



**2019 World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship**  
*(17th of 46 events in the PGA TOUR Season)*

**Mexico City, Mexico**  
**Club de Golf Chapultepec**

**February 21-24, 2019**  
**Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,345**

**Purse: \$10,250,000 (\$1,745,000)**  
**FedExCup Points: 550 (winner)**

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**Things to Know**

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- With a victory, Kuchar would become first player since 2009 to win three (or more) titles in a season past age 40
- Garcia is seeking first official World Golf Championships title
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- Players in Saturday's third-round final grouping combine for 42 PGA TOUR victories, including eight WGC titles

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- 127 36-hole tournament record: 15-under/Tiger Woods/2006
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**Comparing the third-round final grouping (entering the week)**

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Age	34 (June 22, 1984)	29 (May 4, 1989)	40 (June 21, 1978)
FedExCup	57	36	2
OWGR	3	8	22
Starts at WGC-Mexico	10	9	9
Top-10s at WGC-Mexico	5 (Won in 2015, '17)	6	3
PGA TOUR starts	245	153	433
PGA TOUR wins	19	14	9
Starts in 2018-19	4	4	7
Top-10s in 2018-19	2	3	3 (including 2 wins)

**Dustin Johnson (-11/1<sup>st</sup>)**

- Followed bogey-free 64 in round one with bogey-free 67. Only player in the field bogey-free through 36 holes
- Making 11<sup>th</sup> appearance at the WGC-Mexico Championship and counts 2017 and 2015 victories among five top-10s in 10 starts
- Holds 36-hole lead/co-lead on PGA TOUR for the 17<sup>th</sup> time, most recently at 2018 U.S. Open (3<sup>rd</sup>). Gone on to win eight of previous 16 times, most recently at 2018 FedEx St. Jude Classic

- Hit 7/14 fairways in second round compared to 11/14 in first round. Needed 33 putts compared to 27 in round one
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#### **Rory McIlroy (-9/T2)**

- Started birdie, birdie, par, birdie before adding 6s at Nos. 6 and 9 to turn in even-par. Posted eight pars and one birdie (No. 14) on the back nine for 1-under 70
- Six top-10s in nine previous appearances at WGC-Mexico Championship, including T7 in 2017 at Chapultepec
- Three top-five results in four starts this season (T54/WGC-HSBC Champions, T4/Sentry Tournament of Champions, T5/Farmers Insurance Open, T4/Genesis Open)
- First-round 63 marked his lowest opening round at a World Golf Championships event

#### **Matt Kuchar (-9/T2)**

- Began the second round with four birdies en route to 4-under 67
- Making 10th appearance at the WGC-Mexico Championship with best finish a T3 in his tournament debut in 2010
- Has three top-ten finishes in seven starts this season, including two wins (2018 Mayakoba Golf Classic/2019 Sony Open in Hawaii)
- Seeking to become the first player since Steve Stricker (2009) to win three or more times in a season past the age of 40

#### **Sergio Garcia (-7/T4)**

- Started second round with three consecutive birdies en route to 5-under 66
- Improved off the tee, hitting 12/14 fairways compared to 5/14 in first round
- Lone PGA TOUR start this season resulted in T37 at Genesis Open
- With 10 PGA TOUR wins, remains in search of his first official World Golf Championships title while making his 56<sup>th</sup> official appearance in a WGC event
- Owns second-most top-10 finishes in the WGC-Mexico Championship (8), trailing only Tiger Woods (12)
- Of eight top-10s in 18 previous appearances in this event, three have been T3 results (2005, 2007, 2013)

#### **Tommy Fleetwood (-7/T4)**

- Started second round with consecutive eagle 2s at No.1 (18'11" putt) and No. 2 (holed out from 39 yards) en route to 6-under 65
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- Last time a player started a round on TOUR with consecutive eagles was Sean O'Hair in 2009 at WGC-Mexico Championship, when it was contested at Doral Resort & Spa
- Finished runner-up in this event in 2017, one of three previous appearances (T71/2015, 2<sup>nd</sup>/2017, T14/2018)

#### **Tiger Woods (-5/T8)**

- Strung together six birdies and a lone bogey (No. 17) for 5-under 66
- Hit 13/18 greens in both first and second rounds but made 108' 2" of putts in second round compared to 72' 0" in first round
- 66 marks his second-lowest round this season (65/R3/Genesis Open)
- Began tournament by hitting opening tee shot out-of-bounds leading to a double bogey
- Competing in Mexico for the first time in his career. The last time he won at a course he was playing for the first time was the 2006 edition of this event, when he won by eight strokes.

#### **Miscellaneous Notes**

- Following a double bogey at his opening hole (No. 10), England's Ian Poulter reeled off seven birdies and two bogeys to shoot a second-consecutive 68 and sit T6 at 6-under. Poulter leads the field in total birdies with 13
- Australian Cameron Smith (-6/T6) is one of 16 players making their first appearance at WGC-Mexico Championship
- Thailand's Kiradech Aphibarnrat's (-5/T8) best result in 46 PGA TOUR starts is T3/2013 CIMB Classic, but he also owns three top-five finishes in WGC events (T5/2018 WGC-Mexico Championship, T5/2018 WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play, T4/2018 WGC-HSBC Champions)
- After playing nine consecutive rounds at Club de Golf Chapultepec without a three-putt, Tyrell Hatton (-5/T8) three-putted his opening hole (No. 10) in Friday's second round
- Mexico's highest-ranked player Abraham Ancer, paired with Tiger Woods for the first two rounds, sits T35 after rounds of 71-72
- Three players are making their first start in a World Golf Championships event – Jake McLeod (-3/T16), Aaron Rai (+2/T39), Eddie Pepperell (+5/T58)

- Making his 600<sup>th</sup> official start on the PGA TOUR, defending champion Phil Mickelson (+2/T39) followed a first-round 79 with a bogey-free 65 while seeking to join Tiger Woods (7) as the only players with three or more WGC-Mexico Championship victories
- Rickie Fowler (+2/T39) suffered a one-stroke penalty for taking an improper drop (dropped from shoulder height instead of knee height) at his opening hole (No. 10), leading to a triple-bogey 7
- FedExCup points leader, Xander Schauffele sits T28 at even-par through 36 holes

**Bogey-free rounds:**

**R1: (1)** Dustin Johnson (67)

**R2: (3)** Phil Mickelson (65), Patrick Cantlay (67), Dustin Johnson (67)

**Scoring Averages at Club de Golf Chapultepec:**

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
<b>R1:</b>	35.681	36.083	71.764	---
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