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**World Wide Technology Championship**

*As of November 5, 2024 (Final)*

**PGA TOUR Pathways**

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**Santiago de la Fuente – Jalisco, Mexico native (University of Houston alum)**

*Pathway to the PGA TOUR:* Finished 23rd in the PGA TOUR University Class of 2024 to earn an exemption into Second Stage of the 2024 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry and be exempt through the 2025 PGA TOUR Americas Latin America Swing

* Won the 2024 Latin America Amateur Championship in Panama City, Panama in January. Edged out fellow countryman Omar Morales by two shots to earn invitations to the 2024 Masters, U.S. Open and The Open.
* Played two seasons at Arkansas Tech before transferring to the University of Houston; in two seasons at Houston, posted a scoring average of 70.50, second best in school history.
* A member of the International Team in the Arnold Palmer Cup in 2023 and 2024.
* Has made two other PGA TOUR starts this season (T46/Mexico Open at Vidanta, where he was the low amateur; MC/3M Open, where he made his professional debut).
* Awarded a sponsor exemption into this week’s field after shooting 11-under to win a 27-hole event for Mexican players staged at El Cardonal Golf Club at Diamante on October 7.
* He is coming off two Asian Tour starts in October:
	+ T22 (65-68-71-69—273, -15) at the Black Mountain Championship in Thailand (Oct. 17-20)
	+ T44 (65-65-71-69—270, -10) at the International Series Thailand (Oct. 24-27)
* Born and raised in the small town of Ocotlan, Jalisco, located 90 minutes (50 miles) from Guadalajara.

**Omar Morales – Puebla, Mexico native (amateur)**

*Pathway to the PGA TOUR:* A UCLA senior this season, currently No. 5 in the PGA TOUR University Ranking

* Was runner-up at the 2024 Latin America Amateur Championship in Panama City, Panama in January, finishing two shots behind fellow countryman Santiago de la Fuente.
* Played the Mexico Open at Vidanta twice (2023, 2024) and qualified for the U.S. Open in consecutive seasons (2023, 2024); seeking to make his first PGA TOUR cut in his fifth TOUR start.
* At No. 12 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking, he is the highest-ranked Latin amateur in the world.
* Named a GCAA Third Team All-American as a junior (2023-24) and was a member of the International Team at the 2024 Arnold Palmer Cup.
* The World Wide Technology Championship will be included in his PGA TOUR University record.
	+ After the NCAA Championship, the No. 1 player in the final PGA TOUR University Ranking earns PGA TOUR membership. Players Nos. 2-5 (fully exempt) and Nos. 6-10 (conditional) earn Korn Ferry Tour membership, and players finishing 6th through 25th earn exempt membership on PGA TOUR Americas.
	+ At the end of the fall collegiate season (November 27), the No. 1 player in the PGA TOUR University Ranking will earn an exemption into the 2025 Hero Dubai Desert Classic (DP World Tour).
		- ***For context only (not to be published or shared on the broadcast): Morales would need to finish top five at the World Wide Technology Championship to have a chance to move to No. 1.***

**Emilio González – San Miguel de Allende, Mexico native (St. Mary’s University alum)**

*Pathway to the PGA TOUR:* PGA TOUR Latinoamérica (2022); Korn Ferry Tour (2023, 2024); by finishing 49th on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, exempt into Final Stage of PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry and exempt on Korn Ferry Tour for 2025

* Has made 37 career starts on the Korn Ferry Tour, making 20 cuts and recording two top-10 finishes.
* His Korn Ferry Tour rookie season in 2023 was cut short (12 starts) due to injury. Entered 2024 on a medical exemption and played 25 events. Made 16 cuts, recording two top-10s and seven top-25s to finish 49th on the Points List and secure exempt status for 2025 on Korn Ferry Tour.
* Will be making his second career PGA TOUR start at the World Wide Technology Championship after a T74 finish at the 2024 Texas Children’s Houston Open, which he played as a Monday Qualifier.
* Joined PGA TOUR Latinoamérica for the 2022 season, making the cut in seven of his 12 starts. Had five top-25 finishes, including a season-best T6 finish at the 2022 Estrella del Mar Open in Mazatlan, Mexico. Later that year, he finished T24 at Final Stage of the Korn Ferry Tour Q-School to secure his card for 2023.
* Starting in 2016-17, played four full seasons at St. Mary’s University, a D-II school located in San Antonio, Texas. He won seven collegiate events, including four as a sophomore in 2017-18.

