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**TODAY ON ESTO ES PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA…**

**Plenty of things to talk about and a lot of action from PGA TOUR Latinoamerica alumni**

**Both on the Korn Ferry Tour and on the PGA TOUR**

Nicolas Echavarria Bite: Me doy cuenta que si se puede. Sí tengo lo que se necesita para ganar en el PGA TOUR otra vez, como lo hice esta semana. Entonces esta semana probablemente cambió mi vida.

I realize that it is possible. Yes, I do have what it takes to win again on the PGA TOUR, as I did this week. So, this week probably changed my life.

**And a few words from Cristobal Del Solar and Juan Carlos Serrano.**

**All this and much more, on this episode of Esto ÉS PGA TOUR Lationaomérica**

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**Esto es PGA TOUR Latinoamerica!**

**The year has officially begun for our alumni, and it’s been quite the start! The PGA TOUR season began last year has continued in wraparound fashion into 2023, while a new Korn Ferry Tour season is already under way.**

**Alejandro Tosti Bite: Muy ansioso, tenía muchas ganas de empezar la temporada. Terminamos el PGA TOUR Latinoamérica en junio y bueno, se hizo muy larga la espera.**

**Very anxious, I really wanted to start the season. We finished the PGA TOUR Latinoamerica in June and, well, the wait became very long.**

**Both Tours show a roster of PGA TOUR Lationamérica alums, and they continue to show what they can do.**

**With four Korn Ferry Tour events already completed, alumni, former players are making PGA TOUR Latinoamerica fans proud.**

**The Korn Ferry Tour is in its 32nd year in its long and impressive history, and another season  began at the Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay. There, 11 former PGA TOUR Lationamérica players finished in the top 25. Only a late bogey and a double bogey in the final round prevented Shad Tuten from finishing higher on the scoreboard and perhaps taking home his first Korn Ferry Tour title.**

**Shad Tuten Bite: Yeah. You know, I mean, it's what it is. This is kind of what you work for, this the position you want to be in, but again, I'm just trying to do what I can do and keep on playing, just keep working hard.**

**Sí, ya sabes, es lo que es. Esto es más o menos para lo que trabajas, es la posición en la que quieres estar, pero nuevamente, solo trato de hacer lo que puedo, y seguir jugando, simplemente seguir trabajando duro.**

**Tuten settled for a tie for fourth, at 11-under par, along with two other PGA TOUR Latinoamérica alumni: Wil Bateman and Daniel Miernicki. All three earned valuable points that will go a long way in helping them in their goal of reaching the PGA TOUR.**

**Wil Bateman Bite: You know, I played really well last year and, you know, coming out here, it's obviously much different being a rookie and you know, seeing guys that you, you know, growing up you watched them, and I think that that was pretty cool. And yeah, you know obviously playing well in Canada helps but I just trying to stay patient out here just like I did last year and kind of see what happens.**

**Sabes, jugué muy bien el año pasado y venir aquí obviamente es muy diferente, ser novato y ver a jugadores a los que veías jugar cuando crecías, creo que eso fue increíble. Y sí, obviamente jugar bien en Canadá ayuda, pero trato de mantener la paciencia aquí afuera, como lo hice el año pasado y veré qué sucede.**

**One week in the Bahamas wasn’t enough, though, so players remained on the islands for more sun, surf and, of course, golf, playing The Great Abaco Classic. Tuten proved what he did a week earlier was no fluke as he put himself in contention once again. Seven days after his fourth-place performance, he tied for third, three strokes out of the Ben Silverman-Cody Blick playoff that Silverman won.**

**While the Americans were showing their stuff in Abaco, Latinos were also turning in top-20 outings. Leading the way was Rafa Campos, who tied for 12th, and Alan Wagner, who tied for 17th.**

Abel Gallegos Bite: Primera vez aquí en Panamá, hablando el mismo idioma, así que… Muy contento, y nada.. darlo todo aquí en Panamá para tener una buena semana.

First time here in Panama, speaking Spanish, so... Very happy, and... giving it all here in Panama to have a good week.

