



- 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 second round... "I played very well today again. Not as good as yesterday, but I feel like my game is pretty solid in every part. I had two bogeys and they are kind of misjudging the wind kind of swirling around. Yeah, I mean, very, very happy to be in contention for the tournament and having a good opportunity the next 36 holes."

**Alejandro Tosti** on what he's most looking forward to this weekend... "Just being in the fight for the tournament. I've been playing really good and I feel like I've been knocking on the door but not having a good result, so whatever is meant to happen will happen. I know there are not many guys playing better than me at this time, so I'm very happy with the opportunity."

**Alejandro Tosti** on his favorite shot through 36 holes... "I've had many of them. Probably the last shot on hole 9, I don't know if you were filming or not, but it was a great shot. It ended like probably a foot from the hole and ended up like two and a half feet right of it. It was a great shot. Man, I had many good shots. It's just I'm hitting my irons very good and my putting is very good, too. So very happy with every part of my game."

**Joshua Creel** on tying the course record today... "I mean, when you got it going like that, the hole seems pretty big. I made a bunch of putts today and played from the fairway and had a bunch of good numbers, which typically when you get a round going like I did today is what happens. It was a lot of fun."

### Notes

- **Joshua Creel** (T2 / -9) cards 9-under 61 and ties the Holston Hills Country Club course record previously established by Seth Reeves (2021/Round 4), Greyson Sigg (2021/Round 1), Andrew Pratt (2004), and Walt Chapman (1993); he also ties the 18-hole tournament scoring record previously established by Seth Reeves (2021/Round 4), Greyson Sigg (2021/Round 1), **Grayson Murray** (2016/Round 2), and Keith Mitchell (2016/Round 1)
- **Jorge Fernández Valdés** (T2 / -9) sits inside the top five after 36 holes for the fifth time in 79 career Korn Ferry Tour starts and holds his best 36-hole position this season (T19/The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club/finished T50)
- Rookie **Jacob Solomon** (T4 / -9), who qualified for the U.S. Open earlier this week, opens his second round with four birdies in his first eight holes en route to tying his career-low round for a second consecutive day with a 4-under 66
- **Roberto Diaz** (T6 / -7) holds his best 36-hole position of the season following a 5-under 65
- **Cooper Musselman** (T6 / -7) cards a bogey-free 6-under 64, a new career-low round, with birdies at Nos. 2, 9, 12, 13, 15 and 16; he also holds a career-high 36-hole position (previous best: T11/2020 The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay/finished T50)
- Korn Ferry Tour winner **Norman Xiong** (T10 / -6) sits inside the top 10 after 36 holes for the second time this season (T9/The Panama Championship/finished T24)
- **Josh Teater** (T10 / -6) plays his last two holes in 3-under par with a birdie at the par-4 17th and eagle at par-5 18th to shoot a season-low 7-under 63
- Sponsor exemptions **RJ Manke** (T17 / -5) and **Spencer Cross** (T30 / -4) make the cut, while **William Nottingham** (T41 / -3) and **Ryan Hall** (T41 / -3) are the only two open qualifiers to make the cut
- **José de Jesús Rodríguez** (T30/-4) records a hole-in-one on the par-3 11th