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**Attached photo: Aerial view of the clubhouse at Cordoba Golf Club, a venue welcoming PGA TOUR Latinoamérica event for the seventh consecutive year. (Credit: Enrique Berardi / PGA TOUR)**

**The First Look: 88th Abierto OSDE del Centro**

*The fourth event of the 2019 season is also the second leg on the Zurich Argentina Swing*

CORDOBA, Argentina – Since PGA TOUR Latinoamérica set foot in Cordoba back in April of 2013, the Abierto OSDE del Centro presented by FiberCorp | TELECOM quickly became a player favorite. The history and tradition of a tournament that began in 1927 came to enhance the Tour schedule.

Through the years, the Cordoba Golf Club went on to become the venue that has hosted the most PGA TOUR Latinoamérica events in Argentina. In fact, this year it matches the Tour record for most events hosted at the same venue, tying Peru’s Los Inkas Golf Club (seven).

The treelined, 6,878-yard, par-71 course has consistently and annually ranked among the Tour’s toughest tracks. As the second of four events of the Zurich Argentina Swing, this year the Abierto OSDE del Centro promises to remain a tough test for those aiming to move up to the Web.com Tour and the PGA TOUR.

**DATES:** April 22-28, 2019

**TOURNAMENT NAME:** 88th Abierto OSDE del Centro presented by FiberCorp | TELECOM

**HASHTAGS:** #AbiertodelCentro #ZurichArgentinaSwing #pgatourla

**SCHEDULE:** Fourth event of the 2019 PGA TOUR Latinoamérica season

**ZURICH ARGENTINA SWING:** Second of four events

**VENUE:** Cordoba Golf Club – Villa Allende, Cordoba, Argentina

**PAR/YARDS:** 71 (35-36) 6,878

**DEFENDING CHAMPION:** Cristóbal Del Solar, Chile

**PURSE:** US $175,000 – Winner’s share US $31,500

**CUT:** Top-55 and ties

**FIELD NOTES:**

This week’s field features 144 players from 21 countries.

Players by country: United States (57), Argentina (43), Mexico (6), Canada (5), Chile (5), Colombia (5), Bolivia (2), Brazil (4), England (3), South Africa (2), Spain (2), Australia (1), Finland (1), France (1), Guatemala (1), Norway (1), Peru (1), Dominican Republic (1), Sweden (1), Uruguay (1) and Venezuela (1).

**Jared Wolfe** enters the week leading the Order of Merit with season earnings of $38,003 in three starts. He opened the year with a five-stroke victory at the Buenaventura Classic in Panama last month. The 31-year old is coming off a tie for eighth at the Chile Open and holds an Order of Merit lead of $5,573 over Andrés Echavarría. In his only other visit to the Cordoba Golf Club, Wolfe finished solo 13th.

Nine of the top-10 players on the Order of Merit are scheduled to play here, including the trio of 2019 tournament champions: **Wolfe** (Buenaventura Classic), **Andrés Echavarría** (Molino Cañuelas Championship) and **John Somers** (Abierto de Chile presented by Volvo). The only player inside the top 10 who did not make it to Villa Allende is Australia’s Ryan Ruffels, who holds the third spot.

The following are the Order of Merit top-10 players through three events:

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| **Pos.** | **Players** | **Earnings** | **2019 Season Notes** |
| 1. | Jared Wolfe | $38,003 | Buenaventura Classic winner |
| 2. | Andrés Echavarría | $32,430 | Molino Cañuelas Championship winner |
| 3. | Ryan Ruffels | $31,967 | Two runner-up finishes – Not playing this week |
| 4. | John Somers | $31,500 | Abierto de Chile winner |
| 5.  | Mito Pereira | $20,532 | T2 at Buenaventura Classic |
| 6. | Alex Weiss | $18,900 | Solo second at Abierto de Chile |
| 7. | Rafa Becker | $15,306 | Two top-10 finishes |
| 8. | Augusto Núñez | $14,175 | Three top-15 finishes |
| 9. | Andreas Halvorsen | $14,111 | Solo third at Molino Cañuelas Championship |
| 10. | Alex Rocha | $14,055 | Two top-10 finishes |

This field also includes 47 of the 52 players currently ranked inside the Order of Merit Top 50. The following are the nine Argentine players in that group:

