



### 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)

### Third-Round Notes – Saturday, November 10, 2018

*Weather: Partly cloudy, with a high of 85. Wind ENE 7-14 mph.*

#### Third-Round Leaderboard

|                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Matt Kuchar    | 64-64-65—193 (-20) |
| Whee Kim       | 68-63-66—197 (-16) |
| Richy Werenski | 65-66-67—198 (-15) |
| Danny Lee      | 65-66-67—198 (-15) |

#### Things to Know

- Matt Kuchar sets new 54-hole tournament record at Mayakoba Golf Classic with 193 (-20)
- 20-under 54-hole total marks career-best in relation to par for Kuchar on PGA TOUR
- Kuchar's 193 total is career best through three rounds
- Kuchar's 4-stroke lead through 54 holes matches largest margin this season
- 2017-18 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year Aaron Wise matches his career-low round on the PGA TOUR
- Abraham Ancer sits T8 at 13-under to be the leading player from Mexico
- Rickie Fowler posts his seventh consecutive sub-70 round at El Camaleón Golf Club

#### Third-Round Lead Notes

- 5 Third-round leaders/co-leaders at the Mayakoba Golf Classic to win, including Patton Kizzire last season
- 4 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win this season: most recent – Bryson DeChambeau/Shriners Hospitals for Children Open
- 5 Largest 54-hole lead at Mayakoba Golf Classic: Brian Gay/2008

#### Matt Kuchar (-20/1<sup>st</sup>)

**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 |

- Lone bogey in a round of 65 came at No. 14 when he hit his tee shot into a hazard right. In Friday's second round, his lone bogey came at No. 12 when he hit his tee shot into a hazard right
- Followed consecutive rounds of 64 with a 65 to post 20-under 193 for a new 54-hole tournament record (previously 195/Fred Funk/2007 & Brian Gay/2008)
- His 20-under total through 54 holes marks his best 54-hole score, in relation to par, in his PGA TOUR career (previous-best was 19-under/2008 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open)
- His 193 total through three rounds is a career best on PGA TOUR (previously 196/2015 Sony Open in Hawaii & 2011 THE NORTHERN TRUST)

- Hit 9/14 fairways, 15/18 greens in regulation and required 28 putts (34/42 fairways, 44/54 greens in regulation)
- Marks the seventh time with third-round lead/co-lead on TOUR, converting for the win twice (2009 Turning Stone Championship, 2013 the Memorial Tournament)
- Most recent third-round lead was 2016 the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide (T4)
- Four-stroke led after 54 holes matches best this season (Brooks Koepka/THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES, Cameron Champ/Sanderson Farms Championship). Both players went on to win
- 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 115<sup>th</sup> in 2008

#### **Whee Kim (-16/2<sup>nd</sup>)**

- Four birdies on front nine, one on the back, led to bogey-free 66. Has played front nine 10-under
- 197 marks career-low 54-hole total on PGA TOUR (previously 199/2018 RBC Canadian Open)
- 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 at Mayakoba (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.

#### **Richy Werenski (-15/T3)**

- Bogey-free on the back nine for the week. Only two bogeys in 54 holes, both coming in the third round (Nos. 2 and 9)
- Made two previous starts at the Mayakoba Golf Classic (T41/2017, T50/2016)
- Has never shot an over-par score in 11 rounds at the El Camaleón. Closed with 69s in both previous final rounds
- Results this season: T33/Safeway Open, T61/Sanderson Farms Championship, T23/Shriners Hospitals for Children Open
- Seeks first PGA TOUR title. Playoff loss at the 2017 Barracuda Championship and a T2/2018 Barbasol Championship are his best results in 62 previous starts on TOUR

#### **Danny Lee (-15/T3)**

- While posting 65-66-67, has recorded birdies on both front-nine par-3 holes (Nos. 4 and 8) in each round and pars on each of the back-nine par-3s (Nos. 10 and 15)
- 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

#### **Aaron Wise (-14/T5)**

- Starting on No. 10, sat T43 after 36 holes before a bogey-free, 8-under 63 moved him 38 spots to T5. Only player among the top-15 on the leaderboard who started the third round off the 10<sup>th</sup> tee
- 63 matches his career-low on the PGA TOUR: most recent 2018 AT&T Byron Nelson/R2
- Making third start at Mayakoba Golf Classic (T55/2016, MC/2017)
- Voted as 2017-18 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year by his peers. Others in the field who have claimed the Rookie of the Year include Rickie Fowler (2010), John Huh (2012), Jordan Spieth (2013) and Emiliano Grillo (2016)
- 2018 AT&T Byron Nelson was lone win amongst four top-10s last season
- Only rookie to advance to 2018 TOUR Championship, finishing No. 24 in FedExCup last season

#### **Mexican Player Notes**

- Four Mexican players advanced to the weekend, matching the most in tournament history (2017): Abraham Ancer (-13/T8), Armando Favela (-9/T28), Jose de Jesus Rodriguez (-7/T40), Oscar Fraustro (-6/T50), 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 12-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**

- Two weeks removed from his first career PGA TOUR win at the Sanderson Farms Championship, PGA TOUR rookie Cameron Champ (-14/T5) is challenging for his second victory despite closing with a double bogey for a 2-under 69
- Anirban Lahiri added a 2-under 69 to opening rounds of 65-66. In two previous appearances at Mayakoba Golf Classic, Lahiri opened with three rounds in the 60s before final rounds of 72/2016/T28 and 71/2017/T14
- Brice Garnett (-13/T8), winner of the 2018 Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship, moved from T34 to T8
- After missing the cut in his first start of the season last week at TPC Summerlin, Jim Furyk (-13/T8) notched his third consecutive round in the 60s. In his last appearance of the 2017-18 season, Furyk finished T4 at the Wyndham Championship with four sub-70 rounds
- Canada's Adam Hadwin (-13/T8) is one of six players at 13-under or better seeking to qualify for a spot in the 2019 Presidents Cup International Team: Whee Kim (Korea), Danny Lee (New Zealand), Emiliano Grillo (Argentina), Abraham Ancer (Mexico), Anirban Lahiri (India)
- Rickie Fowler (-10/T22), runner-up at the 2017 Mayakoba Golf Classic, posted his seventh consecutive round in the 60s at El Camaleón Golf Club (65-67-67-67-66-68-69)
- Defending champion Patton Kizzire sits 10 strokes back in his attempt to become first two-time winner of the event
- Seven of the 11 past champions of the Mayakoba Golf Classic made starts this week: Patton Kizzire/2017 (-10/T22), Brian Gay/2008 (-6/T50), Pat Perez/2016 (-13/T8), Harris English/2013 (-2/T67), Graeme McDowell/2015 (MC), Charley Hoffman/2014 (MC), John Huh/2012 (MC)

**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)

**R3:** Aaron Wise (63), Whee Kim (65), Brice Garnett (65), Vaughn Taylor (65)

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

|            | <b>Front 9</b> | <b>Back 9</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Cumulative</b> |
|------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|
| <b>R1:</b> | 34.644         | 34.432        | 69.076       | --                |
| <b>R2:</b> | 34.636         | 34.457        | 69.093       | 69.084            |
| <b>R3:</b> | 34.931         | 35.042        | 69.972       | 69.276            |

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