



2015 Puerto Rico Open
 (The 17th of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Rio Grande, Puerto Rico
Trump International Golf Club

March 2-8, 2015

Purse: \$3,000,000 (winner: \$540,000)
Par/Yards: 72/7,506

First-Round Notes – Thursday, March 5, 2015

Weather: Mostly sunny with temperatures in the mid 80s. Winds ENE 15-25 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Mark Hubbard	68 (-4)
Chris Smith	69 (-3)
Emiliano Grillo	69 (-3)
Billy Mayfair	69 (-3)

Mark Hubbard

PGA TOUR rookie Mark Hubbard is making his 11th start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season and the 13th start of his career. He has made seven of nine cuts with a best finish of T20 at the Humana Challenge.

Hubbard had an eventful February after proposing to his girlfriend at No. 18 at Pebble Beach after round one of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. Two weeks later he was DQ'd from The Honda Classic for failing to register.

Hubbard's previous best position after 18 holes on TOUR was T14 at the 2014 Sanderson Farms Championship.

The Puerto Rico Open has historically been a stop for future Rookies of the Year. In 2014, Chesson Hadley won en route to being named the 2014 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year. In 2013, Jordan Spieth recorded a T2 finish, one of nine top-10s that would lead to PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year.

Chris Smith

Smith is looking for his first top 10 on the PGA TOUR since the 2005 U.S. Bank Championship in Milwaukee (T5). His last top 25 was at the 2009 Puerto Rico Open (T13). This season, Smith has a T43 finish at the Sanderson Farms Championship and a MC at AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Last season, Smith made seven starts on the Web.com Tour and seven starts on the PGA TOUR. He has not played on the Web.com Tour this season.

Emiliano Grillo

Argentine Emiliano Grillo, who is playing on a sponsor exemption, recorded his sixth consecutive under-par round at the Puerto Rico Open. On Sunday, Grillo will be 22 years, 5 months, and 25 days.

Grillo at the Puerto Rico Open: 2012/T42 and 2014/T29.

Argentine winners on the PGA TOUR: Roberto De Vincenzo, Jose Coceres, Angel Cabrera and Andres Romero.

Sponsor exemptions have had runner-up finishes two of the last three years in Puerto Rico. In 2012, Ryo Ishikawa finished second and in 2013, Jordan Spieth finished T2 at the Puerto Rico Open. Ishikawa's finish was enough to give him Special Temporary Membership. Spieth earned STM the following week.

Below are sponsor exemptions to win on TOUR since 1991:

Phil Mickelson	1991 Northern Telecom Open
Vijay Singh	1993 Buick Classic
Tiger Woods	1996 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open
David Gossett	2001 John Deere Classic
Adam Scott	2003 Deutsche Bank Championship
Jason Gore	2005 84 LUMBER Classic
Lee Westwood	2010 FedEx St. Jude Classic
Padraig Harrington	2015 The Honda Classic

Billy Mayfair

Mayfair is making his 751st start on the PGA TOUR this week at the Puerto Rico Open. He has five wins and 472 made cuts. His last top 10 on TOUR came at the 2013 Sanderson Farms Championship. His last win on TOUR came at the 1998 Buick Open.

Mayfair at the Puerto Rico Open: 2010/T58 and 2013/MC.

In 2014, Mayfair made eight of 16 cuts on the Web.com Tour, finishing 125th on that Tour's money list.

David Duval

Duval shot a 2-under 70 in round one (T5). Duval has not made a cut on TOUR since the 2014 Zurich Classic of New Orleans (T25) in April.

Duval was T5 after round one earlier this season at the Sanderson Farms Championship before shooting a round two 79 to miss the cut.

Puerto Rico Open Tournament Records:

Best 18 hole score:	63, Derek Lamely (2010), Chris Tidland (2011), James Driscoll (2011), Scott Brown (2013)
Best opening 36 holes:	130, Andres Romero (2013)
Best 54 holes:	198, Scott Brown (2013), Fabian Gomez (2013)
Best 72 holes:	267, Chesson Hadley (2014)
Best come from behind win:	4, Derek Lamely (2010) and Michael Bradley (2011)
Largest margin of victory:	2, Derek Lamely (2010), George McNeill (2012) Chesson Hadley (2014)
Playoffs:	1, Michael Bradley defeated Troy Matteson (2011)

Puerto Rican players in the field

Below are round one scores for the four Puerto Rican players in the field this week:

Erick Morales	75 (+3)
Jeronimo Esteve	75 (+3)
Rafael Campos	79 (+7)
Edward Figueroa	80 (+8)

Jeronimo Esteve competed in the 2012 Puerto Rico Open as an amateur, but missed the cut after 83-71. He learned to play at age 5, took lessons from Chi Chi Rodriguez and played collegiately at Dartmouth College. Possibly his biggest accomplishment is beating Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2011.

Rafa Campos makes his eighth start in the Puerto Rico Open. Campos' T29 finish last year is the best by a Puerto Rican at the Puerto Rico Open. Campos is the only Puerto Rican player to make the cut in the event more than one time (2008, 2013 and 2014). Miguel Suarez (2008) and Wilfredo Morales (2008) are the only other Puerto Rican players to make the cut at the Puerto Rico Open.

Miscellaneous Notes

Defending champion Chesson Hadley (T16, 1-under 71) is looking to join Michael Bradley (2009 and 2011) as the only two-time winners of the Puerto Rico Open.

Eleven major championship winners are in the field: Mark Brooks, John Daly, Lee Janzen, Mark Calcavecchia, Ben Curtis, David Duval, Todd Hamilton, Trevor Immelman, Shaun Micheel, David Toms (WD) and Y.E. Yang.

The Champions Tour is represented by 12 players at the Puerto Rico Open: Stephen Ames, Guy Boros, Mark Brooks, Mark Calcavecchia, Marco Dawson, Joe Durant, Lee Janzen, Skip Kendall, Steve Lowery, Jeff Maggert, Rocco Mediate and Duffy Waldorf. Jesper Parnevik is in the field and will turn 50 on March 7.

Scoring Averages at the par-72 Trump International Golf Club:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
Thursday	36.634	37.402	74.038	---

Bogey-free Rounds:

R1: Rafael Cabrera Bello (70)

David Toms withdrew after 9 holes with a back injury. Justin Hicks withdrew following a round one 81 with a hip injury.

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