



## 2019 Puerto Rico Open

(The 16<sup>th</sup> of 46 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Rio Grande, Puerto Rico  
Coco Beach Golf & Country Club

February 21-24, 2019  
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,506

Purse: \$3,000,000

### Third-Round Notes – Saturday, February 23, 2019

*Weather: Mostly cloudy with a high of 83. Wind ENE 15-20, with gusts to 25 mph*

### Third-Round Leaderboard

Aaron Baddeley	70-68-66—204 (-12)
Nate Lashley	68-68-69—205 (-11)
Martin Trainer	70-67-69—206 (-10)

### Things to Know

- Aaron Baddeley takes his eighth 54-hole lead/co-lead, having converted twice for the win
- Nate Lashley birdies his last hole of the day to take sole possession of second place
- PGA TOUR rookie Joey Garber moves from T27 after 36 holes to T4 after tying the week's low score of 65
- After making the cut on the number in his first TOUR start in over a year, Boo Weekley shoots 65 and sits T15
- 36-hole co-leader D.J. Trahan posts a 1-under 71, will begin the final round three strokes back

### Third-Round Lead Notes

- 4 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Puerto Rico Open (Chesson Hadley/2014, Scott Brown/2013, George McNeill/2012, Michael Bradley/2009)
- 9 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win in 2018-19 (most recent: Rickie Fowler/Waste Management Phoenix Open)

### Aaron Baddeley (1<sup>st</sup>/-12)

Age: 37 (March 17, 1981)

### Entering the week

#87	FedExCup
#271	OWGR
1	Start at Puerto Rico Open
1	Top-10 at Puerto Rico Open (T8/2016)
413	PGA TOUR starts
4	PGA TOUR wins
7	Starts in 2018-19
1	Top-10 in 2018-19

**Wins (4):** 2006 RBC Heritage, 2007 Waste Management Phoenix Open, 2011 Genesis Open, 2016 Barbasol Championship  
**Top-10s in 2018-19:** T4 Safeway Open

- Made six birdies and no bogeys, good for a 66 and one-stroke lead headed into Sunday's final round
- Marks his eighth 54-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR. He converted for the win at the 2006 RBC Heritage and 2011 Genesis Open
- Hit 7 of 14 fairways and 13 of 18 greens for the second straight round
- Needed 33 putts in round one (70), 28 putts in round two (68) and 25 putts in round three (66)

- Is making his 414<sup>th</sup> start on the PGA TOUR this week and is in search of his 48<sup>th</sup> top-10 finish.
- Finished last season ranked 132<sup>nd</sup> in the FedExCup standings
- Comes into this week ranked 89<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings
- Has now made five cuts in eight starts this season, with a T4 at the season-opening Safeway Open his best showing

#### **Nate Lashley (2<sup>nd</sup>/-11)**

- Playing on a minor medical extension, started bogey-eagle-bogey before settling the ship with four more birdies and one additional bogey
- Birdied the par-5 18<sup>th</sup> to take sole possession of second place
- Including this week, has three events remaining to earn 309 FedExCup points to fulfill his extension for the remainder of the season
- Making his debut at the Puerto Rico Open; competing in his 24<sup>th</sup> event on the PGA TOUR. Marks the first time he has led/co-led after a PGA TOUR round
- Is making his sixth start of the season (made all six cuts); three top-25s with a top finish of T12 at the Desert Classic
- Won the Corales Puntacana Resort and Club Championship on the Web.com Tour in 2017. Also has three wins on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica
- A former three-time all-state basketball player in high school in Nebraska

#### **Martin Trainer (3<sup>rd</sup>/-10)**

- PGA TOUR rookie birdied three of his last five holes to post a 3-under 69 and move to 10-under 206
- Made his way to the PGA TOUR this season by virtue of a 13<sup>th</sup>-place finish on the 2018 Web.com Tour priority list
- Is making his ninth start of the season, having made four cuts (missed the 54-hole cut at the Sony Open in Hawaii)
- Best showing of the season is T28 in his last start at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, where he was paired with Jordan Spieth in the final round
- Winner of three events on the Web.com Tour, including the 2018 El Bosque Mexico Championship and 2018 Price Cutter Charity Championship
- Born in France (his father is American, mother is French), now lives in Palo Alto, Calif.

#### **Miscellaneous Notes**

- Puerto Rico native Rafa Campos, the only (of four) Puerto Rico natives to make the cut, sits T50 in his 11<sup>th</sup> start in the event (73-68-74—215/-1)
- Campos and Dicky Pride are the only two players to have competed in each Puerto Rico Open (since 2008)
- Amateur Bryson Nimmer, a Clemson University senior, shot even-par 72 and is at even-par 216 in his TOUR debut
- After making the +1 cut on the number, Boo Weekley followed his 72-73 start with a 7-under 65. Will begin the final round at 6-under 210 and six strokes back. Is making his first TOUR start since the 2017 RBC Canadian Open

#### **Puerto Rican players in the field**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Score/Position</b>
Rafa Campos	-1/T50
Edward Figueroa	+3/MC
Jeronimo Esteve (A)	+7/MC
Max Alverio (A)	+8/MC

#### **Bogey-free rounds**

**R1 (8):** Andres Romero (66), Alex Kang (68), Roberto Castro (68), Martin Flores (69), Kramer Hickok (69), David Lingmerth (69), Curtis Luck (70), Aaron Baddeley (70)

**R2 (3):** Roberto Diaz (68), Curtis Luck (68), John Chin (70)

**R3 (5):** Aaron Baddeley (66), J.J. Henry (67), Stuart Appleby (69), Ken Duke (70), Julian Etulain (70)

#### **Scoring Averages**

	<b>Front nine</b>	<b>Back nine</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
<b>R1:</b>	35.802	36.511	72.313	
<b>R2:</b>	36.023	36.769	72.792	72.553
<b>R3:</b>	35.347	35.493	70.840	71.979