



## 2019 Mayakoba Golf Classic

(10<sup>th</sup> of 49 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

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

November 14-17, 2019  
Purse: \$7,200,000

Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,017  
FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)

### First-Round Notes – Friday, November 15, 2019

*Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 82. Wind NNW at 5-10 mph. Rain and thunderstorms prevented any play Thursday. After several delays to the scheduled 7 a.m. opening tee time, the decision was made at 1 p.m. Thursday to begin the first round at 7 a.m. Friday. The first round was delayed 30 minutes Friday while the course was being prepared, eventually beginning at 7:30 a.m. and being completed at 6:19 p.m.*

### First-Round Leaderboard

Danny Lee	62 (-9)
Brendon Todd	63 (-8)
Adam Long	63 (-8)

### Things to Know

- Danny Lee sets tournament-record birdie/eagle streak en route to tying his career-low round on TOUR
- Brendon Todd is attempting to win in back-to-back starts
- Mexico's Abraham Ancer and Alvaro Ortiz sit T10 at 5-under
- Five of the top seven players on the leaderboard are PGA TOUR winners
- Two players scored aces at fourth hole – Cameron Tringale and Chase Seiffert – who were in back-to-back groups

### Weather Notes

- Preferred lies were utilized in the first round
- The last time a round on the PGA TOUR was suspended without any play was the 2019 ZOZO Championship (second round)
- The last time a first round on the PGA TOUR was suspended without any play was the 2013 Sentry Tournament of Champions
- The last time play was suspended at the Mayakoba Golf Classic was 2017
- This is the sixth year the Mayakoba Golf Classic, which began in 2007, has experienced weather delays (2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2019)

### Comparing the top three (entering the week)

Category	Danny Lee	Brendon Todd	Adam Long
Age	29 (July 24, 1990)	34 (July 22, 1985)	32 (September 25, 1987)
Country	New Zealand	United States	United States
FedExCup	14	17	53
OWGR	88	184	136
PGA TOUR starts	229	177	33
PGA TOUR wins	1	2	1
PGA TOUR top-10s	24	13	2
Mayakoba starts	6	3	0

### First-Round Lead Notes

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| 3 | First-round leaders/co-leaders at the Mayakoba Golf Classic to win; Fred Funk/2007, Patton Kizzire/2017, Matt Kuchar/2018 |
| 1 | First-round leader/co-leader to win this season; Tiger Woods/ZOZO Championship  |

### Danny Lee (62/1<sup>st</sup>)

- Opening-round 62 (-9) included eight birdies, one eagle and one bogey, tying career-low on PGA TOUR (R3/2015 John Deere Classic). Hit 8 of 14 fairways, 16 of 18 greens and required 26 putts
- Front-nine 29 (-7) ties his career-low nine-hole score, with his only other sub-30 score on TOUR also coming on the front nine at Mayakoba Golf Classic (R4/2014)



- Five-hole birdie/eagle streak (B-E-B-B-B) on holes 4-8 marks his career-best (previous: 4 holes/R4/2017 CIMB Classic). Also marks best birdie/eagle streak in tournament history at Mayakoba Golf Classic (previous: 4 holes/8 times)
- Holds first-round lead/co-lead for fifth time on PGA TOUR (previous four/result: 2012 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am/T25, 2014 Valspar Championship/MC, 2015 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational/T6, 2016 AT&T Byron Nelson/T18)
- Joins Scottie Scheffler (Bermuda Championship) and Robby Shelton (A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier) with low first round this season
- Makes seventh start at Mayakoba Golf Classic (2018/2, 2017/T25, 2016/WD, 2014/T3, 2013/MC, 2012/WD)
- Credited with victories on five different Tours – 2015 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier (PGA TOUR), 2011 WMB Golf Classic (Korn Ferry Tour), 2009 Johnnie Walker Classic (European Tour/PGA Tour of Australasia/Asian Tour)

