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**Today, on this new episode of Esto Es PGA TOUR Lationamérica…**

**We arrive in Tulum, México for the Bupa Tour Championship.**

**This is not only the final event of the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Latinoamérica season but the last tournament in the Tour’s rich, 11-year history. Next season, the PGA TOUR introduces PGA TOUR Americas.**

**But first, the Bupa Tour Championship, with a field limited to the Top 60 players in the Totalplay Cup standings.**

**Here in Mexico, the Tour will crown not only the champion of this year’s Totalplay Cup…**

**But also determine cards for the next season.**

**Who will earn status to play on the Korn Ferry Tour? Who will be exempt on the next level? So many questions, and we have the answers.**

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Bupa Tour Championship Intro:

**After 11 regular season tournaments in seven countries, the PGA TOUR Lationamérica season culminates this week in Tulum, Mexico, at PGA Riviera Maya.**

**A demanding par 72, 7,272-yard course will test the ability of the Tour’s best players.**

Raúl Pereda Bite: Muy contento de que haya podido yo regresar al evento final, ¿no? Más con los cambios que van a pasar con todo esto del PGA TOUR de las Américas. Yo creo que es de suma importancia que pude haber yo retenido mi tarjeta. Es una semana muy importante también para mí, un buen resultado me puede tanto salvar la primera etapa del Q-School como me puede meter en el top 5, ¿no?

I'm really glad I was able to make it back to the final event, right? Especially with the changes that are going to happen with all this PGA TOUR Americas stuff. I believe it's of utmost importance that I was able to retain my card. This week is very important for me as well; a good result can both secure my spot in the first stage of Q-School and potentially place me in the top 5, right?

**For the third consecutive year, the tight PGA Riviera Maya layout will take players through the Mayan jungle as they deal with the 18 holes set among natural lakes and cenotes.**

**This week only the Top 60 Totalplay Cup points-earners are eligible to play, but only 54 of them are playing.**

Austin Hitt Bite: So much that can happen. There's… You can start worrying about what other guys are doing, but if you just go try and win the tournament like every other tournament, it'll take care of itself.

**They represent 13 different countries. While The Tour has reduced the field size this week, it has raised the number of points and money up for grabs. Set at $200,000 for the second consecutive year, this is the largest purse of the season.**

Charlie Hillier Bite: Goal of this week is just play good golf, have fun. I think patience is a big key out here.

**This no-cut, 72-hole event will be a race to Sunday as players, rewarded for their fine play all season, have one last chance to make their marks.**

Walker Lee Bite: It'll be good. Just got to take care of my business and just play. Stick to the game plan and I'll play against anybody and have fun.

**With so many things on the line this week, the most important one is, of course, the Totalplay Cup.**

Myles Creighton Bite: Every week here is a lot of points, just this is a little bit more, but every event is important. With only 13 events, they're all important. This one just as the last one so feels a bit more important, probably. But yeah, I feel good.

**Although 16 players have mathematical chances of winning the Cup, only six of them are in control of their own destiny. Everybody else is reliant on how other players perform.**

Chandler Blanchet Bite: Man... having a lot of fun, honestly. Right, It's... the Tour Championship. It's had a great season all year. Some tough holes out there and probably going to accept a few... a few might go into the trees, but just accept it now and have a good time.

**The players who can win the Cup and Player of the Year honors along with invitations to play in every 2024 Korn Ferry Tour open event and the Totalplay Cup bonus of 20,000 in U.S. dollars are Canadian Myles Creighton and U.S. players Walker Lee, Chandler Blanchet, Austin Hitt, and Conner Godsey.**

**As well as the New Zealander Charlie Hillier.**

Bupa Tour Championship Round 1

**A hot and humid weather, where the feel-like temperature reached 100 degrees, made players constantly seeking ice and other ways to keep themselves cool during their rounds.**

Carlos Bustos Bite: La clave fue la paciencia hoy día, a pesar de que no partí muy bien, mi primer hoyo la tiré al agua, pero hay que aceptar los errores en esta cancha, todos vamos a cometer errores y hay que aceptarlo y ser paciente porque… Porque una cancha que te puede dar como te puede quitar, y te quita más de lo que te da.

