



2026 Puerto Rico Open
(9th of 34 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Rio Grande, Puerto Rico
Grand Reserve Golf Club

March 5-8, 2026
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,506

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

Second-Round Notes – Friday, March 6, 2026

Weather: Partly cloudy with possible showers. High of 85. Wind ENE 10-20 mph, with gusts up to 28 mph.

36-hole cut: 68 professionals and three amateurs at 2-under 142 from a field of 120 professionals and six amateurs

Second-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	Total
1	Chandler Blanchet	64	67	131 (-13)
2	Gordon Sargent	65	70	135 (-9)
T3	Ricky Castillo	68	68	136 (-8)
T3	Jesper Svensson	67	69	136 (-8)
T3	Blades Brown	69	67	136 (-8)
T3	Jeremy Paul	69	67	136 (-8)

Chandler Blanchet (T1/-13)

- PGA TOUR rookie and first-round leader cards a 5-under 67 to hold a four-stroke lead after the second round; four strokes matches the tournament record for largest 36-hole lead (other: Carson Young/2023)
- Holds first 36-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR; marks his first made cut on TOUR in nine career starts
- 131 marks his lowest opening 36-hole score on TOUR (previous best: 138/2026 The American Express)
- Opened first round with 8-under 64, setting his career-low 18-hole score on TOUR (previous best: 66/R1/2022 Butterfield Bermuda Championship)
- Making his sixth start this season (MC/Sony Open in Hawaii, MC/The American Express, MC/Farmers Insurance Open, MC/WM Phoenix Open, MC/Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches)
- Making his Puerto Rico Open debut and leads the field in birdies (16); 16 birdies marks his career-high birdies or better posted thru 36-holes on TOUR (previous best: 9, twice: 2022 Butterfield Bermuda Championship/2026 The American Express)
- Held 36-hole lead/co-lead on Korn Ferry Tour twice (2024 The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay/finished T25, 2025 Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Hiland Dairy Foods/Won); 1-for-2 on converting 36-hole lead to victory
- Seeks to become the second first-time winner on TOUR this season (Jacob Bridgeman/The Genesis Invitational) and 12th player to earn their first win at the Puerto Rico Open (most recent: Karl Vilips/2025)
- Enters the week at No. 141 in the Official World Golf Ranking
- Two-time Korn Ferry Tour winner (2025 Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Hiland Dairy Foods, 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance) finished No. 2 in the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List to secure PGA TOUR membership for 2026 season

Miscellaneous Notes

- **Gordon Sargent** (2nd/-9) posts a 2-under 70 to sit four strokes behind Blanchet in solo second; 9-under 135 marks his career-low 36-hole score on TOUR (previous best: 136, 2025 World Wide Technology Championship/finished T63)
- **Ricky Castillo** (T3/-8) cards a 4-under 68 in the second round; best finish in four starts on TOUR this season: 5th/Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches
- Swede **Jesper Svensson** (T3/-8) cards a 2-under 69, matching his career-best 36-hole position on TOUR (other: 2025 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches /finished T32)
- 18-year-old **Blades Brown** (T3/-8) posts a 5-under 67 in the second round to sit tied for third, two positions shy of his career-best 36-hole position (T1/2026 The American Express/finished T18); has one top-25 finish on TOUR this season in two starts (T18/The American Express, MC/Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches)

- **Jeremy Paul** (T3/-8) cards a bogey-free 67 in the second round; German is making his second start this season (MC/Farmers Insurance Open) and second tournament appearance (T16/2025)
- Making his PGA TOUR debut as a sponsor exemption, **John Daly II** (T7/-7) cards a 5-under 67 in the second round to hold the best 36-hole position of the six amateurs in the field; has made one career start in a TOUR-sanctioned event as an amateur (MC/2024 Compliance Solutions Championship on the Korn Ferry Tour)
- Brigham Young University freshman **Kihei Akina** (T12/-6) posts a 68-70-138, marking his first made cut on TOUR in three career starts (MC/2024 Black Desert Championship, MC/Bank of Utah Championship)
- PGA TOUR winner **Rafael Campos** (T28/-4) is the only player in the field from Puerto Rico to make the cut after posting a 2-under 70 in the second round; making his 16th start at the Puerto Rico Open, the most of any player at the event (best finish: T3/2021)
- 17-year-old and two-time AJGA Rolex Junior Player of the Year **Miles Russell** (T51/-2) birdies his last hole to post a 1-under 71 and make the cut on the number; marks the sponsor exemption's first made cut on TOUR in fifth career start (best finish in a TOUR-sanctioned event: T20/2024 LECOM Suncoast Classic on Korn Ferry Tour)
- **Nick Lindheim** withdrew after the first round