it one of three events remaining from the inaugural 1990 season; its 12 past champions who became PGA TOUR winners include John Daly (1990), Zach Johnson (2003), Brendon Todd (2008), Cameron Champ (2018) and Karl Vilips (2024), and tournament alumni also count runners-up David Duval (1994), a 13-time PGA TOUR winner and former world No. 1, and J.J. Spaun (2016)
- Tournament scoring records stand at 59 (18-hole/Will Wilcox/2013/Round 4) and 259 (72-hole/Karl Vilips/2024); four players share the lowest round in tournament play at Ogden Golf & Country Club at 61 (Étienne Papineau/2025/R1; Petr Hruby/2025/R4; **Steelman and Card/2026/R1**)