

## Visit Knoxville Open

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
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**ALEJANDRO TOSTI (-7)**

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**Q. All right, 7 under today, kind of a wild ride out there. Just walk me through your round and how you felt.**

**ALEJANDRO TOSTI:** I had a pretty good day. I mean, best birdies I ever made in my whole career, 11 in one day was like wow, one after the other after the other. Then I had a couple bad breaks where I made a double, but I again fought back and yeah, it's like just everything was hitting the ball great. I mean, the best in many years, putting the best in many years, so everything is kind of coming together.

**Q. How did it feel to birdie four of those first five holes? Were you like, oh, my gosh, what's going on?**

**ALEJANDRO TOSTI:** Yeah, it felt pretty good. Actually, on the first hole I missed probably like a six-footer starting, so it was like that's OK, I'm hitting it good, I'm putting good. Yeah, it was a great day. I'm very happy the way I fought back. I had a very unlucky bounce on hole 15 where I made a bogey and came back with three birdies, three straight birdies to close out the round. Very happy with that.

**Q. Only one par on your back nine. I mean, have you ever had a back nine like that where it was just constantly --**

**ALEJANDRO TOSTI:** I did not think about it until this point, but I know, 11 birdies, a double bogey and two bogeys, that's 15, so only three pars in the whole day, that's crazy.

**Q. You had a great reaction on 18. How sweet was that finish?**

**ALEJANDRO TOSTI:** It was a tough putt, very slick green. Like it would really, if you tried to be aggressive with the wind, you can go past the hole three, four feet. It was a great touch. And the ball disappearing, it's one of the best feelings ever.

**Q. Out of your last four starts, three top-10s. How does your game feel? It's kind of like you're on this up-and-coming, on a heater recently, so --**

**ALEJANDRO TOSTI:** Yeah, I mean, like I said, I think every part of my game is coming along together and yeah, I'm just living in the moment. Very happy. I mean, the best I've done in my professional career. I have a good time. This is my first year on this tour and I'm showing some good results in the beginning, which is really good. Very motivating for what's



coming. I mean, also those invites that I got -- well, the invite that I got to Mexico and turned that into a top-10. To be able to play in an elevated event next to Rory McIlroy and Jordan Spieth, all of those, and make the cut, just a lot of positive things and I just want to keep building for what's coming.

**Q. How were those experiences? Does that just like solidify what you're doing, you're supposed to be out there, and does that kind of just boost your confidence with how well you played in those events?**

**ALEJANDRO TOSTI:** Yeah, it's great to test my level. And even like I don't feel in Mexico I played amazing, so again, it's like wow, I think I can play in that level. And it's very motivating to know that if I keep doing good this year here, next year I'll be over there.

**Q. I noticed that you only missed two cuts this season and when you made the cut, your highest finish was T-31, so you're always kind of up in the mix. Is there something to that? You're making the cut, you kind of just seem to put the pedal down and go for it.**

**ALEJANDRO TOSTI:** I think my goals and everything that I set before the year started I think is pushing me and taking me to where I want to go. I've been playing great and I'm out there to win. I want to win. I'm demanding of myself and it's the way I grew up playing, so I'm just going to keep doing it.

