



2017 CIMB Classic
(2nd of 45 events in the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season)

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
TPC Kuala Lumpur

October 12-15, 2017

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

Second-Round Notes – Friday, October 13, 2017

Weather: Mostly cloudy throughout the day with a few showers and thunderstorms in the area. High of 88 degrees Fahrenheit/ 31 degrees Celsius with light wind at 4-8 mph NW. Play was suspended at 10:26 a.m. due to inclement weather and resumed at 2:14 p.m., a delay of 3 hours 48 minutes.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Pat Perez	66-65 – 135 (-13)
Xander Schauffele	65-67 – 132 (-12)
Sung Kang	67-68 – 135 (-9)
Cameron Smith	64-71 – 135 (-9)
Thomas Pieters	68-67 – 135 (-9)

Pat Perez

In his first start of the 2017-18 PGA TOUR season, Pat Perez shot a second-round 65 and has a one-shot lead over Xander Schauffele. Perez finished his round on the front nine, where he made six birdies and no bogeys en route to a 30.

Perez has led or co-lead after the second round four previous times in his career, most recently at the 2011 Wells Fargo Championship where he finished T6.

Perez' 36-hole leads/co-leads on the PGA TOUR:

Tournament	Position after R2	Finish
2002 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am	1	2
2002 Valero Texas Open	T1	T5
2009 Careerbuilder Challenge	1	2
2011 Wells Fargo Championship	1	T6
2017 CIMB Classic	1	

Perez is coming off his best season on the PGA TOUR, recording six top-10 finishes, including a win at the OHL Classic at Mayakoba, a T3 finish at the Sentry Tournament of Champions and a T2 finish at the Wells Fargo Championship. His strong play qualified him for the season-ending TOUR Championship, and he finished 11th in the final FedExCup standings. Perez has one other win on the PGA TOUR, the 2009 Careerbuilder Challenge.

Perez' berth in the TOUR Championship was the first of his career, coming on the back of a T6 finish at the Dell Technologies Championship, his 400th start on the PGA TOUR. He began last season on a Major Medical Exemption, and his win at the OHL Classic at Mayakoba was good enough to earn full TOUR status.

This is Perez' fifth start in the CIMB Classic, his best finish coming in 2011 when he tied for ninth.

Perez' stats through 36 holes:

Stat	Ranking
Driving Accuracy	T12
Greens in Regulation	T5
Putts	T6

Second-Round Leader Statistics

The second-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win three of seven previous editions of the CIMB Classic, with Justin Thomas accomplishing the feat each of the last two years.

Brendan Steele was in second place through two rounds last week before going on to win the Safeway Open.

Xander Schauffele

Making his first start since becoming the first rookie to win the TOUR Championship, Xander Schauffele followed an opening 65 at the CIMB Classic with a second-round 67, and is in second place, just one shot back of Pat Perez. Schauffele is looking to become the first player since Jordan Spieth (2017 Travelers Championship, 2017 The Open Championship) to win back-to-back events on the PGA TOUR.

Schauffele's previous-best position through two rounds on the PGA TOUR was T7 at The Greenbrier Classic last year, which he went on to win.

Schauffele was named PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year, as voted by his peers, after winning twice last season, including the FedExCup Playoffs finale, the TOUR Championship and The Greenbrier Classic. He finished inside the top 20 in three of four FedExCup Playoffs event and claimed top-five finishes at the U.S. Open and Sanderson Farms Championship, both T5s. His win at East Lake propelled him to a third-place finish in the final FedExCup standings.

Schauffele was born in La Jolla, California, but his mother is half Taiwanese (grew up in Japan) and his father is half French and German.

He is part of golf's high school Class of 2011 that includes, among others, Jordan Spieth, Justin Thomas, Emiliano Grillo and Daniel Berger.

This is Schauffele's first start in the CIMB Classic.

Cameron Smith

Australian Cameron Smith opened with an 8-under 64 at TPC Kuala Lumpur and followed it up with a second-round 71, good enough to be in a tie for third, four shots back of the lead. The opening-round 64 is two better than his previous best round in eight previous rounds at TPC Kuala Lumpur, a 66 in the first round of the 2015 CIMB Classic.

