



2016 OHL Classic at Mayakoba
(6th of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Playa del Carmen, Mexico **November 10-13, 2016** **Par/Yards: 36-35—71/6,987**
El Camaleón Golf Club at Mayakoba Resort **Purse: \$7,000,010** **FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)**

First-Round Notes – Friday November 10, 2016

Weather: Partly cloudy, with a high of 85. Wind ENE 8-14 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Chris Kirk	63 (-8)
Camilo Villegas	64 (-7)
Gary Woodland	64 (-7)
Ben Crane	64 (-7)

Last year, four players shared the 18-hole lead at 6-under 65. Winner Graeme McDowell was two strokes back.

In the nine-year history of the OHL Classic at Mayakoba, the only first-round leader to end up victorious was Fred Funk in the inaugural event of 2007. Funk opened that year with an 8-under 62.

Chris Kirk

Making his first start in the OHL Classic at Mayakoba, Chris Kirk reeled off eight birdies and no birdies en route to a 63, his lowest first-round score in relation to par since opening with an 8-under 63 at the 2012 Deutsche Bank Championship. Today's 63 is his lowest score of any round in relation to par since posting a 9-under 62 in the final round of the 2014 Tournament of Champions.

Kirk has previously held an 18-hole lead/co-lead two times on the PGA TOUR; 2014 Tournament of Champions (T16) and 2014 TOUR Championship (T4).

Kirk is making his fourth start of the 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season this week. In his first two starts, he finished T8 at the Safeway Open and T2 at the Sanderson Farms Championship. He fell off the top-10 train last week at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, finishing T61.

Kirk, winner of four PGA TOUR events, is in search of his first win since the 2015 DEAN & DELUCA Invitational.

Last season on TOUR, Kirk claimed 12 top-25 finishes in 28 starts, of which three were top 10s.

Even though he made it through the first three of four FedExCup Playoffs events, his 54th-place finish in the FedexCup standings marked his lowest finish to date.

Camilo Villegas

Playing out of the Past Champion category on the PGA TOUR this season and on a sponsor invitation this week, Colombia's Camilo Villegas made five birdies, an eagle at the par-5 fifth hole and no bogeys to open with a 7-under 64. In relation to par, this marks his lowest score since firing a 7-under 65 in the final round of the 2016 Arnold Palmer Invitational.

In three previous starts at the OHL Classic at Mayakoba, Villegas finished T36 in 2014, missed the cut in 2015 and was T29 last year.

In his only other start this season, Villegas finished T26 at the Sanderson Farms Championship two weeks ago.

Villegas, who has collected four PGA TOUR titles, hasn't posted a top-10 finish since winning most recently at the 2014 Wyndham Championship.

For the first time in the FedExCup era, Villegas finished outside the top 150 in the standings last season, at No. 152. His best finish last season was a T14 at The Honda Classic.

Gary Woodland

Making just his second start in the OHL Classic at Mayakoba, Gary Woodland offset a lone bogey with six birdies and an eagle-three at the 13th hole to post a 7-under 64. Woodland previously finished T28 in 2009.

Woodland hit 10 of 14 fairways in regulation and missed just two greens. He needed 28 putts to complete his round.

Woodland is coming off a strong 2015-16 season, having amassed 14 top-25 finishes in 26 starts. Of those, four were top 10 finishes, highlighted by a second-place showing at the Barracuda Championship, site of his second and most recent TOUR victory in 2013.

Ben Crane

With seven birdies and no bogeys, Ben Crane's opening round 64 is his lowest score since posting a 7-under 63 in round two of the 2016 AT&T Byron Nelson (T24).

Crane is making his third start of the 2016-17 season, though he withdrew from last week's Shriners Hospitals for Children Open after round one with a back injury.

Crane is making his second start at the OHL Classic at Mayakoba (MC/2015)

Crane is the winner of five PGA TOUR events, most recently being the 2014 FedEx St. Jude Classic.

Following no top-25 finishes in the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, he improved last season with four top-25 finishes, one of which was a top 10 showing. After missing the cut in his last three starts of the season, he ended up at No. 117 in the FedExCup standings after The Barclays.