**After the players’ two-week island adventure, it was off to Latin America for a visit to Panama for the Panama Championship.**

**Cristobal Del Solar Bite: La exención que le dieron a los Latinos en el Korn Ferry para el Mexico Open at Vidanta nos ayuda a todos los que estamos jugando el Korn Ferry Tour a darnos oportunidades para jugar en los torneos del PGA TOUR, así que yo creo que una buena oportunidad para mi específicamente poder jugar en el PGA TOUR que nunca he jugado un torneo, así que sería algo muy bonito.**

**The exemption given to the Latinos in the Korn Ferry for the Mexico Open at Vidanta helps all of us who are playing on the Korn Ferry Tour, to have opportunities to play in PGA TOUR tournaments, so I believe it's a good opportunity, for me specifically to be able to play in the PGA TOUR, as I have never played in a PGA TOUR tournament before, so it would be a very nice experience.**

**After the visit to the Bahamas, the first of three consecutive tournaments in South America make up the always popular Latin American Swing.**

**Canada’s Wil Bateman, a 2015 PGA TOUR Latinoamerica tournament winner and the 2022 PGA TOUR Canada Player of the Year, came excruciatingly close to hoisting the trophy in Panama City, suffering a 72nd-hole bogey to miss by a shot from qualifying for the three-man playoff. Bateman settled for a tie for fourth, while Mexico’s Roberto Díaz tied for eighth–at even-par–during a week of difficult scoring conditions.**

**After the Panama Championship, on the strength of his two top-10s, Shad Tuten was the top-performing PGA TOUR Lationamérica alum, sitting in the eighth position on the Korn Ferry Tour points list, with Bateman right behind, at No. 10.**

**Moving from the Korn Ferry Tour into the most wanted Tour in the world and ultimate goal for professional golfers, the PGA TOUR has also seen some great action from the PGA TOUR Latinoamerica alumni.**

**What a weekend Nico Echavarria had in Honolulu. The two-time PGA TOUR Lationamérica winner carded back-to-back 65s in the third and final rounds at the Sony Open in Hawaii, and that led to a tie for 12th.**

**That finish marked Echavarria’s top performance in his young PGA TOUR career.**

**Nicolás Echavarría Bite: Hay diferentes metas a corto plazo y a largo plazo. Yo creo que probablemente la meta principal va a ser entrar a la FedEx Cup, este año son 70 y no 125 como era antes, y coger momentum y empezar a pasar cortes y darme la oportunidad de ganar.**

**There are short-term and long-term goals. I believe that the main goal will probably be to qualify for the FedEx Cup. This year it's only 70 players instead of 125 from last year. I would like to build momentum, make cuts, and give myself a chance to win.**

**But that finish marked just the beginning of Echavarria’s top performance in his young PGA TOUR career.**

BUMP #1:

**AFTER THE BREAK…**

**A player recorded the tenth PGA TOUR victory by a PGA TOUR Latinoamérica alum…**

**The victory was the first by an former player during the 2022-23 season.**

**This Colombian winner is following in the footsteps of Camilo Villegas.**

**NEXT, ON ESTO ÉS PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA.**

BLOCK 2:

Title:

**Esto es PGA TOUR Latinoamerica!**

Nicolás Echavarria Victory:

**From a family of golfers and two older brothers who also succeeded on the golf course, Colombian Nico Echavarría became the tenth PGA TOUR Latioamérica alumni to raise a PGA TOUR trophy.**

**Borned and raised in Medellín, Echavarría turned pro in 2017 and in his seventh year, he achieved one of his main goals: to win on the PGA TOUR.**

Locutor Bite: Go ahead and tap that in. And there's a champion. The dream now a reality, Echavarria, a winner on the PGA TOUR.

Nicolás Echavarría Bite: After missing four cuts in a row, it's... only making two cuts out here you just doud yourself, and it's... I'm very grateful that I kept pushing and got it done.