Patience was the key today, even though I didn't start very well. I hit my first shot into the water, but you have to accept mistakes on this course. We're all going to make mistakes, and you have to acknowledge it and be patient because... Because it's a course that can reward you as much as it can punish you, and it takes away more than it gives.

**With tough conditions abounding and the course playing extremely difficult, only nine players were able to break even par on the opening day.
The first group to tee off on hole number 10, Justin Doeden fired four birdies on his first eighth holes to set the pace. Adding two bogeys and another 3 birdies down the stretch, Doeden carded a 5-under 67, and that was good enough to take the 18-hole lead. In second place is Chile’s Carlos Bustos, one shot ahead of New Zealand’s Harry Hillier, holding down the third position third.**

Carlos Bustos Bite: Agradecido de estar acá, disfrutando, y feliz de poder estar aquí.

Grateful to be here, enjoying it, and happy to be able to be here.

**A group of five players is tied for fourth after shooting 2 under par, 70, including Mexico’s Alvaro Ortiz and Rodolfo Cazaubón.**

Bupa Tour Championship Round 2

**On another hot and humid day, the course firmed up and became even more of a challenge.**

Justin Doeden Bite: Today was much more difficult. You know, it felt hotter today. Got off to a little bit of a slow start today. I was two over, I think, thru seven or so... six or so... And then I birdied there on seven and kind of got the mojo back and.... But yeah, I thought it was a little more difficult today.

**Doeden was able to keep his momentum and extended his lead from one to four shots, even after carding a 1- under par 71, and his steady play allowed him to enter the weekend at 6 under par overall. He is four strokes better than a quartet of players who stand in second place, at 2 under par, including Mexico’s Jorge Villar. All he did was fire the best round of the day, a 4 under par, 68.**

Justin Doeden Bite: There's a lot of golf to go, but yeah, it's a good spot to be.

 **Villar is joined by Alvaro Ortiz, current Totalplay Cup leader Myles Creighton, who remains in position to win the season-long Totalplay Cup, and New Zealand’s Harry Hillier.**

**A high point of the day was Toni Hakula’s hole in one on No. 5. The Finnish star from the University of Texas hit a 5-iron from 206 yards for his ace. There to watch the ball fall in the hole were members of the Hakula family.**

BUMP #1:

**Stay tuned because after the break…**

**We find out who wins the Bupa Tour Championship…**

Chandler Blanchet Bite: I think that if you play well you're going to control your own destiny. So it's up to me, right?

**Who is the Player of the Year…**

**And which five players who will play on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour**

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Bupa Tour Championship Round 3

**Moving day saw things change on the leaderboard. Trailing by four shots at the beginning of the day, Mexico’s Alvaro Ortiz carded a 3 under par 69 to catch 36-hole leader Justin Doeden.**

Alvaro Ortiz Bite: Muy interesante. Creo que he jugado muy bien los tres días. No he tenido mi mejor golf, pero me he mantenido tranquilo, que es algo que se necesita en este campo.

Very interesting. I think I've played very well over the three days. I haven't had my best golf, but I've stayed calm, which is something that's needed on this course.

**The Minnesota native had his first tough day of the week, shooting a Saturday, 1-over 73.**

Justin Doeden bite: You know, I battled all day long today, and I'm really happy… hey, we're in we're in the mix, you know? 18 holes of golf, so that's where you wanted to be starting Thursday.

**Even with his struggles, Doeden retained a share of the lead, with Ortiz. The co-leaders stand at 5 under par, 211, with a single shot keeping them ahead of the rest of the field.**

Alvaro Ortiz Bite: Creo que es un muy buen reto de tee a green y la verdad es un gusto que tengamos un campo así para la final, ¿no?

