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**Totalplay Championship at Atlas Country Club**

Atlas Country Club | Guadalajara, Mexico | March 28-31, 2024

**Third-Round Notes – March 30, 2024**

**PGA TOUR Americas 2024 Season:** 2nd of 16 events

* Latin America Swing: 2nd of 6 events

**Fortinet Cup Points:** 500 (winner)

**Purse:** $225,000 ($40,500 winner)

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| **Pos.** | **Player** | **Score** |
| 1 | José de Jesús Rodríguez (Mexico) | 68-65-67 – 200 (-13) |
| T2 | Joey Vrzich (United States) | 66-66-69 – 201 (-12) |
| T2 | Derek Hitchner (United States) | 67-66-68 – 201 (-12) |
| T4 | Thomas Giroux (Canada) | 66-68-68 – 202 (-11) |
| T4 | Jesus Montenegro (Argentina) | 69-65-68 – 202 (-11) |

José de Jesús Rodríguez took sole possession of the lead at the Totalplay Championship at Atlas Country Club after 54 holes. He holds a one stroke lead over Derek Hitchner and Joey Vrzich. The Pepperdine alums are tied for second at 12-under par. Two players are tied for fourth.

Rodríguez rode a bogey-free front nine and an eagle on No. 15 to a 4-under 67. The Irapuato, Mexico-native has carded eight consecutive sub-70 rounds at Atlas Country Club dating back to the final round of the 2022 Jalisco Open GDL, where he claimed the first of back-to-back victories at the event.

Rodríguez's’ history at Atlas Country dates back to 2010 when he shot a 62 in a Mexican Tour event to set the course record. Rodríguez’s course record had gone unmatched until Matthew Anderson carded a 9-under 62 on Thursday. Rodriguez is looking to claim his third PGA TOUR-sanctioned win at Atlas Country Club this weekend.

Final-round tee times begin at 7:55 a.m. and will run until 11:35 a.m. MT off the No. 1 tee on Sunday.

**About José de Jesús Rodríguez (1st/-13)**

**Age:** 43

**Birthplace:** Irapuato, Mexico

**Residence:** Irapuato, Mexico

**College:** N/A

**Fortinet Cup (start of week):** T31

* Nicknamed “El Camarón” (Shrimp) when he was growing up
* His older brother, Rosendo Rodríguez, is his golf coach
* Is the third eldest of eight siblings in his family. Rodríguez has three brothers and four sisters
* Dropped out of school at the age of 12 to caddy full-time to help provide for his family
* Was the winningest player in PGA TOUR Latinoamerica history with six career wins on the circuit
* Favorite professional team is UNAM Pumas from the Mexican Football League
* Explains that every time he wins a tournament, the first thing he does is thank heaven for it

**Competition Notes**

**Course Setup:** Par 71 / 7,279 yards; Cumulative average: 70.560

**Weather:** Sunny with a high of 90. Wind from the WSW at 1-11 mph with gusts up to 23 mph.

* Jaime Lopez Rivarola (T6/-10) shot the lowest round of the day, carding a 6-under 65
* Thomas Giroux (T4/-11) and Matthew Anderson (T6/-10) are the leading Canadians in the field
* Four countries are represented in the top 5: United States (2), Canada (1), Mexico (1) and Argentina (1)
* Mexico’s Rodríguez (1st/-13) and Jesus Montenegro of Argentina (T4/-11) are the leading Latins in the field. They lead a total of 18 Latin players who made the cut
* Hole 9 – the 417-yard par 4 – was the most challenging hole at Atlas Country Club; averaging a cumulative score of +.330. Hole 15 – the 515-yard par 5 – has carded 182 birdies and 14 eagles to make it the lowest scoring average at -.530
* Alan Wagner (T20/-6) and Alejandro Madariaga (T44/-3) are the two Monday Qualifiers to make the cut

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