#### Additional Notes

- Winner of the Bermuda Championship in his last start, **Brendon Todd** (63/T2) posts his best score in his ninth trip around El Camaleon GC (previous best: 66/R2/2013); 38-under in his last six rounds on TOUR (66-68-63-67-62-63); Seeks to become first player to win back-to-back events since Bryson DeChambeau (2018 THE NORTHERN TRUST, 2018 Dell Technologies Championship)
- In his 99<sup>th</sup> round on TOUR, **Adam Long** (63/T2) notched a career-best nine birdies in his first appearance at the Mayakoba Golf Classic (previous best: 8 birdies/R2/2019 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier)
- 12-time PGA TOUR winner **Zach Johnson** (64/T4) is the best of five major champions in the field after the first round
- In his seventh start on TOUR, PGA TOUR rookie **Chris Baker** (64/T4) posts his career-low round; Previous career-low was 66 (R1/2019 Bermuda Championship); Finished No. 15 on the Korn Ferry Tour Finals 25 and entering the 2019-20 season 31<sup>st</sup> in the final priority ranking; Previous-best position after any round on TOUR – T5/R1/2019 Safeway Open; His only made cut in six previous starts on TOUR was in his most recent start (T31/2019 Bermuda Championship)
- Mexico's first Presidents Cup participant **Abraham Ancer** (66/T10) opens with a par or better score for the fifth time in five starts at Mayakoba Golf Classic. The round marks his first bogey-free round in this tournament (15 rounds)
- When **Efren Serna, Jr.** (76/T130), from Leon, Monday qualified, he became the seventh player from Mexico in the field, tying the most in tournament history (2012, 2014, 2018, 2019). Others are **Abraham Ancer** (66/T10), **Roberto Diaz** (73/T112), **Alvaro Ortiz** (66/T10), **Carlos Ortiz** (69/T44), **Jose de Jesus Rodriguez** (73/T112), **Sebastian Vazquez** (67/T24). Mexican-born **Kristoffer Ventura** (69/T44), who represents Norway, makes his first appearance at Mayakoba
- Defending champion **Matt Kuchar** (69/T44) is one of six competitors this week who will make the trip to Australia for the Presidents Cup. Others are **Tony Finau** (70/T62), **Abraham Ancer** (66/T10), **Jason Day** (70/T62), **Joaquin Niemann** (76/T130), **CT Pan** (68/T31)
- **Chris Stroud** (66/T10) is the only player in the field who has competed in all 13 editions of the Mayakoba Golf Classic
- **Eugenio Lopez-Chacarra** (70/T62) is the lone amateur in the field. The 19-year-old from Spain plays college golf at Wake Forest and makes his PGA TOUR debut
- **Chris Kirk** (70/T62) returned to the PGA TOUR for the first time since missing the cut at the 2019 Zurich Classic of New Orleans (April). Kirk stepped away from the TOUR to address issues with alcohol abuse and depression
- With five birdies in the first round, FedExCup leader **Lanto Griffin** (71/T87) surpassed RSM Birdies Fore Love leader Sungjae Im. Before this week, Im sat atop the standings with 115 birdies, three more than Griffin (112). RSM Birdies Fore Love program awards the player with the most birdies (or better) during the Mayakoba Golf Classic a \$50,000 donation to his charity of choice. The top three players who accumulate the most birdies (or better) in the fall, beginning with A Military Tribute at the Greenbrier and concluding with The RSM Classic, will be awarded \$300,000, \$150,000 and \$50,000, respectively, for charitable donations to children- and/or family-focused organizations of the player's choice
- Two aces were posted on the 112-yard fourth hole, bringing the total aces in tournament history to 11. **Cameron Tringale's** (69/T44) hole-in-one was his second on TOUR (2011 Valspar Championship) while PGA TOUR rookie **Chase Seiffert** (68/T31) made his first. Both players win a special bottle of Patron Burdeos tequila
- **Jason Dufner** withdrew before the first round and was replaced in the field by **Rob Oppenheim** (73/T112)

#### Course Statistics

	<u>Toughest Hole</u>	<u>Easiest Hole</u>
R1:	Par-4 18 <sup>th</sup> (4.402)	Par-5 13 <sup>th</sup> (4.409)

#### Scoring Averages

	<u>Front Nine</u>	<u>Back Nine</u>	<u>Total</u>
R1:	34.523	35.008	69.530

A.M. Scoring Average: 69.26    P.M. Scoring Average: 69.80

#### Bogey-Free Rounds

R1 (7): Brendon Todd (63), Mark Hubbard (64), Russell Henley (66), Brian Gay (66), Abraham Ancer (66), Chris Stroud (66), James Hahn (68)



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