**Despite having six previous years of professional golf on his resume, Echavarría is a PGA TOUR rookie who has already played 11 events. It was a bit of a slow start for him, as he made only three cuts. But of those three visits to the weekend, he enjoyed a top-15 finish in Hawaii and broke through for his first PGA TOUR victory, at the Puerto Rico Open.**

Nicolás Echavarría Bite: We as humans, we try to live in the present, but it's very hard to not go to the future. And with the way I was playing the last couple of weeks, you just don't think it's going to get better until things like this week clicks and finding something on the range on Friday, it cleared my mind up. I was I was thinking too many things. I was... I was on a bad spot mentally before coming to this week.  
 **Echavarría didn’t travel to Puerto Rico with a lot of momentum, having missed four consecutive cuts. Yet he entered the final round leading by three shots, something that never crossed his mind at the beginning of the week.**

Nicolás Echavarría Bite: Honestly, I didn't see this happening in the beginning of the week. I was kind of struggling mentally and with my game, and it's probably the week that I put the least amount of effort on the practice rounds. I only played nine holes on Tuesday and I played nine holes on the pro-am. It is important to know the courses out here, but it's more important to feel comfortable with your game and feeling good and have a strategy.

**He knew the struggles he had experienced but chose to have the right mindset, and he explained that that was the key. Also, a voicemail from Camilo Villegas, the first Colombian to win a PGA TOUR title, didn’t hurt. On Saturday night, right after Echavarría claimed the lead, his mentor was kind enough to warn him about the feelings of being in a PGA TOUR contention and what to do in that situation.**

Nicolás Echavarría Bite: No tengo palabras para agradecer con Camilo. Camilo ha sido mi héroe. Una de las razones por las cuales juego golf profesional es por él. Cuando lo vi ganar por primera vez me puso a soñar. Ayer me escribió un mensaje muy importante que me ayudó mucho porque me dijo que en algún momento de la ronda vas a sentir que vas a perder el control. Y así fue. Al principio, en el hoyo seis, sentí que se me iba de las manos un tiro muy malo que probablemente tuvo un poco de mala suerte, pero pude probablemente hacer el mejor boggie de mi vida hasta ahora. Y bueno, muy contento por tenerlo ahí como guía y como alguien que puedo contar en cualquier momento de mi carrera.

I have no words to thank Camilo. Camilo has been my hero. One of the reasons I play professional golf is because of him. When I saw him winning for the first time, it made me believe I could too. Yesterday, he sent me a very important message that helped me a lot because he told me that at some point during the round, I would feel like I was losing control. And that's exactly what happened. At the beginning, on hole six, I felt like I was losing control because of a bad shot and little bid of bad luck, but I ended up making the best bogey of my life up to this point. I'm very happy to have him there, guiding me through, and as someone I can count on at any point in my career.

**Humble enough, Echavarría embraced the advice and was able to perform well playing with the lead. He shot a final-round, 4-under-par 68 to win the Puerto Rico Open by two shots, tying the tournament record by finishing the week at 21-under 267. He was able to raise his first PGA TOUR Trophy.**

Nicolás Echavarría Bite: I'm happy with how he did. I'm happy with life right now. It's crazy that shot on 11th was probably the best shot of the week under this situation. So I'm very happy with my performance, my win, and happy to celebrate.  
 **As if a PGA TOUR victory wasn’t enough, the triumph also gave Echavarría a few more perks. First and more immediate was a playing spot the following week at historic TPC Sawgrass for THE PLAYERS Championship.**Nicolás Echavarría Bite: Entrar al players era algo soñado que quería de esta temporada. Vivo en Jacksonville, pues va a ser como jugar en casa. Y va a ser mi primera vez jugando este torneo, después de ganar un torneo e ir a jugar allá, va a ser súper especial.

Getting into The Players was something I dreamed off this season. I live in Jacksonville, so it's going to be like playing at home. It's going to be my first time playing this tournament, coming right after a win. I’m going to play there and it's going to be super special.

**The win in Puerto Rico also earned him an invitation to play in the PGA Championship in May, and the two-year exemption to remain on the PGA TOUR didn’t hurt, either.**

**Congratulations, Nico, and the best of luck on your next steps!**

Nicolás Echavarría Bite: Yo voy a poner mi grano de arena para darle oportunidad a muchos niños que puedan jugar a este maravilloso deporte, porque este... el golf me lo ha dado todo a mi. Entonces, si quiero intentar cambiar la vida de muchos niños para que se enamoren de este deporte como me enamore yo desde muy pequeño.

I am going to do my part to give many children the opportunity to play this wonderful sport, because golf has given me everything. So, I want to try to change the lives of many children, so they fall in love with this sport like I did at a very young age.