I think it's a really good challenge from tee to green, and the truth is, it's nice that we have a course like this for the final event, right?

**In solo third is Chandler Blanchet, whose 4-under 68 put him right in contention to not only win the tournament but the Totalplay Cup.**

**Right in the mix is Mexico’s Raúl Pereda, in fourth place, and Jeremy Gandon, from France, alone in fifth.**

**Ortiz, Doeden, and Blanchet will be the final group to tee of Sunday morning as they play the last round of the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Lationoamérica season. Everything is coming down to the final 18 holes.**

**It will be a Sunday Funday!**

Justin Doeden bite: You know, this is why we practice and why we work so hard, so here we go.

Social Minute:

**The time has come to relive the standout moments of our players through their social media platforms. Let's kick things off!**

**José de Jesús Rodríguez's triumph at the Jalisco Open Guadalajara marked his sixth victory during his tenure on the PGA TOUR Latinoamérica. Rodríguez stands as the unrivaled leader in wins, and this serves as a retrospective of the tour's top achievers since its inception in 2012.**

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**Bupa Mexico once again took center stage as the primary sponsor of the tournament, which served as the grand finale of the PGA TOUR Latinoamérica season. As a part of their commitment to advancing golf in the region, Bupa Mexico rewarded the highest-ranking Mexican players in the Totalplay Cup with individual bonuses of five thousand dollars each. The fortunate recipients were none other than Álvaro Ortiz and Raúl Pereda. Heartiest congratulations to them.**

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**Let's now take a look at a recent triumph by a PGA TOUR Latinoamérica graduate on the Korn Ferry Tour! Argentinean Alejandro Tosti carded a remarkable 62 in the final round to claim the Pinnacle Bank Championship and, consequently, secure his promotion to the PGA TOUR. Congratulations to Alejandro!**

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Bupa Tour Championship Round 4

**A partly cloudy but steaming hot morning greeted the players as they arrived at PGA Riviera Maya.**

**They knew someone would emerge with the trophy. Would the winner of the tournament also win the Totalplay Cup? Who would finish in the top five, and who would just miss? The trio of players battled their way into a playoff to make things even more interesting at the last round of the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Latinoamérica season.**

**When the dust settled at the conclusion of the round . . . nothing was settled as three players finished regulation tied. Did we really want the season to end when we could play just a little more golf?**

**There needed to be a little more drama as U.S. players Justin Doeden and Chandler Blanchet and France’s Jeremy Gandon were deadlocked at 6-under par, 282. Just missing the chance to get into the playoff was home-country favorite Alvaro Ortiz and New Zealand’s Harry Hillier.**

Chandler Blanchet bite: You know, it was a tough day and even there is tight packed, it's a tough course, So it's not like it's birdies every hole to be made. You got to stay really patient out here and very proud of myself for really just staying focused on the only shot at hand and then having a play off at the end with two other great players, and three hole playoff is like, That's all you can ask for, right? It was incredible.

**It was playoff time, with the players playing PGA Riviera Maya’s 18th hole again.**

Chandler Blanchet bite: Those are the memories and those are the experiences that I think you remember the most, and that's what we play for. So just an incredible finish that season.

**Would one hole be enough to decide a champion?**

**The trio remained tied after the first playoff hole, so off to another hole they went. Blanchet looked like he was going to secure the win after sinking a 15-foot birdie putter for birdie, which he called “electric.” No problem for Gandon, though, as he responded by draining his birdie putt from a similar length to force a third extra hole. Doeden dropped from the overtime session when he made par.**

**On what turned out to be the final playoff hole, Blanchet hit his tee shot behind some palm trees but was able to reach the green from there. He faced a 20-foot birdie putt. Gandon had problems of his own. He watched Blanchet two-putt for par, and when he couldn’t match the par, the victory was Blanchet’s, his second of the season.**

Chandler Blanchet bite: I wasn't sure where I stood, but I did know that if I won the playoff that I would definitely lock that up, so my focus was on, yeah, just trying to win.

