



#### 2020 Puerto Rico Open pre-tournament notes

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**Dates:** February 17-23, 2020

**Where:** Rio Grande, Puerto Rico

**Course:** Grand Reserve Country Club (72/7,506)

**Field size:** 120

**Defending champion:** Martin Trainer

**Purse:** \$3,000,000 (\$540,000/winner)

**FedExCup:** 300 points to the winner

**Format:** 72-hole stroke play

#### Things to Know

- Martin Trainer looks to become the first player to successfully defend title at the Puerto Rico Open
- International players in search of first PGA TOUR victory include Kiradech Aphibarnrat, Lucas Bjerregaard, Viktor Hovland, Tom Lewis and Alex Noren, among others
- 16 of the 21 PGA TOUR rookies are in the field and three of the last nine winners of the event have been rookies; there has not been a rookie winner on TOUR in 2019-20 through 18 events
- Past runners-up at the Puerto Rico Open include three players that have gone on to win five or more times on the PGA TOUR: Jason Day, Bryson DeChambeau and Jordan Spieth

#### A look back at the 2019 Puerto Rico Open

Pos	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Martin Trainer	70	67	69	67	273 (-15)
T2	Aaron Baddeley	70	68	66	72	276 (-12)
T2	Daniel Berger	70	71	69	66	276 (-12)
T2	Roger Sloan	70	67	72	67	276 (-12)
T2	Johnson Wagner	69	69	69	69	276 (-12)

- Martin Trainer's first victory on TOUR came in his 11<sup>th</sup> career start
- One of five rookies to win during the 2018-19 season
- Three-stroke margin of victory set the tournament record
- The four runners-up have combined for nine PGA TOUR victories in their careers (Baddeley/4, Wagner/3, Berger/2)

#### Field notes

- 44 PGA TOUR winners, led by Bill Haas (6) and Jonathan Byrd (5)
- Seven past champions of the Puerto Rico Open: George McNeill (2012), Scott Brown (2013), Chesson Hadley (2014), Alex Cejka (2015), D.A. Points (2017), Martin Trainer (2019)
- 16 of the 21 PGA TOUR rookies; there has not been a rookie winner on TOUR through 18 events in 2019-20 (the longest stretch to start a season since 2009 when no rookies won all season) while three of the last nine champions of the Puerto Rico Open were rookies
- Highest-ranked player in the FedExCup standings: Xijun Zhang (No. 56)
- Highest-ranked player in the Official World Golf Ranking: Tom Lewis (No. 57)

#### Puerto Rico Open and the FedExCup

- 19<sup>th</sup> event of the 2019-20 PGA TOUR Season
- Nine of the 11 winners of the Puerto Rico Open have gone on to qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs: Greg Kraft (2008), Derek Lamely (2010), Michael Bradley (2011), George McNeill (2012), Scott Brown (2013), Chesson Hadley (2014), Alex Cejka (2015), Tony Finau (2016), D.A. Points (2017)
- Best finish by a Puerto Rico Open champion in that season's FedExCup standings: 45<sup>th</sup> (Tony Finau, 2015-16)

### Current FedExCup standings

The top 10 in the FedExCup at the conclusion of the PGA TOUR Regular Season will be recognized through the Wyndham Rewards Top 10 program and be well-positioned entering the FedExCup Playoffs

Position	Player	Points	Wins	Top-10s	Points Behind	Starts	Projected Bonus
1	Justin Thomas	1,307	2	4	-	7	\$2 million
2	Webb Simpson	1,078	1	4	229	4	\$1.5 million
3	Brendon Todd	1,046	2	3	261	12	\$1.2 million
4	Lanto Griffin	981	1	3	326	14	\$1.1 million
5	Rory McIlroy	968	1	4	339	4	\$1 million
6	Sebastián Muñoz	945	1	3	362	13	\$850,000
7	Hideki Matsuyama	768	0	3	539	9	\$700,000
8	Marc Leishman	746	1	2	561	7	\$600,000
9	Cameron Smith	744	1	2	563	9	\$550,000
10	Sungjae Im	740	0	3	567	11	\$500,000

### Select player notes

#### Viktor Hovland

- PGA TOUR rookie
- Has one top-10 in six starts during the 2019-20 season (T10/A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier)
- Earlier this season, became the first player on the PGA TOUR (since 1983) to record a streak of at least 18 rounds in the 60s with a first-round 69 at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES, breaking Bob Estes' 2001 record of 17
- The streak, which began in the final round of the 2019 Rocket Mortgage Classic (64), reached 19 before a third-round 74 at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES
- In 2019, became the first player since Matt Kuchar in 1998 to be the low amateur at both the Masters Tournament and U.S. Open in the same year

#### Kiradech Aphibarnrat

- Has one top-10 in four starts on the season (T8/THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES)
- Of six career top-fives on TOUR, four have come in World Golf Championships events (most recent: T3/2019 WGC-Mexico Championship)
- In 2018-19, his first full season as a member, qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs and finished the season No. 83 in the FedExCup standings
- First player from Thailand to hold a PGA TOUR card

#### Tom Lewis

- PGA TOUR rookie
- Highest-ranked player in the field in the Official World Golf Ranking (No. 57)
- Has not made a cut in three starts during the 2019-20 season
- Best career PGA TOUR finish: T11/2019 The Open Championship
- In his only career start on the Korn Ferry Tour, won the 2019 Korn Ferry Tour Championship to finish No. 2 on the The Finals 25 and earn his PGA TOUR card

#### Will Gordon

- Got into the field via the Monday Qualifier
- Has made five starts during the 2019-20 season, highlighted by a T10 at The RSM Classic and T21 at the Farmers Insurance Open
- 2019 Southeastern Conference Player of the Year at Vanderbilt

#### Davis Thompson (a)

- Playing on a sponsor exemption
- Current junior at the University of Georgia
- No. 4 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking
- Making his second career start on TOUR (first: T23/2019 The RSM Classic)
- Won the 2020 Jones Cup Invitational, an elite amateur event in Georgia, by nine strokes at 13-under 203 (both tournament records); past champions of the event include PGA TOUR players Justin Thomas, Patrick Reed, Luke List, Kyle Stanley and Beau Hossler
- Father, Todd, is the tournament director of The RSM Classic and will serve as his caddie this week

### Tournament history

- Low 18-hole score: 63 (eight instances; most recent: J.J. Henry/R4/2017)
- Low 36-hole score: 130 (Andres Romero/2013)
- Low 54-hole score: 198 (Fabian Gomez/2013, Scott Brown/2013)
- Low 72-hole score: 267 (Chesson Hadley/2014)
- Playoffs: 3 (most recent: 2016/Tony Finau def. Steve Marino)
- Most wins: 2 (Michael Bradley/2009 and 2011)
- Largest margin of victory: 3 (Martin Trainer/2019)