5 THINGS ABOUT ME (Juan Carlos Serrano):

Juan Carlos Serrano bite: Hola, soy Juan Carlos Serrano de México y les voy a contar cinco cosas que probablemente no sepan de mi.

La primera es que tengo dos hermanas más chicas, están más locas que yo.

La segunda probablemente sería que desde los nueve años voy a la montaña casi una vez cada 15 días, en México, está rodeado de picos altos, entonces puedo aprovechar para desconectarme un poco.

La tercera es que desde los seis años juego ajedrez. Hoy por hoy juego por lo menos dos partidos diarios.

Empecé porque mi abuelo me me daba clases. Él me enseñó a jugar a los seis años y se volvió algo recurrente y es una manera de practicar mi concentración y aprender de cosas nuevas.

La cuarta podría ser que llevo un año tomando clases de salsa y se ha vuelto un momento muy feliz en mi semana. Probablemente el más feliz de mi semana.

Ahorita estoy tratando de agarrarle a otros tipos de baile, otros ritmos, desarrollar mi oído. Fue salsa, la verdad. Por suerte. Un amigo y yo nos metimos, así que adentro hay que meternos a Cuba. Conocimos una maestra que resultó ser un ángel. Me dice las mismas cosas de mi baile que mi psicóloga me dice del golf. Entonces es una locura, me ha volado la cabeza.

Y la quinta podría ser que tengo dos perras, Julia, que es una labradora negra, que es el ser más perfecto de la creación, sin lugar a dudas y sin miedo equivocarme. Y Guadalupe, que es de la calle y es un perro hiperactivo y raro.

Hi, I'm Juan Carlos Serrano from Mexico and I'm going to share five things that you probably don't know about me.

The first one is that I have two younger sisters who are crazier than me.

The second one is that I have been hiking since I was nine years old. I go up to the mountains almost every two weeks. Mexico is surrounded by high peaks and that gives me the opportunity to disconnect a little.

The third is that I have been playing chess since I was six years old. Nowadays, I play at least two chess matches a day. My grandfather taught me how to play when I was six years old and it became something recurrent and a way to work on my concentration and learn new things.

The fourth could be that I have been taking salsa dance classes for a year and it has probably become the happiest moment of my week.

I’m currently trying to learn other dance rhythms, developing my ear for them, but it was the salda that got me going. Luckily, a friend and I got into it, so we have to immerse ourselves in Cuba. We met a teacher who turned out to be an angel. She tells me the same things about my dancing that my psychologist tells me about golf. So, it's crazy, it has blown my mind.

And the fifth could be that I have two dogs, Julia, who is a black lab and the most perfect being in creation. I say that without a doubt and without fear of being wrong. My other dog is Guadalupe, stary dog, very hyperactive and weird.

**BUMP #2:**

**STAY TUNED, BECAUSE AFTER THE BREAK…**

**We sit down with Cristobal Del Solar…**

**And we take a look around Social Media to find out what is going on with our players off the golf course  
We’ll also tell you five things you didn’t know about Juan Carlos Serrano.**

**All that and more, AFTER THE BREAK.**

**BLOCK 3:**

Title:

**ESTO ES PGA TOUR LATINOAMERICA!**

Cristobal Del Solar Interview

**Cristobal Del Solar, a first-year member of the Korn Ferry Tour, took time out of his day to talk to us about his professional trajectory and experiences on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica that opened doors and led to where he currently finds himself–a step away from the PGA TOUR.**

**Born and raised in Chile, Del Solar made a name for himself early on in golf and was so accomplished that he moved to the U.S.--to Florida–to attend high school and continue honing his golf skills. After a successful four years at Florida State University, he embarked on his pro career, eventually seeing action during four PGA TOUR Latinoamerica seasons.**

Cristobal Del Solar Bite: El PGA TOUR Latinoamérica me ha ayudado mucho. Quizá como he jugado los últimos cuatro años en varias canchas de distinto tipo de pasto y distintas condiciones, altura a nivel del mar, como Tour yo encuentro que ayuda muchísimo jugar ahí. Uno aprende a viajar, buenos, obviamente yo vivo en Estados Unidos, entonces yo tuve una experiencia muy distinta a los que quizá viven en su país. Viajar largo... trayectos... trayectorias largas, juega un torneo y está en Brasil, no habla el idioma, después se va a Perú que se come increíble. Uno va aprendiendo de cada uno. El Tour se maneja muy bien. Las canchas generalmente las tienen en muy buen estado, buen nivel. A mí me ayudó mucho. Aprendí mucho del juego, aprendí mucho de mí. Hice muy buenos amigos. Ayuda muchísimo, especialmente para lo que están saliendo de la universidad.

