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Second-Round Leaderboard
Roberto De Vincenzo Memorial 100 Years

Ranelagh Golf Club
Berazategui, Argentina
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Full [Leaderboard](#):

Pos.	Name	Scores	Current Totalplay Cup Pos.
1	Davis Shore (U.S.)	64-68—132 (10-under)	30
T2	Andres Romero (Argentina)	64-69—133 (9-under)	69
T2	Chandler Blanchet (U.S.)	65-68—133 (9-under)	23
T2	Charlie Hillier (New Zealand)	66-67—133 (9-under)	43
T2	Rafael Echenique (Argentina)	68-65—133 (9-under)	101
T2	César Costilla (Argentina)	67-66—133 (9-under)	T126
7	Max Sekulic (Canada)	68-66—134 (8-under)	T109
T8	Leandro Marelli (Argentina)	62-74—136 (6-under)	16
T8	George Toone (England)	66-70—136 (6-under)	T96
T8	Adam Navigato (U.S.)	67-69—136 (6-under)	T120
T8	Fred Meyer (U.S.)	66-70—136 (6-under)	86
T8	Clodomiro Carranza (Argentina)	66-70—136 (6-under)	T130
T8	Tommy Cocha (Argentina)	67-69—136 (6-under)	68

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Back-nine supremacy lifts Shore to 36-hole lead

BERAZATEGUI, Argentina—A slow start to his second round didn't deter Davis Shore as the former University of Alabama stalwart kicked it in gear once he turned on the back nine at Ranelagh Golf Club. Shore will take a one-stroke lead into the weekend at PGA TOUR Latinoamérica's Roberto De Vincenzo Memorial 100 Years. He's a stroke ahead of a quintet of players—Argentines César Costilla, Andres

Romero and Rafael Echenique, Chandler Blanchet of the U.S. and New Zealander Charlie Hillier. Canadian Max Sekulic is alone in seventh, two shots back of Shore.

After a birdie to open his round, Shore bogeyed his second and third holes, to drop to 1-over. He then parred his next six holes.

“The way this course is, the hard holes all come in a row. The front nine, one through eight, kicks you in the teeth,” said Shore, who was born a year after both Echenique and Romero turned pro, in 1998, and two years after Costilla left the amateur ranks. “It was windy when we started out today, and I was hitting some pretty good shots but still just trying to hold on on the front nine.”

Held on Shore did, making the turn and rallying, with a birdie at No. 10, an eagle for the second consecutive day at the 11th and another birdie at 12. “I knew something like that was going to happen on the back nine because that’s the scoreable side,” Shore explained.

His second-shot approach on the par-5 11th stayed on the green after looking like it might fall off. From there, he rolled in a 12-footer. In Thursday’s first round, his eagle putt came from 10 feet.

“I hit a 5-iron again, the same club,” Shore added about his last two approach shots on No. 11. “It was a different pin location, with a little more wind in our face today. It was probably a little tougher shot today.”

Romero struggled off the tee Friday after enjoying a solid tee-ball game a day earlier. “Today it was hard for me to start the day,” Romero noted. He battled for most of a windy morning, making four birdies against two bogeys for his 2-under 69.

Blanchet took a share of second place despite making one birdie on Ranelagh’s three back-nine par-5s Friday—at No. 14. He birdied all three in Thursday’s opening round.

Echenique, who is playing in his 104th career PGA TOUR Latinoamérica tournament, has made 66 cuts and has a second- and a third-place finish to his credit but has yet to break through and win. His 65 Friday was the low round of the day.

Costilla suffered his first bogey of the round, at No. 15, but recovered nicely with a birdie-birdie-par finish. His last PGA TOUR Latinoamérica top-10 came at the 2019 Cañuelas Championship, a tie for fifth, while Hillier has yet to finish inside the top 10 in this, his 13th career tournament appearance.

Did you know Andres Romero played in 231 career PGA TOUR tournaments, posting one victory? Of those appearances, 10 percent (23) resulted in top-10s. The Argentine made his debut at the 2006 Open Championship, tying for eighth. He won his lone title at the 2008 Zurich Classic of New Orleans when it was not a team event. Romero edged Australia’s Peter Lonard by a stroke at TPC Louisiana.

2022-23 PGA TOUR Latinoamérica Player Benefits

2022-23 Final Totalplay Cup Position	Reward
No. 1	Will receive exempt status on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour
Nos. 2-5	Will receive conditional status on the 2024 Korn Ferry

Nos. 1-5	Exempt into Final Stage of the 2023 PGA TOUR Qualifying Tournament
Nos. 6-25	Exempt into the second stage of the 2023 PGA TOUR Qualifying Tournament

Key Information

Zurich Argentina Swing Standings

(Players in **bold** made the cut and still have a mathematical chance to win)

Pos.	Name	Score	Current Tournament Pos.
1	Linus Lilliedahl	635	T18
2	Cristobal Del Solar	521	Not Playing
T3	Zack Fischer	500	Not Playing
T3	Jake McCrory	500	T34
5	Myles Creighton	325	T23
7	Tim Widing	228	Not Playing
8	Ollie Osborne	210	T18
9	Alejandro Tosti	189	Not Playing
10	Raul Pereda	173	T14

The cut came at 1-under, with 58 players advancing to the weekend.

