



# 2021 World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba

(7<sup>th</sup> of 47 events in the 2021-22 PGA TOUR Season)

Playa del Carmen, Mexico

November 4-7, 2021

Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,017

El Camaleón Golf Club at Mayakoba Resort

Purse: \$7,200,000

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)

### First-Round Notes - Thursday, November 4, 2021

**Weather:** Mostly cloudy with light showers in the morning. High of 84. Wind ENE 6-12 mph. Due to overnight rains, preferred lies in closely mown areas were in effect.

### **First-Round Leaderboard**

Matthew Wolff 61 (-10) Aaron Wise 63 (-8) 4 players 64 (-7)

## Things to Know

- Making his first start in the World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba, Matthew Wolff ties course record and career-low score with a bogey-free 10-under 61
- A year removed from a solo-second in the event, Aaron Wise was 8-under through 10 holes before posting an 8-under 63
- Combined with a final-round 8-under 63 in 2020, Wise is now 16-under in his last two rounds at El Camaleon GC
- Chris Kirk aces his first hole of the day (No. 10) en route to a 7-under 64; the last player to make a hole-in-one on his first hole of a PGA TOUR round was Keith Mitchell at this event in round one of 2017
- In his bid to become the first player to successfully defend a World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba title, Viktor Hovland opens with a 4-under 67
- World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba became the first PGA TOUR co-sanctioned event to ever be contested outside of the United States and Canada in February of 2007

## **First-Round Lead Notes**

- First-round leaders/co-leaders at the World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba to win; Fred Funk/2007, Patton Kizzire/2017, Matt Kuchar/2018
- 0 No first-round leader/co-leader has converted for the win this season

# Matthew Wolff (entering the week)

Category	<b>Matthew Wolff</b>
Age	22 (4/14/1999)
Country	U.S.
FedExCup	10
OWGR	31
WWT Mayakoba starts	0
WWT Mayakoba top 10s	0
WWT Mayakoba wins	0
PGA TOUR starts	51
2021-22 starts	2
2021-22 top 10s	1
PGA TOUR wins	1
PGA TOUR top-10s	6

- Making his first start at the World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba, made five birdies on each nine to tie his career-low score of 10-under 61 (previous 61: 2021 Shriners Children's Open/R1); also ties the El Camaleon GC course record (Roland Thatcher/2008)
- Marks his first 18-hole lead and fourth after any round on TOUR
- Hit 11-of-14 fairways, 14-of-18 greens in regulation and required 24 putts to complete his round
- Making his third start of the season, comes off a solo-second most recently at the Shriners Children's Open

- Seeks a second career PGA TOUR title in his 52<sup>nd</sup> TOUR start (2019 3M Open)
- Advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs for a third consecutive season in 2020-21; ended his season at No. 71 in the standings

### Aaron Wise (2<sup>nd</sup>/-8)

- A year removed from his solo-second at the 2020 World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba, was 8-under through 10 holes before playing his last eight holes in even par
- His 8-under 63 in last year's final round matched with this year's opening-round 63 moves him to 16-under par in his last two rounds at El Camaleon GC
- Making his sixth start in the event, with his first top-10 finish (T10) coming in 2018
- Extends his streak of par-or-better rounds on TOUR this season to a perfect 13
- In three starts this season prior to this week, finished inside the top 10 in his most recent two (Shriners Children's Open/T8, THE CJ CUP @ SUMMIT/T5)
- Seeks a second career PGA TOUR title in his 104<sup>th</sup> start this week and first since the 2018 AT&T Byron Nelson

### **Additional Notes**

- Chris Kirk (T3/-7) used a 6-iron from 207 yards to ace his first hole of the day (No. 10); the last player to make a hole-in-one on his first hole of a round on TOUR was Keith Mitchell at this event in 2017 (also No. 10); Kirk's lone top-10 finish in four previous starts at the World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba came in his first start of 2016 (T7)
- Coming off top-10 finishes in his last two starts in the event (T8/2019, T5/2020), **Billy Horschel** (T3/-7) made five birdies, an eagle at the par-5 fifth and no bogeys; the 2014 FedExCup champion seeks a seventh TOUR title and second in the calendar year (World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play)
- Rickie Fowler (T11/-5), who finished solo-second in his first World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba start in 2017, offset three bogeys with eight birdies; best of three showings this season is T3/THE CJ CUP @ SUMMIT
- 2012 World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba winner **John Huh** (T11/-5) aced the par-3 eighth from 139 yards, becoming the 16<sup>th</sup> player in tournament history to make a hole-in-one in the event and second of the day (Chris Kirk/No. 10)
- **Viktor Hovland** (T20/-4) made five birdies and one bogey in his bid to become the first player to successfully defend his World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba
- Beginning on No. 10, 2017 FedExCup champion **Justin Thomas** (T36/-3) made the turn in three-over par before making birdies on six of his last seven holes; in two previous starts at the World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba, finished T23 in 2014 and T12 last season
- Mexico's first Presidents Cup participant (2019) and winner of the 2021 World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude
  Invitational Abraham Ancer (T36/-3) opened with a 3-under 68 in his seventh consecutive start at the World Wide
  Technology Championship at Mayakoba; seeks a third top-10 finish in the event (T9/2017, T8/2019); comes off a T12
  showing at Mayakoba last year
- There are 11 Latin American players in this week's field: Mexico (6) Abraham Ancer (-3), Juan Carlos Benitez (+3), Roberto Diaz (E), Juan Diego Fernandez (-2), Carlos Ortiz (-4) and Monday qualifier Camilo Aguado (+3); Argentina (1) Emiliano Grillo (-3); Chile (2) Joaquin Niemann (-2), Mito Pereira (-1); Colombia (1) Camilo Villegas (-2); Venezuela (1) Jhonattan Vegas (E)

# **Course Statistics**

 Toughest Hole
 Easiest Hole

 R1:
 Par-4 16<sup>th</sup> (4.106)
 Par-5 13<sup>th</sup> (4.356)

# **Scoring Averages**

 Front Nine
 Back Nine
 Total

 R1:
 34.591
 34.689
 69.280

### **Bogey-Free Rounds**

**R1 (9):** Matthew Wolff (61), Billy Horschel (64), Sergio Garcia (65), Bill Haas (65), Adam Long (66), Stephan Jaeger (67), Scottie Scheffler (67), Aaron Rai (67), Nick Taylor (67)