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PGA TOUR QUALIFYING SCHOOL, SECOND STAGE,
BEGINS NEXT WEEK AT LAKE JOVITA

Four-time PGA Tour winner and 1999 PGA Tour Rookie of the Year, Carlos Franco, leads a field of 81 players into Lake Jovita next week for the Second Stage of the PGA Tour's Qualifying School. Together, the field has amassed 10 PGA Tour victories, 31 Nationwide Tour victories and 8 European Tour victories.

Competition will begin on Wednesday, November 14 and run through Saturday, November 17. Monday and Tuesday will be devoted to practice rounds.

All rounds will be played on Lake Jovita's award-winning South Course, designed by former Ryder Cup captain Tom Lehman and noted course architect Kurt Sandness.

Local players in the field include PGA Tour and Nationwide Tour winner Garrett Willis from Dade City, Nationwide Tour winners David Branshaw and Mike Sposa, both from Tampa, and Jon Mansfield from Clearwater, Travis Perkins from Lakeland, Brad Quiri from Oldsmar, and Robbie Schulz from Dade City.

In the long grind that is Q-School, the second stage is most dreaded. Only one in four players will move on to the third and final stage. Those players will earn a place to play for the next year, on either the PGA or the Nationwide tours, depending on their third-stage finish.

The remaining players at the second stage are guaranteed nothing. Their next year will be one of Monday qualifiers, mini-tours (maybe) and asking for sponsors' exemptions – if they play at all.

It promises to be a week filled with tension and drama.

“Members of the public are welcome to gallery this event at no charge,” says Lake Jovita Head Golf Professional Jim Hafner. “They will see some superb golf.”

Lake Jovita is hosting the second stage of Q-school for the third time in three years. It is Pasco County’s only PGA Tour event.

For tee times, pairings and more information, call the Lake Jovita Golf Shop at 352-588-9200 or visit [www .pgatour.com/q-school](http://www.pgatour.com/q-school), click on “Second Stage” and then “Lake Jovita.”