



2023 Puerto Rico Open
(The 19th of 44 events in the PGA TOUR Regular Season)

Rio Grande, Puerto Rico
 Grand Reserve Golf Club

March 2-5, 2023
 Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,506

Purse: \$3,800,000 (\$684,000/winner)
 FedExCup: 300 points (winner)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, March 2, 2023

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 84. Wind ENE 8-14 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Carson Young	63 (-9)
Akshay Bhatia	66 (-6)
Max McGreevy	66 (-6)
Four players	67 (-5)

Things to Know

- PGA TOUR rookie Carson Young eagles three of the four par-5 holes (Nos. 2, 5, 15) to take the 18-hole lead for a second consecutive week (T1/The Honda Classic/finished T29)
- In his first Puerto Rico Open start, Akshay Bhatia birdies his last two holes to open with a bogey-free 6-under 66
- Coming off seven consecutive missed cuts on the PGA TOUR, 2022 Puerto Rico Open runner-up Max McGreevy opens with a bogey-free 6-under 66
- In his bid for a seventh career PGA TOUR title and first in eight years, 2011 FedExCup champion Bill Haas birdies his final four holes (Nos. 15-18) en route to a 5-under 67
- Puerto Rico native Rafa Campos posts 2-under 70 in his 14th Puerto Rico Open start

First-Round Lead Notes

- 1 First-round leader/co-leader to win the Puerto Rico Open (George McNeill/2012)
- 2 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2022-23 (most recent: Jon Rahm/Sentry Tournament of Champions)

Carson Young (1st/-9)

Category	Entering the week
Age	28 (November 12, 1994)
FedExCup	187
OWGR	453
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	13-0-0
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2022-23	12-0-0
Starts – wins – top-10s at Puerto Rico Open	1-0-0

- Beginning on No. 1, PGA TOUR rookie started his round birdie-eagle-birdie-par-eagle before adding a third eagle at the par-5 15th
- Becomes the third player on TOUR this season to record three eagles in a round, joining Kevin Yu (R1/Butterfield Bermuda Championship/R1) and Davis Thompson (R2/The American Express)
- Held a share of last week's 18-hole lead at The Honda Classic with a 5-under 65, before finishing T29
- Takes his second lead/co-lead after any round on the PGA TOUR (R1/2023 Honda Classic/T29)
- Best finish in 13 starts this season came with last week's T29 at The Honda Classic
- Only previous TOUR start prior to this season was the 2021 Puerto Rico Open (MC)
- Winner of the 2022 Panama Championship on the Korn Ferry Tour

Miscellaneous Notes

- Making his fifth start in the Puerto Rico Open, 2011 FedExCup champion, **Bill Haas** (T4/-5), birdied his last four holes (Nos. 15-18) en route to a 5-under 67; looks to improve on a best tournament finish of T15 in 2008; seeks a seventh career PGA TOUR title and first since the 2015 American Express

- After opening last week's Honda Classic with a 10-over 80 before missing his fourth consecutive cut on the PGA TOUR, Colombia's **Camilo Villegas** opened this week's Puerto Rico Open with a 4-under 68, good for a T8
- Like Haas, **Ryan Blaum** (T8/-4) is also looking to improve on a best tournament finish of T15 from 2008 in his fifth Puerto Rico Open start; earned his spot into this week's field by way of Open Qualifying Monday in West Palm Beach, Florida
- **Ryan Gerard's** (T16/-3) fourth-place finish at last week's Honda Classic came after Open Qualifying into the event. The top-10 finish at PGA National earned him a berth into this week's event, his third career start on TOUR
- Puerto Rico native **Rafa Campos** made five birdies against three bogeys to open his 14th Puerto Rico Open with a 2-under 70 (T28); seeks a fourth top-10 finish in the event (2016/T8, 2017/T10, 2021/T3); became the first Puerto Rico native to win on the Korn Ferry Tour (2019 Bahamas Great Abaco Classic)