 **The 600 points Blanchet earned for winning the Bupa Tour Championship were enough for him to also win the Totalplay Cup race. It was a winner-take-all situation at the last tournament in PGA TOUR Latioamérica history.**

**Blanchet became the third consecutive U.S. player to win the Totalplay Cup, and he became the sixth from the U.S. to win Player of the Year honors.**

**Blanchet will certainly spend time in Latin America next year, playing in the Korn Ferry Tour’s tournaments in the region. Meanwhile, those who retained their cards will compete on PGA TOUR Americas, which will begin in March of 2024—a 16-tournament circuit contested across Latin America, Canada and the United States.**

**Four other players moved their careers along as they will begin preparing to play on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour. Meet the quintet of players who finished inside the top five in the Totalplay Cup standings.**

BUMP #2:

**STAY TUNED, BECAUSE AFTER THE BREAK…**

**The Top 5 of the Totalplay Cup race..**

Myles Creighton bite: This tour has been great for me, huge for my development, just learning how to travel, and... you play different conditions every week, it's never the same, you're playing at altitude, you're playing different types of grass.

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TOTALPLAY CUP FINAL STANDINGS (PART1):

Nº5 - Charlie Hillier (New Zealand)

**Charlie Hillier, the New Zealander who finished No. 5, played in all 12 events this season and made 9 cuts.**

Charlie Hillier Bite: First year here didn't know where I was going, and no Spanish, felt like the world was spinning. This year, the first 12 events have been awesome, like it's been.... they've been so much fun. There's so much less to think about, and the people down here are so welcoming. The Latin American Tour I recommend to everybody. You have a very good idea of where your games at coming down to Latin America.

Locutor Bite: Charlie Hillier, ganhou com score de 265 19 abaixo do par.

Charlie Hillier won with a score of 265, 19 under par.

**His win at the JHSF Brazil Open was the highlight of his year.**

Charlie Hillier Bite: Competing on the PGA Tour every week, playing in majors is kind of where I want to get to. So I know it's the right pathway through the Korn Ferry Tour and I'm really looking forward to getting there and kind of seeing where my game is at.

Nº4 - Austin Hitt

**In his second PGA TOUR Latioamérica season, U.S. player Austin Hitt finished in the fourth slot. He also played in all 12 events and made 10 cuts.**

Austin Hitt Bite: Man, it's crazy. Even going into today, I believed I could do it, but it wasn't reality. So I'd work to do today, and even going back a month ago, I didn't even think I'd be finishing this tour. So it's amazing.

**Although he didn’t win a tournament, he was a model of consistency, turning in second-place finishes at the Colombia Classic presented by Rocha Brothers, and at the Inter Rapidissimo Golf Championship presented by Volvo. Colombia treated Hitt very well.**

Austin Hitt Bite: I grew as a player so much. I feel like from the different kinds of travel for us as an American, I'm learning Spanish, I picked up some Spanish. I'm going to different places, different courses, different conditions, learning to play with a caddie. There are all sorts of things that I never would have learned without coming down here.

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Nº3 - Walker Lee

**Another American finished inside the top five, and that was Walker Lee, at No. 3.**

Walker Lee bite: I was grateful for the opportunity and it was a lot of fun and I really enjoyed the 12-week season where you can kind of, over the course of a year, put together a good season and haven't said a bad word about this tour. The experiences we've been able to experience, being in Argentina for the World Cup, being in Patagonia 5000 miles from the house, as long as you have a good group of guys, it's a lot of fun. And the staff of Latinoamérica was great. So far, this is the best year in my life.

**He only missed one cut in his 12 tournament starts, and he won for the first time, capturing the Colombia Classic presented by Rocha Brothers.**

Locutor Bite: Es momento de presentarles al campeón, con ustedes, Walker Lee.