PGA TOUR Latinoamérica has helped me a lot. Perhaps because I have played in a variety of courses with different types of grass and different conditions for the past four years, as a Tour player, I find that playing there is very helpful. You learn to travel, well, obviously I live in the United States, so I had a very different experience from those who live in their own countries. Long journeys, long trajectories, play a tournament in Brazil, not being able to speak the language, then go to Peru where the food is incredible. You learn from each one. The Tour is very well managed. The courses are generally in very good condition, good level. It helped me a lot. I learned a lot about the game, learned a lot about myself. I made very good friends. It helps a lot, especially for those coming out of college.

**Del Solar won four tournaments on the PGA TOUR Latinoamérica, two of them in Argentina... These were the 87th OSDE Abierto Del Centro and the 2022 Neuquén Argentina Classic. His other two victories came at the 2018 Puerto Plata Open and the 2022 Volvo Golf Championship. Precisely that victory at El Rincón de Cajicá allowed him to finish second in the Totalplay Cup point list last season... An accomplished goal in his ascent to the Korn Ferry Tour.**

Cristobal Del Solar Bite: En enero, cuando partió el Korn Ferry, ya había hablado mucho con Mito respecto a los primeros torneos en Bahamas, y me dijo que Exuma era ridículamente difícil. Es muy intimidante del tee, el viento, el agua del mar, los fairways son muy angostos, primer torneo del año. Entonces todos... yo diria que todos estan un poquito ansiosos, y bueno, o sea, obviamente, muy feliz de que yo pasé ese corte pero ya entrando la semana yo estaba muy ansioso.

In January, when the Korn Ferry kicked off, I had already talked a lot with Mito (Pereira) about the first tournaments in the Bahamas, and he told me that Exuma was ridiculously difficult. It's very intimidating from the tee, with the wind, the ocean, the fairways are very narrow, and it's the first tournament of the year. So, I would say everyone is a little bit anxious, and well, of course, I was very happy that I made that cut, but entering that week I was very anxious.

**After tying for 31st at The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic, he improved on that with a tie for 27th at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic. Del Solar proved he belonged and looked forward to playing in Panama and Colombia.**

Cristobal Del Solar Bite: Panamá fue el tercer torneo de la temporada, entonces obviamente ya los nervios, la ansiedad, ya como que no estaba tanto. Obviamente igual… ya conocía la cancha, entonces… jugué el LAC ahí, el Latinoamerican Championship y ya sabía lo que venia, sabia que la cancha era dura, el viento era fuerte.

Panama was the third tournament of the season, so obviously the nerves and anxiety weren't as strong anymore. Obviously, I already knew the course, I played the LAC there, the Latin American Championship, and I knew what was coming, I knew that the course was tough and the wind was strong.

**His best performance in the young season is a tie for 13th at the Astara Golf Championship.**

Cristobal Del Solar Bite: Y Bogotá, bueno la semana siguiente, hermoso. A mí me gusta Bogotá. Jugamos en dos canchas distinta, una que se llama Fundadores y otra que se llama Pacos, y Fundadores es un cachón. Pacos era más corta, pero era muy muy tricky. O sea, muy corta, pero banderas muy escondida, entonces hay que ser muy estratégico, o sea, de posicionar la pelota.

And Bogotá, well the following week, beautiful. I like Bogotá. We played two different courses, one called Fundadores and the other called Pacos, and Fundadores is a tough one. Pacos was shorter, but very, very tricky. I mean, it was short, but with well hidden pins, so you had to be very strategic in positioning the ball.

