



2025 Puerto Rico Open
(11th of 36 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Rio Grande, Puerto Rico
 Grand Reserve Golf Club

March 6-9, 2025
 Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,506

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

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, March 8, 2025

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 82. Wind WSW 3-12 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

| Pos. | Player | R1 | R2 | R3 | Total |
|------|--------------------|----|----|----|-----------|
| 1 | Karl Vilips | 65 | 67 | 66 | 198 (-18) |
| T2 | Joseph Bramlett | 67 | 68 | 64 | 199 (-17) |
| T2 | Kieron Van Wyk (a) | 66 | 68 | 65 | 199 (-17) |
| 4 | Austin Cook | 66 | 65 | 69 | 200 (-16) |

Karl Vilips (1st/-18)

- PGA TOUR rookie in his fourth career start, seeking his first victory on TOUR
- Rounds of 65-67-66, ties tournament 54-hole scoring record (198: four times previously, most recently Ben Kohles/2024)
- Making his third start of the season (T72/Mexico Open at VidantaWorld, T39/Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches)
- Marks first 54-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR (previous best: T24/Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches)
- Earned PGA TOUR membership by finishing No. 19 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- In 10 Korn Ferry Tour starts last year, recorded seven top-25 finishes, highlighted by a win in his fourth start (Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health)
- Turned professional in 2024 after four years at Stanford University; ranks fifth in program history in career scoring average (71.04), only behind Tiger Woods (70.96), Michael Thorbjornsen (70.40), Patrick Rodgers (70.31), Maverick McNealy (70.12)
- Ranked No. 10 in the PGA TOUR University Class of 2024, earning conditional status on the Korn Ferry Tour last year
- 23-year-old who plays from Perth, Australia
- With a win Sunday, Vilips would become the...
 - 12th player to win in one of his first four starts on TOUR since 1970
 - 37th Australian to win on TOUR and the first since Cam Davis (2024 Rocket Classic)
 - Fifth international winner of the Puerto Rico Open and first from Australia
 - Only rookie to win on TOUR this season and the first since Matt McCarty (2024 Black Desert Championship)
 - Fourth first-time winner this season (Thomas Detry/WM Phoenix Open, Brian Campbell/Mexico Open at VidantaWorld, Joe Highsmith/Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches)

Kieron Van Wyk (T2/-17)

- Seeking to become the second player since 1970 to win in his PGA TOUR debut
- Earned an exemption this week by virtue of winning the 2024 White Sands Bahamas Men’s NCAA Golf Invitational
- Won the APGA Farmers Insurance Invitational at Torrey Pines in January, becoming the first amateur to win an APGA event in the Tour’s 15-year history
- In his senior year at the College of Charleston, currently No. 1 in the Bridgestone APGA Collegiate Ranking
- 23-year-old who plays from Ruimsig, South Africa

| Fewest starts before first PGA TOUR win (since 1970) | |
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| 1 | Jim Benepe (1988 BMW Championship) |
| 2 | Garrick Higgo (2021 Palmetto Championship at Congaree) |
| 3 | Matt McCarty (2024 Black Desert Championship), Russell Henley (2013 Sony Open in Hawaii), Seve Ballesteros (1978 Wyndham Championship), Bob Gilder (1976 WM Phoenix Open) |
| 4 | Nick Dunlap (2024 American Express), Matthew Wolff (2019 3M Open), Garrett Willis (2001 Tucson), Paul Lawrie (1999 The Open Championship), Fred Wadsworth (1986 Southern) |

Miscellaneous Notes

- **Joseph Bramlett** (T2/-17) cards the low round of the day with a bogey-free 64 and claims the best 54-hole position of his TOUR career (previous: T3/2021 ISCO Championship/finished T11);
 - With just one bogey through 54 holes, he is tied with **Harry Higgs** (T13/-13) and **Matt Wallace** (T20/-12) for the fewest bogeys in the field
- In his first TOUR start this season, **Austin Cook** (4th/-16) sits inside the top-five entering the final round for the first time since the 2020 Shriners' Children's Open (finished T2)
- **Chad Ramey** (T5/-15) cards four straight birdies on Nos. 5-8 and two eagles on the back nine (par-5 11th, par-4 16th); Ramey is making his second career start in the Puerto Rico Open (2022/T5)
- PGA TOUR rookie **Steven Fisk** (T5/-15) records his third consecutive 67; in six starts this season, has one top-25 finish (T17/Mexico Open at VidantaWorld)
- After setting the tournament record for lowest 36-hole score of 129, Denmark's **Rasmus Neergaard-Petersen** (T9/-14) records a third-round 73
- Defending champion **Brice Garnett** (T27/-11) is bidding for his fourth top-10 finish in the last five years at the Puerto Rico Open (Won/2024, T7/2022, T5/2021)