



## 2020 Mayakoba Golf Classic presented by UNIFIN

(12th of 50 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Playa del Carmen, Mexico December 3-6, 2020 Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,017 El Camaleón Golf Club at Mayakoba Resort Purse: \$7,200,000 FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)

Third-Round Notes - Saturday, December 5, 2020

Weather: Mostly cloudy with a high of 82. Wind E/ESE 4-8 mph, with gusts to 10 mph

### **Third-Round Leaderboard**

Emiliano Grillo 66-63-68—197 (-16) Tom Hoge 66-67-65—198 (-15) Viktor Hovland 67-69-63—199 (-14) Adam Long 70-67-63—200 (-13)

### Things to Know

- Emiliano Grillo extends streak of par-or-better rounds at Mayakoba Golf Classic presented by UNIFIN to a perfect 19-for-19
- Tom Hoge birdies five of his last six holes to move closer to a first career PGA TOUR win in his 165<sup>th</sup> start
- Viktor Hovland ties career-low score as he closes in a second PGA TOUR victory in 2020
- Adam Long reels off five straight birdies in bid to improve on last year's T2 finish in the event
- Justin Thomas birdies five of his last seven holes en route to a bogey-free 9-under 62, one stroke shy tournament record
- Tony Finau aces the par-3 fourth hole as he seeks second career PGA TOUR victory (2016 Puerto Rico Open)
- 53-year-old Steve Stricker posts 6-under 65, his lowest score on TOUR since 2018; moves into the top 15

#### Third-Round Lead Notes

- Third-round leaders/co-leaders at the Mayakoba Golf Classic to win, including each of the last three (Patton Kizzire/2017, Matt Kuchar/2018 and Brendon Todd/2019)
- 4 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in the 2020-21 season (most recent: Robert Streb/The RSM Classic)

## **Emiliano Grillo (entering the week)**

Category		
Age	28 (9/14/1992)	
FedExCup	71	
OWGR	173	
PGA TOUR starts	135	
PGA TOUR wins	1	
PGA TOUR top-10s	18	
Mayakoba starts	4	

- After tying the lowest round of his PGA TOUR career in round two (63), offset two bogeys with five birdies
- Marks his first 54-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR
- Making fifth consecutive start at the Mayakoba Golf Classic presented by UNIFIN (three top-15s in four previous starts)
- Best finish in the 2020-21 season is a T18 at The RSM Classic
- Owns one PGA TOUR victory: 2015 Safeway Open (defeated Kevin Na in a playoff)
- Advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs in all five seasons as a PGA TOUR member (2016-2020)

### **Additional Notes**

• On the heels of missed cuts at the Mayakoba Golf Classic presented by UNIFIN in 2018 and 2019, Norway's **Viktor Hovland** (-14/3<sup>rd</sup>) birdied four of his last six holes to post a career-low-tying 8-under 63; is 8-under on the three par-5s so far this week as he seeks his second career PGA TOUR win (2020 Puerto Rico Open)

- **Tom Hoge** (-15/2<sup>nd</sup>) birdied five of his last six holes, good for a 6-under 65; comes off missed cuts in last two TOUR starts; seeks his first career PGA TOUR win in his 165<sup>th</sup> start this week
- Coming off a T2 in his first Mayakoba Golf Classic presented by UNIFIN last year, **Adam Long** (-13/4<sup>th</sup>) made seven birdies, including five straight on his outgoing nine, good for a 29 and third-round 8-under 63; the score falls a stroke shy of his career-low; is 10-under on the front nine and 3-under on Nos. 10-18 this week
- In his second start at the Mayakoba Golf Classic presented by UNIFIN (T23/2014), **Justin Thomas** (-12/T5) birdied five of his last seven holes (Nos. 3-9) en route to a bogey-free 9-under 62, one shy of Roland Thatcher's 2008 tournament record; has posted 9-under or better in 11 PGA TOUR rounds, the most of any player since the start of the 2014-15 season
- In his fifth start of the season, **Tony Finau** (-11/T7) aced the par-3 fourth hole from 103 yards using a gap wedge; marks his second career PGA TOUR hole-in-one
- 18-hole leader Russell Knox (-11/T7) has finished inside the top 10 in three of his last four starts in the event
- In his first start at the Mayakoba Golf Classic presented by UNIFIN, 53-year-old **Steve Stricker** (-9/T15) made seven birdies against one bogey, good for a 6-under 65; marks his lowest score on the PGA TOUR since round one of the 2018 Charles Schwab Challenge (T32)
- Making his first start since claiming his maiden PGA TOUR title at the Vivint Houston Open, **Carlos Ortiz** (-10/T11) seeks to become the first player to win in back-to-back PGA TOUR starts since Brendon Todd achieved the feat at this event in 2019
- In his bid to become the event's first player to successfully defend his title, Brendon Todd sits T11 at 10-under 203
- Making his first PGA TOUR start as a professional, 2019 U.S. Amateur champion Andy Ogletree is at 7-under 206 (T28)

#### **Course Statistics**

<u>Toughest Hole</u>		<u>Easiest Hole</u>	
R1:	Par-4 1 <sup>st</sup> (4.394)	Par-5 5 <sup>th</sup> (4.364)	
R2:	Par-4 16 <sup>th</sup> (4.392)	Par-5 7 <sup>th</sup> (4.600)	
R3:	Par-4 16 <sup>th</sup> (4.366)	Par-5 7 <sup>th</sup> (4.479)	

# **Scoring Averages**

	Front Nine	Back Nine	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
R1:	35.947	35.485	71.432	
R2:	34.692	35.408	70.100	70.766
R3:	34.099	34.394	68.493	70.008

# **Bogey-Free Rounds**

R1 (2): Michael Gligic (67), Chase Seiffert (69)

**R2 (8):** Lucas Glover (65), Charley Hoffman (66), Abraham Ancer (67), Joel Dahman (67), Chris Baker (68), Will Zalatoris (68), Vaughn Taylor (69), Tim Wilkinson (69)

R3 (5): Justin Thomas (62), Abraham Ancer (65), Patrick Rodgers (65), Brice Garnett (66), Russell Knox (68)