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2017 OHL Classic at Mayakoba pre-tournament notes

Dates: November 6-12, 2017
Where: Playa del Carmen, Quintana Roo, Mexico
Course: El Camaleon Golf Club at the Mayakoba Resort
Par/Yards: 36-35—71/6,987
Field: 132
Defending champion: Pat Perez
Purse: \$7,100,010 (\$1,260,000 to winner)
FedExCup points: 500 to the winner
Format: 72-hole stroke play

OHL Classic at Mayakoba cruises into 11th year

The OHL Classic at Mayakoba made golf history when it became the first PGA TOUR co-sanctioned event to ever be contested outside of the United States and Canada in February of 2007. As it celebrated its 10-year anniversary last year, the OHL Classic at Mayakoba has not only crowned an array of great champions over the years, but it also put Mexico on the golfing map as the first-ever PGA TOUR event in the country.

OHL Classic at Mayakoba and the FedExCup

The OHL Classic at Mayakoba is the seventh event in the PGA TOUR's wraparound schedule that bridges two years with 45 official events. All season long, players vie to become the FedExCup Champion, which distinguishes the one player who not only performs well during the PGA TOUR Season, but also excels through the four-event FedExCup Playoffs, culminating with the 2018 TOUR Championship.

Every week is significant in the race for the FedExCup – three of the seven winners from the fall calendar of 2016 (Justin Thomas, Hideki Matsuyama and Pat Perez) qualified for the TOUR Championship. The other four winners advanced through at least the second of four Playoffs events (Cody Gribble, Brendan Steele, Rod Pampling and Mackenzie Hughes).

The 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season kicked off with the Safeway Open and includes eight events during the fall of 2017, all of which will award FedExCup points. After a break, the season will resume in January with the traditional swing through Hawaii before moving to the West Coast.

About the El Camaleon Golf Club

El Camaleón Golf Club at the Mayakoba resort is a Greg Norman-signature course. The 7,039-yard layout is unique—not just to Mexico but to the entire world of golf. The course bends through three distinct landscapes—mangrove jungles, limestone canals and stunning, oceanfront stretches of sand. El Camaleón incorporates a cenote, a massive underground cavern, into the heart of the opening fairway. The handsome, Mayan-influenced clubhouse rises above the 18th green and features stunning views over the course. The adjoining practice facility and driving range are of international caliber. With Mayakoba's unique system of waterways, golfers can step out of their rooms and into a boat, which will ferry them directly to the first tee.

A look back at the 2016 OHL Classic at Mayakoba

In his third start of the 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season, Pat Perez came from one stroke back to win the 10th annual OHL Classic at Mayakoba. Perez, who was playing on a Major Medical Extension, made five birdies and one bogey en route to a 21-under-par 263, good for a two-stroke victory over 54-hole leader Gary Woodland. Perez tied Harris English's (2014) tournament-record low 72-hole total. With the win, Perez earned 500 FedExCup points and moved into the third spot in the FedExCup standings. The win, his second on the PGA TOUR, came seven seasons after his 2009 CareerBuilder Challenge title.

More on Pat Perez

- Combined for a total of six top-10 finishes in the 2016-17 season, four of which were top-five showings.
- In the FedExCup Playoffs, advanced to the TOUR Championship for the first time (16th).
- Finished the 2016-17 season ranked a career-best 15th in the FedExCup standings.
- In three starts this season, has finished 1st/CIMB Classic, T5/CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES, T24/World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions.
- Will be making his sixth start in the OHL Classic and fifth consecutive. Last year's victory marked his first top-10 showing.

Star Power at a Premium in 2017

Rickie Fowler

- Making his first start in the 2017 OHL Classic at Mayakoba.
- Making his first start of the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season.
- Winner of four PGA TOUR titles, most recently the 2017 Honda Classic.
- Owner of 58 top-10 finishes in 196 TOUR starts.
- Was on the winning United States Team at the 2017 Presidents Cup.

Charley Hoffman

- 2014 OHL Classic at Mayakoba champion will be making a sixth start in the event.
- As a Captain's Pick, competed on his first Presidents Cup Team in 2017 (1-2-0).
- Winner of four PGA TOUR titles, most recently the 2016 Valero Texas Open.
- At last week's Shriners Hospitals for Children Open (T18), the UNLV grad donated his entire paycheck to relief efforts for the Las Vegas massacre (\$98,600).