**Raúl Pereda – Cordoba, Mexico native (Jacksonville University alum)**

*Pathway to the PGA TOUR:* PGA TOUR Latinoamérica (2019-2023), finished inside the top five at the 2023 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry to earn his first PGA TOUR card

* The 2024 World Wide Technology Championship will be his third PGA TOUR start in Mexico after playing the Mexico Open at Vidanta twice (T60/2023, MC/2024).
* As a 2024 PGA TOUR rookie, he has made 21 starts, making only three cuts (T42/Puerto Rico Open, T78/Texas Children’s Houston Open, T54/Black Desert Championship)
* Coming off a win at the Mexican Tour’s 2024 Bajío Open on October 25. Defeated Brazilian veteran Alexandre Rocha in a playoff after posting 16-under (54-hole event) at Club Campestre de León in León, Guanajuato.
* Joined PGA TOUR Latinoamérica in 2019 and remained a full member through 2023, making 42 career starts. His best of 11 top-10 finishes was solo second at the 2022 Diners Club Peru Open.
* Born and raised in Cordoba (in the state of Veracruz), a city located 180 miles east of Mexico City, he moved to Jacksonville, Florida, in 2014 to play collegiate golf at Jacksonville University. He still lives in Jacksonville.
* In 2014, two days before his 18th birthday, he became the first amateur to win a Mexican Tour event at the Club Campestre de Puebla in Puebla, Mexico.

**Isidro Benítez – Puebla, Mexico native (turned pro, did not go to college)**

*Pathway to the PGA TOUR: PGA TOUR Latinoamérica (2018-2023), PGA TOUR Americas (2024)*

* In his most recent and sixth PGA TOUR start at the 2023 World Wide Technology Championship, he made his first TOUR cut. Finished T65 at 11-under at El Cardonal Golf Club at Diamante.
* He is playing the tournament for the fourth time after starts in 2020 (MC), 2022 (MC) and 2023 (T65).
* Awarded a sponsor exemption into this week’s field after winning a match-play event for Mexican players staged at El Cardonal Golf Club at Diamante on October 8-9.
* Advanced to Second Stage of the 2024 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry by tying for ninth at First Stage (Lake Carolina GC; Madison, Mississippi; October 15-18).
* Made one cut in three Korn Ferry Tour starts in 2024 (T11/The Panama Championship).
* Played the PGA TOUR Americas 2024 Latin America Swing. Finished 117th in the Fortinet Cup Point List to lose his card for the remainder of the season.
* Made 58 starts on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica (2018-2023), including a win at the 2018 VISA Argentina Open as a 19-year-old. Was the only teenager to win across 161 tournaments PGA TOUR Latinoamérica staged between 2012 and 2023. That win earned him an invitation to The Open Championship in 2019 at Royal Portrush.
* Plays on the Mexican Tour, where he is a four-time winner.

**Nico Echavarria**

*Pathway to the PGA TOUR:* PGA TOUR Latinoamérica (2017, 2018); Korn Ferry Tour (2019, 2020-21, 2022); Korn Ferry Tour Q-School (2021)

* Posted two victories on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica in 2018 to finish No. 2 on the Order of Merit and earn Korn Ferry Tour membership for 2019; Harry Higgs finished No. 1 on the Order of Merit, just $64 ahead of Echavarria.
* Posted 11 top-10s in three seasons (90 starts) on the Korn Ferry Tour; finished No. 20 on the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Finals Points List to earn his PGA TOUR card for the 2023 season.
* Posted his second-career victory at the 2024 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP and improved to 65th in the FedExCup Fall; became the second player from Colombia with multiple victories on TOUR (Camilo Villegas/5).
* Won the 2014 Mexican National Amateur Championship (played in Yucatan, Mexico at Yucatan Country Club) with a 12-stroke margin of victory.

