



**2020 Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship**  
*(The 3<sup>rd</sup> of 50 events in the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Season)*

**Punta Cana, Dominican Republic**  
**Puntacana Resort & Club (Corales Course)**

**September 24-27, 2020**  
**Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,666**

**Purse: \$4,000,000**

**First-Round Notes – Thursday, September 24, 2020**

**Weather:** *Partly cloudy, with occasional showers. High of 91. Wind ESE at 6-12 mph.*

**First-Round Leaderboard**

Sepp Straka	65 (-7)
Scott Harrington	65 (-7)
Hudson Swafford	65 (-7)
Tyler McCumber	65 (-7)

**Things to Know**

- Austria's Sepp Straka holds first-round lead/co-lead for third time in his PGA TOUR career
- Scott Harrington and Tyler McCumber hold a lead/co-lead for the first time after any round on TOUR
- Scott Harrington shares the Corales Course record of 62 (Korn Ferry Tour event)
- Hudson Swafford is the only PGA TOUR winner of the six players at 6-under or better
- Three of the four co-leaders record eagles at the par-5 4<sup>th</sup> hole (Hudson Swafford)
- Kelly Kraft finishes eagle-par-eagle, including an ace at his final hole
- Last time four players shared first-round lead was 2020 THE NORTHERN TRUST at TPC Boston

**First-Round Lead Notes**

- At this event in 2018, Brice Garnett held the first-round lead with 63 (-9) and led wire-to-wire for his first TOUR victory
- In 2019 at this event three players (Matt Jones, Joel Dahmen, Paul Dunne) shared the first-round lead with 66 (-6)

**Leaders comparison (entering the week)**

Category	Tyler McCumber	Scott Harrington	Sepp Straka	Hudson Swafford
Age	29 (4/4/1991)	39 (11/16/1980)	27 (5/1/1993)	33 (9/9/1987)
OWGR	535	260	156	345
PGA TOUR starts	23	27	51	168
PGA TOUR wins	0	0	0	1
PGA TOUR top-10s	0	1	4	9
Puntacana starts	1	0	1	1
Puntacana wins	0	0	0	0
Puntacana top-10s	0	0	0	0

**Player Notes**

**Sepp Straka (T1/65)**

- Hit 11 of 14 fairways, 13 of 18 greens and needed 25 putts en route to bogey-free 7-under 65
- Highlight was eagle at par-5 4<sup>th</sup> (his 13<sup>th</sup> hole), hitting 5-wood to five feet and converting the putt
- Second appearance at this event; sat T5 and four back at 11-under thru 54 holes in 2019 en route to T26 after final-round 74
- Held two previous first-round leads/co-leads, finishing T46 both times (2018 Safeway Open, 2019 Valspar Championship)
- Opened this season with T14 at Safeway Open with four under-par rounds
- Former University of Georgia Bulldog is first Austrian-born PGA TOUR member
- Best result among four top-10s in 51 previous starts on TOUR – 3<sup>rd</sup>/2019 Barbasol Championship
- Advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs in each season as TOUR member (2019/No. 115, 2020/No. 79); currently 34<sup>th</sup>
- Also played Korn Ferry Tour event at this venue in 2017 (MC/73-71); won 2018 KC Golf Classic on Korn Ferry Tour

### Scott Harrington (T1/65)

- Makes an eagle, six birdies and a bogey in his first appearance at the Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship
- Shares the Corales Course record of 62 (-10), which he shot in the second round of the 2016 Korn Ferry Tour event played at this venue (shares with Stephan Jaeger and Alex Rocha)
- Holds a lead/co-lead for the first time after any round on the PGA TOUR
- Finished T36 at season-opening Safeway Open with four under-par rounds
- Posted top-25 finishes in three of his first four starts as a PGA TOUR rookie last season (T24/A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier, MC/Sanderson Farms Championship, T23/Safeway Open, T2 Houston Open)
- T2 at 2019 Houston Open marks best result in 27 PGA TOUR starts
- One of eight rookies to qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs in the 2019-20 season, ending at No. 98 in the FedExCup standings
- Ranked T1 in Driving Accuracy hitting 14 of 14 fairways

### Hudson Swafford (T1/65)

- Played the back nine in 5-under 31 en route to 7-under 65 and a share of the lead
- Required just 23 putts, the fewest of any player in the first round
- Holds first-round lead/co-lead for third time on TOUR (2014 Mayakoba Golf Classic/T51, 2017 RBC Canadian Open/T32); also opened with 65s in each of the first two occasions
- Missed the cut with 74-71 in 2019 at his only previous start in this event
- Began this season with a T56 at the Safeway Open
- Seeks second TOUR victory after capturing 2017 The American Express

### Tyler McCumber (T1/65)

- Shoots 7-under 65 to match his low round on TOUR (65/R1/2020 Travelers Championship); holds lead/co-lead for the first time after any round on TOUR
- PGA TOUR debut came at this event in 2018; sat third through 54 holes before final-round 75 led to T19 finish, his best result among four top-25s in 23 TOUR starts
- Former Florida Gator is the son of 10-time PGA TOUR winner Mark McCumber
- Turned professional in 2013 and owns three victories on PGA TOUR Latinoamerica
- Won three times on the Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada in 2018, ending that year No. 1 on the Order of Merit, earning 2019 Korn Ferry Tour membership and Mackenzie Tour Player of the Year honors
- Finished No. 161 in the FedExCup as a PGA TOUR rookie last season

### Miscellaneous Notes

- **Xinjun Zhang** (T5/66) also posted opening-round 66 in the 2018 Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship, finishing T5
- **Joseph Bramlett** (T5/66) misses matching his career low round on TOUR by one stroke (65, twice) while making his 50<sup>th</sup> start on TOUR but first at this event
- **Kelly Kraft** (T17/68) finished eagle-par-eagle, including an ace at his final hole with an 8-iron from 183 yards; ace was fourth in tournament history with previous three coming at No. 17 in 2018
- **Mackenzie Hughes** (T17/68) the only player in the field to reach the 2020 TOUR Championship, finished T2 at this event in 2019
- After a T6 at last week's U.S. Open, **Will Zalatoris** sits T46 after a 2-under 70, along with defending champion **Graeme McDowell**, World No. 43 **Henrik Stenson**, and Puntacana Resort ambassador **Emiliano Grillo**

### Course Statistics

Toughest Hole	Easiest Hole
R1: Par-3 11 <sup>th</sup> (3.299)	Par-5 4 <sup>th</sup> (4.438)

### Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.958	36.111	71.069	--

### Bogey-free rounds

**R1 (12):** Sepp Straka (65), Joseph Bramlett (66), Ricky Barnes (67), Cameron Percy (67), Kyle Stanley (67), David Hearn (67), Zac Blair (68), Robert Streb (68), Charles Howell III (69), Henrik Stenson (70), Keith Mitchell (70), Tim Wilkinson (70)