



2014 CIMB Classic pre-tournament notes

Dates: October 30-November 2, 2014

Where: Kuala Lumpur Golf & Country Club, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Par/Yards: 36-36--72/6,967 yards

Field: 78 players

Eligibility: Eligible players for the 78-player field are:

- The top 60 available players from the final 2013-2014 FedExCup Points List.
- The top 10 available from the Asian Tour Order of Merit as of Monday October 20, 2014.
- Eight sponsor exemptions.
- Beginning 9:00 a.m., Malaysian time on Monday of Tournament Week (October 27, 2014), any withdrawal will be replaced by the next available player from the Asian Tour Order of Merit.

2013 champion: Ryan Moore

Purse: \$7,000,000/\$1,260,000 (winner)

FedExCup: 500 points to the winner

Format: 72-hole stroke play

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A look back at the 2013 CIMB Classic

Ryan Moore defeated Gary Woodland with a birdie on the first extra hole to win the CIMB Classic. The playoff was played on Monday after play was suspended due to darkness the previous evening. Moore made a gutsy par-save on the 72nd hole where he got up and down from 60 yards away to save par for a final-round 70. On the first playoff hole Moore hit an 8-iron to five feet and made that birdie putt to collect his first professional win outside of the United States and third PGA TOUR victory.

More on Ryan Moore

- The 2013-14 season marked one of Ryan Moore's best seasons on the PGA TOUR. While finishing 39th in the FedExCup, Moore earned a career-best \$3,098,263 with a total of seven top-10 finishes.
- Three of Moore's seven top-10 finishes in 2013-14 came in a four-tournament span (T5-Travelers Championship, T7-John Deere Classic, T8-WGC-Bridgestone Invitational).
- The former Ben Hogan Award winner and Jack Nicklaus collegiate player of the year is a three-time PGA TOUR winner.

At 30 years, 10 months and 21 days, Ryan Moore was the youngest winner in the four-year history of the CIMB Classic.

Winners ages:

Ryan Moore	2013	30 years, 10 months and 21 days
Nick Watney	2012	31 years, 6 months and 3 days
Bo Van Pelt	2011	36 years, 5 months and 14 days
Ben Crane	2010	34 years, 7 months and 25 days

CIMB Classic and the FedExCup

In its fifth year, the CIMB Classic brings together top players from the PGA TOUR's FedExCup standing, top players from the Asian Tour Order of Merit and top players from Malaysia. The FedExCup returns to Malaysia with PGA TOUR members receiving official FedExCup points as part of the 2014-2015 PGA TOUR season.

The TOUR's wraparound schedule bridges two years with 47 events over 43 weeks. The 2013-14 PGA TOUR Season kicked off with the Frys.com Open followed by the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open and includes one more domestic and three international tournaments (including the CIMB Classic), with all fall events awarding FedExCup points for the first time. The CIMB Classic was the first-ever official FedExCup event to be held in Asia last year.

The schedule then resumes in January with the traditional swing through Hawaii before moving to the West Coast. The FedExCup Playoffs once again features four events and concludes in September of 2015 with the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola and the crowning of the FedExCup champion.

In addition to 500 FedExCup points and a two-year PGA TOUR exemption, the winner this week (if not previously eligible) receives invitations to the 2015 Hyundai Tournament of Champions, a winners-only event in January, along with two major championships (Masters Tournament and PGA Championship) and THE PLAYERS. The player would also earn exemptions into six additional invitational events on the PGA TOUR.

Venue

The 2013 CIMB Classic was played for the first time at Kuala Lumpur Golf & Country Club. The fairways of KLGCC are situated just eight kilometers away from the heart of the city. Originally opened in 1991, the West and East Courses were completely redesigned by renowned international golf course architects E & G Parslow and re-opened in 2008 and 2010, respectively. The course has served as the host of the European Tour and Asian Tour's co-sanctioned Malaysian Open, as well as the LPGA Tour. KLGCC has consistently been recognized as the best course in Malaysia and Asia by numerous publications for the past three consecutive years.

A look at the field

- Eight players who advanced to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola thus finishing in the top 30 in the FedExCup standings: Billy Horschel (1), Sergio Garcia (13), Patrick Reed (21), Gary Woodland (22), John Senden (23), Kevin Na (24), Morgan Hoffmann (26), Hideki Matsuyama (28).
- Thirteen players who are inside the top 50 in the Official World Golf Ranking: Sergio Garcia (4), Billy Horschel (13), Hideki Matsuyama (20), Charl Schwartzel (24), Patrick Reed (25), Jason Dufner (32), Kevin Na (34), Kevin Streelman (40), Graeme DeLaet (41), Lee Westwood (46), Marc Leishman (47), Ryan Moore (48), Gary Woodland (49).
- Sang-Moon Bae cruised to his second career TOUR win in the kickoff of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season at the Frys.com Open (Oct. 9-12).
- Sixteen players who will have participated in the first three events of the 2013-2014 PGA TOUR Season through the CIMB Classic: Tim Clark, Brian Davis, Lucas Glover, David Hearn, Charles Howell III, John Huh, Hideki Matsuyama, Bryce Molder, Patrick Reed, Rory Sabbatini, Kyle Stanly, Brendan Steele, Daniel Summerhays, Josh Teater, Cameron Tringale and Camilo Villegas.
- Of the 78-man field, 39 have combined for a total of 128 PGA TOUR victories including 7 major championship titles and an additional 180 international victories worldwide.

