



2015 CIMB Classic

(The 3rd of 43 events in the 2015-2016 PGA TOUR Season)

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia October 29-November 1, 2015
Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club

Purse: \$7,000,000
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/6,967

Second-Round Notes – Friday, October 30, 2015

Weather: Hot and humid weather with temperatures reaching 91 degrees with winds shifting from the North to the Southwest at 3-6 mph.

Due to wet conditions, preferred lies were used during the second round.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Justin Thomas	69-61—129 (-15)
Brendan Steele	67-63—130 (-14)
Spencer Levin	67-64—131 (-13)
Hideki Matsuyama	65-66—131 (-13)
Scott Piercy	62-69—131 (-13)
Stewart Cink	68-64—132 (-12)

Justin Thomas

In his CIMB Classic debut, Justin Thomas grabbed the 36-hole lead with a bogey-free 11-under-par 61, a career-low in relation to par. Thomas will have a one-stroke advantage over Brendan Steele heading into the third round.

Thomas' second-round 61 sets a new course record at Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club. The former University of Alabama All-American set a new low 36-hole tournament record in relation to par with his 15-under-par score (2012-Robert Garrigus /14-under).

Last season, the 22-year-old from Louisville, Kentucky fired a 9-under-par 61 in the second round of the Sony Open in Hawaii to grab a share of the 36-hole lead and finished T6.

Thomas has led/co-led twice in 38 starts on TOUR as a professional (T5-2015 John Deere Classic, T6-2015 Sony Open).

Thomas' second round in detail: 7 of 14 fairways, 15 of 18 greens, 1 of 1 sand saves and 25 putts.

Thomas got his sophomore campaign off to a strong start with a T3 at the Frys.com Open, a career-best showing on TOUR. The former Nicklaus award winner closed with a 69 and narrowly missed a 30-foot birdie putt on the final hole to finish one shot out of a playoff with Emiliano Grillo and Kevin Na.

As a TOUR rookie in 2015 Thomas, the last player to make the field, posted 10 birdies in the third round of THE PLAYERS Championship, the most in tournament history.

In 2014, Thomas earned his first professional victory at the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship outside of Columbus, Ohio during the Web.com Tour Finals. Thomas headed into the weekend four back of the leaders, carded 72-70 and defeated Richard Sterne in a playoff for the title.

Second-Round Leader Stats

Only one of five 36-hole leaders or co-leaders of the CIMB Classic has gone on to win (Ben Crane/2010).

The largest 36-hole lead in tournament history was Keegan Bradley (4 strokes) in 2013.

Brendan Steele

Making his third start at the CIMB Classic, and second at Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club (T25/2014), Brendan Steele made seven birdies and an eagle en route to a 9-under 63 in the second round. At 14-under 130, he trails Justin Thomas by one shot entering the weekend.

Steele, who is not known for his length, is 7-under-par on the par-5s through 36 holes.

Steele is in search of his second win on TOUR (2011 Valero Texas Open). There he entered the weekend in a seven-way tie for the lead, fired 68-71, and collected his first TOUR trophy.

Steele is coming off of a missed cut in last week's Shriners Hospitals for Children Open and a T17 at the season-opening Frys.com Open.

Scott Piercy

Overnight leader Scott Piercy struggled coming in, making two bogeys on his final nine and posted a 3-under 69 on Friday. Piercy is 13-under for the tournament two off the lead.

Piercy, who recorded 29 putts in the second round, played the par-5s in even par after making birdies on all four on Thursday.

Piercy has trailed after 36 holes in two of his three TOUR wins. His third-round scoring average in his three victories is 64.33.

Spencer Levin

Spencer Levin mounted a charge up the leaderboard with a second-round 8-under 64. The bogey-free round has moved Levin to 13-under; good for solo third heading into Saturday's third round.

Levin is playing KLGCC for the first time this week. In his only other start in this tournament, Levin carded 70-67-72-66—275 9-under-par for a T23.

Levin's best performance on TOUR is a runner-up at the 2011 OHL Classic at Mayakoba.

Ryan Moore

Two-time defending champion, American Ryan Moore carded a second-round 69 and is 8-under-par heading into the weekend. Moore trailed after 36 holes in both of his victories at the CIMB Classic.

With a win this week, Moore would become the first player since Steve Stricker to win the same PGA TOUR event three years in a row (John Deere Classic, '09-11).

Miscellaneous stats

In addition to 500 FedExCup points and a two-year PGA TOUR exemption, the CIMB Classic champion receives invitations to the 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 and a two-year exemption on the PGA TOUR.

Adam Scott, in his first appearance at the CIMB Classic, climbed up the leaderboard with a second-round 6-under 66 and is 10-under through 36 holes. The Australian has eagled the par-5, 5th hole two straight days.

Anirban Lahiri, who won at KLGCC earlier this year on the European Tour, followed up his 2-under 70 first round with a 5-under 67 on Friday. Lahiri stands 7-under-par through 36 holes and trails the leader by eight shots.

Former Open champion Stewart Cink fired a bogey-free 64 in the second round and is 12-under par for the tournament. The 8-under round is a tournament-low for Cink at the CIMB Classic in three starts.

The tee markers were moved up on the 14th hole on Friday making it drivable at 296 yards. In the first round the par-4 yielded 24 birdies and played to a scoring average on 3.808. In the second round the short par-4 gave up 43 birdies and the average decreased to 3.474. Matt Every made the lone eagle on Friday.

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 – Scott Piercy, Alex Cejka, Charles Howell III, Kevin Na, Chad Campbell, Brendon De Jonge, Jon Curran, Paul Casey, Russell Knox, Ben Martin, Carlos Ortiz

R2 – Justin Thomas, Brendan Steele, Spencer Levin, Hideki Matsuyama, Stewart Cink, Jason Gore, James Hahn, David Hearn, Kyle Reifers, Jim Herman, Daniel Summerhays, Kevin Chappell.

Scoring averages at the par-72 Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club

	Front 9	Back 9	Total
R1:	34.590	35.296	69.886
R2:	34.129	35.127	69.256

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