PINNACLE BANK CHAMPIONSHIP presented by Aetna

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTE August 10, 2023

ALEJANDRO TOSTI (-9)



Q. First round, 8 under, got to be feeling good to get a good start, right?

ALEJANDRO TOSTI: Yeah, it was a great round. I was hitting the ball really good. Started with a two-footer for birdie on the first hole after a great shot and from there it was just a great day.

Q. What about this course -- I know last three tournaments have kind of been higher cuts, 6, 7 under. What about this course I guess is so challenging?

ALEJANDRO TOSTI: I was very excited to come to this course, I've heard a lot of things. It's my first time playing this course and yeah, you come up here, it's I think 7,500 yards with a lot of rough. I think this course is going to differ -- good players and good ball hitters are going to make a difference on this course. I think today's score was a reflection of how good I've been playing the whole year and putting together with the putter, and I'm just really excited that we're playing a different course to what we've been playing.

Q. You're familiar with being near the top of the leaderboards. Is there anything you've learned, whether it's from Colorado when you were 54-hole leader or other tournaments, getting off to a hot start and trying to maintain that momentum?

ALEJANDRO TOSTI: Not really. I just take it round by round. I mean, last round in Colorado, I had a great start in the last round, I think I was 4 or 5 under after like six or seven holes. Yeah, just it was not meant to be at that time. And I learned, learned whatever I had to learn. Just going to keep giving myself chances.

Q. What are the keys to scoring well on this course? Is it just hitting fairways, is that the biggest thing?

ALEJANDRO TOSTI: Yeah, you've got to be on in the fairways to get to the pins. It's a course that you cannot get away by hitting bad shots off the tee or hitting bad shots to the green, you have to hit the ball well, and I've been doing that the whole year.

Q. I guess if you had to describe your game, what do you specialize best in? Is it hitting that fairways, is that why it's working this week?

ALEJANDRO TOSTI: I would say power, power. Although I'm 5-6, I can bump it and that's



a big advantage in my game.

