



## 2015 Puerto Rico Open

(The 17<sup>th</sup> of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Rio Grande, Puerto Rico      March 5-8, 2015  
Trump International Golf Club

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

### Third-Round Notes – Saturday, March 7, 2015

*Weather: Mostly sunny with temperatures in the mid 80s. Winds ENE 10-20 mph.*

#### Third-Round Leaderboard

Scott Brown	73-70-67—210 (-6)
Chris Smith	69-73-68—210 (-6)
Jon Curran	70-71-70—211 (-5)
Emiliano Grillo	69-70-72—211 (-5)

Michael Bradley (2009), Scott Brown (2013) and Chesson Hadley (2014) are the only players to carry the third-round lead/co-lead on to victory at the Puerto Rico Open.

The best come-from-behind win on TOUR this season is five strokes by Robert Streb at The McGladrey Classic.

Five third-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win in the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season: Sangmoon Bae (Frys.com Open), Ben Martin (Shriners Hospitals for Children Open), Ryan Moore (CIMB Classic), Jimmy Walker (Sony Open in Hawaii) and Bill Haas (Humana Challenge).

#### **Scott Brown**

Scott Brown, who started the day six shots off the lead at T21, had five birdies against no bogeys for a third-round 5-under 67.

Brown's only PGA TOUR title came at the 2013 Puerto Rico Open, when he won by one stroke over Jordan Spieth and Fabian Gomez. He broke the tournament record that week with a 72-hole 268, which was later surpassed by Chesson Hadley in 2014 (267). Brown converted his only third-round lead at the 2013 Puerto Rico Open.

Brown looks to join Michael Bradley (2009 and 2011) as the only two-time winners of the Puerto Rico Open.

At the age of 31 years, 9 months and 14 days, Brown is making his 87<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR start and 11<sup>th</sup> of the 2014-15 season. He opened the season with back-to-back top-15 finishes (Frys.com Open/T12 and Shriners Hospitals for Children Open/T10). His T10 finish at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open was his first top 10 since a T5 finish at the 2014 John Deere Classic.

Brown at the Puerto Rico Open: 2014/64, 2013/Won, 2012/T5

#### **Chris Smith**

Chris Smith is making his 319<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR start and sixth Puerto Rico Open start at the age of 45 years, 10 months and 21 days.

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).

Played two events in the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season: Sanderson Farms Championship/T43 and AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am/MC

Smith's lone PGA TOUR title came at the 2002 Buick Classic, which was the last time he held a third-round lead.

Smith's PGA TOUR career in the last five years:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Events Played</b>	<b>Cuts Made</b>
2014	7	3
2013	0	n/a
2012	3	0
2011	4	0
2010	10	1

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

Erick Morales, the only Puerto Rican and the only amateur who made the cut, is at T68.

Winner of the PGA TOUR Latinoamérica's Argentine Open, Emiliano Grillo, recorded his seventh consecutive par or better round at the Puerto Rico Open. On Sunday, Grillo will be 22 years, 5 months, and 25 days. With a win by Grillo who is playing as a sponsor exemption, it would be the first time there were back-to-back wins by sponsor exemptions on the PGA TOUR (dating to 1991) following Pádraig Harrington's victory at The Honda Classic.

Two-time Puerto Rico Open champion Michael Bradley moved into the top 10 at 3-under 213.

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.

2014-15 rookies in the top 10:

Jon Curran	T4
Adam Hadwin	T5
Scott Pinckney	T5
Mark Hubbard	T10

Jon Curran has recorded two top 10s on TOUR this season: Frys.com Open/ T8 and AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am/T8

Almost a year ago exactly to the date (March 9, 2014), Canada's Adam Hadwin (T5) won the Chile Classic, one of his two Web.com Tour titles in 2014. He went on to top the 2014 Web.com Tour Money List.

### **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)

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

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
Thursday	36.618	37.389	74.008	---
Friday	36.000	36.543	72.543	73.286
Saturday	35.618	36.303	71.921	72.973

Bogey-free Rounds:

R1: Rafael Cabrera Bello (70)

R2: Alex Cejka (67), Lee Janzen (71), Fabrizio Zanotti (71) and Jarrod Lyle (72)

R3: Scott Brown (67) and Troy Matteson (69)

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