



## Pre-Tournament Notes – 117th Visa Argentina Open presented by Macro

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**Dates:** February 29-March 3, 2024

**Where:** Buenos Aires, Argentina

**Course:** Olivos Golf Club (Par 70 / 6,795 yards)

**Course Designer:** Luther Koontz

**Field:** 156 players

**Reigning Champion:** Zack Fischer (2022)

**Purse:** \$1,000,000 (\$180,000/winner)

**Format:** 72-hole stroke play

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- [2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List](#) (Top 30 earn PGA TOUR cards at end of season)
- [Korn Ferry Tour adds Visa Argentina Open to annual schedule](#) (July 5, 2023 press release)
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### Things to Know

- The 117th Visa Argentina Open presented by Macro, one of golf's oldest national open championships, enters its first season as a Korn Ferry Tour event after a decade (2012-22) with PGA TOUR Latinoamérica
- In addition to earning 500 points and \$180,000 of the tournament-record \$1 million purse, this week's winner earns an exemption for the 2024 Open Championship at Royal Troon this coming July
- First played in 1905, the Visa Argentina Open presented by Macro is the seventh-oldest national open still in existence, only behind The Open Championship, India Open, U.S. Open, Australian Open, South African Open, and RBC Canadian Open
- Past champions of the Visa Argentina Open include Argentinians Roberto De Vincenzo, whose nine victories (1944, 1949, 1951, 1952, 1958, 1965, 1967, 1970, 1974) are the most in tournament history, Ángel Cabrera (2001, 2002, 2012) and Emiliano Grillo (2014), along with 17-time PGA TOUR winner Jim Furyk (1997), 16-time TOUR winner Mark O'Meara (1994), 13-time TOUR winner Mark Calcavecchia (1993, 1995), 13-time TOUR winner Craig Stadler (1992), and 16-time TOUR winner Tom Weiskopf (1979)
- Olivos Golf Club is hosting the Visa Argentina Open presented by Macro for the 12th time in its history, and for the first time since 2016 (other previous years hosted: 1936, 1942, 1949, 1977, 1979, 1982, 1984, 1992, 1996, 2003)
- Originally established in 1926 before a relocation to its current site in 1953, Olivos Golf Club previously appeared on the "100 Greatest Courses Outside the United States" list produced by *Golf Digest*
- For only the third time in the last nine seasons, the first four events of the Korn Ferry Tour season were won by first-time winners – **Jeremy Paul** (The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic), **Aldrich Potgieter** (The

Bahamas Great Abaco Classic), **Isaiah Salinda** (The Panama Championship), **Kevin Velo** (Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard)

- First-time Korn Ferry Tour winners were victorious in each of the first eight events in 2022, including future PGA TOUR winner Akshay Bhatia, while the first seven events of the 2018 season were won by first-time winners, including future PGA TOUR winners Sam Burns, Sungjae Im, and Adam Svensson

### Field Notes (as of 2/27/2024)

- Three past champions of the Visa Argentina Open presented by Macro are in the field: **Jorge Fernández Valdés** (2021), **Marcelo Rozo** (2013), Ángel Cabrera (2001, 2002, 2012)
- Field features 20 players representing four different Latin American countries:
  - Argentina (13) – Juan Arozena (open qualifier), Santiago Bauni (sponsor exemption), Ángel Cabrera (sponsor exemption), Martin Contini (open qualifier), **Jorge Fernández Valdés**, Andres Gallegos (sponsor exemption), Mateo Fernandez de Oliveira (sponsor exemption), **Fabián Gómez**, **Tano Goya**, **Nelson Ledesma**, Marcos Montenegro (open qualifier), **Augusto Núñez**, and amateur Juan Martin Loureiro (sponsor exemption)
  - Chile (2) – **Cristobal Del Solar**, Gabriel Morgan-Birke
  - Colombia (1) – **Marcelo Rozo**
  - Mexico (4) – **Roberto Díaz**, **Emilio Gonzalez**, **Alvaro Ortiz**, **Raul Pereda**
- Field includes 33 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 45 total victories, including Argentinians **Nelson Ledesma** (2018 LECOM Health Challenge, 2019 The Ascendant presented by Blue), **Jorge Fernández Valdés** (2023 UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH), and **Fabián Gómez** (2010 Chitimacha Louisiana Open)
- Field includes seven PGA TOUR winners with 11 total victories, led by Ángel Cabrera with three
- **Isaiah Salinda**, winner of The Panama Championship earlier this month, is the highest-ranked player in the Official World Golf Ranking (No. 206) in this week’s field