**Harry Higgs**

*Pathway to the PGA TOUR:* PGA TOUR Latinoamérica (2015, 2018); Korn Ferry Tour (2019, 2024); PGA TOUR (2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23)

* Finished No. 1 on the 2018 PGA TOUR Latinoamérica Order of Merit to earn 2019 Korn Ferry Tour membership.
* Finished No. 5 on the 2019 Korn Ferry Tour Points List (regular season) to earn his first PGA TOUR card for the 2019-20 season.
* In his fourth season as a PGA TOUR member, finished 144th in the 2023 FedExCup Fall; returned to the Korn Ferry Tour for the 2024 season.
* In 2024, posted back-to-back victories in May and went on to finish No. 8 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List to earn his PGA TOUR card for the 2025 season.
* Has made 201 starts in PGA TOUR-sanctioned competition: 120 PGA TOUR, 48 Korn Ferry Tour (3 wins), 31 PGA TOUR Latinoamérica (1 win), 2 PGA TOUR Canada.
* Making his fifth career start at the World Wide Technology Championship (MC/2023, T32/2022, MC/T2020, T33/2019).

**Neal Shipley**

*Pathway to the PGA TOUR:* PGA TOUR Americas Q-School (2024), PGA TOUR Americas (2024)

* Advanced via a 9-for-1 playoff at the 2024 PGA TOUR Americas Q-School in June to earn exempt membership for the North America Swing.
* In five starts on PGA TOUR Americas, claimed three top-10s highlighted by a runner-up finish at the CentrePort Canada Rail Park Manitoba Open.
* Finished No. 20 in the Fortinet Cup to retain PGA TOUR Americas membership for the 2025 Latin America Swing; by finishing Nos. 11-25 on the Points List, he is exempt into Second Stage of PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry.
* Has made the cut in eight of nine PGA TOUR starts this season (best: T6/ISCO Championship); this is his seventh and final sponsor exemption of the 2024 season.

**Monday Qualifiers**
*The* [*Monday qualifier*](https://scpga.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/scpga24/event/scpga24160/contest/1/leaderboard.htm) *was held at Palmilla Golf Club – Arroyo/Mountain Course (par 72)*

**Ryan Gerard (65)**

*Pathway to the PGA TOUR:* PGA TOUR Canada (2022), Korn Ferry Tour (2023, 2024)

* Secured a return to the PGA TOUR for the 2025 season through a No. 12 finish in the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List off the strength of four top-10s, highlighted by his first Korn Ferry Tour title at the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNNEX.
* Will be making his 24th career PGA TOUR start after playing 22 events in 2022-23 when he earned Special Temporary Membership (best PGA TOUR finish: 4th/2023 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches).
* Finished No. 5 in the 2022 Fortinet Cup standings on PGA TOUR Canada to earn conditional status on the Korn Ferry Tour for 2023.

**Zach Bauchou (65)**

*Pathway to the PGA TOUR:* Korn Ferry Tour (2023, 2024)

* Finished No. 34 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List to retain full Korn Ferry Tour membership for the 2025 season and an exemption into Final Stage of PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry.
* Held the 36-hole lead at the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance and was in position to move into the top 30 on the Points List and earn his first TOUR card; went on to finish the tournament T9 and 34th on the season-long Points List.
* Will be looking to make his first cut in his sixth PGA TOUR start.
* Close friends and former college roommates with Viktor Hovland; played three seasons together at Oklahoma State.

**William Moll (66)**

*Pathway to the PGA TOUR:* PGA TOUR University (2024), Korn Ferry Tour (2024)

* Advanced via a 3-for-1 playoff; will make his PGA TOUR debut this week.
* Played five seasons at Vanderbilt (2019-24) and finished No. 6 in the PGA TOUR University Class of 2024 to earn Korn Ferry Tour membership; made 12 starts on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2024 (best: T13/Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Woodhouse).
* In his senior season at Vanderbilt, finished T7 at the Cabo Collegiate (March 3-5, 2024), played at Twin Dolphin Club in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico (26 km east of El Cardonal at Diamante).
* Through his finish in the PGA TOUR University Ranking, earned an exemption into Second Stage of PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry.