

U.S. Mid-Amateur

Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023
Fenway Golf Club
Scarsdale, N.Y.

Jeronimo Esteve, Puerto Rico

3-under 67 (first round, stroke play)



Q. First off, in the heat, was probably nice to go early and put up a good score?

Esteve: “I hit it so solid. I hit 16 greens today and really didn’t miss many fairways. It really could have been a low one. I left a couple [shots] out there. I’ve been playing well, and I was happy to get done here [at Fenway]. This is a really, really difficult golf course. I just left myself in a lot of good spots on the greens and then when I would miss a green, I left [my ball] in good spots. I drove it fairly well today. It was fun. And I saw some putts drop, which honestly was a big surprise. The practice rounds, I wasn’t putting very well. The greens at home [in Florida] are very slow. So to see bent[grass] greens rolling 12 and 13 [feet on the Stimpmeter] like they are rolling and the ball coming in on the side, it took me [a couple of] rounds.”

“I thought 3 under was a good round out there today.”

Note – Five birdies and two three-putts. I three-putted 16. Missed 2-footer. Birdied 17.

Q. As a guy who likes to race cars, good to get off to a fast start?

Esteve: “Obviously this is our big tournament every year and I wanted to make sure I had a chance tomorrow. That’s all I can do is have a chance to get into match play. Hopefully keep [my good play] up and have a chance here.

Q. Are you still racing cars?

Esteve: “I am. Not as much as I would like to, but I am.”

Note: Family owns three car dealerships in Orlando.

Best finish in Mid-Am is Round of 64. Eighth or ninth.

Four or five World Amateur Teams with Puerto Rico. Last played in 2022 in France. Country did not qualify for 2023 event in UAE.

Won 2023 Coleman Invitational at Seminole this past spring.