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Second-Round Leaderboard

JHSF Brazil Open

Fazenda Boa Vista

Porto Feliz, Brazil

March 31, 2023

Full [Leaderboard](#):

Pos.	Name	Scores	Current Totalplay Cup Pos.
1	Charlie Hillier (New Zealand)	62-64—126 (16-under)	19
2	Chris Crawford (U.S.)	66-66—132 (10-under)	11
T3	Joey Savoie (Canada)	64-69—133 (9-under)	90
T3	Gabriel Lench (U.S.)	69-64—133 (9-under)	116
T5	Chandler Blanchet (U.S.)	63-71—134 (8-under)	3
T5	Aaron Terrazas (Mexico)	64-70—134 (8-under)	--
T5	Harry Hillier (New Zealand)	66-68—134 (8-under)	80
8	Dalan Refioglu (U.S.)	71-64—135 (7-under)	31

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Hillier goes low again, takes commanding JHSF Brazil Open lead

PORTO FELIZ, Brazil—After Charlie Hillier signed his scorecard and realized he held a six-shot lead, he admitted he didn't expect it to last. "I'm sure it will be less by the end of the day," he mused. Hillier was wrong, and that's about the only incorrect thing he's done through the first two rounds of the JHSF Brazil Open. Following his opening 62 Thursday, the New Zealand native came back and dropped a 64 on Fazenda Boa Vista to move to 16-under, six strokes ahead of Chris Crawford and seven clear of Gabriel Lench and Joey Savoie.

Hillier has been dominant from the start of Brazil's national open, firing three nine-hole scores of 31 and adding a 2-under 33 on his final nine Friday. Hillier played the first 34 holes this week without a bogey, making his first blemish on his 17th hole of the day, at the par-4 ninth. Overall, Hillier's streak reached

48 consecutive bogey-free holes, dating to the fourth hole in the final round of last week’s Roberto De Vincenzo Memorial 100 Years.

“I’ve been managing my game really well, (hitting) to the middle of the green on the par-3s and attacking the holes you can. There are a couple of holes you have to watch out for here,” he explained.

There are also a couple of holes that need to be on the lookout for Hillier. On No. 13, his fourth hole of the morning, Hillier chipped in for birdie, his third birdie in succession. Then on his 12th hole, the par-5 third, he rolled in a 35-foot birdie putt. It’s been that kind of week so far for the former University of Kansas player who joked around with his younger brother, Harry, following the round. Harry laughed as he headed to the tee to begin his second round. “I gotta figure out a way to get him DQed. I’m 11 shots behind.”

By the end of the day, the younger Hillier was *only* eight shots back as Charlie has been as dominant through 36 holes as any player this season. Harry Hillier is tied for fifth with Chandler Blanchet and Aaron Terrazas.

“Out here, ‘stay aggressive’ is what I keep telling myself. There are lots of birdies, and if I keep hitting it in the fairways, good things are going to happen,” the second-year PGA TOUR Latinoamérica member explained. “I’ve struggled a lot last year on this Tour and played better golf this (season). So, yeah, it’s a lot more fun this year.”

Crawford continued his consistent play of late, shooting his second consecutive 66 to stay within shouting distance of Charlie Hillier. Crawford has been par or better in 11 of his last 12 rounds, and he has a tie for fourth, a tie for 10th and a tie for 19th in his previous three starts to sit at 11th in the Totalplay Cup.

Did you know Charlie Hillier paved the way for his younger brother, Harry, to also attend the University of Kansas? Charlie left his native New Zealand for the Lawrence, Kansas, school, and it was there that he won the 2019 Hootie @ Bulls Bay Intercollegiate, his lone college triumph. The duo played two seasons together, starting in 2017-18.

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

Totalplay Cup Standings

(Through Roberto De Vincenzo Memorial 100 Years)

Pos.	Player	Points	Current Tournament Pos.
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1	Cristobal Del Solar	711	Not Playing
2	Linus Lilliedahl	647	Cut
3	Chandler Blanchet	632	T3
4	Matt Ryan	608	Not Playing
5	Jake McCrory	545	Cut
6	Zack Fischer	500	Not Playing
7	Conner Godsey	468	T9
8	Leandro Marelli	461	T77
9	Myles Creighton	362	T49
10	Jesus Montenegro	313	Cut

Key Information

The cut came at 2-under, with 64 players advancing to the weekend.

