



2018 Mayakoba Golf Classic
(7th of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Playa del Carmen, Mexico
El Camaleón Golf Club at Mayakoba Resort

November 8-11, 2018
Purse: \$7,200,000

Par/Yards: 36-35—71/6,987
FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)

Second-Round Notes – Friday, November 9, 2018

Weather: Partly cloudy, with a high of 86. Wind ENE 5-10 mph.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Matt Kuchar	64-64—	128 (-14)
Cameron Champ	68-62—	130 (-12)
Seven players		131 (-11)

36-hole cut: 72 players at 4-under 138 from a field of 130 professionals and two amateurs. By comparison, 4-under par is tied for the lowest cut in an individual stroke-play event on the PGA TOUR since the 2016 The RSM Classic (-5). The previous-low 36-hole cut at the Mayakoba Golf Classic was 3-under par in 2014.

Things to Know

- Cameron Champ's 9-under 62 falls one stroke shy of the tournament's 18-hole record
- Following a par at the first hole, Matt Kuchar reels off five consecutive birdies on Nos. 2-6
- Kuchar's back-to-back 64s mark his best 36-hole score (any two tournament rounds) since 2015 Desert Classic
- With a win this week, defending champion Patton Kizzire would become Mayakoba Golf Classic's first two-time champion
- Following rounds of 71-69—140 (-2), Jordan Spieth misses the cut

Second-Round Lead Notes

5 Second-round leaders/co-leaders at the Mayakoba Golf Classic to win, including Patton Kizzire last season
2 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win this season; Marc Leishman/CIMB Classic, Cameron Champ/Sanderson Farms Championship

Matt Kuchar (-14/1st)

Age: 40 (June 21, 1978)

Joined TOUR: 2001

Entering the week

#173	FedExCup
#40	OWGR
3	Starts at Mayakoba Golf Classic
427	PGA TOUR starts
7	PGA TOUR wins
98	Top-10s on PGA TOUR
1	PGA TOUR starts in 2018-19: T57/Shriners Hospitals for Children Open

- Following a par at the first hole, reeled off five consecutive birdies on Nos. 2-6 en route to a second consecutive 7-under 64
- His 14-under 128 marks the low first-36-hole-score in tournament history (previously 129/Gary Woodland/2016)
- His 14-under total through 36 holes marks his best 36-hole score (any two consecutive tournament rounds) since rounds one and two of the 2015 Desert Classic (-15)
- Hit 13/14 fairways, 14/18 greens in regulation and required 25 putts (25/28 fairways, 29/36 greens in regulation)
- Marks the 12th time with second-round lead/co-lead on TOUR, converting for the win once (2012 PLAYERS Championship)

- Most recent second-round lead was 2016 the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide (T4)
- Making fourth appearance at Mayakoba Golf Classic (T68/2015, T3/2008, T18/2007)
- In search of his eighth career PGA TOUR win and first since the 2014 RBC Heritage
- Four top-10s in 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season marked fewest in a season since 2007 (2)
- Finished No. 76 in FedExCup last season, his lowest finish since 115th in 2008

Cameron Champ (-12/2nd)

- Two weeks removed from his first career PGA TOUR win at the Sanderson Farms Championship, PGA TOUR rookie made eight birdies and an eagle-three at No. 5 to post a career-low 9-under 62
- His 62 falls one stroke shy of the tournament's low 18-hole score (Roland Thatcher/R3/2008/T9)
- Becomes the seventh player to break 63 in a round on the PGA TOUR this season. Most recently, Sam Ryder closed last week's Shriners Hospitals for Children Open with a 9-under 62
- Through 36 holes, has made 15 birdies and one eagle against three bogeys and a double bogey
- Is making his third start of the season (T25/Safeway Open, 1st/Sanderson Farms Championship)
- Is making his 11th start on the PGA TOUR this week and ninth as a professional
- Made his professional debut to the PGA TOUR via a sponsor invite at last year's Mayakoba Golf Classic (MC/75-73)
- On the 2018 Web.com Tour, set a record in the single-season driving distance category at 343.1 yards (average)
- Won the 2018 Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank on the Web.com Tour en route to an 11th-place finish on that Tour's priority list, good for his PGA TOUR rookie status

