



2023 Corales Puntacana Championship

(The 23rd of 44 events in the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Regular Season)

Punta Cana, Dominican Republic March 23-26, 2023 Purse: \$3,800,000 Puntacana Resort & Club (Corales Course) Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,670 Winner: \$684,000

Final-Round Notes - Sunday, March 26, 2023

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 84. Wind E 12-17 mph, gusting to 25 mph.

Final Leaderboard

 Matt Wallace
 67-66-70-66—269 (-19)

 Nicolai Højgaard
 71-65-66-68—270 (-18)

 Tyler Duncan
 71-65-67-68—271 (-17)

 Sam Stevens
 69-65-68-69—271 (-17)

 Austin Eckroat
 69-69-66-68—272 (-16)

Things to Know

- Matt Wallace wins the Corales Puntacana Championship, earning his first PGA TOUR victory in his 80th career start
- Wallace becomes the fifth first-time winner on TOUR this season and fourth in tournament history
- With a winning score of 19-under 269, Wallace sets the 72-hole score tournament record
- 54-hole co-leaders Nicolai Højgaard (2nd) and Sam Stevens (T3) earn career-best finishes
- With top-10 finishes, Højgaard and Ricky Barnes (7th) earn spots into next week's field at the Valero Texas Open

Matt Wallace (Won/-19)

Category	With the Win
Age	32 (4/12/1990)
Country	England
FedExCup	Projected No. 40
OWGR	Projected No. 117
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	80-1-9
Starts – wins – top-10s in 2022-23 Season	12-1-2
Starts – wins – top-10s at Corales Puntacana	1-1-1

- Earns his first PGA TOUR title in his 80th career start at the age of 32 years, 11 months, 14 days
- Collects 300 points and moves from No. 108 to projected No. 40 in the FedExCup standings
- Becomes the fourth player to earn his first TOUR victory at the Corales Puntacana Championship: Brice Garnett (2018), Joel
 Dahmen (2021), Chad Ramey (2022)
- Fifth first-time winner on TOUR this season, and fourth first-time winner in the last five TOUR events: Adam Svensson/The RSM Classic, Nico Echavarria/Puerto Rico Open, Kurt Kitayama/Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, Taylor Moore/Valspar Championship
- Previous-best result on TOUR: T3/2019 PGA Championship, 3rd/2021 Valero Texas Open
- Improves to 1-2 with the 36-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR (2021 Wells Fargo Championship/T6)
- One of seven second-round leader/co-leader to win on TOUR this season
- Becomes the third second-round leader/co-leader to win the Corales Puntacana Championship (Brice Garnett/2018, Hudson Swafford/2020)
- At 19-under 269, tops the 72-hole tournament scoring record by one stroke (previous: Brice Garnett/2018, Graeme McDowell/2019, Hudson Swafford/2020)
- Marks first time in his career with back-to-back top-10s (T7/Valspar Championship)
- Wins in his Corales Puntacana Championship debut
- Five of the six champions of the Corales Puntacana Championship were in their 30s when they won (Chad Ramey/29)

Year	Player	Age
2018	Brice Garnett	34 years, 6 months, 19 days
2019	Graeme McDowell	39 years, 8 months, 1 day
2020	Hudson Swafford	33 years, 18 days
2021	Joel Dahmen	33 years, 4 months, 17 days
2022	Chad Ramey	29 years, 7 months, 24 days
2023	Matt Wallace	32 years, 11 months, 14 days

- Becomes the second international winner of the tournament and first since 2019 (Graeme McDowell)
- DP World Tour victories (4): 2017 Open de Portugal, 2018 Hero Indian Open, 2018 BMW International Open, 2018 Made In Denmark

Miscellaneous Notes

- Denmark's **Nicolai Højgaard** (2nd/-18) finishes runner-up in his eighth career PGA TOUR start and first of the season; was seeking to become the first non-member to win on TOUR since Garrick Higgo (2021 Palmetto Championship at Congaree) and first sponsor exemption to win on TOUR since Martin Laird (2021 Shriners Children's Open)
- In search of his second TOUR title (2019 RSM Classic), **Tyler Duncan** (T3/-17) earns his second top-three finish of the season (3rd/The Honda Classic)
- After holding his first lead/co-lead on TOUR through 54-holes, PGA TOUR rookie **Sam Stevens** (T3/-17) earns his career-best finish in his 16th start (previous: T13/2023 Farmers Insurance Open); was seeking to become the second rookie to win on TOUR this season (Nico Echavarria/Puerto Rico Open)
- Past champions that made the cut: **Brice Garnett** (T8/-13), **Joel Dahmen** (T50/-3)
- Two players have made the cut in all six editions of the Corales Puntacana Championship

Year	Jonathan Byrd	Brice Garnett
2018	T54	Won
2019	4th	T39
2020	T28	T61
2021	T63	T9
2022	T36	T58
2023	T16	T8