



BioSteel Championship

Ambassador Golf Club | Windsor, Ontario, Canada | August 1-4, 2024

First-Round Notes – August 1, 2024

PGA TOUR Americas 2024 Season: 12th of 16 events

- North America Swing: 6th of 10 events

Fortinet Cup Points: 500 (winner)

Purse: \$225,000 (\$40,500 winner)

Pos.	Player	Score
1	Luis Gerardo Garza (Mexico)	61 (-9)
T2	Luke Long (United States)	62 (-8)
T2	Kyle Karazissis (United States)	62 (-8)
T2	Gavin Hall (United States)	62 (-8)
T2	Matthew Anderson (Canada)	62 (-8)
T2	Ryan Burnett (United States)	62 (-8)
T2	Joey Savoie (Canada)	62 (-8)
T2	Piercen Hunt (Canada)	62 (-8)
T2	Noah Gillard (United States)	62 (-8)

WINDSOR, Ontario – Luis Gerardo Garza carded career-low 9-under 61 in the opening round of the BioSteel Championship at Ambassador Golf Club. Garza’s previous career low was a 9-under 62 in the second round of the 2023 BioSteel Championship.

Garza climbed to the top of the leaderboard after making 10 birdies in the first round. Garza, along with Team Canada member Matthew Anderson, led the field in birdies made in the first round.

Garza turned professional in 2021 after playing collegiately at the University of Arkansas. Since 2021, the Leon, Mexico native has made 37 PGA TOUR sanctioned starts. Garza has not missed a start on PGA TOUR Americas in 2024, with his best finish coming at the Totalplay Championship at Atlas Country Club where he finished T17.

All players completed their first rounds on Thursday. The second-round of the 2024 BioSteel Championship is scheduled to begin at 7:30 a.m. EDT on Friday, with tee times running until 2:40 p.m. off the No. 1 and 10 tee’s.

About Luis Gerardo Garza (1st/-9)

Age: 26

Birthplace: Leon, Mexico

Residence: Leon, Mexico

College: University of Arkansas

Fortinet Cup (start of week): 78th

- Carded a career-best 9-under 61 in the first round of the 2024 BioSteel Championship at Ambassador Golf Club
- Finished T14 at the 2023 BioSteel Championship
- Won the 2015 South Beach International Amateur at Miami Beach Golf Club
- Finished T6 at the 2015 Toyota Junior Golf World Cup
- Posted a career scoring average of 72.929 during his collegiate career at Arkansas

Competition Notes

Course Setup: Par 70 / 7,033 yards; R1 average: 67.210

Weather: Sunny with a high of 91. Wind from the west at 2-6 mph with gusts up to 14 mph.

- Luis Gerardo Garza holds the first-round lead after carding a career-low 9-under 61
- Three countries are represented in the top five and ties: United States (5), Canada (3) and Mexico (1)
- Mexico's Luis Gerardo Garza (1st/-9) is the low Latin after the first-round
- Matthew Anderson, Joey Savoie and Piercen Hunt are the low Canadians after the first round (T2/-8)
- Matthew Anderson and Luis Gerardo Garza led the field in birdies made with 10
- Hole No. 14 – the 237-yard par 3 – was the most challenging hole at Ambassador Golf Club; averaging a +.290; 740 birdies were made by the field in the first-round

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PGA TOUR Americas is an international tour that provides professional golfers with competitive opportunities and prepares them to advance their careers on the Korn Ferry Tour and PGA TOUR. The 2024 schedule consists of 16 events – six in Latin America and 10 in North America – and the inaugural season culminates in September with the Fortinet Cup Championship, where the top-10 players on the season-long points list will earn Korn Ferry Tour membership the following season.

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