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| **Pos.** | **Player** | **Earnings** | **2019 Season Notes** |
| 8. | Augusto Núñez | $14,175 | Three top-15 finishes |
| 14. | César Costilla | $9,931 | T5 at Cañuelas Championship |
| 26. | Clodomiro Carranza | $5,594 | T13 at Cañuelas Championship |
| T30. | José Cóceres | $4,725 | T8 at Cañuelas Championship |
| 32. | Tano Goya | $4,427 | Three top-30 finishes |
| 34. | Paulo Pinto | $4,183 | Two top-25 finishes |
| 37. | Jorge Fernández Valdés | $3,640 | Two top-30 finishes |
| 43. | Ricardo González | $3,143 | T13 at Chile Open |
| T50. | Leandro Marelli | $2,625 | T16 at Cañuelas Championship |

There are seven Argentine amateurs competing this week. **Manuel Lozada**, **Pablo Nahmias**, **Segundo Oliva**, **Ramiro Pérez** and **Germán Tagle** joined the field via sponsor exemptions, while **Matías Gramajo** and **Diego Prone** made it through Monday qualifying.

Past champions playing in the Abierto OSDE del Centro this week include local star and eight-time winner **Ángel Cabrera** (1994, 1997, 2000, 2001, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2013), tournament defending champion **Cristóbal Del Solar** (2018), **Tommy Cocha** (2015), **César Costilla** (2012) and **Tano Goya** (2008).

This will be **Cabrera**’s second consecutive week competing on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica. The two-time major champion is coming off a T27 finish at the Chile Open, an event in which he was tied for fifth before posting a couple of 72s on the weekend. This will also be his 16th career PGA TOUR Latinoamérica start, where he owns two victories (2012 VISA Open de Argentina, 2013 Abierto OSDE del Centro) and seven top-10s. Cabrera will be eligible to play on the PGA TOUR Champions when he turns 50 on September 12.

**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Through the years, the top Argentine stars and several other world-class stars have traveled to Cordoba Golf Club, making their contributions that have turned the Abierto OSDE del Centro into one of the top events in Latin America. World Golf Hall of Famer Sam Snead, the tournament champion in 1941, and two-time U.S. Open champion Andy North (1980) are past champions, as are the Argentina foursome of Roberto De Vicenzo, Eduardo Romero, Ángel Cabrera and Martín Pose leading the way as the winningest players in this event’s history.

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| **Wins** | **Player** | **Years Won** |
| **8\*** | Martín Pose | 1933, 1939, 1944, 1946, 1947, 1950, 1954, 1956 |
| **8\*** | Ángel Cabrera | 1994, 1997, 2000, 2001, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2013 |
| **7** | Roberto De Vicenzo | 1943, 1962, 1965, 1967, 1972, 1973, 1974 |
| **7** | Eduardo Romero | 1984, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1995, 1996, 1999 |

When Cabrera won to tie Pose’s all-time record of eight wins, in 2013, the tournament began a new era as a PGA TOUR Latinoamérica-sanctioned event. The following are the players who have claimed the title since the event became a stop on the path to the PGA TOUR.

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| **Year** | **Champion** | **Scores** |
| 2013 | Ángel Cabrera, Argentina | 72-72-76-64—284 (par) \*Playoff |
| 2014 | Will Kropp, U.S. | 73-66-68-69—276 (-8) |
| 2015 | Tommy Cocha, Argentina | 70-67-68-70—275 (-9) |
| 2016 | Anthony Paolucci, U.S. | 71-69-66-70—276 (-8) |
| 2017 | Nelson Ledesma, Argentina | 68-69-67-71—275 (-9) |
| 2018 | Cristóbal Del Solar, Chile | 68-64-66-74—272 (-12) |

**THE GOLF COURSE:** Cordoba Golf Club, 6,878 yards, par 71 (35-36). Located on Villa Allende’s Derqui Avenue, the club is an old-style, tree-lined course that plays tight and tricky. Built in the 1920s, the course underwent a complete remodeling of its greens and bunkers under the supervision of Angel Cabrera and Eduardo Romero in 2012. This is how the course has played over the past six PGA TOUR Latinoamérica visits:

