

**PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW**  
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**ABRAHAM ANCER**

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**MARK WILLIAMS:** Like to welcome Abraham Ancer to the interview room here at the 2019 Mayakoba Golf Classic.

Abraham, thanks for joining us. It must be an exciting week for you, obviously a very busy week being the highest ranked Mexican in the field. Just talk about what it's like for you to come home and play an event like this.

**ABRAHAM ANCER:** Yeah, it's definitely a busy week, but it's definitely one of my favorite weeks over the year. Really excited to come back home and play in front of my people. This is, like I say, one of my favorite weeks all year, very special. I love playing in front of my family and friends. And Mayakoba is a place that I really, really like. I love this golf course, so I'm really excited.

**MARK WILLIAMS:** What do you need to do to improve on the T-9 that you have in this tournament, which is one of the best finishes of any Mexican in the field? What do you need to do to improve on that and perhaps get in the mix this week?

**ABRAHAM ANCER:** Well, I feel especially this year, I feel like they brought in the fairways a little bit, so it's definitely tighter. And the rough was a little bit longer, so we're going to have to hit it really good off the tee. It's playing longer, too, since it's really wet, so being in the fairway's going to be key for me this week. And obviously make a lot of putts.

**MARK WILLIAMS:** Right. Before we take some questions, just want to talk about the Presidents Cup a little bit. You're the first player from Mexico to make the International Team, it's coming up in December. Before that event, I'm assuming you're going down to defend your Australian Open title. Just talk about the next few weeks in preparation for the Presidents Cup and how meaningful it is for you to be part of the team.

**ABRAHAM ANCER:** Yeah, very excited about December. Obviously I need to worry about this week first, got to get some points there on the FedExCup before I take that break and go to Australia, but I'm really happy to go defend in Sydney for the Australian Open and then after that go to Melbourne for the Presidents Cup.

Obviously playing here and playing good this week will be a lot of help going in there with a lot of confidence, so I'm looking forward to do that.

**MARK WILLIAMS:** Just what's the experience been like leading up to that? It's your first time. Before getting to the event with Captain Els and the communication and the other players, what's that been like?

**ABRAHAM ANCER:** It's been great. I think we've been doing a really good job of that all year or since we started getting closer to the date. I mean, I feel like having players from all over the world with different cultures, different languages, it's important to get along. Really, when we get there, we're already a team. We're not trying to become a team once we're already there. I feel like we've been doing a good job this year. And like I said, I'm excited. I think we're going to do really well.

**Q. You've made history just being on this team. How much do people mention that to you? Do kids say anything to you about that, or other players even?**

**ABRAHAM ANCER:** Yeah. I guess I didn't realize how -- I mean, I know it's big and I get so caught up in like just playing good every week and I'm just so focused when I'm doing that, kind of take a step back and really think this is something that's never been done before, which I'm really proud of and I'm really excited. Hopefully, it helps get some kids to kind of get their eyes on golf a little bit more, and here in Mexico especially, help grow the game for sure.

**Q. Besides Joaquín, who else would you like to play with? And for singles?**

**ABRAHAM ANCER:** I get along pretty well with some of them. I have a good relationship with all team members. I've been doing practice rounds with Adam Scott, Jason Day, C.T. Pan. I haven't played a lot with Louis. I have played a lot with Leishman, Cameron Smith, so I feel I'll be glad to play with any of them. I'll enjoy and learn playing with them, and maybe they could learn something from me, and we'll do a good teamwork.

What was the other question?

I would like to play against Tiger, but the truth is that our objective is to do everything we can to win. Winning a match in the singles would be very special, so we need to try to get the Cup.

(Questions and answers in Spanish.)

**MARK WILLIAMS:** Thanks, Abraham. Appreciate your time.