Charlie Hillier's 62-64 start is easily the best opening, 36-hole performance this season. Prior to this week, David Pastore's 13-under, 66-65 showing at the Termas de Rio Hondo Invitational was tops.

For the first time in his PGA TOUR Latinoamérica career, **Gabriel Lench** has put together back-to-back, under-par rounds. After opening with a 2-under 69, Lench shot a 7-under 64 to take a share of third with 36 holes to play. Lench is a former Liberty University player who competed alongside teammates **Alex Fuchs**, **Kieran Vincent** and **Jonathan Yaun**, all three who, like Lench, have either PGA TOUR Latinoamérica or PGA TOUR Canada membership.

Blake Abercrombie had a hole-in-one on No. 5. He hit a 9-iron from 160 yards. It is the fifth ace of the season, with others coming from **Mauro Baez Julien** (Visa Argentine Open), **Nicolás Geyger** (Scotia Wealth Management Chile Open), **Beau Breault** (Scotia Wealth Management Chile Open) and **Chandler Blanchet** (Termas de Rio Hondo Invitational). Abercrombie ultimately missed the cut, a triple bogey-8 on the par-5 third hole hurting his chances at the weekend.

Canada's **Joey Savoie** rallied nicely toward the end of his second round. He was 1-over through 13 holes, with 12 pars and a bogey, at the par-4 eighth. He birdied the 14th hole then finished with a flourish, making eagle at the 18th to shoot a 2-under 69 and move into a tie for third.

U.S. player **Dalan Refioglu** opened with an even-par 71 Thursday then made his move on day two, shooting a 7-under 64 to vault 68 positions upward on the leaderboard, into solo eighth. He had nine birdies and two bogeys in his second round. His was the second-biggest improvement from one round to the next. **Jackson Markham** rebounded with a 65 compared to his opening 74 a day earlier. Markham is tied for 36th, at 3-under.

Going in the other direction was Brazilian amateur **Marcos Negrini**. After finishing his first round early Saturday morning, he went right back out on the course and shot a 5-over 76, nine strokes worse than his first-round score. He fell from a tie for 14th when his round began to missing the cut.

The 36-hole leader has gone on to win two of the previous five tournaments this year. Last week, **Davis Shore** couldn't convert his second-round advantage into a victory at the Roberto De Vicenzo Memorial 100 Years, and David Pastore couldn't the week before, at the Termas de Rio Hondo Invitational. In the season's opening week, **Linus Lilliedahl** led through 36 holes but eventually finished second. **Cristóbal del Solar** turned his two-shot, 36-hole lead into a three-stroke win at the Neuquén Argentina Classic, and

Matt Ryan led by one at the midway point of the Scotia Wealth Management Chile Open and won by that same margin.

Chandler Blanchet and **Jake McCrory** are the only 2022-23 tournament winners in this week's field. Blanchet is tied for fifth heading into the weekend, while McCrory missed the cut.

Linus Lilliedahl, No. 2 on the Totalplay Cup points list behind only Korn Ferry Tour regular **Cristóbal del Solar**, missed the cut, providing an opportunity for **Chandler Blanchet** to take over the overall points lead. Del Solar is not expected to return to PGA TOUR Latinoamérica after playing early in the season while the Korn Ferry Tour was idle. Blanchet is 79 points shy of del Solar's leading total.

There were 21 Brazilians competing this week in their national open, with four making the cut. After 36 holes, **Felipe Navarro** is currently the best among them. He's tied for 18th, four shots back. Here is how those who made the cut sit heading into the weekend.

Pos.	Name	Score
T18	Felipe Navarro	137 (-5)
T26	Rodrigo Lee	138 (-4)
T26	Axell Gustavo Balestre	138 (-4)
T49	Rafael Becker	140 (-2)

Quotable

"I'm going to keep doing what I'm doing, fairways and greens." –**Charlie Hillier**

"Becoming more familiar with that stuff takes a lot thought, and especially the travel side of things you know where you're going and know what you're doing. It definitely helps, which I've noticed this year." –**Charlie Hillier on differences he's noticed playing on Latin America this year and last**

Second-Round Weather: Overcast and warm, with a slight rain falling in the afternoon. High of 83. Wind SSW at 4-6 mph.