

- Win at The Ascendant Presented by Blue and pair of top-3 finishes in the 2019 season culminated in his first PGA TOUR card
- Finished No. 192 in the 2020-21 FedExCup Standings, relegating him to the Korn Ferry Tour
- Hails from Tucuman, Argentina and turned professional in 2007 at just 17 years old

Alejandro Tosti (Co-Leader / -7)

- Earns the first lead/co-lead of any kind in his young Korn Ferry Tour career (making 12th career start this week)
- Previous best career-high position after any round was T2 after 18 holes (2023 Veritex Bank Championship/finished T10; 2023 Club Car Championship at The Landings Golf & Athletic Club/finished T25)
- Rolls in a career-high 11 birdies and four pars against two bogeys and a double bogey en route to 7-under 63, tying his career-low round on Tour (8-under 63/2023 Veritex Bank Championship/Round 1)
- Ties Tim Widing (Astara Chile Classic/Round 2) and Jack Maguire (Club Car Championship at The Landings Golf & Athletic Club/Round 4) for the most total birdies in a Korn Ferry Tour round this season with 11
- Cards four birdies in a row from Nos. 2-5 and five birdies in his final six holes (Nos. 13, 14, 16, 17, 18)
- Owns three top-10s in nine Korn Ferry Tour starts this season, including a career-high solo-fourth at last week's AdventHealth Championship
- Also boasts a T10 from the PGA TOUR's 2023 Mexico Open at Vidanta
- 26-year-old native of Rosario, Argentina who now resides in Gainesville, Florida, earned Korn Ferry Tour membership for the first time via a No. 5 finish in the 2021-22 PGA TOUR Latinoamérica Totalplay Cup, and earned guaranteed starts for the first eight events of the season with a T29 at Final Stage of the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament
- Turned professional in 2018 after four seasons at University of Florida (2014-18), where he won four times individually, with the crown jewel being medalist honors at the 2017 Southeastern Conference Championship
- Played primarily on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica from 2018-2022, earning wins at the 2022 90 Abierto del Centro memorial Eduardo Gato Romero ptdo por Telecom and 2019 Termas de Rio Hondo Invitational

Quotables

Alejandro Tosti on his first-round 7-under 63... "I had a pretty good day. I mean, best birdies I ever made in my whole career, 11 in one day was like wow, one after the other after the other. Then I had a couple bad breaks where I made a double, but I again fought back and yeah, it's like just everything was hitting the ball great. I mean, the best in many years, putting the best in many years, so everything is kind of coming together."

Alejandro Tosti on how he his game feels... "I think every part of my game is coming along together and I'm just living in the moment. Very happy. I mean, [this is] the best I've done in my professional career. I have a good time. This is my first year on this tour and I'm showing some good results in the beginning, which is really good. Very motivating for what's coming. I mean, also those invites that I got -- well, the invite [into the Mexico Open] and turned that into a top-10. To be able to play in an elevated event next to Rory McIlroy and Jordan Spieth, all of those, and make the cut, just a lot of positive things and I just want to keep building for what's coming."

Nelson Ledesma on a bogey-free start to the week... "When we finished the round my caddie told me that is the first round we've had that was bogey-free, so we are happy about that. I struck well the ball, so I'm very happy with that."

I like the course, a typical course that we play in Argentina with some trees. I really like the greens, the greens are nice. We are OK."

Notes

- **Rico Hoey** (T3 / -6), currently No. 4 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List, sits inside the top 10 through 18 holes for the second time this season after birdies on five of his first 10 holes (started on No. 10) and a closing birdie at the par-4 ninth
- Two-time Korn Ferry Tour winner **David Kocher** (T3 / -6) cards a bogey-free 6-under 64 after opening with back-to-back birdies on Nos. 10 and 11 and adding four others on Nos. 4, 6, 7 and 15
- Rookie **Mason Andersen** (solo fifth / -5) earns his best 18-hole position in a Korn Ferry Tour start (previous best: T10/2023 The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club/finished T34) as he makes seven birdies against two bogeys
- **Pontus Nyholm** (T6 / -4) sits inside the top 10 after 18 holes for the second time this season (T2/2023 Astara Chile Classic/finished T18)

- The only player with two wins this season, **Ben Kohles** (T92 / +1) records a hole-in-one at the 149-yard par-3 fourth, marking the second hole-in-one at No. 4 since the tournament relocated to Holston Hills Country Club in 2021 (Michael Kim/2022/Round 1)
- **Jacob Bridgeman** (T6 / -4) eagles the par-5 18th to secure his best 18-hole position in a Korn Ferry Tour start (previous best: T7/2023 Veritex Bank Championship/finished T7)
- Open Qualifier and Knoxville native **Ryan Hall** (T33 / -2) cards a 2-under 68 to tie the lowest round from Open Qualifiers alongside **William Nottingham** (T33 / -2)