**His early season prowess will allow him to get into tournaments and play the rest of the Korn Ferry Tour season in the U.S. He also understands he will be playing on golf courses he’s never seen, layouts of which he’s not familiar. Despite that, Del Solar is still excited about the unknown territory he’s about to enter.**

Cristobal Del Solar Bite: La mayoría de los torneos que se juegan del Korn Ferry acá en Estados Unidos no lo conozco muy bien... De hecho, no conozco ninguna cancha. La rutina y los entrenamientos siguen siendo igual, la rutina del torneo sigue igual, así que ojalá que se vayan dando las cosas y que en Savannah nos vaya bien, también en Chile, y el resto de la temporada.

Most of the tournaments played on the Korn Ferry Tour are here in the United States and I don't know them very well... In fact, I don't know any of the courses at all. The routine and training four the tournaments remains the same, so hopefully things will work out for us and we'll do well in Savannah, also in Chile, and the rest of the season.

**Also, after seven years, the Korn Ferry Tour returned to Chile , for the Astara Chile Classic. Del Solar relished the opportunity to return home and play as a local on a course that he knows well.**

Cristobal Del Solar Bite: El Korn Ferry en Chile es definitivamente uno de los torneos especial, por lo menos de que yo he sido pro nunca se ha jugado un torneo de tan alto nivel en Chile. A la cancha la conozco muy bien. El diseño original me la sé de memoria, no necesito ayuda estratégica, pero ahora que cambiaron un par de tees vamos a ir viendo como... Si la cancha es buenísima, greens muy buenos, el pasto bueno, el club en si es buenisimo, en la mitad de Santiago es una zona muy buena, entonces yo creo que va a hacer un muy buen torneo.

The Korn Ferry Tour in Chile is definitely a special tournament, at least from my perspective as a pro. It’s going to be the best tournament played in Chile since I turned pro. I know the course very well. I know the original design by heart, so I don't need any strategic help, but now that they've changed a couple of tees, we'll see how it goes... The course is excellent, with very good greens, good grass, and the club itself is excellent. It's located in a very nice area in the middle of Santiago, so I think it's going to be a very good tournament.

**The main goal of every professional golfer is to become a PGA TOUR member, but it is no easy task. To get there, Del Solar will have to continue making cuts and then turning it on on the weekend.**

Cristobal Del Solar Bite: La meta de todo golfista que juega en el Korn Ferry es entrar en el PGA TOUR. Obviamente yo también tengo esa meta. Pero al principio del año, como te dije, la meta principal de los primeros cuatro o seis torneos era tratar de jugar bien y darme la chance para jugar el resto de la temporada. Y bueno, ya lo conseguí, entonces ahora las metas van cambiando un poco.

The goal of every golfer playing on the Korn Ferry Tour is to make it to the PGA TOUR. Obviously, I that’s my goal too. But at the beginning of the year, as I told you, the main goal for the first four or six tournaments was to try to play well and give myself a chance to play the rest of the season. And well, I already achieved that, so now the goals are changing a bit.

**It will require patience and resilience. He understands the battle ahead and is confident he is ready, knowing he can’t rely on luck.**

**Good luck for the rest of the season, Cristóbal, and hopefully we will see you soon on the PGA TOUR.**

**SOCIAL MINUTE**

**It's time to review the best of our players through social media.**

**Let's start with two events that were part of the Dev Series.**

**The first one was the San Luis Open where Emilio Dominguez came out victorious, which he celebrated with his family.**

https://www.instagram.com/p/Cpd0xb\_u0TF/

**Another victory was achieved by another Argentinian... Julian Etulain lived up to his status as a favorite and won by nine strokes at the Venezuela Open.**

https://www.instagram.com/p/Cp-QWwwgdr7/

**The Players Championship was a really special tournament for Nicolás Echavarría for many reasons... One of them was getting to meet the Commissioner of the PGA TOUR, Jay Monahan. And, of course, Nicolás' smile said it all!**

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CpiqGK3O_b1/>

**NEXT SHOW TEASE**

**On the next episode of Esto És PGA TOUR Latinoamérica…**

**See the highlights from the Termas de Río Hondo Invitational–PGA TOUR Latinoamerica’s first tournament of 2023.**

**And the Roberto De Vicenzo Memorial 100 Years.**

**We will also find out who won the Zurich Argentina Swing. There is much to cover and recap. Get ready for the next edition of Esto És PGA TOUR Latinoamérica.**