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Final-Round Leaderboard

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Los Inkas Golf Club

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Full [Leaderboard](#):

Pos.	Name	Scores	Current Totalplay Cup Pos.
1	Marcos Montenegro (Argentina)	73-70-66-64—273 (-15)	7
2	Conner Godsey (U.S.)	68-69-67-71—275 (-13)	1
T3	Harry Hillier (U.S.)	70-71-69-66—276 (-12)	21
T3	Tommy Cocha (Argentina)	70-68-65-73—276 (-12)	20
T5	Jesus Montenegro (Argentina)	67-73-69-68—277 (-11)	13
T5	Leandro Marelli (Argentina)	70-72-67-68—277 (-11)	9
T5	Alexandre Rocha (Brazil)	67-72-69-69—277 (-11)	25
T5	Daniel Hudson (U.S.)	68-67-71-71—277 (-11)	35
T5	Ignacio Marino (Argentina)	69-69-69-70—277 (-11)	28

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Marcos Montenegro secures huge come-from-behind win in Peru

LIMA, Peru—After just barely making the cut two days ago, Argentinian Marcos Montenegro made an incredible comeback, shooting a final round 8-under to secure his first win and become the newest champion on the PGA TOUR Latinoamérica at the Diners Club Peru Open on Sunday. Montenegro finished 15-under for the event, beating his next closest competitor, American Conner Godsey, by two strokes.

Making the cut right on the number on Friday, with a birdie on No. 18, Montenegro entered the weekend tied for 48th at 1-under. He then shot a 6-under 66 on Saturday to find himself six strokes behind the leader and tied for 10th with nine others heading into the final round.

“This is a tough course,” Montenegro said. “The first two days I didn’t strike the ball that well and it punished me a little bit. But, on Friday, I took a look at the leaderboard and saw that I was far from the leader, but I wasn’t that far from the top 10, so I focused on having a great weekend and it worked out.”

On Sunday, the 25-year-old from Loberia, Argentina could do no wrong, carding 11 birdies en route to his 8-under 64, tying the low round of the week, and making the most out of his Cinderella-story with a swim in the hazard off the 18th. That same hazard, ironically, had a hand in securing his win after third-round leader and fellow Argentine, Tommy Coacha, hit his approach shot in the water, confirming his compatriot’s victory in front of an impressive 18th gallery.

“It’s a dream. It’s really something I dreamed about, so I have to enjoy it. Today, I started really well. The three birdies in a row I made on 7, 8 and 9 were big. I knew I would have chances. It was windy, so I tried to remain calm all the time. I asked Jorge, my caddie, to keep me calm - shot by shot - and we did it pretty well. On 17, I made a great par putt from the collar. I didn’t know where I stood at the time, but because of my caddie’s reaction I knew that we were in good position,” Montenegro said.

“Then, on 18, I hit a great tee shot in the fairway,” Montenegro added. “With a tough pin ahead, Jorge asked me to play more to the right, not too aggressive because there’s water close. I didn’t take too many risks and left myself a 30-foot putt. It stayed in line the whole time and at the end it almost did not drop. I knew I had a big celebration that came from deep inside, but I don’t even know what I did.”

With this victory, Montenegro jumps 44 positions in the Totalplay Cup standings to seventh after seven events on the Tour’s 12-stop schedule. Godsey, who recorded his second runner-up finish this season and his fourth top-10, moves up to the top spot on the points list, overcoming Cristobal Del Solar. Del Solar last played on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica in December, claiming a win and a third-place finish before focusing on the Korn Ferry Tour.

“I would have liked to get the win, but solo second is always a good week,” Godsey said. “It’s great to be on top of the points list, but there’s still a lot of golf left to play, and a lot of work to do. The goal is to finish No. 1 and I’m just going to keep doing what I’ve been doing and get better every week.”

Did you know the Diners Club Peru Open marked Montenegro’s 36th start on the PGA TOUR Latinoamérica? During that time, he has made 21 cuts, but no top-10 finishes. He has also played a season (2022) on the Korn Ferry Tour, making one top-10 finish in his 23 starts there. “This is really my first win (in five years) as a professional,” he said. “This is something I had been waiting for. When I turned pro, I felt I was pretty close, but it didn’t work out. I was always working hard with my team following a line of work, knowing that sooner or later this would happen.”

Totalplay Cup Points List

(Through the Diners Club Peru Open)

Pos.	Player	Poi nts	Trailing by
1	Conner Godsey (U.S.)	850	--

2	Cristobal Del Solar (Chile)	711	139
3	Charlie Hillier (New Zealand)	699	151
4	Chandler Blanchet (U.S.)	676	174
5	Linus Lilliedahl (Sweden)	669	181
6	Matt Ryan (U.S.)	608	242
7	Marcos Montenegro (Argentina)	606	244
8	Jake McCrory (U.S.)	567	283
9	Leandro Marelli (Argentina)	554	296
10	Davis Shore (U.S.)	532	318

2022-23 PGA TOUR Latinoamérica Player Benefits

2022-23 Final Totalplay Cup Position	Reward
No. 1	Will receive exempt status on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour
Nos. 2-5	Will receive conditional status on the 2024 Korn Ferry
Nos. 1-5	Exempt into Final Stage of the 2023 PGA TOUR Qualifying Tournament
Nos. 6-25	Exempt into the second stage of the 2023 PGA TOUR Qualifying Tournament
Nos. 1-60	Exempt through Latin America swing of the 2024 PGA TOUR Americas

