



### 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 Purse: \$3,000,000 (winner: \$540,000)

Trump International Golf Club Par/Yards: 72/7,506

Final Notes - Sunday, March 8, 2015

Weather: Partly cloudy with temperatures in the mid 80s. Winds ENE 10-20 mph, gusting to 25 mph

## Final Leaderboard

Alex Cejka 70-67-75-69—281 (-7) \*won playoff

Sam Saunders 72-72-69-68—281 (-7) Emiliano Grillo 69-70-72-70—281 (-7) Jon Curran 70-71-70-70—281 (-7) Tim Petrovic 75-71-68-67—281 (-7)

Alex Cejka defeated Sam Saunders, Emiliano Grillo, Jon Curran and Tim Petrovic with a birdie-4 on the first playoff hole (No. 18).

This is the second playoff at the Puerto Rico Open (2011/Michael Bradley).

The last five-man playoff on TOUR was at the 2005 BellSouth Classic won by Phil Mickelson.

This was the first career playoff on the PGA TOUR for Alex Cejka, Sam Saunders, Emiliano Grillo and Jon Curran. Tim Petrovic won the 2005 Zurich Classic of New Orleans in his only previous playoff.

### Alex Cejka

Cejka claimed his first TOUR win by draining a 20-foot putt for birdie-4 on the first playoff hole to defeat Sam Saunders, Emiliano Grillo, Jon Curran and Tim Petrovic at the Puerto Rico Open. Cejka is the third oldest first-time winner on TOUR since 1970.

Cejka earns his first career PGA TOUR victory at the age of 44 years, 3 months and 6 days in his 287th career start on the PGA TOUR.

Oldest first-time winners on TOUR since 1970:

47 years, 8 months, 19 days Ed Dougherty, 1995 Deposit Guaranty Golf Classic

44 years, 4 months, 25 days

Ken Duke, 2013 Travelers Championship

44 years, 3 months, 6 days

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Alex Cejka, 2015 Puerto Rico Open

Cejka earns 300 FedExCup points for his victory and moves from No. 98 to inside the top 30 in the FedExCup standings.

Cejka has recorded four top-20 finishes this season (Shriners Hospital for Children Open/T18, OHL Classic at Mayakoba/T16 and Humana Challenge in partnership with the Clinton Foundation/T15, Puerto Rico Open/Won).

Cejka has now converted one of four second-round leads/co-leads on the PGA TOUR.

In 2014, Cejka played PGA TOUR, Web.com Tour and European Tour events. On the Web.com Tour, he won the Pacific Rubiales Colombia Championship Presented by Claro and finished runner-up at the Brasil Champions in consecutive weeks.

This is Cejka's fifth Puerto Rico Open start: 2015/Won, 2014/T54, 2010/MC, 2009/T13, 2008/MC

Cejka earned his TOUR card back for this season by finishing 18<sup>th</sup> on the 2014 Web.com Tour priority list.

With Padraig Harrington winning last week at The Honda Classic at the age of 43 years, 6 months and 2 days, Cejka's win marks the first time players in their 40s have won back-to-back since Phil Mickelson (2013 Open Championship) and Woody Austin (2013 Sanderson Farms Championship) won in the same week.

Cejka was T3 in Greens in Regulation at the Puerto Rico Open (56/72 77.8%).

Cejka is the first international winner of the Puerto Rico Open.

About Alex Cejka

Birthdate: December 2, 1970

Birthplace/Residence: Marienbad, Czech Republic/Las Vegas, Nev.

Family: Wife, Alyssa Height/Weight: 5-10/170 Turned Pro: 1989 Joined TOUR: 2003

Web.com Tour Graduate: 2014

2014-15 PGA TOUR Season starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 12-6-1-1

Career PGA TOUR starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 287-163-26-1

#### **Emiliano Grillo**

Argentine Emiliano Grillo, who played on a sponsor exemption, was looking for his first win in his third career start on the PGA TOUR. Recently, Russell Henley won the 2013 Sony Open in Hawaii in his third start on TOUR.