Chesson Hadley

- In first three starts of the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season, finished T3/Safeway Open, 2nd/Sanderson Farms Championship and T4/Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.
- 2013-14 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year and top candidate for 2017 Web.com Tour Player of the Year.
- Making second start in the OHL Classic at Mayakoba (MC/2013).
- Winner of the 2014 Puerto Rico Open
- After winning the LECOM Health Challenge and Albertsons Boise Open on the 2017 Web.com Tour, finished first on the Web.com Tour Regular Season and Finals money lists.

Patrick Reed

- Making his first start in the OHL Classic at Mayakoba.
- Member of the U.S. Team in the 2015, 2017 Presidents Cup. Went 4-3-2 in the 2017 Presidents Cup.
- Winner of five PGA TOUR victories, most recently THE NORTHERN TRUST in 2016.
- Claimed four top-10 finishes in the 2016-17 season, highlighted by a T2 at the PGA Championship.

Jhonattan Vegas

- Making his seventh start in the OHL Classic at Mayakoba, with a best showing of T10 in 2016.
- Member of the International Team for the 2017 Presidents Cup (1-4-0).
- Winner of three events on the PGA TOUR, most recently the 2017 RBC Canadian Open (successfully defended 2016 title).
- On the strength of a win, a third-place showing and two additional top-10 finishes, ended the 2016-17 season at No. 29 in the FedExCup standings

Cameron Champ (professional debut)

- 22-year-old Cameron Champ, who played collegiately at Texas A&M, will make his professional debut on the PGA TOUR.
- The Sacramento, California native made two starts on the PGA TOUR as an amateur: 2017 U.S. Open and 2017 Safeway Open (MC). At the 2017 U.S. Open, was one of two amateurs to make the cut. After two rounds, he led the field in driving distance and was T8 on the leaderboard. Finished T32.
- Has advanced through Second Stage of Q-School and will compete in the Final Stage as he attempts to earn his Web.com Tour card.

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Tyler Duncan

- In his first start as a rookie on the PGA TOUR, the 28-year-old product of Purdue University (2012) posted scores of 65-66-71-75—277 (-11) at the Safeway Open to finish T5. The outright leader after rounds two and three, he posted a final-round, 3-over 75 but remained among the top five. On the Web.com Tour last

season, Duncan recorded four top-10 finishes, highlighted by second- and third-place showings in back-to-back starts. From 2014-2017, he split his time between the Web.com Tour and PGA TOUR Latinoamérica.

Sam Ryder

- The Stetson University alum became the first Hatter to win on the 2017 Web.com Tour when he blitzed the field at the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Heartland Chevy Dealers en route to an eight-stroke victory. Ryder, who ranked first on Tour in total driving, played consistently throughout the season, notching 10 top-25 finishes.

Keith Mitchell

- The 25-year-old University of Georgia alum finished the 2017 Web.com Tour season with six top-10 finishes, including a T3 finish at the News Sentinel Open presented by Pilot. After finishing the Regular Season at No. 26 on the money list, Mitchell went on to capture two sixth-place finishes in the Web.com Tour Finals and earn his first PGA TOUR card. Mitchell's first TOUR appearance came in March 2017, after Monday qualifying for the Valspar Championship. He finished T11.

Brandon Harkins

- In his first start as a rookie on the PGA TOUR, the California State University-Chico grad finished T9 at the Safeway Open last month. This week marks just his fifth start on the PGA TOUR. Between 2011 and 2014, the 31-year-old competed on the Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada and PGA TOUR Latinoamérica. On last year's Web.com Tour, he collected four top-10 finishes, highlighted by a second- and third-place showing.

OHL Classic at Mayakoba Notes

Eight President Cup Teammates: Rickie Fowler, Patrick Reed, Charley Hoffman and Kevin Chappell all are in the field and were teammates on the U.S. team that won the Presidents Cup this year. Emiliano Grillo, Jhonattan Vegas, Anirban Lahiri and Si Woo Kim represent the International team in this week's field.

A total of 18 players who competed in the 2016 OHL Classic at Mayakoba won during the 2016-2017 PGA TOUR Season. This group accounted for 20 victories on TOUR last season, led by 2016-17 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year Xander Schauffele and Marc Leishman, both of whom won twice.

Chris Stroud is the only player in the field who has competed in each OHL Classic at Mayakoba. With just two missed cuts and four top-15 finishes, he claimed consecutive top-five finishes in 2011 (4th), 2012 (T5) and 2013 (T3). Stroud is scheduled for a return this week to keep his streak alive.

