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Final Results

Bupa Tour Championship

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Pos.	Player	Scores	Final Totalplay Cup Position
1	Chandler Blanchet (U.S.)*	73-71-68-70—282 (-6)	1
T2	Jeremy Gandon (France)	73-70-71-68—282 (-6)	17
T2	Justin Doeden (U.S.)	67-71-73-71—282 (-6)	16
T4	Alvaro Ortiz (Mexico)	70-72-68-72—283 (-5)	21
T4	Harry Hillier (New Zealand)	69-73-73-68—283 (-5)	31
T6	Leandro Marelli (Argentina)	70-74-71-69—284 (-4)	12
T6	Raúl Pereda (Mexico)	74-69-70-71—284 (-4)	22

**Won on the third hole of a sudden death playoff*

Blanchet prevails in overtime to win it all in Tulum

TULUM, Mexico—Chandler Blanchet survived a three-man playoff to win the Bupa Tour Championship Sunday at PGA Riviera Maya. The win secured a larger jackpot, as the 28-year old from Jacksonville Beach, Florida, also claimed the Totalplay Cup trophy for 2022-23 PGA TOUR Latinoamérica Player of the Year honors. He'll be exempt into every open Korn Ferry Tour tournament in 2024.

On his way to becoming the only two-time winner this PGA TOUR Latinoamérica season, Blanchet carded a final-round, 2-under 70 to battle his way into a tie for first with Justin

Doeden of Prior Lake, Minnesota, and Jeremy Gandon of France. A par on the third playoff hole was good enough for him to walk away as the biggest winner of the year.

Blanchet, Doeden and Gandon finished regulation tied at 6-under 282, one shot ahead of Mexico's Alvaro Ortiz, who carded three bogeys on the back nine to drop the three-shot lead he held with nine holes to play. New Zealand's Harry Hillier joined Ortiz in the tie for fourth, at 5-under.

"An incredible day! You couldn't have dreamed it up any better," said Blanchet after his thrilling victory, his third as a PGA TOUR Latinoamérica player.

Blanchet seemed in position to secure the win after sinking a 15-footer for birdie, which he called "electric" in the second playoff hole. Gandon was not ready to surrender and responded by draining his birdie putt from a similar length to force another hole. Doeden, who made a par, was out of the race.

On the third and final playoff hole, Blanchet missed his tee shot way right, behind some palm trees. "I just overcut it, a little block, a little right. I knew it was OK over there, so I actually hit the same shot I hit on the hole before. I had a good line on the pin, and I judged it correctly to give myself 20 feet for birdie," said Blanchet, who two-putted for par and then saw Gandon miss his par putt.

"Thankfully par was enough to get it done in the third hole. I wish it would have been a birdie, it would have been more exciting, but it was awesome," added the champion.

Key Information

Chandler Blanchet is the third consecutive U.S. player to win the points list since PGA TOUR Latinoamérica moved away from a money-list standings in the 2020-21 season. He is also the sixth U.S. player to capture Player of the Year honors, joining **Mitchell Meissner** (2021-22), **Brandon Matthews** (2020-21), **Harry Higgs** (2018), **Nate Lashley** (2016) and **Ryan Blaum** (2013). Mexico's **José de Jesús Rodríguez** (2017) and **Rodolfo Cazaubón** (2015) also won top honors, along with and Argentina's **Augusto Núñez** (2019), **Julián Etulain** (2014) and **Ariel Cañete** (2012).

PGA TOUR Latinoamérica Players of the Year

Year	Player of the Year	Country
2022-23	Chandler Blanchet	United States
2021-22	Mitchell Meissner	United States
2020-21	Brandon Matthews	United States
2019	Augusto Núñez	Argentina
2018	Harry Higgs	United States
2017	José de Jesús Rodríguez	Mexico

2016	Nate Lashley	United States
2015	Rodolfo Cazaubón	Mexico
2014	Julián Etulain	Argentina
2013	Ryan Blaum	United States
2012	Ariel Cañete	Argentina

A year after **Mitchell Meissner** played consistent golf but didn't win a tournament on his way to the Totalplay Cup, **Chandler Blanchet** won twice in 2022-23—at the Roberto De Vicenzo Memorial 100 Years in Argentina in March and Sunday's Bupa Tour Championship.

With **Chandler Blanchet** leading the way, the following are the players who finished the season inside the Totalplay Cup Top 5 to secure 2024 Korn Ferry Tour status:

Pos.	Player	Points
1	Chandler Blanchet (U.S.)	1539
2	Myles Creighton (Canada)	1146
3	Walker Lee (U.S.)	1014
4	Austin Hitt (U.S.)	897
5	Charlie Hillier (New Zealand)	889

Gabriel Lench had the round of the day Sunday—and the tournament's best 18-hole score—firing a 7-under 65 to improve from a tie for 39th when the day began to a tie for 18th. Lench had 10 consecutive pars to start his final round then bogey No. 11. After that, it was lights out, with birdies on Nos. 3, 6, 7 and 9 and eagles at the par-5 fourth and the par-5 eighth. Lench's 65 was 15 strokes better than his opening-round score, an 8-over 80.

Walker Lee made 18 birdies at the Bupa Tour Championship, lifting his season-total to 202, the best in 2022-23. He finished with eight more than **Austin Hitt**.

Chandler Blanchet's winning score of 6-under (finishing regulation tied with **Justin Doeden** and **Jeremy Gandon**) is right in line with the two previous tournaments at PGA Riviera Maya, A year ago, **Jesus Montenegro** won with a 6-under score, while 5-under was **Patrick Newcomb's** winning score in relation to par in 2021.

Finishing the tournament in a tie for fourth and sixth respectively, **Alvaro Ortiz** and **Raul Pereda** were the leading Mexican players this week. They earned enough Totalplay Cup points to also finish the Tour's season-long race as the leading Mexicans, with Ortiz finishing 21st and Pereda 22nd. As such, they were awarded additional bonuses of U.S. \$5,000 by Bupa Mexico.

Totalplay Cup Leading Mexicans

Position	Player	Total Points
21	Álvaro Ortiz	536
22	Raúl Pereda	533

23	José de Jesús Rodríguez*	500
35	Jorge Villar	351
37	Rodolfo Cazaubón	340
39	Luis Gerardo Garza	330
47	Isidro Benítez	271

** Did not play the final event this week*

Final Round Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 87. Wind ESE at 14-25 mph.