Grillo at the Puerto Rico Open: 2012/T42, 2014/T29, 2015/P2.

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

Sponsor exemptions have had runner-up finishes three of the last four years in Puerto Rico. In 2012, Ryo Ishikawa finished second and in 2013, Jordan Spieth finished T2 at the Puerto Rico Open. In 2014, Emiliano Grillo lost in a playoff to Alex Cejka 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 Gore2005 84 LUMBER ClassicLee Westwood2010 FedEx St. Jude ClassicPadraig Harrington2015 The Honda Classic

Winner of the PGA TOUR Latinoamérica's Argentine Open, Emiliano Grillo, recorded his ninth consecutive par or better round at the Puerto Rico Open.

#### Jon Curran

Rookie Jon Curran drops his first playoff in his 17th career start on the PGA TOUR.

Jon Curran has recorded three top 10s on TOUR this season: Frys.com Open/ T8, AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am/T8 and Puerto Rico Open/P2.

Nick Taylor is the only rookie to win on TOUR this season. Chesson Hadley was the only rookie to win last season on TOUR.

#### Sam Saunders

Saunders was looking for his first win in his 32nd career start on the PGA TOUR. Saunders' grandfather, World Golf Hall of Famer Arnold Palmer, won his first PGA TOUR event in his 30<sup>th</sup> start at the 1955 Canadian Open.

Arnold Palmer earned \$2,400 when he won his first event at the 1955 Canadian Open. Palmer won a total of \$1,861,857 in 734 career starts on TOUR. Saunders earns \$198,000 for the playoff loss at the Puerto Rico Open.

Palmer made his first start on TOUR as an amateur in 1949 at the Dapper Dan Open (finished 54<sup>th</sup>/won by Sam Snead) with his last start coming in 2004. Saunders made his first start on TOUR as an amateur in 2006 at the Arnold Palmer Invitational (MC).

In 1987, the year Sam Saunders was born, Arnold Palmer made one cut in four starts on TOUR. The lone made cut came the week after Sam was born at the PGA Championship at PGA National.

The last grandson of a past PGA TOUR champion to win a TOUR event was Marc Turnesa at the 2008 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open. He is the grandson of Mike Turnesa who won six times on TOUR.

#### **Tim Petrovic**

Petrovic's brother Stephen caddied for him this week at the Puerto Rico Open. His brother has battled leukemia the last few years.

Petrovic won the 2005 Zurich Classic of New Orleans with a par on the first playoff hole over James Driscoll.

This is Petrovic's first top 10 on TOUR since the 2013 Greenbrier Classic.

This is Petrovic's third start of the season: T34/Sanderson Farms Championship, MC/The Honda Classic, P2/Puerto Rico Open.

Petrovic at the Puerto Rico Open: 2008/T54, 2009/MC, 2011/T66, 2012/MC, 2013/T50, 2014/T14, 2015/P2.

#### **Miscellaneous Notes**

Erick Morales, the only Puerto Rican and the only amateur in the field, finished T55. Amateur Erick Morales (2015), Rafa Campos (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.

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.

John Daly finished T10 at the Puerto Rico Open. His last top 10 on TOUR came at the 2012 Barracuda Championship (T5).

Brendon de Jonge, the highest ranked player in the field at 87 in the OWGR, finished T10.

Of 12 Champions Tour players in the field, three made the cut: Guy Boros (T64), Lee Janzen (T16) and Stephen Ames (T47).

# **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: 2, (2011 and 2015)

Youngest winner: 26 years, 8 months, 4 days, Chesson Hadley (2014)

#### 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
Sunday	35.026	35.763	70.789	72.570

#### Bogey-free Rounds:

R1: Rafael Cabrera Bello (70)

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

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

R4: Jerry Kelly (67), Will MacKenzie (68)