



Inter Rapidísimo Golf Championship

Club El Rincón de Cajicá | Bogotá, Colombia | May 16-19, 2024

First-Round Notes – May 16, 2024

PGA TOUR Americas 2024 Season: 6th of 16 events

- Latin America Swing: 6th of 6 events

Fortinet Cup Points: 500 (winner)

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

Pos.	Player	Score	Fortinet Cup	
			Start	Projected
1	Sandy Scott (Scotland)	64 (-8)	12th	2nd
T2	Matthew Anderson (Canada)	65 (-7)	1st	1st
T2	Abel Gallegos (Argentina)	65 (-7)	-	18th
T4	Gabriel Morgan-Birke (Chile)	66 (-6)	T130	40th
T4	Hayden Shieh (United States)	66 (-6)	98th	36th

BOGOTÁ, Colombia – Sandy Scott carded an 8-under 64 in the first round of the Inter Rapidísimo Golf Championship to lead by one at Club El Rincón de Cajicá. No. 1-ranked Matthew Anderson is tied for second with Abel Gallegos at 7-under. Two players are tied for fourth entering Friday's second round in Bogotá, Colombia.

Scott's opening-round 64 tied his career low and became his 11th consecutive round under-par this season. Scott has made the cut in all five appearances this season, and has posted three consecutive top-10 finishes with a season-best at the KIA Open (T6/-12). He sits atop the leaderboard for the first time this season.

The Scotland-native's success in Colombia began at the 2023 PGA TOUR Latinoamérica Inter Rapidísimo Golf Championship where he finished in solo third to claim the best finish of his career. Scott finished No. 14 in the Totalplay Cup standings to gain membership into the inaugural PGA TOUR Americas season.

Prior to turning professional in 2022, Scott played five seasons of collegiate golf at Texas Tech. He claimed two individual victories (El Macero Classic/2019, The Carmel Cup/2019) and was selected to the Arnold Palmer Cup and Walker Cup in 2019. He won two of his matches in the Arnold Palmer Cup to help lead the International Team to a 33.5-26.5 victory over the United States.

Upon his fifth and final year at Texas Tech, Scott played in only three tournaments before his year was cut short due to a severe wrist injury. Scott's injury required two surgeries; following the second surgery, Scott was unable to pick up a golf club for 18 months. In November of 2022, Scott became the lone amateur to earn PGA TOUR Latinoamérica status after finishing tied for sixth at the PGA TOUR Latinoamérica Qualifying Tournament at Florida's Mission Inn Resort & Club.

After the first round of the Inter Rapidísimo Golf Championship, Scott is projected to move into the No. 2 position in the Fortinet Cup. The top-two players at the end of the Latin America Swing will earn conditional membership on the Korn Ferry Tour for the 2025 season. Second-round tee times begin at 7:30 a.m. ET and will run until 1:50 p.m. ET off the Nos. 1 and 10 tees on Friday.

About Sandy Scott (1st/-8)

Age: 25

Birthplace: Inverness, Scotland

Residence: Nairn, Scotland

College: Texas Tech University

Fortinet Cup (start of week): 12

- Oldest of four; one brother and two sisters
- Played multiple sports growing up; really began to focus on his golf career at age 15/16. Enjoyed the big city feel of Texas Tech since he grew up in a small town
- Loves to fish
- Was selected to the 2019 Arnold Palmer Cup and 2019 Walker Cup; won two matches to help lead the International Team to a 33.5-26.5 victory over the United States at the Arnold Palmer Cup
- Younger brother Calum is currently playing golf at Texas Tech; Calum and Sandy played golf for one year together at Texas Tech
- Tore ligaments in his right wrist that required two surgeries that cut short his senior season in Lubbock; following the second surgery didn't pick up a club for 18 months
- Favorite food is fish and chips

Competition Notes

Course Setup: Par 72 / 7,464 yards; R1 average: 71.260

Weather: Mostly cloudy with a high of 70. Wind from the southeast at 2-5 mph with gusts up to 11 mph.

- Scotland's Sandy Scott tied his career low (1st/-8) and is projected to move into the No. 2 position in the Fortinet Cup
- Seven countries are represented in the top ten and ties: United States (5), Argentina (2), Canada, (1), Scotland (1), Chile (1), Costa Rica (1) and England (1)
- Matthew Anderson (Canada), the No. 1 player in the Fortinet Cup, carded a 7-under 65 and is tied for second

- Esteban Jaramillo is the only amateur in the field and finished round one at 2-over par
- With their rounds today, five players are projected to move inside the top 60: T4/Hayden Shieh (projected Fortinet Cup: 36th), T4/Gabriel Morgan-Birke (projected Fortinet Cup: 40th), T13/Rafael Echenique (projected Fortinet Cup: 52nd), T13/Franco Romero (projected Fortinet Cup: 51st) and T13/Blake Tomlinson (projected Fortinet Cup: 56th)
- Abel Gallegos (T2/-7) leads six Monday Qualifiers at under-par: Luis Carrera (T13/-4), Phillip Yribarren (T28/-3), Agustin Errázuriz (T28/-3), Eddy Lai (T66/-1) and Juan Pablo Luna (T66/-1)
- Hole 16 – the 183-yard par 3 – was the most challenging hole at Club El Rincón de Cajicá; averaging a +.270

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