



**2023 Puerto Rico Open**  
*(The 19<sup>th</sup> of 44 events in the 2022-23 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)

**Second-Round Notes – Friday, March 3, 2023**

**Weather:** Partly cloudy. High of 85. Wind E 12-16 mph, gusting to 24 mph.

**36-hole cut:** 70 players at 1-under 143 from a field of 120 professionals

**Second-Round Leaderboard**

Carson Young	63-67—130 (-14)
Paul Haley II	68-66—134 (-10)
Nico Echavarria	67-67—134 (-10)
Harry Higgs	71-64—135 (-9)

**Things to Know**

- PGA TOUR rookie Carson Young ties 36-hole tournament record of 14-under 130 in bid for first victory in his 14<sup>th</sup> TOUR start
- In his second Puerto Rico Open start (2013/MC), Paul Haley II posts a bogey-free 6-under 66, one shy of career low on TOUR
- In his Puerto Rico Open debut, Colombia’s Nico Echavarria seeks first career top-10 finish on TOUR in 11<sup>th</sup> start
- For the second week in a row, Ryan Gerard heads into the third round inside the top five (T5); is in good position to earn PGA TOUR Special Temporary Membership and more
- At 4-under 140, Rafa Campos is the lone Puerto Rico native (of five in the field) to make the cut

**Second-Round Lead Notes**

- 4 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Puerto Rico Open  
 (Most recent: Ryan Brehm/2022)
- 5 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2022-23  
 (Most recent: Scottie Scheffler/WM Phoenix Open)

**Carson Young (1<sup>st</sup>/-14)**

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

- Followed a 9-under 63 in round one with a 5-under 67 in Friday’s second round to tie the Puerto Rico Open 36-hole tournament record of 14-under 130 (Andres Romero/2013)
- After claiming a share of last week’s 18-hole lead at The Honda Classic with a 5-under 65, followed at PGA National with an even-par 70 to sit T10 at 5-under 135 through 36 holes; finished T29 at 3-under 277
- Takes his third lead/co-lead after any round on TOUR (R1/2023 Honda Classic, R1-2/2023 Puerto Rico Open)
- Best finish in 12 starts this season came with last week’s T29 at The Honda Classic
- Only previous TOUR start before this season was the 2021 Puerto Rico Open (MC)
- Winner of the 2022 Panama Championship on the Korn Ferry Tour

**Ryan Gerard (T5/-8)**

- After an opening round 3-under 69, improved with a 5-under 67 in round two
- With a win this week, will qualify for THE PLAYERS Championship next week and be exempt on the PGA TOUR through the 2024-25 season

- With any finish between 2nd and 3-way T9, becomes eligible for Special Temporary Membership for the remainder of the season, allowing him to accept unlimited sponsor exemptions
- With a top-10, will qualify for the Valspar Championship
- Finds himself in this position after getting through a 5-for-3 playoff at the Open Qualifier for The Honda Classic last week (the playoff took place Tuesday morning); finished solo-fourth at The Honda Classic, becoming the first Open Qualifier to finish in the top five of a TOUR event since Doc Redman at the 2019 Rocket Mortgage Classic (2nd)

#### Miscellaneous Notes

- In his second Puerto Rico Open start (2013/MC), **Paul Haley II** (2<sup>nd</sup>/-10) carded a bogey-free 6-under 66, one shy of his career low on TOUR (2023 Sony Open in Hawaii/R2); two-time Korn Ferry Tour winner seeks a first career TOUR top-10 finish in his 30<sup>th</sup> start (best: T12/2022 Fortinet Championship)
- Making his Puerto Rico Open debut, Colombia's **Nico Echavarría** (T2/-10) offset two bogeys with five birdies and an eagle at the par-5 second hole to sign for a 5-under 67; comes to this week's Puerto Rico Open on the heels of four consecutive missed cuts; best finish in 10 career starts on TOUR, each of which has come this season, was T12/Sony Open in Hawaii
- Following a 1-under 71 in round one, **Harry Higgs** (4<sup>th</sup>/-9) posted an 8-under 64 in his first start in the Puerto Rico Open, tying Harry Hall for the low round of the day
- En route to his 8-under 64, England's **Harry Hall** (T5/-8) followed his only bogey of the day at No. 18 (his ninth hole) with a birdie-eagle-birdie-birdie stretch on Nos. 1-4; his lone top-10 finish on TOUR came at the 2021 Shriners Children's Open (T8)
- Puerto Rico native **Rafa Campos** sits T34 at 4-under 140 in his 14<sup>th</sup> Puerto Rico Open start after opening with back-to-back 2-under 70s; seeks a fourth top-10 finish in the event (2016/T8, 2017/T10, 2021/T3); is the only of five Puerto Rico natives who started this week to make the cut.
- **Jeff Overton** withdrew during round two with a back injury