



2016 CIMB Classic
(2nd of 43 events in the 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season)

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
TPC Kuala Lumpur

October 20-23, 2016

Purse: \$7,000,000
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,005

Second-Round Notes – Friday, October 21, 2016

Weather: Mostly cloudy with a high of 92. Wind SW at 4-8 mph.

Second-Round Leaderboard

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| Justin Thomas | 64-66 (130) |
| Anirban Lahiri | 66-66 (132) |
| Hideki Matsuyama | 69-64 (133) |
| Russell Knox | 70-63 (133) |
| James Hahn | 69-64 (133) |

Justin Thomas

Defending champion Justin Thomas fired a bogey-free 6-under 66 at TPC Kuala Lumpur and holds the lead at 14-under through 36 holes at the CIMB Classic. One year ago, Thomas led through two rounds at 15-under, which set a new tournament record, on his way to his first PGA TOUR victory. Thomas set the tournament-record for low 72-hole score at last year's CIMB Classic (26-under-par) for his first and only win on the PGA TOUR.

Thomas has held the 36-hole lead at a PGA TOUR event three previous times, with his win at last year's CIMB Classic his best finish. He also held at least a share of the 36-hole lead at the 2015 Sony Open in Hawaii and the 2015 John Deere Classic, where he went on to record T6 and T5 results, respectively. The two-shot lead through 36 holes is the largest margin through two rounds of Thomas' career.

In his six competitive rounds at TPC Kuala Lumpur, today was the first time Thomas didn't make birdie or eagle at the par-5 10th hole, recording a par during the second round. Last year, he eagled the hole in the final round on his way to victory.

With the win in 2015, Thomas became the youngest champion of the CIMB Classic at the age of 22 years, 6 months, 3 days. In the second round last year, Thomas' bogey-free 61 set a new course record at TPC Kuala Lumpur and matched the tournament record.

Thomas would be the first player since Matt Every to defend his title on the PGA TOUR (2014, 2015 Arnold Palmer Invitational) and the second player to accomplish the feat in CIMB Classic history (2013-14).

In last week's season-opening Safeway Open, Thomas overcame a 3-over 75 in round one with scores of 66-66-67 to finish T8 with four others at 14-under 274. Last season, Thomas advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs for the second consecutive time in his career, making it to the TOUR Championship for the first time. He entered the Playoffs finale in the No. 12 position in the FedExCup standings and finished T6 at East Lake to end his season No. 12 in the FedExCup standings.

A resident of Jupiter, Fla., Thomas has pledged \$250 per birdie in his first three events of the 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season to Convoy of Hope, a disaster-response, non-profit organization providing aid to those impacted by Hurricane Matthew which brought devastation to Haiti, the Bahamas and the southeastern United States. Thomas' six birdies in the second round at the CIMB Classic, combined with the 32 birdies and one eagle made up to this point, mean a total of \$9,750 in donations thus far. Additional donations for the #MakingBirdiesForMatthew cause can be made at <https://www.convoyofhope.org/donate/makingbirdiesformatthew/>.

Anirban Lahiri

One week after Anirban Lahiri finished the Asian Tour's Venetian Macao Open with seven birdies to force a playoff before a bogey in the first playoff hole meant a second-place finish, he shot a second-round 66 and is in second place, two shots behind leader Thomas.

This is Lahiri's best position through 36 holes on the PGA TOUR. His best previous position through two rounds was T3 at the 2016 CareerBuilder Challenge, where he eventually finished T28. Lahiri recorded his impressive 36-hole scoring number despite back-to-back bogeys on the eighth and ninth holes in the first round and a double bogey on the par-5 18th to end his second round.

In three previous times playing TPC Kuala Lumpur for the CIMB Classic, Lahiri's rounds of 66-66 are his two best, with 64 his career-low on the PGA TOUR (2016 CareerBuilder Challenge, round 1).

Lahiri is making his first start of the 2016-17 PGA TOUR season. In his first full year as a PGA TOUR member last year, he made 16 cuts in 21 starts and finished 119th in the FedExCup, good enough to retain his card.

The reigning Asian Tour Order of Merit champion returns to TPC Kuala Lumpur with fond memories as he tasted success at the same venue at the Asian Tour and European Tour co-sanctioned 2015 Malaysian Open.

A seven-time Asian Tour winner, Lahiri is making his fifth appearance at the CIMB Classic.

Hideki Matsuyama

Hideki Matsuyama made six birdies and an eagle at the par-5 fifth to shoot 64, three back of the lead held by Justin Thomas and Anirban Lahiri.

The Japanese player has never led a PGA TOUR event through 36 holes, with both of his wins coming in playoffs when he was tied for fourth following two rounds (the Memorial Tournament-2014, Waste Management Phoenix Open-2016).