It's time to introduce the champion, ladies and gentlemen, Walker Lee.

**Two other top-five performances earned him the right to move on to the Korn Ferry Tour.**

Walker Lee bite: It's nice to earn Korn Ferry Tour status. That was the goal coming in the year with a qualifying schedule this year, you can't just go straight to the PGA TOUR, well, you can actually now, but you have to go through Korn Ferry Tour first. Obviously, if you don't finish top five Final Stage, you get a Korn Ferry tour and the way they're increasing the purses, it's a lot of fun and I'm looking forward to the opportunity.

Nº2 - Myles Creighton

**Canada also had a representative inside the top five. Myles Creighton led the Totalplay Cup with one tournament to play and slipped to the second position.**

Myles Creighton bite: Obviously, starting the week one, I obviously would have liked to have finished one, but you know, Chandler goes ahead and wins a tournament. There's not much you can do. So, hats off to him. But yeah, you know, you start the year we had less spots this year, we had five instead of ten. So, at the beginning of the year, if you’d told me I finished second for the season, I'd have been thrilled with that.

**He still had a solid season, making nine cuts and winning for the first time, at the Inter Rapidissimo Golf Championship presented by Volvo.**

Locutor Bite: Recibamos con un fuerte aplauso, de Canada, Myles Creighton.

Let's welcome with a big round of applause, from Canada, Myles Creighton.

Myles Creighton bite: You know, felt like last year I was ready to make that jump, but been able to do it now, and locking up some Korn Ferry Tour status for next year is, you know, exciting I have I guess a couple of months to try and figure out what I'm going to do, but, you know, having that in my back pocket… I'm ready, ready to play the Korn Ferry Tour next year.

Nº1- Chandler Blanchet

**Adding his list to the other 10 PGA TOUR Latioamérica Players of the Year is Chandler Blanchet.**

Chandler Blanchet Bite: I mean, to win twice is awesome, right? I think there's win highlights that are at the top of my mind when I look back on seasons, it’s like when you won. And to have this one be the finishing touch of the season is awesome. Awesome.

**The Florida native was the only player to win twice this season. The victories at the Roberto De Vicenzo Memorial 100 Years in Argentina and his Bupa Tour Championship title lifted him to the top of the Totalplay Cup standings.**

Locutor Bite: And finally, number one from the USA and TotalPlay Cup points winner, Chandler Blanchet.

Chandler Blanchet Bite: This is, I mean, hands down best year of my life, right? I our son was born just over two months ago and he's at home waiting on me, I know him and Mikaela are very excited for me to get here and... sure enough, I won, like right before he was born, and now I've won again. So it's incredible.

I came down here with that as my goal, you know, let’s be number one on this tour. Let's get full status on Korn Ferry Tour and lock that up for next year. Very, very proud of myself for getting that done, staying focused on it. You know, I play I played in the Korn Ferry Tour for the last three years and had conditional, so I was kind of bouncing between reshuffles and ended up playing a lot of events but it was… it'll be nice to know next year that I can set my schedule. Here's the events I'm going to play in. So, I'm very thankful for this year down here.

**NEXT SHOW TEASE**

**After an incredible span of eleven years and more than 160 tournaments across Latin America, PGA TOUR Latinoamérica is bidding a fond farewell, paving the way for a fresh international undertaking by the PGA TOUR. Introducing PGA TOUR Americas that will serve as the ideal platform to witness the emergence of new global golf stars.**

**Much like PGA TOUR Latinoamérica, Esto Es PGA TOUR Latinoamérica is saying goodbye...**  **It has been eleven years during which we have shared the stories and experiences of hundreds of players who dared to explore a beautiful region like Latin America. To our thousands of followers, all that's left is to express our gratitude for tuning in every month, and we invite you to closely follow PGA TOUR Americas through digital platforms.**

**See you soon, friends!**