Select player updates

Billy Horschel

- Reigning FedExCup champion will make second appearance in the CIMB Classic (Finished T11 in 2013).
- Entered the FedExCup Playoff No. 69 in the standings. After missing the cut at The Barclays, finished T2 at the Deutsche Bank Championship after a disappointing shot on the 72nd hole with a chance at victory. Showed his resilience the following two weeks with back-to-back victories at the BMW Championship and the TOUR Championship presented by Coca-Cola to win the FedExCup.

Lee Westwood

- First appearance at the CIMB Classic.
- Two-time winner on the PGA TOUR has recorded 37 international victories and most recently won the 2014 Malaysia Open also held at KLGCC.

- Participated in the Ryder Cup as part of the victorious Team Europe in 2014.
- Finished seventh at the 2014 Masters Tournament to record his fifth top-10 in 15 starts at Augusta National GC.

Jason Dufner

- Suffered a neck injury that cut his 2013-14 TOUR season short, but managed to end the FedExCup No. 90 with six top-25 finishes.
- Other highlights in career include winning the 2013 PGA Championship at Oak Hill CC, his third TOUR victory.
- Represented the U.S. at the 2012 Ryder Cup and 2013 U.S. President Cup.
- 2014 marks his third appearance in the CIMB Classic.

Davis Love III

- First appearance at the CIMB Classic.
- Ranked in the top 10 of the Official World Golf Rankings for 450 straight weeks at one point in his career.
- In 2012, served as the Captain of the U.S. Team in the Ryder Cup.
- Has recorded 20 PGA TOUR wins over his career including the 1997 PGA Championship and two victories at THE PLAYERS Championship.

Sergio Garcia

- Native of Spain is eight-time winner on the PGA TOUR with 15 other victories worldwide.
- In 2014, qualified for fifth FedExCup finale, the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola, thanks to 10 top-10 finishes.
- Recorded runner-up performances in three straight starts on TOUR. (Travelers Championship, The Open Championship and the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational)
- Earned his 17th international victory at the 2014 Commercial Bank Qatar Masters on the European Tour.
- Played on the victorious Team Europe in the 2014 Ryder Cup atin Gleneagles, Scotland.

Chesson Hadley

- Was named 2014 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year for his outstanding 2013-14 campaign that included a win at the Puerto Rico Open.
- Finished the 2013-14 TOUR season No. 49 in the FedExCup Standings with eight top-25 finishes.
- Played on the Web.com Tour in 2013 and recorded two victories at the Rex Hospital Open and the Web.com Tour Championship. Finished the year No. 2 on the money list behind Michael Putnam.

Carlos Ortiz

- Voted 2014 Player of the Year on the Web.com Tour and joins the PGA TOUR in 2014-15 as a rookie. Became the first player since 2009 to earn a three-win promotion to the PGA TOUR with victories at the Panama Claro Championship, El Bosque Mexico Championship and the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by Kraft.
- Became the first Mexican-born winner of the El Bosque Mexico Championship.
- Currently ranked No 131 in the Official World Golf Rankings and looks to represent Mexico in the 2016 Olympic Games.
- Grew up in Guadalajara playing at Guadalajara CC, the same home course where LPGA great Lorena Ochoa grew up playing.

Hideki Matsuyama

- Won first career PGA TOUR title, at 2014 the Memorial Tournament. In his 26th TOUR start, supplanted Tiger Woods as the event's youngest winner (22 years, 3 months, 7 days).

- Made his first appearance in the finale to the FedExCup the TOUR Championship presented by Coca-Cola and ended the season No. 28 in the FedExCup standings.

David Lipsky

- Has a commanding lead in the Order of Merit for the Asian Tour and earned an exemption into the CIMB Classic.
- Has recorded two victories on the Asian Tour, most recently at the 2014 Omega European Masters.
- From Los Angeles, California, and studied at Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois.

Anirban Lahiri

- Holds the No. 2 spot on the Asian Tour Order of Merit which was rewarded with an exemption into the CIMB Classic.
- Four-time winner on the Asian Tour with the most at the 2014 CIMB Niaga Indonesian Masters.
- A native of India that represented Team Asia in the 2014 EurAsia Cup presented by DRB-HICOM at Glenmarie Golf and Country Club in Kuala Lumpur back in March of 2014.

Guan Tianlang

- China's golf prodigy celebrates his 16th birthday during tournament week. Tianlang is considered one of the best amateurs in the world and will play at the CIMB Classic under a sponsor's invite.
- Made global headlines when he became the youngest ever player to play and make the cut at the 2013 Masters Tournament, earning rave reviews along the way.
- He has played in six PGA TOUR events with two made cuts.

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Jason Dufner
Matt Every
Nicholas Fung
Sergio Garcia
Brice Garnett
Retief Goosen
Luke Guthrie
Chesson Hadley

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Morgan Hoffman
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Billy Horschel
Billy Hurley III
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Carlos Ortiz

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