



**2009 Mayakoba Golf Classic at Riviera Maya-Cancun**  
*(The eighth of 37 events in the PGA TOUR Regular Season)*

**Playa del Carmen, Mexico**  
**FedExCup Points: 250**  
**El Camaleón Golf Club**

**Feb. 23 – March 1, 2009**  
**Purse: \$3,600,000 (winner: \$648,000)**  
**Par/Yards: 70/6,923**

**Third-Round Notes – Saturday, February 28, 2009**

*Weather: Mostly sunny with afternoon high in the low to mid 80s. Winds E-SE 10-15 mph, gusting to 20-25 mph.*

Former high school competitors Mark Wilson and Bo Van Pelt will go into the final-round in a tie at 11-under 199. Kevin Na who shared the lead with Wilson after the second-round is three strokes back at eight-under 202.

Mark Wilson's only previous third-round lead came at the 2007 Honda Classic, which he went on to win in a playoff over Jose Coceres, Camilo Villegas and Boo Weekley.

First-round leader Bo Van Pelt has held the third-round lead once in his 214 event TOUR career prior to today. Van Pelt held the lead going into the final-round of the 2008 Puerto Rico Open, but finished T2.

Bo Van Pelt matched his career-low after 54 holes with a 199. Van Pelt also tallied a 199 at the 2005 U.S. Bank Championship in Milwaukee and the 2009 50<sup>th</sup> Bob Hope Classic.

Briny Baird is one stroke off the lead at 10-under 200. Baird is looking for his first career TOUR win in his 280<sup>th</sup> event. Below is how Baird ranks against other active players without a TOUR victory:

<b>Player</b>	<b>Events</b>
Jay Delsing	555
Larry Rinker	525
Skip Kendall	387
Robin Freeman	381
Marco Dawson	372
Dave Rummells	340
Brett Quigley	338
Kelly Gibson	329
Scott Gump	329
Michael Allen	328
Jay Williamson	327
Harrison Frazar	305

PGA TOUR rookie Gary Woodland and Scott Piercy, a veteran of 25 TOUR events, are proving that statistics don't always mean everything. Typically to be successful at the Mayakoba Golf Classic, Driving Accuracy is a must. Last year's champion Brian Gay finished 17<sup>th</sup> in TOUR Driving Accuracy in 2008, while 2007 Mayakoba Golf Classic winner Fred Funk ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in TOUR Driving Accuracy that season.

Coming into the Mayakoba Golf Classic, Woodland was 175<sup>th</sup> in TOUR Driving Accuracy and 2<sup>nd</sup> in TOUR Driving Distance, while Piercy was T181 in TOUR Driving Accuracy and 3<sup>rd</sup> in TOUR Driving Distance (305.8).

Gary Woodland turned in the round of the day with a seven-under 63. Woodland and Scott Piercy are both T12 after the third-round at six-under 204.

Scott Piercy is already having the best year of his career. Playing sparingly over the previous six seasons coming into 2009, Piercy registered 12 missed cuts in 20 TOUR events between 2003 and 2008. Piercy opened the season with a T12 at the Sony Open in Hawaii, T19 at the 50<sup>th</sup> Bob Hope Classic and T6 at the FBR Open before missing the cut at the Buick Invitational. He has already almost doubled his earning this year compared to the previous six seasons.

So far this season Scott Piercy has shot in the 60s in 13 of his 18 totals rounds. Piercy's final-round scoring average is 68.3 through three events this season.

Brian Davis leads the field in Driving Accuracy at 90.48%, but is T48 at even-par 210.

El Camaleón Golf Club, designed by 2009 Presidents Cup International Team Captain Greg Norman, was ranked No. 14 among most-difficult courses on the PGA TOUR in 2008 (71.00). The par-4 third hole (462 yards) was ranked 22<sup>nd</sup> among the toughest holes on TOUR last year (4.385). Below are overall scoring averages and the scoring average for the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole through the third-round.

	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Cumulative Total
Scoring Avg	71.030	70.570	69.936	70.604
3 <sup>rd</sup> Hole Scoring Avg.	4.197	4.172	4.321	4.216

There are several Mexican and Spanish players in the field this year. Leading the contingent is Spaniard Jose Manuel Lara, who is T16 with a five-under 205. Lara's best European Tour Order of Merit finish was 30th in 2006 after winning the 2006 Hong Kong Open. Below are results of the Mexican and Spanish players in the Mayakoba Golf Classic field:

	Score	Standing
<b>Mexican Players</b>		
Jose de Jesus Rodriguez	209 (-1)	T40
Esteban Toledo	211 (+1)	T56
Mauricio Azcue Pederzoli (A)	155 (+15)	MC
<b>Spanish Players</b>		
Jose Manuel Lara	205 (-5)	<b>T16</b>
Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano	213 (+3)	T63
Pablo Larrazabal	144 (+4)	MC
Santiago Luna	146 (+6)	MC