**PARTIAL First-Round Results**

**Abierto OSDE del Centro presentado por FiberCorp-Telecom**

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| **Pos.** | **Name** | **Scores** |
| 1 | Paulo Pinto (Argentina) | 30-34—64 (-7) |
| 2 | Matt Hutchins (U.S.) | 33-33—66 (-5) |
| 3 | Sebastian Szirmak (Canada) | 33-35—68 (-3) |
| 4 | Tommy Cocha (Argentina) | 34-35—69 (-2) |
| T5 | Augusto Nunez (Argentina) | 35-35—70 (-1) |
| T5 | Manav Shah (U.S.) | 35-35—70 (-1) |
| T5 | Marcos Montenegro (Argentina) | 36-34—70 (-1) |
|  | **Didn’t Complete Round** |  |
|  | John Somers (U.S.) | 2-under through 9 holes |
|  | Rohan Ramnath (U.S.) | 2-under through 9 holes |
|  | Chris Korte (U.S.) | 2-under through 9 holes |

**Pinto starts quickly at home and leads weather-delayed start Cordoba**

CORDOBA, Argentina—At the beginning of the 88th playing of the Abierto OSDE del Centro presentado por FiberCorp-Telecom, Paulo Pinto started hot—and he remained that way throughout the opening 18 holes. On the strength of four consecutive birdies to start his day, of the players who finished their first rounds, Pinto, who lives in the Cordoba Golf Club neighborhood, opened a two-shot lead over American Matt Hutchins and a four-stroke bulge on Canadian Sebastian Szirmak. Pinto’s bogey-free, 7-under 64 included three additional birdies on a cool, rainy, overcast day. At 6:30 p.m., officials suspended play due to a dangerous weather situation. Seventy-eight of the 144 players in the field finished their first rounds. The remaining players will complete their opening-round play Friday morning, weather permitting.

Of his four consecutive birdies, Pinto pointed out his third shot on the par-5 second hole, an approach that almost went in the hole for eagle as one of the highlights. Instead of the dramatic eagle, Pinto settled on a tap-in birdie. He also kept his scorecard blemish-free, with creative work on No. 11. After hooking his drive and missing the green, he was able to get up and down for par.

**Did you know** Paulo Pinto has enjoyed a feast-or-famine result since the Abierto OSDE de Centro became a part of the PGA TOUR Latinoamerica schedule? In six previous starts, Pinto has missed the cut four times, tied for 14th in 2015 and tied for second in 2017.

**Key Information**

* Paulo Pinto shot a 7-under 64 Thursday. It is his career-low PGA TOUR Latinoamerica score in relation to par. His career-low numerical round is the 63 he shot on the par-69 Gavea Golf Club, home of the 2013 Aberto do Brasil.
* There are nine amateurs playing this week, all from Argentina. Of those who finished their first rounds, Diego Prone had the best showing. He shot a 4-over 75 and is tied for 74th. Others are Matias Gramajo (7-over 78), Angel F. Cabrera, Jr. (12-over 83) and Pablo Nahmias (13-over 84).
* This is the second consecutive week that Matt Hutchins has started quickly, shooting a 5-under 66 Thursday. A week ago, at the Abierto de Chile, Hutchins began with a 67-69 before dropping three strokes to par on the weekend (73-72) to tie for 42nd.
* On his opening hole, Matt Hutchins missed the green on his approach shot but still made birdie when he chipped in.

**Quotable**

“I started the first four holes very well. That gave me confidence on the greens.” **–Paulo Pinto**

“I think hitting the fairways on the first holes and making putts was a key.” **–Paulo Pinto**

“At the beginning of the day, I was shaking because of the nerves of being a local player. But the way I started made me relax quite a bit.” **–Paulo Pinto**

“To be wet all day, to always drying the grips so your hands don’t slip, it is very difficult to play like that with the rain.” **–Paulo Pinto**

"I think the main thing is going out there, being patient and having fun because I’m at home. I live five blocks from the green on No. 6.” **–Paulo Pinto**

“Yeah, this weather was really wet. It was a pretty big grind out there trying to stay patient.” **–Matt Hutchins**

“I was fortunate to tee off first, so I was able to get some untouched greens.” **–Matt Hutchins**

“This golf course is really big on missing in the right spots. I made a lot of four- and five-footers for par.” **–Matt Hutchins**

“It definitely wasn’t the best weather day, but everybody had to play in it.” **–Matt Hutchins**

I grew up in New England, so playing fall and spring golf, you’re used to cold and windy conditions. I’ve definitely played in tough conditions before.” **–Matt Hutchins**

**Tournament Fast Fact**

This tournament dates to 1927, and winners have come from Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Scotland, Sweden and the United States

**First-Round Weather Report**

Cloudy and overcast, with rain and light drizzle falling all day. Officials suspended play at 6:30 p.m., due to a dangerous weather condition. High of 62. Wind SSW at 8-11 mph.