2026 VidantaWorld Mexico Open
(Fifth of Eight FedExCup Fall Events)

Vallarta, Mexico
Vidanta Vallarta Course

October 29 – November 1, 2026
Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,337

FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
Purse: $6,000,000/$1,108,000

Second-Round Notes – Friday, October 30, 2026

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 87. Wind WSW 8-14 mph. Preferred lies were in effect for the second round.

36-hole cut: 67 professionals and one amateur at 4-under 138 from a field of 116 professionals and four amateurs.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	Total
1	Andrew Novak	67	61	128 (-14)
T2	Matthieu Pavon	65	66	131 (-11)
T2	Kihei Akina	67	64	131 (-11)
T2	Adrien Dumont de Chassart	64	67	131 (-11)
T2	Ben Griffin	64	67	131 (-11)
T2	Kensei Hirata	63	68	131 (-11)

Andrew Novak (1st/-14)

- Records a second-round 10-under 61, tying his career-low score on Tour (61/R1/2025 RSM Classic)
- 61 matches the VidantaWorld Mexico Open 18-hole scoring record (Jon Rahm/R3/2023, Aldrich Potgieter/R2/2025)
- 128 marks his second-lowest 36-hole score on TOUR (low: 126/2025 RSM Classic)
- Holds second career 36-hole lead; 0-for-1 to date (2025 RSM Classic/finished T7)
- Making fourth start at the VidantaWorld Mexico Open, highlighted by a top-10 in most recent start (T8/2024, T49/2023, T15/2022)
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Putting (7.804)
- Has three top-10 finishes in 26 starts this season, highlighted by a pair of T7 finishes (Wyndham Championship, The Sentry)
- Entered the week at No. 89 in the FedExCup Fall standings; projected to climb to No. 53 with a win
    - Nos. 51-60 in the final FedExCup Fall standings earn spots in the 2027 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and 2027 Genesis Invitational
- Lone PGA Tour title came at the 2025 Zurich Classic of New Orleans with partner Ben Griffin
- Fifth-year PGA Tour member is exempt on Tour through the 2027 season via his win last year

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- Making his tournament debut, **Matthieu Pavon** (T2/-11) leads the field in Strokes Gained: Tee To Green (7.444) and ranks fourth in Strokes Gained: Approach the Green (3.847); seeks first top-10 in 24th start of the season (best: T11/Valspar Championship)
- Playing on a sponsor exemption, BYU sophomore **Kihei Akina** posts opening rounds of 67-64—131 and sits T2, the best 36-hole position by an amateur on Tour this season (previous: T7/John Daly II at the Puerto Rico Open); has made the cut in all five starts this season, highlighted by a solo-ninth finish at the Bank of Utah Championship; earns one point in PGA Tour University Accelerated with his made cut this week, bringing his total to 12 points
- **Adrien Dumont de Chassart** (T2/-11) matches his low 36-hole score on Tour (131/2026 Sony Open in Hawaii/finished T24)
- Making third appearance in the VidantaWorld Mexico Open (T4/2025, MC/2022), three-time PGA Tour winner **Ben Griffin** (T2/-11) has recorded scores of 67 or better in seven of eight rounds at Vidanta Vallarta; set to defend his third PGA Tour title at next week's World Wide Technology in Los Cabos, Mexico
- PGA Tour rookie **Kensei Hirata** (T2/-11) is the only player bogey free through 36 holes; at No. 170 in the FedExCup Fall standings, owns nine made cuts and two top-25s in 23 starts (best: T19/THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson)
- Of the six Mexican players in the field, Guadalajara native **Alvaro Ortiz** (T11/-9) is the only to make the cut; Ortiz secured 2027 PGA Tour membership by finishing No. 5 on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List; making his fifth consecutive start in the VidantaWorld Mexico Open, highlighted by a T13 finish in 2024, his best finish in 12 career PGA Tour starts
- In his attempt to become the first back-to-back winner in VidantaWorld Mexico Open history, **Brian Campbell** sits T26 (-7)
- After a first-round 62, 18-hole leader **Karl Vilips** follows with a 3-over 74 and stands T34 (-6)
- World No. 5 **Wyndham Clark** and 2023 VidantaWorld Mexico Open winner **Tony Finau** miss the cut