2016 Latin American Amateur Championships

The two Trinidad & Tobago golfers who made the 36 hole cut at the 2016 LAAC being played in Dominican Republic on the Pete Dye designed Teeth of the Dog course in La Romana, had mixed days today.

Matthew Marquez started very well being level par for the first 11 holes but dropped a three strokes on 12th & 13th holes, before fighting back to finish with a great round of 75. Matthew now lies in 21st position in this world class field.

Talin Rajendranath on the other hand started very poorly dropping 6 strokes in his first 6 hole this morning, but continued to fight but unfortunately finished with an 81 to finish in 49th position after three rounds.

Liam Bryden and Sachin Kumar unfortunately did not make the 36 hole cut and as such did not get to play the last two rounds.

The leaders at 5 under par are Gaston Bertinotti of Agentina closely followed by Venezuelan Jeorge Garcia who is at 4 under par. Alejandro Tosti also of Argentina is now at 3 under par. Overnight leaderNicolas Echavarria of Colombia faltered today shooting a 77 and is now three shots off of the pace. There’s no doubt that the opportunity to play in the 2016 Masters Tournament is a great incentive for these players. In addition, the winner and the runner(s)-up will be exempt into The Open Qualifying Series for The 145th Open at Royal Troon and into sectional qualifying for the U.S. Open Championship at Oakmont Country Club next year. Finally, the champion will receive full exemptions into The Amateur Championship in 2016, the 2016 U.S. Amateur Championship and any other USGA amateur championship for which he is eligible.