



## 2015 OHL Classic at Mayakoba

(6th of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Playa del Carmen, Mexico

November 12-15, 2015

Par/Yards: 36-35—71/6,987

El Camaleón Golf Club at Mayakoba Resort

Purse: \$6,200,000

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)

### Second-Round Notes – Friday November 13, 2015

*Weather. Partly cloudy with temperatures reaching 84 degrees. Winds E 8-14 mph. Since Wednesday, a total of 2.1 inches of rain has fallen on the course.*

*Due to expected, inclement weather, round-three tee times will be between 7:00 a.m. and approximately 9:00 a.m. Saturday.*

*36-Hole Cut: 78 professionals and one amateur at 2-under 140 from a field 131 professionals and one amateur.*

### **Second-Round Leaderboard**

Graeme McDowell 67-63—130 (-12)

Derek Fathauer 65-66—131 (-11)

### **Graeme McDowell**

Making his first start in the OHL Classic at Mayakoba since receiving a sponsor exemption into the inaugural event in 2007 (T63), Graeme McDowell has hit the ground running through 36 holes. With today's 8-under 63, he has now made 16 birdies. His only bogey in round two came at the par-4 first hole, the same hole he made double bogey on in round one.

McDowell's 12-under 130 ties the record for the lowest, first-36-hole score, most recently posted by Michael Putnam last season (66-64).

Of the four players to have opened the event with a 12-under 130 total, only Harris English in 2013 was able to convert for the win.

In round one, McDowell ran off a string of five consecutive birdies on Nos. 4-8. In round two today, he birdied seven of eight holes, spanning Nos. 16-5.

Through 36 holes, McDowell has hit 25 of 28 fairways in regulation, missing only the sixth fairway in round two. He hit 11 of 18 greens in round one, but improved to 15 of 18 in round two.

McDowell is in search of his third career win on the TOUR, joining victories at the 2010 U.S. Open and 2013 RBC Heritage.

En route to his U.S. Open victory at Pebble Beach, McDowell held a 2-stroke lead after 36 holes. At the 2013 RBC Heritage, he was two strokes off the lead of Steve LeBrun and last year's OHL Classic at Mayakoba winner Charley Hoffman.

McDowell has previously led/co-led after 36 holes twice; 2010 U.S. Open (1<sup>st</sup>) and 2014 World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions (T3).

By his own admission, last season was not what McDowell wanted. In the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, his lone top-10 finish in 15 starts was a T3 at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions. He had previously collected no fewer than two top-10s in a season and amassed as many as 10 (2014).

### **Derek Fathauer**

Making his third start in the OHL Classic at Mayakoba, 18-hole co-leader Derek Fathauer followed his bogey-free, 6-under 65 in round one with a 66 in round two. He missed the cut in 2009 and finished 73<sup>rd</sup> in 2014.

Fathauer makes a return to the PGA TOUR for the 2015-16 season by virtue of his 30<sup>th</sup> place on the 2015 Web.com Tour priority list. On that Tour in 2014, Fathauer won the Web.com Tour Championship.

Of the five PGA TOUR winners to start the 2015-16 season, all five are Web.com Tour alums, three of whom just graduated this past season (Emiliano Grillo, Smylie Kaufman and Peter Malnati).

Fathauer's lone top-10 finish of his TOUR career came at this past season's Barracuda Championship (T10).

Fathauer, age 29, graduated from the University of Louisville in 2008.

### **Harold Varner III**

PGA TOUR rookie Harold Varner III birdied four of his last five holes to post a tournament-low-tying, 9-under 62. The 62 is one stroke shy of the low round of the season on the PGA TOUR. Varner's lone bogey of the day came at the par-4 second hole. He will head into the weekend at 10-under 132 and two strokes back.

In his first round as a rookie, Varner opened with a 7-under 65 at the Frys.com Open, but stumbled down the stretch to finish T48.

Varner is making just his seventh start on the PGA TOUR. Before this season, he played in the 2013 U.S. Open (MC), 2014 Northern Trust Open (T70) and 2014 Wells Fargo Championship (MC).

Varner made his way onto the PGA TOUR this season by virtue of his 33<sup>rd</sup>-place finish on the 2015 Web.com Tour priority list. On that Tour last season, Varner collected three top-10 finishes, highlighted by a solo-second at the Panama Claro Championship in his first start of the season.

Varner competed in all 25 events on last year's Web.com Tour.

Varner, a 25-year-old Eastern Carolina University grad, resides in Jacksonville Beach, Fla., and plays out of TPC Sawgrass.

### **Si Woo Kim**

Following his bogey-free, 3-under 68 in round one, Si Woo Kim birdied six of his first 11 holes in round two en route to another bogey-free round, a 7-under 64. He is the only player to remain bogey-free through 36 holes.

Accuracy has been key to Kim this week. In round one, he was a perfect 14 of 14 in fairways hit in regulation and 13 of 14 in round two today (12<sup>th</sup> hole). Into the greens, he was 13 of 18 in round one and 15 of 18 in round two.

