



2024 Corales Puntacana Championship
(18th event of the Regular FedExCup season)

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

April 18-21, 2024
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,670

Purse: \$4,000,000
Winner: \$720,000

First-Round Notes – Thursday, April 18, 2024

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 87. Wind NE 10-16 mph, gusting to 22 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1
1	Wesley Bryan	63 (-9)
T2	Troy Merritt	66 (-6)
T2	Charley Hoffman	66 (-6)
T2	Chan Kim	66 (-6)
T2	Justin Lower	66 (-6)
T2	Parker Coody	66 (-6)

Wesley Bryan (1st/-9)

- With eight birdies, one eagle and one bogey, 2017 RBC Heritage winner equals his career-low round on TOUR (63/R3/2017 Genesis Invitational), his lowest since a second-round 64 at the 2023 Butterfield Bermuda Championship, where he successfully Monday qualified
- Three-stroke first-round lead is a tournament record and 63 ties the 18-hole tournament record: Brice Garnett (R1/2018), Chip McDaniel (R4/2019), Akshay Bhatia (R2/2023)
- Holds 18-hole lead/co-lead for the second time on TOUR (2017 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches/T4)
- Makes 115th PGA TOUR start and third appearance at this event (T15/2022, MC/2023)
- Owns six scores of par-or-better in seven rounds at Corales Puntacana Championship (73/R2/2023)
- Making second start this season (MC/Puerto Rico Open)
- Owns three Korn Ferry Tour victories, winning each in 2016

Miscellaneous Notes

- Two-time TOUR winner **Troy Merritt** (T2/-6) is now par-or-better in eight of nine rounds at the Corales Puntacana Championship (75/R4/2021)
- **Charley Hoffman's** (T2/-6) bogey-free 6-under 66 includes a chip-in birdie on his final hole, marking his low score in 11 rounds at this event and his second bogey-free round at the Corales Puntacana Championship (68/R3/2021)
- In his tournament debut, **Chan Kim** (T2/-6) makes seven birdies and one bogey for 6-under 66, his seventh round of 66 or better this season; enters this week with a streak of seven consecutive made cuts, beginning with a T8 at the Mexico Open at Vidanta, his first top-10 result on TOUR
- **Justin Lower's** (T2/-6) best finish on TOUR came earlier this season at the Mexico Open at Vidanta (T3); low round in two prior starts at this event is 65 (R2/2022)
- **Parker Coody** (T2/-6), **Pierceson Coody** (T7/-5) and **Davis Thompson** (T7/-5), all aged 24, are the only players in their 20s among the 13 players at 5-under or better on the leaderboard, with all others, except **Charley Hoffman** (47), in their 30s; five of the six champions of the Corales Puntacana Championship were in their 30s when they won; **Chad Ramey** (2022) is the youngest winner at age 29
- **Ben Martin** (T7/-5) now has par-or-better scores in 16 of 17 rounds at Corales Puntacana Championship (75/R3/2020); T2 in 2022 is best of three top-10s in four prior appearances at this event
- **Jonathan Byrd** (T66/-1) is one of two players to have made the cut in all six prior editions of the Corales Puntacana Championship; the other player is 2018 champion Brice Garnett, who qualified for this week's RBC Heritage through the Aon Swing 5 by winning the Puerto Rico Open

- Following a T16 finish at the Masters Tournament last week, **Nicolai Højgaard**, the highest-ranked player in the field at No. 34 in the Official World Golf Ranking, posts five birdies and six bogeys to sit T105 at 1-over 73; was runner-up at this event last year
- Past champions in the field: **Joel Dahmen** (T66/-1), **Chad Ramey** (T121/+2)
- **Juan Jose Guerra** (T88/E) is in the best position of the four Dominican Republic players in the field