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| **Year** | **Avg. Score** | **Avg. O/U Par** | **Cut** | **Winning Score** |
| 2013 | 75.329 \*\* | +4.329 | 150 (+8) \* | 284 (par) \*\* |
| 2014 | 73.944 | +2.944 | 146 (+4) | 276 (-8) |
| 2015 | 73.878 | +2.878 | 146 (+4) | 275 (-9) |
| 2016 | 73.127 | +2.127 | 145 (+3) | 276 (-8) |
| 2017 | 73.000 | +2.000 | 145 (+3) | 275 (-9) |
| 2018 | 72.070 | +1.070 | 143 (-1) | 272 (-12) |

*\* Highest numbers in PGA TOUR Latinoamérica history*

**72-HOLE RECORD:**

270, Ángel Franco (69-68-65-68 in 1992), Ángel Cabrera (72-66-72-60 in 2001).

**18-HOLE RECORD:**

60, Ángel Cabrera (fourth round, 2001).

**ZURICH ARGENTINA SWING:** The 88th playing of the Abierto OSDE del Centro is the second event in the Zurich Argentina Swing. The competition features the four PGA TOUR Latinoamérica events in Argentina. It began at the Molino Cañuelas Championship in Buenos Aires. The current leader is Colombia’s Andrés Echavarría.

Supporting the Tour events in Argentina since 2015, Zurich will award the top performer at the end of this series with a $10,000 cash prize. Past winners are **Kent Bulle** (2015), **Samuel Del Val** (2016), **Jared Wolfe** (2017) and **Clodomiro Carranza** (2018).

Zurich Argentina Swing Standings:

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| **Pos.** | **Player, Country** | **Earnings** |
| 1. | Andrés Echavarría, Colombia | $31,500 |
| 2. | Ryan Ruffels, Australia | $18,900 |
| 3. | Andreas Halvorsen, Norway | $11,900 |
| 4. | Rafael Becker, Brazil | $8,400 |
| T5. | César Costilla, Argentina | $6,387 |
| T5. | Victor Lange, South Africa | $6,387 |
| T5. | Patrick Newcomb, U.S. | $6,387 |

**BIRDIES AND EAGLES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS:**

Providing a valuable charity component to the Tour’s Argentine events, Zurich raises money for every birdie or better made on the 18th hole during all four competitive rounds of the Zurich Argentina Swing events. Their charity of choice is Fundación Futuros Profesionales Integrar, an organization that runs a scholarship program to support college students in Argentina. This season, Zurich is putting up 1,000 Argentine Pesos for each birdie or eagle recorded on No. 18.

At the opening event of the series at Cañuelas Golf Club, Tour players recorded 13 eagles and 185 birdies, which currently makes it 198,000 Argentine Pesos raised toward this cause. The following are the players who recorded the most eagles and birdies at the first event:

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| **Player** | **Birdies** | **Eagles** | **Total** |
| Víctor Lange | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Andrés Echavarría | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Ryan Ruffels | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Andreas Halvorsen | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Augusto Núñez | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Alex Rocha | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Manav Shah | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Ignacio Marino | 4 | 0 | 4 |

**FROM CORDOBA TO THE PGA TOUR WINNERS’ CIRCLE:**

Three of the four PGA TOUR Latinoamérica graduates who have won on the PGA TOUR in 2019 played in the Abierto OSDE del Centro. Those players are **Adam Long** (Desert Classic champion), **Keith Mitchell** (The Honda Classic champion) and **Corey Conners** (Valero Texas Open champion). This is how they did at Cordoba Golf Club:

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| **Year** | **Player** | **Scores** | **Results** |
| 2014 | Adam Long | 78-79 | Cut |
| 2015 | Keith Mitchell | 77-75 | Cut |
| 2016 | Corey Conners | 71-74-70-70 | T22 |

**PREMIER PARTNERS:** As the new PGA TOUR Latinoamérica Premier Partners, **Volvo Car Latin America**, **Hilton** and **Go Vacaciones** are joining the Abierto OSDE del Centro for the first time. In this exclusive category, the brands of these three partners are integrated into the PGA TOUR Latinoamérica message while telling the stories of its players, graduates, tournaments and its participation in the communities where the competitions take place.