



Puerto Rico Open once again raises the bar

The 2005 American Express Puerto Rico Open, held at Ponce's Costa Caribe Golf & CC, was all about excitement and grace. Argentina's Daniel Barbetti sank a ten-foot putt for birdie to defeat his countryman Eduardo Argiro and claimed the 2005 Puerto Rico Open title. Both players finished the event tied at 20-under par 268, after sharing a best-of-the-day 65 with USA's Geoffrey Sisk, who finished one stroke behind in the solo third place. Overnight leader Carlos Larrain of Venezuela shot 69 to finish in fourth place. Americans Richard Terga and Adam Spring shared the fifth spot with Colombian Jesus Amaya, four strokes off the pace.

To take home the \$22,500 winner's check and his first Tour de las Americas' victory, the young Barbetti mastered the putter. He got off to a birdie-birdie start to take the solo lead, but players such as Argiro, Brazilian Philippe Gasnier, American Adam Spring and Colombian Jesus Amaya were able to grab pieces of the lead.

The 2005 American Express Puerto Rico Open was hosted by the Puerto Rico Golf Association (PRGA) and conducted by the American Express Tour de las Americas. After completing five successful events this season, the Tour now heads to Acapulco, Mexico, where the 2005 Players Championship begins.





"Without a doubt, the American Express Puerto Rico Open is a great example of the development of golf on our beloved Island..." - Anibal Acevedo Vila, Governor of Puerto Rico



"This golf tournament is fast becoming the most important golf competition of its class for Latin America and the Caribbean..." - Javier Soler, VP & General Manager, American Express in Puerto Rico