Matsuyama, who finished 13th in the FedExCup last season, is coming off a win at the Japan Open last week by three shots.

His best finish at the CIMB Classic came last year when he finished fifth; this is his fifth start in the event.

Russell Knox

Russell Knox fired a tournament-low round of 9-under 63 in the second round of the CIMB Classic to trail Justin Thomas by three shots. The Scot will be defending his title at next week's World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions, one of two tournaments he won last season on the PGA TOUR (Travelers Championship).

The second-round 63 was Knox's lowest round on the PGA TOUR since he shot a 63 in the second round of The Honda Classic in 2014. His career-low round is 62, which he shot at the 2014 BMW Championship.

Knox is coming off his most successful year on the PGA TOUR, joining Jason Day, Jordan Spieth, Dustin Johnson, Adam Scott and Rory McIlroy as the only multiple winners in 2015-16.

This is Knox's second start at the CIMB Classic, he finished T21 last year.

James Hahn

Two-time PGA TOUR winner James Hahn shot an 8-under 64 in the second round and trails leader Justin Thomas by three shots. The American made nine birdies and a bogey in the second round, putting him within reach of the lead.

Hahn has twice led through 36 holes, but interestingly both of his wins came when he was outside the top 10 through two rounds (2016 Waste Management Open/T11, 2015 Genesis Open/T13).

The 64 was his best round since a 64 in the third round of last year's CIMB Classic, where he eventually finished sixth, his best finish in the tournament in two previous starts.

In his 2016-17 PGA TOUR season debut last week at the Safeway Open, Hahn shot rounds of 71-71 to miss the cut.

Miscellaneous Notes

Fresh off his victory to open the 2016-2017 PGA TOUR season, Brendan Steele shot 65-69 and is T8, six shots off of Thomas' lead.

Two-time CIMB Classic champion Ryan Moore (2013-14) fired a second-round 65 and is T8, six shots behind the lead. In his two victories, he was second and tied for third after 36 holes.

First-round co-leader Derek Fathauer followed up his first-round 64 with a 2-under 70, and is T6, four back from the leader.

Keegan Bradley, co-leader after round one, shot an even-par 72 and is T8 through two rounds, seven shots off the lead.

Paul Casey, who was 65 under in his previous 17 rounds on TOUR, followed up his opening 65 with an even-par 72 and fell to T15.

CIMB Classic and the FedExCup

In its seventh 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 2016-17 PGA TOUR season. The CIMB Classic was the first event in Asia to offer full FedExCup points.

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 2017 Tournament of Champions, a winners-only event in January, along with two major championships (Masters Tournament and PGA Championship) and THE PLAYERS Championship. The player would also earn exemptions into six additional invitational events on the PGA TOUR.

CIMB Group, the title sponsor of CIMB Classic since its inception in 2010, recently announced the extension of its title sponsorship of the golf tournament through 2020. The four-year extension reflects the success of the only official PGA TOUR FedExCup event in Southeast Asia, which is also the richest in the region with a purse of USD7 million. Since it was first staged, the tournament has attracted world class professionals like Tiger Woods, Henrik Stenson, Adam Scott, Sergio Garcia, Ernie Els and Ryo Ishikawa. CIMB Classic, being one of most prestigious and biggest sporting events in the region, has undoubtedly boosted Malaysia's position as a golfing tourism destination, attracting an audience from all over Asia annually.

TPC Kuala Lumpur

Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club (KLGCC) marked another milestone in the club's history, with its successful acquisition of the licensing rights as Southeast Asia's first golf facility to join the PGA TOUR's prestigious Tournament Players Club (TPC) Network. The newly named TPC Kuala Lumpur joins the highly acclaimed network of golf courses affiliated with the PGA TOUR, most of which are based in the US. As home of the CIMB Classic, TPC Kuala Lumpur will also hold the distinction of being Southeast Asia's first TPC-branded facility to ever host an official PGA TOUR event. In addition to the CIMB Classic, TPC Kuala Lumpur also successfully hosted the Sime Darby LPGA Malaysia which will be held the week immediately following the CIMB Classic.

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Paul Casey (65), Sergio Garcia (67), Brian Harman (67), Harold Varner III (68), Jamie Lovemark (68), Kevin Na (70), Zach Blair (70).

R2: Russell Knox (63), Hideki Matsuyama (64), Justin Thomas (66), Rafa Cabrera Bello (67), Brendan Steele (69), Charles Howell III (69), Miguel Tabuena (69), Robert Streb (70).

Scoring Averages at the par-72 Silverado Resort and Spa (North):

| | Front 9 | Back 9 | Total | Cumulative |
|-----|----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|
| R1: | 34.885 | 35.514 | 70.399 | |
| R2: | 34.795 | 35.525 | 70.320 | 70.358 |