### Tournament Scoring Records

- Low 18-Hole Score: 62, Ángel Cabrera (2002, Round 2, Hurlingham Club), Tyson Alexander (2017, Round 2, Jockey Club)
- Low 36-Hole Score: 128, **Jared Wolfe** (2019, Jockey Club)
- Low 54-Hole Score: 197, José Cóceres (1988, Hurlingham Club)
- Low 72-Hole Score: 264, Miguel Fernandez (1988, Hurlingham Club)

### 116th Visa Argentina Open presented by Macro Recap (December 1-4, 2022)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Zack Fischer	69	66	67	68	270 (-18)
2	Linus Lilliedahl	67	67	71	66	271 (-17)
T3	Santiago Bauni	69	69	69	69	276 (-12)
	Myles Creighton	74	70	67	65	276 (-12)

- Zack Fischer earned an exemption for the 2023 Open Championship with his victory at the 116th Visa Argentina Open presented by Macro, which was contested at Nordelta Golf Club in Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Fischer secured the one-stroke win as he two-putted from 48 feet on the 72nd hole
- Fischer went on to make the cut and finish solo 76th at the 2023 Open Championship, which marked his second career major championship appearance (2013 U.S. Open/MC)
- **Myles Creighton** went on to finish No. 2 in the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Latinoamérica Totalplay Cup standings, which earned him Korn Ferry Tour membership for the 2024 season; he also earned an exemption to Final Stage of 2023 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry, where he finished T45 and earned guaranteed starts for the first eight events of the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour season

**Last Time on Tour – Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard (February 8-11)**

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1 *	Kevin Velo	64	67	64	66	261 (-22)
P2	Brian Campbell	61	68	66	66	261 (-22)
T3	Richy Werenski	70	62	65	66	263 (-20)
	Thomas Walsh	62	67	63	71	263 (-20)
5	Cristobal Del Solar	57	69	75	63	264 (-19)
6	Cole Hammer	62	67	67	69	265 (-18)
7	Ricky Castillo	65	67	70	65	267 (-16)

\* -- denotes playoff victory

- **Kevin Velo** won the 14th playing of the Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard in Bogota, Colombia, which was contested at Country Club de Bogota’s Lagos (host) and Pacos (satellite) courses
- Velo birdied the final two holes of regulation and birdied the first hole of a sudden-death playoff, overtaking **Brian Campbell** for his first career Korn Ferry Tour win
- Velo trailed Campbell by four strokes with two holes to play, but Campbell made double bogey at the par-4 17th, while Velo closed with back-to-back birdies and matched him at 22-under 261
- Campbell recorded his third runner-up finish on the Korn Ferry Tour (2nd/2016 Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation; 2nd/2016 BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX)
- **Cristobal Del Solar** recorded a 13-under 57 on the satellite course at Country Club de Bogota (Pacos) in the first round, marking the lowest 18-hole score in PGA TOUR-sanctioned history; he also logged his second top-five finish of the 2024 season (4th/The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic)
- **Aldrich Potgieter** (T20/-14), already the youngest winner Korn Ferry Tour history, became the youngest player to record a sub-60 round in a PGA TOUR-sanctioned event (19 years, 4 months, 27 days) with a second-round 11-under 59 on the satellite course at Country Club de Bogota (Pacos)
- This marked the first time in Korn Ferry Tour history multiple sub-60 rounds were recorded within the same tournament
- **Thomas Walsh** recorded his second-highest finish in a Korn Ferry Tour event (T2/2023 Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper) in what was his 44th career start
- **Cole Hammer** recorded a career-high finish and just his second top-10 in a Korn Ferry Tour event (T7/2022 Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS) in what was his 24th career start on Tour
- Korn Ferry Tour winner **Ricky Castillo** logged his second top-10 (and third top-25) in his fourth start of the season; he recorded one additional top-25 last season after a win in his Korn Ferry Tour and professional debut at the Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open in June 2023
- **Kaito Onishi** (T8/-15), who finished No. 100 on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List for conditional membership in 2024, recorded his second career top-10 in a Korn Ferry Tour event (T7/2023 Astara Chile Classic); he was the first-to-last man in the 156-player field
- Conditional member **Dillon Board** (T20/-14), who open qualified into the field, eagled the par-5 18th for a top-25 in his Korn Ferry Tour debut and earned a start in the Visa Argentina Open presented by Macro