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Erick Morales Qualifies for the 118th U.S. Amateur Championship at Pebble Beach.

SAN JUAN, PR - The international field of participants gave us an exciting 36-holes of golf at TPC Dorado Beach.

The Puerto Rico Golf Association for the second consecutive year has conducted a qualifier at TPC Dorado Beach, PR, for the opportunity to participate in the prestigious U.S. Amateur Championship.

Due to the remnants of hurricane Beryl, the opening round on Monday was cancelled. That meant that on Tuesday, 36-holes of golf needed to be played and it concluded in near darkness.

Christian Correa set the tone early as the clubhouse leader with an impressive 4-under 68. Last years medalist, Dominican Juan Guerra, was right behind Correa with a 2-under 70. Erick Morales and Jeronimo Esteve both came in tied for third at 1-under 71.

As the 2nd round of the day progressed, players began to feel the effects of the exhausting heat and humidity on the East Course. Correa and Esteve faded while Guerra and Morales mixed it up trading pars, birdies and bogeys, even as Morales was suffering leg cramps.

Guerra and Morales entered the 18th hole tied in near dark conditions. Guerra pushed his tee shot into the right rough only to put his 2nd shot into the far back part of the green, leaving him a difficult long up-and-down angulated putt. Morales put his 2nd shot on the left edge of the green, almost pin high. Morales ended making par as Guerra needed to make a decent 6-foot putt to tie and force a playoff Wednesday morning, and barely missed it for bogey thus giving Erick Morales the win by 1-stroke and qualifying to play in the U.S. Amateur Championship at Pebble Beach.

For a complete breakdown of the tournament scores, please visit www.prga.org

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