



2022 Corales Puntacana Championship
(The 23rd of 47 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

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

March 24-27, 2022
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,670

Purse: \$3,700,000
Winner: \$666,000

First-Round Notes – Thursday, March 24, 2022

Weather: *Partly cloudy. High of 84. Wind ENE 10-15 mph, gusting to 22 mph.*

First-Round Leaderboard

Ben Martin	66 (-6)
Adam Schenk	67 (-5)
Vaughn Taylor	68 (-4)
Hayden Buckley	68 (-4)
Graeme McDowell	68 (-4)
Kiradech Aphibarnrat	68 (-4)

Things to Know

- The 2022 tournament marks the first of a four-year extension for the Dominican Republic’s first and only PGA TOUR event
- Ben Martin holds first-round lead/co-lead for third time in his career on TOUR
- Adam Schenk is one of five players who have made the cut in all four editions of the Corales Puntacana Championship
- Hayden Buckley (26) is the lone player at 4-under or better under 30; all four past champions of the Corales Puntacana Championship were in their 30s when they won
- Defending champion Joel Dahmen sits T32 after making pars on his last 11 holes en route to first-round 71

First-Round Lead Notes

- 2 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Corales Puntacana Championship (Brice Garnett/2018, Hudson Swafford/2020)
- 4 First-round leaders/co-leaders have won in 2021-22 PGA TOUR season (most recent: Sam Burns/Valspar Championship)

Ben Martin (1st/-6)

Category	Entering the week
Age	34 (August 26, 1987)
Country	USA
FedExCup	235
OWGR	565
Starts – wins – top-10s in TOUR career	191-1-15
Starts – wins – top-10s in 2021-22	3-0-0
Starts – wins – top-10s at Corales	2-0-1

- Makes two birdies and two bogeys on the front nine, closes with a 6-under 30 on the back nine, including six birdies in a seven-hole stretch (Nos. 11-17)
- Hit 7 of 14 fairways, 13 of 18 greens in regulation and took 26 putts en route to 66, his lowest round on TOUR since first-round 66 at 2021 Barbasol Championship (T58)
- Makes third appearance at this event, with eight of his nine rounds at Corales under par (T52/2020, T9/2021); lone over-par round: 75/R3/2020
- 2014 Shriners Children’s Open champion makes 192nd start on TOUR and fourth this season; advanced to weekend once in three prior starts this season (T51/Butterfield Bermuda Championship)
- Reached FedExCup Playoffs four consecutive seasons (2014-2017) but has failed to advance since
- Two-time Korn Ferry Tour winner has played two events on Korn Ferry Tour this season with T50 at The Panama Championship his best result

Adam Schenk (2nd/-5)

- Posts bogey-free 67 in his 400th official round on TOUR, his fifth-consecutive sub-par opening round at this event
- Lone top-3 finish on TOUR came earlier this season with T3 at Shriner's Children's Open
- One of five players who have made the cut in all four editions of the Corales Puntacana Championship

Player/Year	Jonathan Byrd	Brice Garnett	David Hearn	Adam Schenk	D.J. Trahan
2018	T54	1	T50	T35	T60
2019	4	T39	T18	T33	T10
2020	T28	T61	T33	T56	T52
2021	T63	T9	T13	T56	T52
2022	<i>T15/-2 thru R1</i>	<i>T80/+2 thru R1</i>	<i>T80/+2 thru R1</i>	<i>2nd/-5 thru R1</i>	<i>T15/-2 thru R1</i>

Miscellaneous Notes

- **Vaughn Taylor's** (T3/-4) posts a sub-70 round for the first time in his third start (MC/2020, WD prior to R2/2021 with back injury)
- **Hayden Buckley** (T3/-4) posts bogey-free round in first appearance at Corales Puntacana Championship; 26-year-old PGA TOUR rookie owns two top-10s this season (T4/Sanderson Farms Championship, T8/Shriners Children's Open)
- **Graeme McDowell** (T3/-4) posts his best opening-round score in five appearances; worst first-round score in this event (73) came the year he won (2019); his four PGA TOUR titles have come sequentially in 2010, 2013, 2016 and 2019
- In his two most recent starts, **Kiradech Aphibarnrat** (T3/-4) finished T28 at Puerto Rico Open with a final-round 74 after sitting T7 through 54 holes and T39 at Valspar Championship after successfully Monday qualifying; makes third start at this event (T70/2020, MC/2021)
- PGA TOUR rookie **Alex Smalley** (T7/-3) makes third start at this event, having posted top-25 finishes as a sponsor exemption in his two previous appearances (T14/2020, T22/2021)