Smith's previous-best position through 36 holes was at the Valero Texas Open, where he was also T3, on his way to T6 finish.

Smith had his most successful PGA TOUR season in 2016-17, finishing 46 in the final FedExCup standings on the strength of four top 10s and his first career win at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans (with partner Jonas Blixt). The Zurich Classic was the first official PGA TOUR event to utilize a two-man team format, playing Foursomes and Four-Ball over the four days. At the age of 23 years, 8 months, 13 days, he became the fourth-youngest Australian to win on TOUR, behind Jason Day (22) and Adam Scott (23/twice).

Smith earned his PGA TOUR card by becoming a Special Temporary Member following his T4 finish at the U.S. Open at Chambers Bay. He then earned enough FedExCup points to finish in the top 125 of the nonmember FedExCup points list.

This is Smith's third start at the CIMB Classic, where he finished T5 in 2014 and T37 in 2015.

Miscellaneous Notes

Brendan Steele, coming off his second-straight win at the Safeway Open, is at 6 under through two rounds, seven shots back of the lead. Steele finished T26 in the CIMB Classic last year coming in off a victory.

After shooting a first round 77, Englishman Paul Casey, No. 14 in the Official World Golf Ranking, improved by 14 shots in the second round with a 9-under 63.

Japan's Hideki Matsuyama shot a second-round 68 and is 6-under through two rounds. This is the first start of the season for Matsuyama, who led the FedExCup standings heading into the playoffs last season and at No. 3 is the highest-ranked player in the Official World Golf Ranking in the field this week.

Justin Thomas, the 2016-17 PGA TOUR Player of the Year and FedExCup champion is at 3-under, ten shots off the pace set by Pat Perez. The two-time defending champion owns the lowest stroke average at this event (minimum of eight rounds), averaging 65.88 per round coming into 2017. He is attempting to become the first player since Steve Stricker at the John Deere Classic (2009-11) to win the same event three years in a row.

Indian player Anirban Lahiri, who held a four-shot lead through 54-holes at this event last year, shot a second round 73 and is 4 under through 36 holes.

Davis Love III, 53, recently inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame, is T23 at 4 under through two rounds.

CIMB Classic and the FedExCup

CIMB Classic is a 72-hole stroke play event combining players from three official sanctioning bodies – the PGA TOUR, the Asian Tour and the Professional Golf Association of Malaysia (PGAM). The tournament, in its eighth year, brings together top players from the PGA TOUR's FedExCup standings, top players from the Asian Tour Order of Merit and top players from Malaysia. The tournament is held at TPC Kuala Lumpur and is the only official FedExCup event on the PGA TOUR to be held in Southeast Asia with PGA TOUR members receiving official FedExCup points as part of the 2017-2018 PGA TOUR season. This is the fifth year that FedExCup points will be awarded at the event.

The CIMB Classic is the second event of the 2017-18 PGA TOUR season and is part of eight events during the fall of 2017, all of which will award FedExCup points. After a seven-week break, the season will resume 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 with the TOUR Championship 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 2018 Sentry 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.

Every week is significant in the race for the FedExCup – three of the seven winners from the fall calendar of 2016 (Justin Thomas, Hideki Matsuyama and Pat Perez) qualified for the TOUR Championship. The other four winners advanced through at least the second of four Playoffs events (Brendan Steele, Cody Gribble, Rod Pamplung and Mackenzie Hughes).

Earlier this year in May, FedEx extended its contract as sponsor of the FedExCup by 10 years through 2027.

TPC Kuala Lumpur

In 2016, TPC Kuala Lumpur marked a 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. TPC Kuala Lumpur joins the highly acclaimed network of golf courses affiliated with the PGA TOUR, most of which are based in the United States. 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.

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Cameron Smith (64), Poom Ssaksansin (65), Xander Schauffele (65), Gary Woodland (66), Pat Perez (66), Brendan Steele (67), C.T. Pan (70)

R2: Thomas Pieters (67), Adam Hadwin (67), Wesley Bryan (68), Robert Streb (70)

Scoring Averages at the par-72 TPC Kuala Lumpur

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.859	36.091	70.950	
R2:	35.230	35.756	70.986	70.967