



# 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

FexExCup Points: 500 (winner)

## PARTIAL First-Round Notes – Thursday November 12, 2015

Weather. Mostly cloudy with temperatures reaching 86 degrees. Winds ENE 5-10 mph.

Due to heavy rain, the first round was suspended for 1 hour, 14 minutes, from 1:31 p.m. until 2:45 p.m. ET.

Due to darkness, round one was suspended for the day at 6:12 p.m. The remaining 21 players will resume at 7:15 a.m. Friday and round two will begin as scheduled at 7:00 a.m.

### **First-Round Leaderboard**

Aaron Baddeley	65 (-6)
Derek Fathauer	65 (-6)
Justin Leonard	65 (-6)
Shawn Stefani	65 (-6)

Last year, six players shared the 18-hole lead at 6-under 65. Winner Charley Hoffman was one stroke back.

#### **Justin Leonard**

Using a one-time, Top 50 Career Money List exemption, Justin Leonard opened with a bogey-free, 6-under 65 in round one. He has already used his Top 25 Career Money List exemption.

Leonard is making his third start in the OHL Classic at Mayakoba this week, having finished T6 in 2013 and missing 2014's cut.

Leonard is making his 576<sup>th</sup> start on the PGA TOUR this week, where he remains in search of his 13<sup>th</sup> victory. The 1997 Open Championship winner last won at the 2008 FedEx St. Jude Classic, a span of 185 starts.

Leonard is in search of his first top-10 finish since the 2014 CareerBuilder Challenge in Palm Springs.

Leonard has previously held an 18-hole lead/co-lead nine times, three of which resulted in victory (2000 Valero Texas Open, 2003 The Honda Classic and 2005 FedEx St. Jude Classic). He has not been in the top spot after 18 holes since the 2009 Valero Texas Open (T5).

# **Aaron Baddeley**

A week removed from his T4 finish at the Sanderson Farms Championship, worthy of a spot into this week's OHL Classic at Mayakoba field, Aaron Baddeley remained in stride, opening with a 6-under 65.

Baddeley's top-10 finish last week was his first since finishing T10 at the inaugural Barbasol Championship in the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season. That was his lone top-10 showing in all of last season.

En route to his T4 finish last week in Jackson, Baddeley opened with a 7-under 64.

Baddeley finished 157<sup>th</sup> in last season's FedExCup points standings, marking his first time finishing outside the top 125 since 2007, when the FedExCup started.

Baddeley is making his third start of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season this week. At the Frys.com Open, he posted four-consecutive rounds of 1-under 71 to finish T55.

Baddeley is looking for his fourth career PGA TOUR win this week. He won the 2006 RBC Heritage, 2007 Waste Management Phoenix Open and 2011 Northern Trust Open.

This week marks Baddeley's third time to hold an 18-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR. At the 2011 Northern Trust Open, he converted for the win, but finished sixth at the 2003 Arnold Palmer Invitational.

#### Shawn Stefani

In just his second start in the OHL Classic at Mayakoba, Shawn Stefani played his first four holes in 5-under en route to a 6-under 65. Beginning on No. 10, Stefani started birdie-birdie-birdie-eagle. His only bogey of the day came at his last, No. 9.

Last year, Stefani posted scores of 66-65-68-69—268 (-16) to finish alone in second, one stroke behind Charley Hoffman. Stefani has now 22-under in his last five rounds at Mayakoba.

Stefani, who finished 54<sup>th</sup> in the 2014-15 FedExCup standings to retain his PGA TOUR card, remains in search of his first win on TOUR in his 70<sup>th</sup> start this week. His best finishes are a pair of solo-seconds at the 2014 Quicken Loans National and here at Mayakoba last year.

Stefani was near perfect hitting into the greens in round one, missing only the 9<sup>th</sup>, which produced his lone bogey of the day.

Stefani has previously held an 18-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR just once. At the 2013 Valspar Championship, he finished T7 after holding a 2-stroke lead after the first round.

### **Derek Fathauer**

Making his third start in the OHL Classic at Mayakoba, Derek Fathauer made six birdies and no bogeys in round one of the OHL Classic at Mayakoba. 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).

This marks Fathauer's second time to hold an 18-hole lead/co-lead. After having a share of the first-round lead at this past season's Northern Trust Open, he finished T61.

# **Miscellaneous Notes**

Beginning on No. 10, Thomas Aiken got off to the hottest start of the week. He followed an ace at the 215-yard 10<sup>th</sup> hole with back-to-back birdies at Nos. 11 and 12. Aiken's start was as hot as his finish was cold. He played his first three holes in 4-under and last three in 5-over to post a 3-over 74.

Aiken's ace is the fourth in tournament history and first since 2014 (John Huh).

Making his first start in the OHL Classic at Mayakoba since receiving a sponsor exemption into the inaugural event in 2007 (T63), Graeme McDowell overcame a double bogey at the first hole with five straight birdies on Nos. 4-9 en route to a 4-under 67.

On the heels of his win at last week's win at the Sanderson Farms Championship, Peter Malnati opened with a 3-under 68. In his only other start at the OHL Classic at Mayakoba, Malnati closed with a 6-under 65 in 2013 to finish 15<sup>th</sup>. His 65 tied the low final-round score in event history.

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 (71), Harris English/2013 (72), John Huh/2012 (74), Johnson Wagner/2011 (67), Cameron Beckman/2010 (67), Mark Wilson/2009 (67), Fred Funk/2007 (74).

Cameron Beckman and Chris Stroud are the only players to play in the OHL Classic at Mayakoba each of the first nine years of the event.

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.

Ortiz and Cazaubon both played in the 2007 Mayakoba Junior Golf Classic of the American Junior Golf Association. OHL has played a key role in the growth of golf in Mexico.

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

Player First Year of Membership (Hometown)

Cesar Sanudo
Victor Regalado
Rafael Alarcon
Esteban Toledo
Alex Aragon
Carlos Ortiz
Oscar Fraustro
1969 (Navajoa)
1973 (Tijuana)
1983 (Guadalajara)
1998 (Mexicali)
2006 (Mexico City)
2014 (Guadalajara)
2014 (Mexico City)

Victor Regalado is the only native Mexican golfer to win on the PGA TOUR.

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.

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