

PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW: CHARLEY HOFFMAN
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Q. Talk about coming back and defending here at Mayakoba.

CHARLEY HOFFMAN: It's always nice to be back here in Mexico. It's a place my family loves to come and hang out and visit, and obviously to mix in a little bit of golf and be able to get paid is a great week and glad to have OHL along here and having a great event.

Q. What do you remember most about last year and what did you take away from last year?

CHARLEY HOFFMAN: It was a big steppingstone for me. What I remember most is my kids coming on the green after I won, I remember that the most. But I was in a tough spot in my career, I hadn't won in a while and it was definitely a big momentum boost for me on a successful year I had. I ended up finishing 10th on the FedExCup, which I'll take any year.

Q. Now, the course, there's kind of three distinct areas of the course that are played very differently. How do you handle kind of three different distinct layouts within the same course? You've got the ocean-type course, you've got the mangroves.

CHARLEY HOFFMAN: Obviously there's a few tough holes that you can get into the wind that you're sort of trying to hold on and make par on, and then there's a bunch of par 5s and downwind holes that you want to attack and make birdie on. So you play in segments. You know the par holes and hopefully make pars there, and you have the par 5s and downwind holes that you're trying to make birdie on. Obviously this golf course is trying to keep you out of the mangroves. They give you plenty area to hit it but if it gets breezy, it gets pretty tight.

Q. You talked about finishing 10th in the FedEx. There was I think four of the winners of last year's fall events ended up in the TOUR Championship, and all six or seven were in the top 40 of the FedEx Cup standings. How important is it to get off to a good start early in the season?

CHARLEY HOFFMAN: I just think the Tour has changed a lot. I mean, a lot of guys don't start until Florida. They're giving up, I'm making up a number, 15-something probably events, something like that. I tried to take a little bit of time off, didn't go over to Malaysia or China this year. Obviously looking to get off to a good start this week for next year just to get sort of that steppingstone I had last year. But it's tough to give up -- there's guys that have already finished second twice, won. You're already behind the eight ball and seems like the season has just started. There's a lot of time left but it shows if you play a little bit more on the FedEx Cup, you definitely gain an advantage on the guys that don't.