



**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)

**Third-Round Notes – Saturday, March 4, 2023**

*Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 84. Wind E 12-18 mph, gusting to 28 mph.*

**Third-Round Leaderboard**

Nico Echavarria	67-67-65—199 (-17)
Carson Young	63-67-71—201 (-15)
Nate Lashley	71-65-67—203 (-13)
Sam Stevens	68-70-65—203 (-13)

**Things to Know**

- In his Puerto Rico Open debut, Colombia’s Nico Echavarria plays his first seven holes in 6-under par to shoot 65 and take a 2-stroke lead as he works toward his first career top-10 finish on TOUR in 11<sup>th</sup> start
- Echavarria is 14-under on Grand Reserve Golf Club’s first nine this week
- PGA TOUR rookie Carson Young, who lead by three and four shots, respectively, after rounds one and two, posted a third-round 1-under 71 to drop from the top spot and trail Nico Echavarria’s lead by two strokes
- TOUR rookie Sam Stevens birdies last four holes, signs for a 7-under 65 in bid for maiden top-10 on TOUR in 14<sup>th</sup> start
- With top-10 finishes in both previous Puerto Rico Open starts (T7/2022, T8/2019), Nate Lashley birdies five of his first seven holes en route to a 5-under 67
- Rafa Campos, the lone Puerto Rico native to make the cut, sits T54 at 2-under 214 in his 14<sup>th</sup> Puerto Rico Open start

**Third-Round Lead Notes**

- 6 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Puerto Rico Open; most recent: Ryan Brehm/2022
- 10 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2022-23; most recent: Chris Kirk/The Honda Classic

**Nico Echavarria (1<sup>st</sup>/-17)**

Category	Enterting the Week
Age	28 (August 4, 1994)
FedExCup	144
OWGR	406
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	10-0-0
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2022-23	10-0-0
Starts – wins – top-10s at Puerto Rico Open	0-0-0

- Making his Puerto Rico Open debut, Colombia native used four birdies and an eagle-3 at No. 2 to play his first seven holes in 6-under par; signed for a 7-under 65
- Is 5-under on the par-5 second hole through three rounds this week (birdie-eagle-eagle) and 14-under par on Nos. 1-9 (3-under on Nos. 10-18)
- With a win, would become the 10<sup>th</sup> player in Puerto Rico Open history (2008) to make the event his first career PGA TOUR title and first since Ryan Brehm in 2022
- With a win Sunday, would become the seventh 54-hole leader/co-leader of the event to achieve the feat and second in as many seasons (Ryan Brehm/2022)
- Best position after any round on TOUR prior to this week was T7/2022 Butterfield Bermuda Championship (finished T23)
- 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

### Miscellaneous Notes

- **Carson Young** (2<sup>nd</sup>/-15), who lead by three and four shots, respectively after rounds one and two, posted a 1-under 71 in round three; 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)
- PGA TOUR rookie **Sam Stevens** (T3/-13) birdied his last four holes of the day to sign for a 7-under 65 in bid for his maiden top-10 finish on TOUR in (14<sup>th</sup> start); Texas native earned TOUR rookie status by way of the Top 50 from the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour
- With top-10 finishes in both previous Puerto Rico Open starts (T7/2022, T8/2019), **Nate Lashley** (T3/-13) birdied his first three holes, and seven overall, to sign for a 5-under 67; lone top-10 finish in 11 starts this season prior to this week was T7/Sony Open in Hawaii; seeks a second career PGA TOUR title (2019 Rocket Mortgage Classic)
- With birdies on three of his final four holes (Nos. 15-17), and eight overall, **Akshay Bhatia** (T5/-12) posted a 5-under 67 in his first Puerto Rico Open start and fourth start of the season; best finish in 21 TOUR starts before this week was T9 at the 2020 Fortinet Championship
- The lone Puerto Rico native (of five) in the field to make the cut, **Rafa Campos** sits T54 at 2-under 214 in his 14<sup>th</sup> Puerto Rico Open start after rounds of 70-70-74—214; has three top-10 finishes in 13 starts in the event (2016/T8, 2017/T10, 2021/T3)