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Third-Round Leaderboard

JHSF Brazil Open

Fazenda Boa Vista

Porto Feliz, Brazil

April 1, 2023

Full [Leaderboard](#):

| Pos. | Name | Scores | Current Totalplay Cup Pos. |
|------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | Charlie Hillier (New Zealand) | 62-64-68—194 (19-under) | 19 |
| 2 | Joey Savoie (Canada) | 64-69-64—197 (16-under) | 90 |
| T3 | Walker Lee (U.S.) | 68-70-62—200 (13-under) | 23 |
| T3 | Davis Shore (U.S.) | 66-70-64—200 (13-under) | 15 |
| T5 | Sandy Scott (Scotland) | 70-66-65—201 (12-under) | 20 |
| T5 | Chris Crawford (U.S.) | 66-66-69—201 (12-under) | 11 |
| T5 | Conner Godsey (U.S.) | 70-66-65—201 (12-under) | 7 |
| 8 | Juan Carlos Serrano (Mexico) | 70-69-63—202 (11-under) | 99 |

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Hillier's lead narrows as Savoie makes move in Brazil

PORTO FELIZ, Brazil—After opening rounds of 62-64 at the JHSF Brazil Open, Charlie Hillier's third-round, 3-under 68 almost seemed pedestrian by comparison. While it was a solid third day for Hillier, three challengers went low, and suddenly Hillier's six-shot, 36-hole lead is half of what it was when the day began. The New Zealander will go into the final round leading Canada's Joey Savoie by three shots, with two other chasers—Walker Lee and Davis Short—shooting 62 and 64, respectively, leaving them six behind Hillier and tied for third.

"Today was frustrating. I stayed patient out there. I didn't make many putts today," Hillier said of his day at Fazenda Boa Vista. "I hit it close all the way around the back nine, and I made one (birdie), on 12."

After he chipped in on No. 3 for birdie, it looked like Hillier would replicate what he did the first two days. His putter went cold, though, allowing his pursuers to creep closer.

"I didn't make as many putts today. Hopefully more [Sunday]," he added.

No. 3 has been a particularly good hole for the University of Kansas alum. After birdies on the par-5 the first two days, Hillier added the eagle, making him 4-under on the hole for the week.

"I had a good lie. It was a pretty basic shot, maybe one you would make five of 10 in practice. It was a good start to the day," he continued.

While No. 3 has been Hillier's safety blanket, Savoie has walked off No. 18 with a smile on his face each of the last two days. He has made two consecutive eagles there, a 35-foot putt on Friday and an 18-footer Saturday. He birdied the hole in the opening round.

"Today was better. There were a few people watching, so I got a bit of a crowd reaction," Savoie said, comparing the two eagles. "This course is very difficult, and when you finish with a good hole it makes you want to come back the next day."

Lee had the round of the day, shooting a pair of 31s on the front and back nines for a 9-under 62. He was bogey-free Saturday, his birdies coming at Nos. 1, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 18. Of note was his 60-foot birdie putt on No. 7.

"It was awesome. I haven't been playing too well during this stretch, and I finally hit some good shots, figured out something on the range and it worked out today. Lee has been rooming these last three weeks with Shore, and both players know they'll need shoot something similar in the final round to what they did Saturday if they are to have a chance.

"It's been fun. I love it down here. I love the people. Everybody down here is so nice, and the food is great. Getting down here is the hardest part, but once you're down here it's great," Lee explained. "It's been helpful to have someone who has been here before."

Shore summed up his chances heading into the final round: "I'm going to need something even lower than today [Sunday]. But I'm definitely happy to at least give myself a chance again. Last week I had a good shot but didn't play as well as I wanted to on the last couple of days. It's always fun to give yourself a chance on Sunday."

Shore held the 36-hole lead last week in Argentina and was only two behind the leaders with 18 holes to play before eventually tying for fourth, five behind winner Chandler Blanchet.

Did you know veteran Rafael Echenique has put himself in position for a second consecutive top-10? A week ago at the Roberto De Vincenzo Memorial 100 Years, he finished alone in eighth—his first top-10 since he tied for ninth at the 2018 Costa Rica Classic. He is tied for 10th this week with 18 holes to play. The last time Echenique enjoyed back-to-back top-10s was in 2015, when he had four in a row. He tied for fourth at the Hyundai-BBVA Chile Open, tied for ninth at the Mundo Maya Open in Mexico, tied for seventh at the Roberto De Vincenzo Punta del Este Open in Uruguay and tied for eighth at the Visa Argentine Open.

