

Torres among world's best juniors in Scotland



(Tuesday, September 11, 2012) - María Torres, one of the most talented and promising junior golfers on the Island, is once again representing Puerto Rico at a prestigious international event as she competes in the 2012 Duke of York Young Champions tournament in Ayrshire, Scotland.

Torres is currently tied for 23rd place overall, and 8th among female players, after a first-round 79 during cold, tough conditions on the links course at Royal Troon Golf Club, where only one player shot under par for the round. Aside from the course, she also faces mighty competition: 32 boys and 26 girls from 33 countries, all of them holding the title of national or regional junior champion. In fact, Torres is competing by virtue of being the Caribbean female under-18 champion, a title she won earlier this year at the Caribbean Amateur Junior Golf Championships (CAJGC). Matthew Márquez, of Trinidad & Tobago, is representing the Caribbean boys; he's currently in a 10-way tie for 13th place at +6.

The Duke of York event is just the latest in a series of important events for Torres, who is just starting her senior year of high school and is committed to attending the University of Florida next year. Alongside her junior title at the CAJGC, Torres was also the best individual female at the Caribbean Amateur Golf Championships. In April, she won the girls' division at the TaylorMade-Adidas Golf Junior

at Innisbrook, an important American Junior Golf Association Event. She also would go on to play the U.S. Girls' Amateur Championship. The Duke of York Young Champions is a 54-hole stroke play event; the second and third rounds will be on September 12 and 13. We wish Marife, as she's affectionately known, the best of luck in her final two rounds. ***You can follow her performance and all the tournament action by clicking here.***