



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)

**Third-Round Notes – Saturday, March 9, 2023**

**Weather:** Partly cloudy. High of 86. Wind E 12-16 mph, gusting to 20 mph.

**Third-Round Leaderboard**

Ben Kohles	69-66-63—198 (-18)
Jimmy Stanger	68-65-67—200 (-16)
Brice Garnett	66-66-68—200 (-16)
Matti Schmid	67-65-68—200 (-16)

**Ben Kohles (1<sup>st</sup>/-18)**

- Coming off three missed cuts and a WD (Mexico Open at Vidanta) in his most recent four PGA TOUR starts, fired a career-low (relation to par) and bogey-free 9-under 63 in round three
- The 63 marks the field's low round through 54 holes by two strokes
- Has just two bogeys through 54 holes
- Previous-best 54-hole position on the PGA TOUR: T4/2013 Valspar Championship (finished T7)
- Hit 17-of-18 greens in regulation in round two, which he followed with 16-of-18 in Saturday's third round
- On the strength of two wins among eight top-10 finishes in 23 Korn Ferry Tour starts last season, finished No. 1 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List, good for his third return to the PGA TOUR
- First of two wins on the Korn Ferry Tour last season, the Astara Chile Classic, is being contested this week
- Two top-10 finishes in 61 PGA TOUR starts: T5/2023 The RSM Classic, T7/2013 Valspar Championship
- Best of three previous starts in the Puerto Rico Open, a T16, came in his most recent start of 2022
- 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

**Miscellaneous Notes**

- With birdies on three of his first five holes, Nos. 2, 3 and 5, **Jimmy Stanger (T2/-16)** signed for a 5-under 67 in his first start in the Puerto Rico Open; has birdied Nos. 2, 3 and 5 all three rounds; best of three top-10 finishes on last year's Korn Ferry Tour was a win at the Compliance Solutions Championship
- In his first start of the season and eighth start in the Puerto Rico Open, **Brice Garnett (T2/-16)** posted a bogey-free 4-under 68 in round three as he seeks a third top-10 finish in the event (T5/2021 and T7/2022)
- Germany's **Matti Schmid (T2/-16)** followed a bogey-free 7-under 65 in round two with a third-round 4-under 68; in his only previous Puerto Rico Open start, finished T33 in 2023; 0-for-6 in made cuts this season before this week
- PGA TOUR rookie **Joe Highsmith (T5/-15)**, who held a share of the 18-hole lead and outright 36-hole lead, carded a 1-under 71 in round three
- Attempting to become the first to successfully defend a Puerto Rico Open title, **Nico Echavarria (8<sup>th</sup>/-13)** used a 4-under 68 to move to 13-under 203; only Michael Bradley (2009, 2011) has won the event more than once
- San Juan, Puerto Rico native **Rafa Campos (T38/-8)** followed a 65-67 start with a 4-over 76 in his 15<sup>th</sup> start in the event; three top-10s in 14 Puerto Rico Open starts: T8/2016, T10/2017, T3/2021; best of 58 TOUR starts: T2/2021 Corales Puntacana Championship
- After making his first cut in his sixth TOUR start, South Florida PGA Member and PGA Assistant Professional at John's Island Club **Tyler Collet (T38/-8)** carded a 4-under 68 to move to 8-under 208; the reigning back-to-back South Florida PGA Rolex Player of the Year posted a bogey-free 3-under 69 to make the 4-under cut on the number
- The lone amateur (of five) who made the cut, **Jackson Van Paris (T50/-7)**, followed back-to-back 2-under 70s in the first two rounds with a 3-under 69 in round three