Ten of the 12 players who finished among the top 10 and ties in last year's OHL Classic at Mayakoba will be returning to this year's event, including 2015-16 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year Emiliano Grillo (T10) and Russell Knox, who followed a playoff loss in 2015 with a solo-third last year.

Among those making their first-ever start at the OHL Classic at Mayakoba are Rickie Fowler and Patrick Reed.

Four players won the OHL Classic at Mayakoba in their first start in the event; Johnson Wagner (2011), John Huh (2012) Harris English (2013) and Fred Funk (2007, inaugural event).

Five Mexican players highlight the 2017 Mayakoba field

- **Carlos Ortiz** – Mexican star Carlos Ortiz, a three-time winner and Player of the Year on the Web.com Tour in 2014, will make his fourth career start at the OHL Classic at Mayakoba (T9/2014, MC/2015, T55/2016). In 24 starts on the Web.com Tour in 2017, he collected two top-10 finishes.
- **Roberto Diaz** – PGA TOUR rookie and Veracruz native is poised to make his ninth career start on the PGA TOUR. Diaz has spent the last four seasons competing on the Web.com Tour and PGA TOUR Latinoamérica. On the Web.com Tour last year, he claimed a second- and third-place showing. From 2012-2015, he made 23 starts on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica, with a playoff loss at the 2014 TransAmerican Power Products CRV Open in Guadalajara his best showing.
- **Jose de Jesus Rodriguez** – The Irapuato, Mexico native will be making his eighth start on the PGA TOUR and seventh in the OHL Classic at Mexico. In his six previous starts in the event, he has made two cuts, with a T38 in 2009 his best finish among them. En route to winning the money title on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica in 2017, he collected victories at the 70 Avianca Colombia Open and Abierto del Paraguay-Copa NEC.
- **Oscar Fraustro** – Mexico City native will be making his sixth consecutive start in this week's OHL Classic at Mayakoba, where he has collected two top-15 finishes (T13/2016, T9/2014). In six starts on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica in 2017, he won in a playoff victory at the San Luis Championship, finished T2 a week later at the Abierto de Brasil and T8 at the Lexus Peru Open a week after Brazil.
- **Abraham Ancer** – Born in McAllen, Texas, but raised in Reynosa, Mexico, Ancer will be making his third consecutive start in the OHL Classic at Mayakoba. He finished T55 last year and missed the cut in his first start of 2015. On last year's Web.com Tour, he collected seven top-10 finishes in 24 starts en route to a sixth-place finish on the Web.com Tour priority list.

Miscellaneous Notes

Esteban Toledo (2007, 2008, 2009, 2012), Jose de Jesus Rodriguez (2009, 2012), Oscar Fraustro (2013, 2014, 2016), Carlos Ortiz (2014, 2016) and Rodolfo E. Cazaubon (2015) are the only Mexicans to make the cut in the OHL Classic at Mayakoba in the 10-year history of the event.

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

Player	First Year of Membership (Hometown)
Cesar Sanudo	1969 (Navajoa)
Victor Regalado	1973 (Tijuana)
Rafael Alarcon	1983 (Guadalajara)
Esteban Toledo	1998 (Mexicali)
Alex Aragon	2006 (Mexico City)
Carlos Ortiz	2014-15 (Guadalajara)
Oscar Fraustro	2014-15 (Mexico City)
Carlos Ortiz	2015-16 (Guadalajara)
Abraham Ancer	2015-16, (Reynosa)

Cesar Sanudo and Victor Regalado are the only native Mexican golfers to win on the PGA TOUR. Regalado won the 1974 Pleasant Valley Classic and 1978 Ed McMahon-Jaycees Quad Cities Open (John Deere Classic). Sanudo took top honors at the 1970 Azalea Open Invitational.

Past Champions in the field

Seven of the 10 past champions of the OHL Classic at Mayakoba are in the field this week. The only past champions missing are Fred Funk (2007) and Cameron Beckman (2010).

Champion	Year won
Pat Perez	2016
Graeme McDowell	2015
Charley Hoffman	2014
Harris English	2013
John Huh	2012
Johnson Wagner	2011
Mark Wilson	2009
Brian Gay	2008

Major Champions in the field

There six major championship winners in the field this week:

Player	# Majors won
Ernie Els	4
Zach Johnson	2
Retief Goosen	2
Stewart Cink	1
Graeme McDowell	1
Geoff Ogilvy	1