



## 2022 World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba

(7<sup>th</sup> of 47 events in the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Season)

Playa del Carmen, Mexico

El Camaleón Golf Club at Mayakoba Resort

November 3-6, 2022

Purse: \$8,200,000

Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,034

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)

### First-Round Notes – Thursday, November 3, 2022

**Weather:** Mostly cloudy with scattered showers throughout the day. High of 84. Wind E 7-14 mph, gusting to 18 mph. Due to wet conditions, preferred lies in closely mown areas were in effect.

#### First-Round Leaderboard

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| Will Gordon        | 62 (-9) |
| Russell Henley     | 63 (-8) |
| Scott Piercy       | 64 (-7) |
| Francesco Molinari | 64 (-7) |
| Sam Ryder          | 64 (-7) |
| Harris English     | 64 (-7) |

#### Things to Know

- Will Gordon holds a one-stroke lead after tying his career-low round on PGA TOUR with a 9-under 62
- Two-time defending champion Viktor Hovland (T7) opens with 6-under 65; last player to win a single PGA TOUR event three years in a row is Steve Stricker at the John Deere Classic (2009, 2010, 2011)
- Scottie Scheffler (T7) looks to reclaim World No. 1 with a win or solo-second this week
- 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

- 3 First-round leaders/co-leaders at the World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba to win (most recent: Matt Kuchar/2018)
- 0 No first-round leader/co-leader has won in the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Season

#### Will Gordon (1<sup>st</sup>/-9)

| Category                                    | Entering the week  |
|---|--------------------|
| Age   | 26 (July 28, 1996) |
| FedExCup                                    | No. 78             |
| OWGR  | No. 205            |
| Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career  | 47-0-2             |
| Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2022-23  | 4-0-0              |
| Starts – wins – top-10s at WWTC at Mayakoba | 2-0-0              |

- Holds second 18-hole lead/co-lead of career (2022 Sanderson Farms Championship/T30)
- Matches career low round on PGA TOUR with a 62 (2020 Travelers Championship/R2/T3)
- Falls one-stroke shy of the 18-hole scoring tournament record of 10-under 61 (Matthew Wolff/2021/R1, Roland Thatcher/2008/R3)
- Making third start at the World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba (T55/2019, MC/2020)
- Seeks his first career PGA TOUR title in his 48th TOUR start; best career PGA TOUR finish: T3/2020 Travelers Championship
- Did not make a start on TOUR in the 2021-22 season and returned to the TOUR this season through 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Finals, highlighted with a victory at the 2022 Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron

#### Additional Notes

- Making his fifth consecutive start at the World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba, **Russell Henley** (2<sup>nd</sup>/-8) records his career-low score in 13 rounds at the El Camaleón Golf Course (previous: 65/R1/2021/T56)

- World No. 2 and reigning PGA TOUR Player of the Year **Scottie Scheffler** (T7) opens with a 6-under 65 and has one top-10 in two starts at the event (4th/2021); would return to No. 1 in the Official World Golf Ranking with a win or solo-second this week
- Playing in the same group with Scottie Scheffler, two-time defending champion **Viktor Hovland** (T7) cards a 6-under 65, two strokes better than his opening score in his two wins at the event (67/2020, 2021); last player to record three straight wins at the same PGA TOUR event: Steve Stricker, John Deere Classic (2009, 2010, 2011)
- Winner of last week's Butterfield Bermuda Championship, **Seamus Power** (T28) opens with a 4-under 67 in his fifth tournament appearance (best: T11/2021); the last player to win back-to-back weeks on the TOUR schedule is Tony Finau (3M Open, Rocket Mortgage Classic in 2022)
- Four players from Mexico competing on sponsor exemptions in the field: **Sebastián Vázquez** (T65/-2), **Isidro Benitez** (T76/-1), **Armando Favela** (T76/-1), **José de Jesús Rodríguez** (T90/E)