

PINNACLE BANK CHAMPIONSHIP
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ALEJANDRO TOSTI (-19)

Q. Alejandro, tournament course record, you tied it today, won by a few strokes. How are you feeling? Has it sunk in yet?

ALEJANDRO TOSTI: Not yet. I still think that I'm dreaming. It's been an amazing day. Just woke up, and of course I didn't know if the storm was going to hold or was going to pass, but we got pretty lucky.

But when I saw that it was blowing a little harder this morning, I was very happy because I love playing in the wind, and it showed up today. I had a great start and just finished up even better.

Q. Talk about that finish on the 18th hole.

ALEJANDRO TOSTI: Yeah. I had a very awkward lie, my ball was above my feet and the pin was on the right side of the green. I tried to hit a draw, but didn't work as I wanted. But when I got to the shot, I was pretty confident. That shot, it was the same one that I played growing up in my home club, did it many times, and I said, you know, I'm just going to enjoy it. It was a beautiful shot, hit it to like three feet and made a great putt.

Q. You entered the day six strokes off the lead. At what point during your round did it sink in like, all right, I have a shot to win this?

ALEJANDRO TOSTI: To be honest, I was telling my caddie, let's just keep playing. I mean, I'm having a great day, let's just keep hitting good shots, doing my job.

At the end of the day it was enough. It's not in my control really. I don't know by how many ended up being, but still was an amazing day and turned out to be enough to go home with the trophy.

Q. No. 14, you holed out that eagle. Did that kind of fire you back up strong to end strong like you did?

ALEJANDRO TOSTI: Yes, definitely was a plus. Two holes before, the two previous holes I had good looks for birdie and I was kind of starting to lose my patience and knowing that if you don't get -- if you don't keep going, probably won't be enough. That was great momentum, it was a great time to have a nice break.



Then on the next hole was a very easy birdie with two putts. Yeah, that was the extra one was on 17 in front of all the people, which is, it was pretty cool to make the fans enjoy the moment and yell. Yeah, just a great time here in Omaha.

Q. You said it's your first victory in the U.S. Can you just reiterate how special that is for you?

ALEJANDRO TOSTI: Well, the best golf in the world is played in the United States. Just to be able to do it, I know I had a couple chances to play on the PGA TOUR this year and I did good, but in Colorado I was leading going into the last round and I wasn't able to close it out. I had a really great start, but the last couple holes were not good.

So I was asked how would it have felt to go to the PGA TOUR without a win on Saturday after leading the tournament in Colorado and I kept thinking about it. It was not the time a couple weeks ago, but it all fell in place. It was a matter of time. This week just showed up, had a great first round, average the next two days, and yeah, of course today was just lights out and it was amazing since the first hole.

Q. And what did you think of Omaha while you've been here?

ALEJANDRO TOSTI: First time in this part of the country. I came driving from Chicago, which is where my car was. Yeah, I mean, I had my host family for the week, I had a great time. They really took care of me, fed me good, treated me really well. That helped. They're super proud and they're still here watching, so it's pretty nice to have them here.

Q. Looking back when you're growing up in Argentina, you said you're the only person in your family who played golf. In your wildest dreams did you think it was a real possibility that you would be winning here and going to the PGA TOUR?

ALEJANDRO TOSTI: Oh that's a great question. The PGA TOUR for us is super far. It's something that's just a dream, something that only a couple players from Argentina ever achieved to get to the PGA TOUR.

So just when I told my father at 9 years old, it was just something really wild, really wild. But every step that I took from that moment on was towards my goal to get to the PGA TOUR, and it's pretty amazing to achieve something that you dream and you worked so hard for all your life. You're burned so many times, you sacrificed so many things and to see it pay off is really special.

Q. Growing up and being the only person in your family playing, how much support was there from family or friends?

ALEJANDRO TOSTI: It was just everything that my parents did, just lights out, because just not knowing what a par means or a birdie or know how the tournament works or the



scoring, just for them to take the effort of taking me to a sport that they didn't know anything and just support me throughout the years, it's priceless. There's no money that can buy that.

Just I'm really, really thankful. I tell them every day that without their help, without all that they've done, all that they've sacrificed themselves and for my brothers, for me to be here to is just very special.

