

2014 Women's WATC

Women's World Amateur Team Championships (Sept. 3-6, 2014)



PUR Women Team with solid start at the World Amateur Championship

Karuizawa, Japan - (Sept.3, 2014) Led by scores of 73 and 74 strokes from Paola Robles (UCF Knights) & Maria Torres (UF Gators) respectively, the three women team representing Puerto Rico and the PRGA at this year's WATC enjoyed from a solid start by finishing tied for 26th place after Rd.1 at the biennial competition conducted by the International Golf Federation (IGF) and hosted by the Japan Golf Association at Karuizawa 72 Golf East Club.

Fifteen year-old Valeria Pacheco, who is the third player on the team shot a 6-over 78 in her first WATC event of a very promising future she has ahead of her golfing career characterized by a shy smile but powerful swing. Based on the best two scores, PUR totals 147 strokes (3-over par) while Canada leads the field at -9.

Captained by Laura Diaz - a well-known amateur player from Puerto Rico with a very successful junior and college golf career, the ladies team has high hopes of improving their previous performances at this very important stage of amateur golf at both, the team and individual levels.

"We are happy and very pleased with the performance of our players on the first round, and they have bonded very well as a team



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despite the age differences between two college players and Valeria who is a very talented junior", commented Sidney Wolf, just before the second round tee-off.

"Laura has become a good leader for the team, while Maria has been able to share her previous experience with Paola and Valeria, as both are "rookies" in the WATC arena. Overall they have bonded very well", -he added.

Due to the time zone difference, the team is expected to begin Rd.2 tonight (PR time around 8:55PM). 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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Led by an excellent performance on behalf of **Maria Torres** (291), a *University of Florida Gators Women Golf Team member*, PUR repeated for third championships in a row a team final score of 583 strokes which resulted in a tie for 25th place with Colombia and Wales.

The three women team representing Puerto Rico and the PRGA at this year's WATC enjoyed from a solid start by finishing tied for 26th place after Rd.1 and thanks to solid scores by UCF's Knight Women Golf Team **Paola Robles** (297) and Torres.

Based on the experience of these two college players and former members of the Junior Golf Program, the team somehow manage to remain at even par through the rest of the rounds at the biennial competition, where ***Australia won the Espirito Santo trophy.***

Fifteen year-old Valeria Pacheco, third player on the team and a rookie at the World Amateur competition shot a total of 310 strokes through the 4-day competition where the puertorrican girls were captained by Laura Diaz.

Final Team Leaderboard - Espirito Santo Trophy