



PUERTO RICO OPEN

**2024 Puerto Rico Open**  
*(The 11<sup>th</sup> of 36 events in the PGA TOUR Season)*

Rio Grande, Puerto Rico  
Grand Reserve Golf Club

March 7-10, 2024  
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,506

Purse: \$4,000,000 (\$720,000/winner)  
FedExCup: 300 points (winner)

**FINAL First-Round Notes – Friday, March 8, 2023**

**Weather:** *Partly cloudy. High of 87. Wind 12-16 mph, gusting to 20 mph. Round one resumed at 7:20 a.m. and was completed at 9:22 a.m. Round two began at 7:50 a.m.*

**First-Round Leaderboard**

Scott Piercy	65 (-7)
Joe Highsmith	65 (-7)
Kevin Streelman	65 (-7)
Rafa Campos	65 (-7)
Rico Hoey	65 (-7)
Norman Xiong	65 (-7)
Max Greyserman	65 (-7)
Ryo Hisatune	65 (-7)

**Rafa Campos (T1/-7)**

- Making his 15<sup>th</sup> start in the Puerto Rico Open, San Juan native was 5-under through 13 holes when play was halted for the day Thursday; on Friday, made birdie on his 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> holes (Nos. 5 and 6) to finish at 7-under 65
- On the only other occasion of holding an 18-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR, finished T8 at the 2016 Puerto Rico Open
- Seeks a fourth top-10 finish in the event (2016/T8, 2017/T10, 2021/T3)
- Best PGA TOUR finish (58 starts): T2/2021 Corales Puntacana Championship
- Regained his PGA TOUR card for the season by finishing in the top 30 of the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- If not otherwise exempt, the winner of this week's Puerto Rico Open earns a spot into next week's PLAYERS Championship field, as well as other select events

**Scott Piercy (T1/-7)**

- Beginning on No. 10, offset three bogeys with eight birdies and an eagle-2 at No. 14, good for a 7-under 65; ended the round with three consecutive birdies on Nos. 7-9;
- Is 1-for-9 when holding an 18-hole lead/co-lead (2012 RBC Canadian Open)
- Four-time PGA TOUR winner has 38 top-10 finishes on TOUR (most recent: T4/2022 3M Open)
- Two previous Puerto Rico Open starts: MC/2011, T21/2023

**Rico Hoey (T1/-7)**

- Manila, Philippines native opened with a bogey-free 7-under 65 in the sixth start of his rookie TOUR season
- Earned his TOUR card by way of finishing in the top 30 on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- In 25 Korn Ferry Tour starts in 2023, amassed seven top-10 finishes, highlighted by a win at the Visit Knoxville Open
- In first five starts this season, only made cut came at last week's Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches (T56)

**Joe Highsmith (T1/-7)**

- Lakewood, Washington native opens the sixth event of his rookie TOUR season with a bogey-free 7-under 65
- Hit 11-of-14 fairways and 16-of-18 greens in regulation
- Making eighth PGA TOUR start and sixth this season as a PGA TOUR rookie, with T33 at the 2023 Farmers Insurance Open his best result
- Posted back-to-back top-3 finishes to finish in the top 30 of the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List and earn his PGA TOUR rookie status for this season

### **Kevin Strelman (T1/-7)**

- Making his fifth start in the Puerto Rico Open, and first since 2013, was 6-under through 14 holes when play was suspended for the day Thursday; completed his final four holes Friday morning in 1-under to finish at 7-under 65
- Best of four outcomes when holding an 18-hole lead/co-lead: 6<sup>th</sup>/2018 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am
- Puerto Rico Open history: 2008/MC, 2010/T3, 2012/MC and 2013/MC; seeks a third career PGA TOUR win: 2013 Valspar Championship, 2014 Travelers Championship

### **Norman Xiong (T1/-7)**

- Guam native birdied six of his inward nine holes to open his first Puerto Rico Open in 7-under 65
- Earned his TOUR card by way of finishing in the top 30 on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- Claimed his second Korn Ferry Tour title at last season's Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship
- After finishing 79<sup>th</sup> in his first PGA TOUR start this season at the Sony Open in Hawaii, missed the cut in each of his next four starts

### **Ryo Hisatune (T1/-7)**

- Competing on the PGA TOUR this season by virtue of finishing inside the top 10 in the 2023 DP World Tour Eligibility Ranking, opened his seventh start of the season with a bogey-free 7-under 65
- Best finish among the first six was T11/The American Express
- In four TOUR starts last season, collected top-10 finishes at the Barracuda Championship (T10) and ZOZO Championship (T6)

### **Max Greyserman (T1/-7)**

- Following a bogey at the first hole, New Jersey native reeled off eight birdies to open his sixth event of the season with a 7-under 65
- Best finish of the season: T47/Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches
- Earned his TOUR card by way of finishing in the top 30 on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

- In his Puerto Rico Open debut, **Garrick Higgo** birdied five of his first nine holes before signing for a 6-under 66 (T9); comes off a T16 from last week's Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches; seeks a second career PGA TOUR win (2021 Palmetto Championship at Congaree)
- **Brice Garnett** used two par-5 eagles (Nos. 5 and 15) to open his eighth Puerto Rico Open with a 6-under 66 (T9); seeks a third top-10 finish in the event (T5/2021, T7/2022)
- Seeking to become the first player to successfully defend a Puerto Rico Open title, **Nico Echavarria** birdied four of his first six holes en route to a 4-under 68 (T20); only Michael Bradley (2009, 2011) has won the event more than once
- Making his second start in the Puerto Rico Open (T2/2019), **Daniel Berger** opened with a bogey-free 3-under 69 (T36)
- Five amateurs are competing in this week's Puerto Rico Open: **Jackson Van Paris** (T49/-2), **Justin Hastings** (T69/-1), **Gareth Steyn** (T69/-1), **Kelvin Hernandez** (119<sup>th</sup>/+2), **Evan Pena** (130<sup>th</sup>/+6)