Danny Lee (-11/T3)

- Followed a 6-under 65 with a 66 in round two, which featured six birdies against one bogey
- Is making his sixth start in the Mayakoba Golf Classic and comes off a T25 in last year's event
- Lone top-10 finish in the Mayakoba Golf Classic, a T3, came in 2014
- Is making his fourth start of the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season, with a T10 at the season-opening Safeway Open his best showing
- Winner of the 2015 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier

Whee Kim (-11/T3)

- With nine birdies against one bogey, posted an 8-under 63 in round two
- Is making his fourth start in the Mayakoba Golf Classic, with a T45 in last season's event his best showing
- Was unable to break par in either of the last two final rounds (75/2017, 74/2015, MC/2014)
- Is making his fourth start of the 2018-19 season, with a T33 at the season-opening Safeway Open his best showing
- Still in search of his first career PGA TOUR win, has collected three runner-up finishes in 111 starts.

Patton Kizzire (-11/T3)

- Followed a 6-under 65 in round one with a bogey-free 66 in round two
- With a win this week, would become the first two-time winner of the Mayakoba Golf Classic and first to successfully defend a PGA TOUR title since Brooks Koepka (2017-18 U.S. Open)
- Making his third appearance at the Mayakoba Golf Classic. Last year's victory marked his first top-10 showing (T58/2015)
- Won his first two PGA TOUR events in the span of 63 days (2017 Mayakoba Golf Classic, 2018 Sony Open in Hawaii)
- Opening-round 62 (-9) at Mayakoba Golf Classic in 2017 remains his career-low on PGA TOUR

Mexican Player Notes

- Seven Mexican players in the field: Abraham Ancer (-9), Jose de Jesus Rodriguez (-8), Armando Favela (-8), Oscar Fraustro (-6), Sebastian Vazquez (MC), Roberto Diaz (MC), Carlos Ortiz (MC)
- Esteban Toledo (2007, 2008, 2009, 2012), Jose de Jesus Rodriguez (2009, 2012, 2018), Oscar Fraustro (2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018), Carlos Ortiz (2014, 2016, 2017), Rodolfo Cazaubon (2015), Abraham Ancer (2017, 2018), Roberto Diaz (2017) and Armando Favela (2018) are the only Mexicans to make the cut in the Mayakoba Golf Classic in the 11-year history of the event.
- 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 won the 1970 Azalea Open Invitational

Miscellaneous Notes

- Rickie Fowler, 2017 runner-up, is at 8-under 134, while Jordan Spieth, making his first appearance at Mayakoba, missed the cut after rounds of 71-69—140 (-2)
- Chile's Joaquin Niemann followed an opening-round 66 with an even-par 71 in round two and is at 5-under 137

- Seven of the 11 past champions of the Mayakoba Golf Classic are in the field this week: Patton Kizzire/2017 (-11), Brian Gay/2008 (-11), Pat Perez/2016 (-9), Harris English/2013 (-5), Graeme McDowell/2015 (MC), Charley Hoffman/2014 (MC), John Huh/2012 (MC)

Chris Stroud (neck), Sam Saunders (back) and Grayson Murray (back) withdrew during round two

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Matt Kuchar (64), Dominic Bozzelli (64), Kramer Hickok (64), Bud Cauley (65), Adam Hadwin (65), Matt Jones (65), Anirban Lahiri (65), Danny Lee (65), J.T. Poston (65), Richy Werenski (65), Joaquin Niemann (66), Anders Albertson (67), Chase Wright (67)

R2: Jonas Blixt (63), Brian Gay (63), Denny McCarthy (64), Jose de Jesus Rodriguez (64), Roger Sloan (64), Patton Kizzire (66), Jhonattan Vegas (66), Richy Werenski (66), James Hahn (67), Hudson Swafford (67), Vaughn Taylor (68)

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

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.644	34.432	69.076	--
R2:	34.636	34.457	69.093	69.084

Scoring-Average Split

R1: Morning: 68.52 Afternoon: 69.64

R2: Morning: 68.71 Afternoon: 69.45

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