A 2013 PGA TOUR rookie, Kim made his way back on TOUR this season by virtue of his 23<sup>rd</sup>-place finish on the 2015 Web.com Tour priority list. On that Tour last season, he played in all 25 events, highlighted by a win at the Stonebrae Clasic in Northern California. He won at the age of 20 years, 21 days. The only younger player to win on the Web.Com Tour was Jason Day in 2007 at the Legend Financial Group Classic.

Kim Made eight starts on the PGA TOUR in his rookie year of 2013, but missed seven cuts and withdrew from the Puerto Rico Open. So far this year, he missed the cut at the Frys.com Open and Sanderson Farms Championship, but claimed T25 honors at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open between missed cuts. This is 12<sup>th</sup> career start on the PGA TOUR.

Born and raised in Seoul, South Korea, the 20-year-old Kim now resides in Fullerton, California.

### **Patrick Rodgers**

With a 5-under 66 in round two, first-year PGA TOUR member Patrick Rodgers continues to contend for a fourth-straight start this season. He finished T6 at the season-opening Frys.com Open, T13 a week later at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open and T20 last week at the Sanderson Farms Championship.

Rodgers earned Special Temporary Membership to the PGA TOUR last season, which he parlayed into a top-125 finish in FedExCup points as a non-member to earn TOUR membership for the 2015-16 season.

Rodgers collected a pair of top-5 finishes on TOUR last year en route to earning membership. He finished T2 at the Wells Fargo Championship in May and third at the Barracuda Championship (Modified Stableford format) in August.

In seven starts on the Web.com Tour last season, Rodgers collected one win, via sudden death, at the Colombia Championship. Rodgers rallied from four strokes back entering the final round with a 6-under 65 to force sudden death with Steve Marino. On the second extra hole, sank an 8-foot putt for birdie to clench the win.

## Jason Bohn

Making his fourth start in the OHL Classic at Mayakoba, Jason Bohn posted a bogey-free, 8-under 63 in round two as he continues to enjoy success in the event. In his first start of 2011, he finished T19, but improved to T3 and T7 finishes in 2013 and 2014, respectively.

Bohn ended last season with eight of 10 rounds at par or worse. Through 14 rounds (four starts) this season, he has posted 13 of 14 with scores of par or better. His only over-par score was a 1-over 73 in the final round of last week's Sanderson Farms Championship. He is 46-under-par through those 14 rounds this season.

Bohn is off to a solid start this season, having finished T3 at the Frys.com Open and T2 a week later at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open. He finished T39 last week in Jackson, Miss.

Bohn is in search of his third career PGA TOUR win this week in his 299<sup>th</sup> start. He won the 2005 B.C. Open and 2010 Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

## Miscellaneous Notes

Using a 7-iron from 158 yards, Jim Herman aced the 15<sup>th</sup> hole in round two, worthy of a new BMW.

Seven past champions of the OHL Classic at Mayakoba are in the field this week. The only one missing, due to injury, is Brian Gay (2008); Charley Hoffman/2014 (MC), Harris English/2013 (MC), John Huh/2012 (MC), Johnson Wagner/2011 (-8/T10), Cameron Beckman/2010 (-4/T37), Mark Wilson/2009 (-3/T51), Fred Funk/2007 (MC).

Cameron Beckman (-4/T37) and Chris Stroud (MC) are the only players to play in the OHL Classic at Mayakoba each of the first nine years of the event.

There are five Mexican players in the field this week: Rodolfo E. Cazaubon (-2/T63), Carlos Ortiz (MC), Oscar Fraustro (MC), Abraham Ancer (MC) and Yoshio Yamamoto (MC).

Last year, Ortiz and Fraustro were the only (of seven) Mexican players in the field to make the cut, both finishing T9. Those top-10 finishes were the best by a Mexican player in the history of the event.

Mexican golfers who have/had membership on the PGA TOUR:

Player	First Year of Membership (Hometown)
Cesar Sanudi	1969 (Navajoa)
Victor Regalado	1973 (Tijuana)
Rafael Alarcon	1983 (Guadalajara)
Esteban Toledo	1998 (Mexicali)
Alex Aragon	2006 (Mexico City)
Carlos Ortiz	2014 (Guadalajara)
Oscar Fraustro	2014 (Mexico City)

Regalado and Sanudo are the only native Mexican golfers to win on the PGA TOUR. Sanudo was born in Mexico, but lived primarily in the United States and was considered an American professional golfer.

The OHL Classic at Mayakoba was the first PGA TOUR co-sanctioned event to ever be contested outside of the United States and Canada in February 2007.

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Cameron Beckman (67), Keegan Bradley (67), Scott Brown (67), Derek Fathauer (65), Charles Howell III (66), Jerry Kelly (68), Si Woo Kim (68), Justin Leonard (65), Will MacKenzie (66).

R2: Jason Bohn (63), Bronson Burgoon (68), Si Woo Kim (64), Whee Kim (68), Colt Knost (68), Matt Kuchar (67), Spencer Levin (66), Henrik Norlander (68), Jeff Overton (69).

Scoring Averages at the par-71 El Camaleón Golf Club:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.228	34.796	70.024	---
R2:	34.909	35.016	69.925	69.971

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