

**THE ASCENDANT**  
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**ALEJANDRO TOSTI**

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**Q. Could you dream up a better finish than four straight birdies on this course?**

**ALEJANDRO TOSTI:** No. I was just happy how I finished last two holes, especially after the delay. I didn't know what to expect. I mean, I went out to warm up, hit a couple shots, went out to the green and then we were waiting. They're like, we're going to wait a couple more minutes. They bring us back in and another long hour.

Yeah, I mean, came back with no expectation, just felt so relaxed, nice afternoon. Made a great putt on 17, two great shots on 18 and sunked the putt.

Yeah, I finished -- I look at the leaderboard and I'm like 8 under today? I didn't realize until I saw the number. Of course was an amazing day. I'm hitting the ball great, placing the ball where I want. Of course today I made some putts and yeah, I'm very happy being in this position for tomorrow.

**Q. You played great all season long. I mean, what's been the big key to your success this year?**

**ALEJANDRO TOSTI:** I would say my focus, my focus, it's been like never before. I mean, this method, vision sticks that I'm using has helped me so much with my focus and my everything, every mental aspect of the game. The focus, the concentration, decisions, green reading, it just helps me so much to be able to put everything together and have the best results of my life.

**Q. You've been in this position a couple times I think this year. What have you learned from the experiences contending that might get you over the hill tomorrow to a win?**

**ALEJANDRO TOSTI:** I mean, I know at some point it's going to turn. I've been playing great, I've been putting myself in positions. A couple weeks ago I was one shot off the playoff, a couple other tournaments fourth place as well, a couple shots off. It's just one swing away.

I mean, I remember in Knoxville I had an OB on hole 16 and that was the two shots off the lead. It's just I've been playing great golf and I cannot really complain or look at something different. I've just got to show up, play some more golf, if it's meant to be, it will be, and if



not, I'll keep trying.

**Q. If you got a PGA TOUR card but didn't come away with a win, would you feel disappointed at all?**

**ALEJANDRO TOSTI:** Not at all. My goal was to finish Top 30 at the end of the year. This is my first year on the Korn Ferry Tour, I'm playing all new courses, the traveling is new. I've never been -- well, I've been to Colorado to play Monday qualifier for this tournament like four years ago, but every place I go, it's new. I feel that I've been doing pretty good to be first year out here.

**Q. How long were your birdie putts on 17 and 18?**

**ALEJANDRO TOSTI:** No. 17, about 20 feet, and 18, I'd say 25. Great putts.

**Q. You look at those two holes and they're two of the toughest holes on the course. To finish like that and after the delay, I mean, that's pretty remarkable.**

**ALEJANDRO TOSTI:** Yeah, like I said, I hit good shots, hit good putts and the ball found the hole. Sometimes you hit good shots, hit good putts, the ball just don't go in, doesn't go in. I mean, I'm just happy that it went in today.

**Q. Nelson won this tournament in the first year, you have the potential to win it. What would it mean for two guys from Argentina to potentially own this title in the first five years?**

**ALEJANDRO TOSTI:** Yeah, that would be pretty fun. We don't have many wins on this tour, I'd say not us as much as Americans, but definitely we have good talent in Argentina, really good players. I think we're two inside the Top 30 right now. We've shown in majors and through the history that we have really good talent.

**Q. Do you know Nelson well or very well at all?**

**ALEJANDRO TOSTI:** Nelson turned pro very young. I didn't get to share time with him because I did a full amateur career, going to college, playing for Argentina, turning pro at 22, and he's older than me, so no. We saw each other at some tournaments, talk here and there, but no, we're not really -- we didn't get to share much golf.

**Q. Coming off of an off week and then going into this final stretch before Finals, how are you approaching these next few weeks? Are you kind of pedal to the metal, let's climb the points list, try to get No. 1, or where's your mindset right now with that?**

**ALEJANDRO TOSTI:** Actually, I had to make a decision, we had seven weeks in a row in the last stretch and I came from playing really good golf and decided to not play the last week to be able to fly to Argentina for a couple days, see my family.



And, you know, I love when you're able to go low and shoot really low scores, and for this course that I saw at this last tournament, I was like, oh, I shouldn't have skipped. I was playing good.

But I feel like that break worked out pretty good, I was very anxious to see how I was going to react. I think out of the 10 days that I was in Argentina, I hit probably 100 balls and played 18 holes only. So I came out here with no expectations and I found my game is actually very similar to where I left off.