The Zurich Argentina Swing ends this week at the Roberto De Vincenzo Memorial 100 Years, the fourth of four events in Argentina. There are nine players in this week's field still with a mathematical chance of winning the U.S. \$10,000 bonus. Sweden's **Linus Lilliedahl** holds a 114-point lead over No. 2 **Cristobal Del Solar**, but Del Solar is playing on the Korn Ferry Tour this week. The next-closest player to Lilliedahl is **Jake McCrory**, 135 points behind Lilliedahl.

It was a solid day for the Hillier brothers. **Charlie Hillier** followed his 5-under 66 with a 67 Friday to move into a tie for second. His younger brother, **Harry**, who followed Charlie to the University of Kansas from their native New Zealand, shot a 66, seven shots better than his opening-round score. Harry is tied for 23rd. Friday, the two Hilliers combined for 13 birdies.

First-round leader **Leandro Marelli** struggled on day two, posting a 3-over 74 after opening with a 62. He only managed two birdies Friday after making eight and an eagle in round one. He enters the weekend tied for eighth.

Andres Romero played the three par-5s even-par Friday, with a birdie, a bogey and a par. His birdie came at the 11th, but he walked away from the 13th disappointed. "I hit a perfect shot with the 3-wood before the lake," he said of the hole where he settled for par. "On the 14th, with the wind, I felt like it was a par-4, and I made bogey."

On his last full swing of the day, **Chandler Blanchet**, from the fairway bunker, faced 35 yards to the pin. He played what he called a "chunk-and-run shot" that ran out to six feet. He proceeded to sink the birdie putt to end his day on a high note. "It was a really good shot for what I needed," he observed.

In three of the four previous tournaments this season, the halfway-point leader has held the solo advantage. Of that group, only **Cristobal del Solar** converted the 36-hole lead into a win, at the Neuquén Argentina Classic. **Linus Lilliedahl** (Visa Argentine Open) and **David Pastore** (Termas de Rio Hondo Invitational) did not win. At the Scotia Wealth Management Chile Open, **Jorge Fernández Valdés** and **Matt Ryan** shared the second-round lead, with Ryan going on to victory.

The only two 2022-23 tournament winners in the field this week are **Matt Ryan** (Scotia Wealth Management Chile Open) and last week's champion, **Jake McCrory** (Termas de Rio Hondo Invitational). Both players made the cut, with Ryan shooting rounds of 70-69 (tied for 23rd heading into the weekend). McCrory recorded a pair of 70s and is tied for 34th.

The last time **Rafael Echenique** shot a 6-under round in a PGA TOUR Latinoamérica tournament was at the 2020 Estrella del Mar Open in Mexico. He closed with a 66 at the par-72 course to tie for 22nd. His last 65 in competition was at the 2016 Guatemala Open at the par-72 La Reunion Resort.

There were 39 Argentines playing this week, and 12 made the cut. Leading the contingent are Andres Romero, César Costilla and Rafael Echenique, all three at 9-under and tied for second. Here is where the others sit through 36 holes.

Pos.	Name	Score
T2	Andres Romero	133 (-9)
T2	Rafael Echenique	133 (-9)
T2	César Costilla	133 (-9)
T8	Leandro Marelli	136 (-6)
T8	Clodomiro Carranza	136 (-6)
T8	Tommy Cocha	136 (-6)
T14	Puma Dominguez	137 (-5)
T18	Andrés Gallegos	138 (-3)
T18	Jaime Lopez Rivarola	138 (-3)
T18	Ignacio Marino	138 (-3)
T45	Maxi Godoy	141 (-1)
T45	Felix Cordoba	141 (-1)

Quotable

"I think I always feel like I can compete at a high level. I had a couple of setbacks in college with some injuries. The last two years as a pro, I've been trying to regain confidence and get better and better." – **Davis Shore**

"The greens are pretty receptive, but the fairways and the areas around the greens are so firm so sometimes if you miss the green, it can go 30 yards away. That makes it tough." – **Davis Shore**

"I had a really good stretch on my back nine, which boosted things a little." – **Davis Shore**

"I am in an ideal moment. If you had asked me in the press conference about my score after two days, I don't think I would have said this number, so I am more than happy to be in this position heading into the weekend." – **Andres Romero**

“I am totally focused on what that round will be, and I hope to play as well as I have done so far here at the club where I have felt very good all week.” –**Andres Romero thinking ahead to the third round**

“Seeing the fans accompanying me throughout the day was fantastic. I think that at times they want me to do well in the tournaments more than I do. I liked having them here in Ranelagh commemorating the Maestro, and I hope to give them joy during the weekend.” –**Andres Romero**

“We all work super hard out here to have a chance going into Sunday. I’m really looking forward to it.” –**Max Sekulic**

“I feel great. It was pretty even keel out there. I was able to steer it back on track when I got a little off course. I’m confident with the way I hit the ball and my ability to score from there. I’m super excited for the weekend.” –**Max Sekulic**

“I hit it good last week and didn’t make anything. I made a 10-footer on the first hole, so it was good to see one go in. From 10 to 15 feet, I’ve been making a few.” –**Charlie Hillier on his missed cut last week and his improved putting this week**

“You have to think about it a little more out here, what to hit off the tees. Last week it was hit it and go find it. And it’s not 105 degrees, which is always nice.” –**Charlie Hillier assessing the courses at his last two starts**

Second-Round Weather: Sunny and overcast, with a high of 78. Wind E at 10-13 mph with gusts to 15 mph.