Remaining PGA TOUR Latinoamérica Tournaments

Date	Tournament	Course	Location
May 4-7	Kia Open	Quito Tennis & GC	Quito, Ecuador
Two weeks off			
May 25-28	Colombia Classic	Ruitoque G&CC	Bucaramanga, Colombia
June 1-4	El Rincon Championship	El Rincón de Cajicá	Bogota, Colombia
Two weeks off			
June 22-25	Jalisco Open GDL	Atlas CC	Guadalajara, Mexico
June 29-July 2	PGA TOUR Latinoamérica Championship	PGA Riviera Maya	Tulum, Quintana Roo, Mexico

Key Information

Cristóbal Del Solar still sits in No. 2 of the Totalplay Cup standings, while also currently ranked 38th in the Korn Ferry Tour standings. Del Solar received the opportunity to play at the PGA TOUR's Mexico Open at Vidanta this week. He was awarded an exemption at that event by virtue of his Totalplay Cup position. He shot two rounds of 68 and 74, missing the cut by two strokes.

A PGA TOUR Latinoamérica staple, **Tommy Cocha**, was looking for his first win of the season today. He held a one-stroke lead heading into the final round, but bogeyed No. 16 and No. 18, both holes that Montenegro birdied. Cocha predicted this kind of ending, yesterday, saying, "This course has one of the

best endings of the Tour. It has holes that you can take advantage of, but holes that will punish you as well.” A win would have seen Cocha tie the record for the most victories in the history of the PGA TOUR Latinoamérica. The Argentine would join Mexican **José de Jesus “El Camaron” Rodriguez**, who won the Jalisco Open Guadalajara last year to become the first and only player with five titles on this Tour.

Peru’s **Luis Fernando Barco** was the only Peruvian competing this weekend, after 13 of his compatriots missed the cut. He finished 56th at 2-over 290.

This was the first event of the season that the 54-hole leader did not go on to win the tournament and therefore the first event that held a new leader in every round. **Agustin Errazuriz** (Chile) led the first round with a 6-under 66, **Samuel Anderson** led the second round with a 12-under 132, **Tommy Cocha** led the third round with a 13-under 203.

Jake McCrory and **Charlie Hillier** were the only other 2022-23 tournament winners in this week’s field. Hillier won the last event, the JHSF Aberto do Brasil and was the first wire-to-wire winner of the season, thus far. He missed the cut, however, finishing 4-over. **McCrory**, the Termas de Rio Hondo Invitational champion, finished 4-under and finished T33.

Harry Hillier, Charlie’s younger brother, did make the cut and had a solid round today, posting a 6-under while trying to make it back-to-back wins for the Hilliers. He got close, but ended up tied for third with **Tommy Cocha**. Growing up in New Zealand, the Hillier brothers both attended the University of Kansas. The duo played two seasons together, starting in 2017-18. With his recent victory and one other top-10 finish (tied for fourth at the Roberto De Vincenzo Memorial 100 Years), Charlie is currently in third place in of the Totalplay Cup Points list, with 699 points. With Harry’s finish this week, he moved up 52 positions from 73rd to 21st.

There were four past Peru Open tournament winners in this week’s field, but only two remained after Friday’s cut. Argentina’s **Leandro Marelli**, the 2019 champion, finished 11-under for a T5 finish, moving up one position on the Totalplay Cup points list and five positions on the leaderboard after another solid round. The other past winner was Mexico’s **Rodolfo Cazaubón**, who claimed the 2015 title. He shot a 6-under today, moving up 20 positions on the leaderboard and finishing T10 with a 10-under 278 for the event.

Diners Club Peru Open champions in the PGA TOUR Latinoamérica era

Year	Champion	Scores	Margin of victory
2012	Sebastián Salem (Peru)	71-71-67-66—275 (-13)	One stroke
2013	Julián Etulain (Argentina)	68-70-67-70—275 (-13)	One stroke
2014	Julián Etulain (Argentina)	69-65-68-72—274 (-14)	Three strokes
2015	Rodolfo Cazaubón (Mexico)	64-67-67-70—268 (-20)*	Playoff
2016	Tyler McCumber (U.S.)	69-67-66-66—270(-18)	Three strokes
2017	Charlie Saxon (U.S.)	66-67-67—200 (-16)**	Four strokes
2018	Harry Higgs (U.S.)	67-69-65-68—269 (-19)	Two strokes
2019	Leandro Marelli (Argentina)	66-68-68-67—269 (-19)	One stroke
2022	José Toledo (Guatemala)	67-64-69-66—266 (-22)	Six strokes
2023	Marcos Montenegro (Argentina)	73-70-66-64—273 (-15)	Two strokes

* Won in a playoff

** Scheduled 54-hole event

Quotable

“Last season, playing on the Korn Ferry Tour, I learned a lot. It’s a very competitive Tour. This year I had to come back and play in Latin America. It’s a great Tour, very competitive as well and I knew that it wasn’t going to be easy. The first few tournaments were difficult, but I have been feeling pretty good with my game the last few weeks. I had been playing well and knew that I would be close soon enough and it happened here.” -- **Marcos Montenegro**

“Now, we have to aim high, a win helps a lot, provides a lot of points and helps you move up the rankings, so we are going to try and get the Totalplay Cup.” -- **Marcos Montenegro**

“I made a birdie on the last. It’s always nice to make a clutch putt on the last hole. It’s good for the confidence.” – **Conner Godsey**

Final-Round Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 80. Wind SSW at 3-9 mph, with gusts to 16 mph.