



2021 World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba
(7th of 47 events in the 2021-22 PGA TOUR Season)

Playa del Carmen, Mexico

El Camaleón Golf Club at Mayakoba Resort

November 4-7, 2021

Purse: \$7,200,000

Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,017

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, November 6, 2021

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 84. Wind N 10-15 mph. Preferred lies in closely mown areas were in effect.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Viktor Hovland 67-65-62—194 (-19)
 Talor Gooch 64-69-63—196 (-17)
 Justin Thomas 68-65-64—197 (-16)
 Carlos Ortiz 67-65-67—199 (-14)

Things to Know

- In bid to become the first player to successfully defend a World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba title (2007), Viktor Hovland posts a career-low and bogey-free 9-under 62
- Seeking a third top-5 finish in his fourth start of the season, Talor Gooch’s bogey-free 8-under 63 is one shy of his career-low score
- In search of a 15th career TOUR title and second of the 2021 calendar year, Justin Thomas records a bogey-free 7-under 64
- Guadalajara native Carlos Ortiz puts himself in position for a third consecutive top-10 finish in the event
- Chile’s Joaquin Niemann looks to claim his second career PGA TOUR title on his 23rd birthday Sunday

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 7 Third-round leaders/co-leaders at the World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba to win, including three of the last four (Patton Kizzire/2017, Matt Kuchar/2018 and Brendon Todd/2019)
- 1 Third-round leader/co-leader to win in 2021-22 (Hideki Matsuyama/ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP)

Leaders (entering the week)

Category	Viktor Hovland	Talor Gooch	Justin Thomas
Age	24 (9/18/1997)	29 (11/14/1991)	28 (4/29/1993)
Country	Norway	U.S.	U.S.
FedExCup	93	13	T106
OWGR	17	54	7
WWT Mayakoba starts	3	2	2
WWT Mayakoba top 10s	1	0	0
WWT Mayakoba wins	1	0	0
PGA TOUR starts	56	101	179
PGA TOUR wins	2	0	14
PGA TOUR top 10s	11	9	61
2021-22 starts	2	3	1
2021-22 top 10s	0	2	0

Viktor Hovland (1st/-19)

- With birdies on his last two holes, and nine in all, posted a career-low 9-under 62 (previously 63/two occasions)
- En route to his win at Mayakoba last year, tied his then-career-low score in round three with an 8-under 63
- In round three this week, hit 12-of-14 fairways and 13-of-18 greens in regulation; required 24 putts
- Seeks to become the first player to successfully defend his World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba
- With a win, would become the first player on the PGA TOUR to successfully defend his title since Brooks Koepka at the 2019 PGA Championship
- Only other occasion of holding at least a share of a 54-hole lead on TOUR was the 2020 Puerto Rico Open (won)

- Prior to last year's victory, missed the cut in two previous starts in the event in 2018 and 2019
- Including his win in Mexico, collected seven top-10 finishes last season before finishing fifth in the FedExCup
- In two starts this season before this week, finished T44/Shriners Children's Open and T18/THE CJ CUP @ SUMMIT

Talor Gooch (2nd/-17)

- Made six birdies and an eagle at the par-5 13th to post a bogey-free 8-under 63, one stroke shy of his career-low score
- In three starts this season, has finished inside the top five on two occasions (T4/Fortinet Championship, T5/THE CJ CUP @ SUMMIT); finished just outside the top-10 at the Shriners Children's Open (T11)
- In two previous starts at the World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba, finished T41 in 2017 and T55 in 2019
- A win this week would mark his first on the PGA TOUR and come in his 102nd start; career-best finish is T3/2019 Farmers Insurance Open

Justin Thomas (3rd/-16)

- 2017 FedExCup champion bettered a 6-under 65 in round two with a bogey-free 7-under 64 in Saturday's third round
- Through 54 holes, ranks T66 in fairways hit; 5-of-14/R1, 6-of-14/R2, 8-of-14/R3 (19-of-42)
- In two previous starts at the World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba, finished T23 in 2014 and T12 last season
- In only previous start this season on the PGA TOUR, finished T18 at THE CJ CUP @ SUMMIT on the strength of a final-round 8-under 64
- Seeks a 15th career TOUR title in his 180th start this week; most recent victory came at THE PLAYERS Championship earlier in the calendar year (2020-21 season)
- Looks to extend his streak of claiming at least one TOUR title a season to seven

Additional Notes

- Guadalajara native **Carlos Ortiz** (4th/-14) offset one bogey with five birdies to post a 4-under 67; in search of a third straight top-10 finish in the World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba (T2/2019, T8/2020); making his eighth consecutive start in the event; poised to defend his lone PGA TOUR title next week at the Hewlett Packard Enterprise Houston Open
- A day before his 23rd birthday, Chile's **Joaquin Niemann** (T10/-11) was six-under through 11 holes, before taking bogeys at Nos. 12, 14 and 17 resulted in a 4-under 67; managed to hit just eight of 18 greens in regulation in round three; best of three previous finishes in the World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba was T23 in 2020; seeks a second career TOUR title (2019/The Greenbrier)
- Mexico's first Presidents Cup participant (2019) and winner of the 2021 World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational **Abraham Ancer** (T25/-9) has opened his seventh consecutive World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba with three straight rounds of 3-under 68; seeks a third top-10 finish in the event (T9/2017, T8/2019); comes off a T12 showing at Mayakoba last season
- Eleven Latin American players in the field: **Mexico (5)** – Carlos Ortiz (-14), Abraham Ancer (-9), Roberto Diaz (-9), Juan Carlos Benitez (MC), Juan Diego Fernandez (MC); **Argentina (1)** – Emiliano Grillo (MC); **Chile (2)** – Joaquin Niemann (-11), Mito Pereira (MC); **Colombia (2)** – Camilo Villegas (MC), Camilo Aguado (MC); **Venezuela (1)** – Jhonattan Vegas (MC)

Course Statistics

	<u>Toughest Hole</u>	<u>Easiest Hole</u>
R1:	Par-4 16 th (4.106)	Par-5 13 th (4.356)
R2:	Par-4 16 th (4.443)	Par-5 13 th (4.344)
R3:	Par-4 18 th (4.243)	Par-5 13 th (4.271)

Scoring Averages

	<u>Front Nine</u>	<u>Back Nine</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
R1:	34.591	34.689	69.280	
R2:	34.504	34.611	69.115	69.198
R3:	34.529	34.271	68.800	69.114

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)

R2 (13): Garrick Higgo (63), Ryan Palmer (64), Scottie Scheffler (64), Roberto Diaz (65), Brian Gay (66), Anirban Lahiri (66), Matt Kuchar (66), Christiaan Bezuidenhout (68), Bill Haas (68), Lucas Herbert (68), Denny McCarthy (68), Andrew Landry (68), J.J. Spaun (68)

R3 (8): Viktor Hovland (62), Talor Gooch (63), Justin Thomas (64), Brendon Todd (66), Aaron Rai (66), Tyrrell Hatton (67), John Huh (67), J.J. Spaun (67)