



2021 Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship
(The 26th of 50 events in the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Season)

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

March 25-28, 2021
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,670

Purse: \$3,000,000

First-Round Notes – Thursday, March 25, 2021

Weather: *Partly cloudy. High of 84. Wind ENE 14-18 mph, gusting to 22 mph.*

First-Round Leaderboard

Stephan Jaeger 66 (-6)
 Joel Dahmen 67 (-5)
 Andrew Yun 67 (-5)

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Things to Know

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- Joel Dahmen seeks first TOUR win in his 111th start
- Andrew Yun attempting to become third Monday qualifier to win on TOUR in last 35 years
- All three past champions (Hudson Swafford, Graeme McDowell, Brice Garnett) post 2-under 70 to sit T19

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- 2019: Matt Jones, Joel Dahmen, Paul Dunne shared first-round lead/co-lead with 66 (-6)
- 2018: Brice Garnett held the first-round lead with 63 (-9) and led wire-to-wire for his first TOUR victory
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Leader (entering the week)

Category	Stephan Jaeger
Age	31 (5/30/1989)
Country	Germany
OWGR	221
PGA TOUR starts	59
PGA TOUR wins	0
PGA TOUR top-10s	0
Puntacana starts	1
Puntacana wins	0
Puntacana top-10s	0

Stephan Jaeger (1st/66) (Steven YAY-gur)

- Scorecard includes an ace en route to 6-under 66, his lowest round on TOUR since 65/R3/2019 Barbasol Championship
- Holes a 206-yard 8-iron at No. 2 (his 11th hole) for his first ace on TOUR, the fifth in tournament history and the first at No. 2
- Leads/co-leads for the first time after any round on TOUR (previous best position: T4/R1/2018 Mayakoba Golf Classic)
- Hits 11 of 14 fairways, 12 of 18 greens in regulation and 24 putts
- T13 at 2018 Quicken Loans National marks his best finish in 59 starts on TOUR
- Makes second start at this event (T54/2018); held 36-hole lead at Corales in 2016 when it was a Korn Ferry Tour event, eventually finishing T11 with rounds of 66-62-69-74
- Makes third start this season (T58/2021 Puerto Rico Open, T34/U.S. Open)

- Finished fourth at last week's Chitimacha Louisiana Open on Korn Ferry Tour
- One of six players in the top 10 from the Korn Ferry Tour points list following the conclusion of the 2020 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance in September who gained access into all PGA TOUR additional events in the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Season
- Played college golf at University of Tennessee-Chattanooga
- Shot 58 in first round of 2016 Ellie Mae Classic and followed with 65-64-63 to set 72-hole record (250) to claim first Korn Ferry Tour title
- Won fifth Korn Ferry Tour title at 2020 Albertsons Boise Open en route to No. 8 ranking on 2020 Korn Ferry Tour points list

Andrew Yun (T2/67)

- Monday qualifier made the first cut of his TOUR career at this event in 2018 (T77) in his 10th TOUR start (23rd TOUR start this week)
- In the last 35 years, only two Monday qualifiers have gone on to win (Arjun Atwal/2010 Wyndham Championship, Corey Connors/2019 Valero Texas Open)
- Former Stanford golfer played a full season on the PGA TOUR (2017-18) after advancing from the Korn Ferry Tour, where he finished runner-up twice in 2017
- Made three cuts (in 22 starts) on TOUR in 2017-18 season, all in consecutive starts (T77/2018 Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship, T64/2018 Valero Texas Open, T22/2018 Zurich Classic of New Orleans)
- In 2018, joined Lanto Griffin, Tom Lovelady and Stephan Jaeger to set a Guinness World Record for the 'fastest hole by a team of four', playing a hole in Palm Desert in 27.88 seconds

Miscellaneous Notes

- **Joel Dahmen** (T2/67) comes into this event off six missed cuts in last seven starts; seeks first title in his 111th TOUR start (2nd/2019 Wells Fargo Championship, T2/2018 John Deere Classic)
- Winner of the 2017 Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship while on the Korn Ferry Tour schedule, **Nate Lashley** (T4/68) finished fourth at the 2020 tournament
- **Adam Schenk** (T4/68) makes his 100th career start on TOUR
- Sponsor exemption **Justin Suh** (T4/68) makes sixth start this season, with T14 at this event in 2020 and T8/Shriners Hospitals for Children Open his best results in five prior starts
- **Sam Ryder** (T4/68) posts first sub-70 score in his seventh round at this event (T52/2020, MC/2018); enters this week off a T8 at The Honda Classic; finished T2/2016 and T12/2017 when the event was on the Korn Ferry Tour schedule
- **Rafael Campos** (T4/68) finished T3 at last month's Puerto Rico Open; missed the cut in three prior starts at this event; finished T3 (67-64-69-70) in 2017 when it was a Korn Ferry Tour event
- **Mark Anderson** (T4/68) posts ninth under-par opening round in 12th start this season
- Five-time TOUR winner **Jonathan Byrd** (T10/69) makes fourth appearance at this event (T54/2018, 4th/2019, T28/2020); now owns nine consecutive par or better scores at Corales course
- 2016 Masters Tournament winner **Danny Willett** (T19/70) makes first appearance on TOUR since being forced to withdraw from 2021 THE PLAYERS Championship due to a positive covid-19 test

Course Statistics

Toughest Hole	Easiest Hole
R1: Par-4 18 th (4.409)	Par-5 4 th (4.258)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.333	37.106	72.439	--

Bogey-free rounds

R1 (5): Joel Dahmen (67), Andrew Yun (67), Peter Uihlein (70), Brice Garnett (70), Charles Howell III (70)



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