



CRMChampionship presented by Northern Pacific Center

Cragun's Legacy Courses | Brainerd, Minnesota | August 27-30, 2026

Pre-Tournament Notes – August 25, 2026

PGA TOUR Americas Season: 12th of 15 events

PGA TOUR Americas Points: 500 (winner)

Purse: \$225,000 USD (\$40,500 winner)

Resources: [Tee Times](#) | [Leaderboard](#) | [PGA TOUR Media](#)

PGA TOUR Americas travels to Brainerd, Minnesota, for the fifth-annual CRMChampionship presented by Northern Pacific Center. The event was named 2025 PGA TOUR Americas Tournament of the Year, and past champions include Jake Knapp (2022) and Michael Brennan (2025).

Only three regular-season events remain before the top 60 players on the points list qualify for the season-ending Dominican Republic Tour Championship presented by Scotiabank, where the top 10 players on the final points list will earn Korn Ferry Tour membership for the 2027 season.

Player Notes

Daniel Svärd (Stockholm, Sweden) recorded his first victory in only his fourth pro start last week, defeating Adam Duncan on the first playoff hole to win the Manitoba Open. With the win, Svärd improved 104 spots to No. 16 on the points list, securing his spot in the 60-player season finale in October and putting himself in contention for one of the 10 Korn Ferry Tour cards at season's end.

The Northwestern graduate finished No. 19 in the PGA TOUR University Class of 2026 to earn PGA TOUR Americas membership this summer, and he joins Jackson Koivun, Tommy Morrison and Frankie Harris as PGA TOUR University alumni who have won since turning pro in June. In four years at Northwestern, Svärd won the Big Ten individual championship twice (2023, 2024) and was named First-Team All-Big Ten three times.

Adam Duncan (Bakersfield, California) carded a final-round 68 to force a playoff at last week's Manitoba Open before ultimately finishing runner-up, his best result in 18 starts on PGA TOUR Americas. Duncan earned membership in 2025 as the NCAA D-II Jack Nicklaus Award winner out of Colorado Christian University, and this season he's up to No. 23 on the points list with two top-10s.

Austin Greaser (Vandalia, Ohio), a third-year pro out of the University of North Carolina, finished fourth at the Manitoba Open, his best result since finishing T4 at the 2024 Memorial Health

Championship presented by LRS on Korn Ferry Tour. Greaser started the season with conditional membership and has made the cut in his last four starts to move to No. 40 on the points list.

Étienne Papineau (Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec) backed up his win at the Osprey Valley Open with a T5 finish at the Manitoba Open. Papineau (No. 4) and Joey Savoie (No. 8) are the top two Canadians on the points list, and they are two of the six Canadians with victories on PGA TOUR Americas since the tour launched in 2024.

Thomas Ponder (Dothan, Alabama) leads the points list and is the only player who has made the cut in all 11 events this season, but he's coming off a season-worst T45 finish at the Manitoba Open. He leads the tour with eight top-10s and will make his third start at the CRMC Championship, where he has a 65.38 scoring average and finished T4 in 2024 and third in 2025.

Last year, Ponder closed with a career-best 61 on Sunday and finished one shot out of the playoff between Michael Brennan and Derek Hitchner.

PGA TOUR Americas Points List

1. [Thomas Ponder](#) (USA)
2. [Corey Pereira](#) (USA)
3. [Patrick Flavin](#) (USA)
4. [Étienne Papineau](#) (Canada)
5. [Jack Lundin](#) (USA)
6. [Patrick Sheehan](#) (USA)
7. [Drew Doyle](#) (USA)
8. [Joey Savoie](#) (Canada)
9. [Dawson Armstrong](#) (USA)
10. [Mateo Fernández de Oliveira](#) (Argentina)

At the end of the season, the top 10 players on the final [PGA TOUR Americas Points List](#) earn Korn Ferry Tour membership for the 2027 season.

Since its inaugural season in 2024, PGA TOUR Americas has prepared players for success at the highest levels. Johnny Keefer (2024) and Michael Brennan (2025) each finished No. 1 on the PGA TOUR Americas Points List and continued progressing on the path to the PGA TOUR. Keefer earned his PGA TOUR card for the 2026 season after finishing No. 1 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, while Brennan earned PGA TOUR membership by winning the 2025 Bank of Utah Championship during the FedExCup Fall.

PGA TOUR Americas – 2026 Season Summary

Dates	Tournament	Champion
April 16-19	71st ECP Brazil Open	Mason Greene
April 23-26	94 Abierto del Centro Zurich presentado por Personal	Patrick Flavin
May 14-17	Diners Club Peru Open	Cole Anderson
May 21-24	KIA Open de Ecuador presentado por Diners Club	Joey Savoie
June 4-7	Mexico Championship presented by Scotia Wealth Management	Corey Pereira
June 11-14	Inter Rapisissimo Golf Championship	Drew Doyle
June 25-28	Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open presented by Syndeo	Dawson Armstrong
July 9-12	Explore NB Open	Thomas Ponder
July 16-19	Commissionaires Ottawa Open presented by Lépine Apartments	Mateo Fernández de Oliveira
July 23-26	Osprey Valley Open	Étienne Papineau
Aug. 20-23	Manitoba Open	Daniel Svärd
Aug. 27-30	CRMC Championship presented by Northern Pacific Center	
Sept. 10-13	Digital Commerce Group Open	
Sept. 17-20	ATB Classic presented by Building Trades of Alberta	
Oct. 15-18	Dominican Republic Tour Championship presented by Scotiabank	

About PGA TOUR Americas

PGA TOUR Americas identifies and prepares the game's future stars as players compete to earn membership on the Korn Ferry Tour and eventually the PGA TOUR. The 2026 schedule consists of 15 events in nine countries, and the season culminates in October with the Dominican Republic Tour Championship presented by Scotiabank, where the top 10 players on the season-long points list earn Korn Ferry Tour membership the following season.

Since the inaugural PGA TOUR Americas season in 2024, Johnny Keefer (2024) and Michael Brennan (2025) have finished No. 1 on the PGA TOUR Americas points list, and both players earned their PGA TOUR cards for the 2026 season.

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