Aaron Wise

Aaron Wise, whose top-10 finish at last week's Shriners Hospitals for Children Open (T10) earned him a spot into this week's field, had quite the interesting front nine. Following three routine pars at Nos. 1-3, Wise aced the par-3 fourth hole from 103 yards with a gap wedge, only to follow it with an eagle-three at the fifth hole. The last player to post back-to-back eagles in a round was Charl Schwartzel in round three of this past season's TOUR Championship. The last to do it with an ace involved was Nick Taylor in round two of the 2016 CareerBuilder Challenge.

Wise, who got into the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open on a sponsor invitation, finished fourth on the 2016 Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada Order of Merit, thanks largely to a win at the Syncrude Oil Country Championship and third-place showing at the season-ending Freedom 55 Financial Championship, where he opened with scores of 62-63—125 (-15). With his finish on the Order of Merit, he earns status on the 2017 Web.com Tour.

With the win at the Syncrude Oil Country Championship, he became the youngest winner ever on the Mackenzie Tour (20 years, 1 month, 10 days).

In seven starts on the Mackenzie Tour this past season, he never finished outside the top 15.

Wise, an Oregon resident and former Oregon Duck, claimed the 2016 NCAA individual title at Eugene Country Club. In doing so, he became the first player to win the individual title in front of his school's hometown crowd since Wake Forest's Gary Hasllberg in 1979.

Wise is making his sixth career start on the PGA TOUR this week.

Webb Simpson

Making his first start in the OHL Classic at Mayakoba, Webb Simpson hit 10 of 14 fairways and 16 of 18 greens in regulation, resulting in six birdies and no bogeys in round one.

Simpson is making his third start of the 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season and comes off a T31 finish at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open last week.

Simpson is in search of his fifth career win on the PGA TOUR and first since the 2013 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.

Simpson's two top-10 finishes last season ties the number for fewest since joining the PGA TOUR in 2009. He also came away from the 2010 season with just a pair of top 10s.

Cameron Davis

Playing on a sponsor invitation and in his first-ever PGA TOUR event, Australia's Cameron Davis birdied four of his last five holes (Nos. 5-8) en route to a 5-under 66.

In September, Davis won the individual title at the 2016 World Amateur Teams Championship here at Mayakoba, which earned him the sponsor exemption into this week's event.

Davis, 21, made his professional debut last month at the Isuzu Queensland Open on PGA TOUR Australasia, finishing T13.

Davis, who lost part of last season to wrist surgery and recovery, is poised to compete in next week's Australian Open at Royal Sydney.

Miscellaneous Notes

Defending champion Graeme McDowell struggled in round one, posting a 4-over 75. He is making just his third start in the OHL Classic at Mayakoba. Prior to last year, he received a sponsor exemption into the inaugural event in 2007 (T63).

As the OHL Classic celebrates its 10-year anniversary this year, seven past champions are in the field this week: Graeme McDowell/2015 (75), Charley Hoffman/2014 (71), Harris English/2013 (72), John Huh/2012 (67), Johnson Wagner/2011 (76), Mark Wilson/2009 (66) and Brian Gay/2008 (70).

Chris Stroud, playing this week on a sponsor exemption, is the only player to compete in each of the first nine OHL Classic at Mayakoba events. He opened this week with a 2-under 69.

There are six Mexican players in the field this week: Carlos Ortiz (68), Rodolfo E. Cazaubon (72), Roberto Diaz (75) and Monday qualifiers Abraham Ancer (65), Sebastian Vasquez (69) and Oscar Fraustro (71).

Ortiz and Cazaubon played in the 2007 Mayakoba Junior Golf Classic of the American Junior Golf Association.

Mexican golfers who have/had PGA TOUR membership:

Player	First Year of Membership (Hometown)
Cesar Sanudi	1969
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)

Victor Regalado and Cesar Sanudo are the only native Mexican golfers to win on the PGA TOUR.

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

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Ben Crane (64), Oscar Fraustro (71), Mackenzie Hughes (71), Chris Kirk (63), Luke List (66), Webb Simpson (65), Brian Stuard (69), Camilo Villegas (64), Aaron Wise (65).

Oscar Fraustro and Mackenzie Hughes each made 18 pars in round one.

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

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.215	35.062	70.277	---

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