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. |
|------|---------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| 1 | Cristobal Del Solar | 711 | Not Playing |
| 2 | Linus Lilliedahl | 647 | Cut |
| 3 | Chandler Blanchet | 632 | T29 |
| 4 | Matt Ryan | 608 | Not Playing |
| 5 | Jake McCrory | 545 | Cut |
| 6 | Zack Fischer | 500 | Not Playing |
| 7 | Conner Godsey | 468 | T5 |
| 8 | Leandro Marelli | 461 | Cut |
| 9 | Myles Creighton | 362 | T29 |
| 10 | Jesus Montenegro | 313 | Cut |

Key Information

Walker Lee has made four of five cuts this season, but a missed cut at the Termas de Rio Hondo Invitational and a tie for 36th last week has left him looking for a solid week to help him improve on his current 25th-place Totalplay Cup position.

As roommates this week and renting a car together, **Davis Shore** and **Walker Lee** made a deal following the third round. With the player parking lot a fair walk from the clubhouse, the duo decided whoever shot the worst Saturday score would have to make the walk to get the car. Lee's 62 edged Shore by a shot. After looking at the scoreboard and seeing what Lee posted ahead of him, Shore thought, Oh, man, I gotta do something coming in. "I didn't do anything coming in, but it's all good."

Conner Godsey has progressively improved as the week has progressed. Godsey, No. 7 in the Totalplay Cup has rebounded from missing the cut last week by opening with a 1-under 70 then following that with scores of 66 and 65 to leave him at 12-under overall and tied for fifth, seven shots back.

Mexico's **Juan Carlos Serrano** gave himself a chance Sunday by shooting a third-round, 8-under 63. He's alone in eighth. Prior to this week, in 12 previous rounds, Serrano's lowest score was a third-round 69 at the Termas de Rio Hondo Invitational. This week, he has rounds of 70-69-63. His 63 was one off his career-low round that came a season ago at the Fortox Colombia Classic in Bucaramanga. That 62 was also an 8-under score on the par-70 Ruitoque Golf and Country Club.

Harry Hillier hoped to make an advance on his older brother, **Charlie Hillier's**, leading score, but the younger Hillier could only manage an even-par 71-Saturday. He's at 8-under overall and tied for 12th.

Blair Bursey has quietly had a nice first three rounds, punctuated by his 5-under 66 Saturday. Bursey has missed four cuts and withdrew prior to the Scotia Wealth Management Chile Open. In his first weekend of the season, Bursey, a former Utah Valley University player, is at 8-under and tied for 12th with **Danny Ochoa**, **Harry Hillier** and fellow Canadian **Max Sekulic**.

There were 21 Brazilians competing this week in their national open, with four making the cut. After 54 holes, **Felipe Navarro** and **Rodrigo Lee** are currently the best among them. They are tied for 16th.

| Pos. | Name | Score |
|------|------------------------|----------|
| T16 | Felipe Navarro | 206 (-7) |
| T16 | Rodrigo Lee | 206 (-7) |
| T29 | Axell Gustavo Balestre | 208 (-5) |
| T39 | Rafael Becker | 209 (-4) |

Quotable

"I'm putting a lot of pressure on the golf course." –**Charlie Hillier**

"This course is very difficult, and when you finish with a good hole it makes you want to come back the next day." –**Joey Savoie**

"I've hit my irons very well. Every day has been different, but I think my ball-striking has been the best of the last six weeks on this Tour. I gave myself good looks, I definitely rolled the ball well today, with good speed and no three-putts and no hard-fought pars." –**Joey Savoie**

"I was hot there from the start of the round all the way to the middle of the back nine. Then I cooled off on the last couple, I had a couple of putts that slid past then I hit a bad drive on 18. That's golf, right? That's what keeps you coming back." –**Davis Shore**

"I got to 8-under through 14. There wasn't any fantastic, crazy shots or anything. I just made some solid putts. There was really nothing that stands out. I just took advantage of the opportunities when they came." –**Davis Shore**

"The front nine, there were no drivers (off the tee) and it was just irons into the fairways. I was able to hit a few wedges close for a couple tap-ins. Then on the back nine, I hit it on the green in two on 11 and 18 for easy, two-putt birdies. It was pretty solid." –**Walker Lee**

Third-Round Weather: Mostly sunny and warm. High of 82. Wind S at 5-7 mph.