

2014 Men's WATC

Karuizawa, Japan - Puerto Rico began its participation at the 29th Men's World Amateur Team Championships with a very solid team score and position at the Official Leaderbord by accumulating a total of 137 strokes (-7) and placing tied for 8th place and among the Top10 countries of the world, including Canada, Argentina and US.

Based on the first round scores of 67 and 70 stokes respectively by **Jeronimo Esteve (-5)** and **Edward Figueroa (-2)**, Puerto Rico registered the third best start in the history of the Championships, conducted by the International Golf Federation (GF) and hosted by the Japan Golf Association (JPA). Third player for PUR **Robert Calvesbert** finished at even par (**72**), yet his score was not counted towards the team score as the 72-hole competition scheduled over 4-days selects the best two scores per team daily to rank the countries participating on the field for the Eisenhower Trophy.

"Our team enjoyed from a very solid round at the Irayama Golf Course today, as all three players were very committed and focused during their inaugural round at the WATC. Is one of the best start we've ever had, but I'm sure that there is more to come from these great players representing PUR", commented **Sidney Wolf**, president of the PRGA who is in attendance at the IGF event along with Team Captain & Coach, **Wilfredo Morales**.

"Jero's round brought me today a lot of memories from our participation at the WATC back in 1998 in Chile and specially with regards to my participation with the team that year as I shot the same score to open my second participation in a World Amateur event, as we now share an identical score at the WATC. Robi and Edward are playing extremely well and showcased a total confidence on their game which can only be in favor of PUR", - added **Morales**, evidently excited about the performance of the team he has the responsibility to be a captain of.

A host of the **World Amateur Team Championships in 2004**, PUR is not only remembered as one of the best venues of the WATC, but it also holds an interesting number of opportunities were the men's teams participating have being able to compare to the



best players on the world (1998 - 2008), yet it looks for an opportunity to finish among the world's best countries in the 2014 edition.

Due to the time zone difference, the team is expected to begin Rd.2 tonight (PR time around 7:00 PM). You can follow the action using the LIVE STREAM provided the Japan Golf Association and available at the Championships Official Site: www.worldamateur2014.org

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Karuizawa, Japan - Thanks to an excellent performance by our top amateur golfers, Puerto Rico's participation at this year's World Amateur Team Championships will go down as the best

overall finish for the two teams who represented the PRGA at this year "Olympics of Golf" conducted by the International Golf Federation and hosted by the Japan Golf Association. Led by PRGA's president, Sidney Wolf and with the support, leadership and coaching provided by Laura Diaz and Wilfredo Morales as the Team Captains for each team, all six players were definitively excellent ambassadors on and off the course.

Men's World Amateur Team Championships (Sept. 10-13, 2014)



The 3-player squad who participated at the 29th Men's World Amateur Team Championships finished with a team total score of 561 strokes just behind host country Japan (560) and tied with Venezuela for 31st place at the final Championship Leaderboard .

Led by **Jeronimo Esteve (-5)** who totaled 281 strokes and **Robert Calvesbert (-4)** who finished with 282 strokes, Team Puerto Rico registered the third best start in the history of the Championships by finishing tied for 8th place on Rd. 1.

Third player **Edward Figueroa (+5)** reported a steady play in the low 70's. The 72-hole competition scheduled over 4-days selected the best two scores per team daily to rank the countries who were playing on the field for the ***Eisenhower Trophy won by the USA team.***

Esteve who shot an first round score of 67 strokes, finished tied for 60th place at the Individual Leaderboard while Calvesbert earned a 68th place among the 200 players on the field. Figueroa finished T113 with three other players in the world.

Team Captain Wilfredo Morales, was extremely satisfied and happy with the performance of the team he once was a part of and truly enjoyed from the experience offered by the visit to Japan, At -11, Puerto Rico finished as the fifth best country in the world in the Latin America region, behind Argentina, Mexico, Chile and Colombia. A host of the **World Amateur Team Championships in 2004**, PUR is not only remembered as one of the best venues of the WATC, but it also holds an interesting number of opportunities were the men's teams participating have being able to compare to the best players on the world (1998 - 2008), and still has been able to place among the world's best countries in the 2014 edition.

Final Team Leaderboard - Eisenhower Trophy