



**2017 CIMB Classic**  
*(2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

**Final-Round Notes – Sunday, October 15, 2017**

*Weather: Mostly cloudy with a high of 90 degrees Fahrenheit / 32 degrees Celsius. Winds west at 4-8 mph.*

**Final-Round Leaderboard**

Pat Perez	66-65-64-69 – 264 (-24)
Keegan Bradley	65-71-65-67 – 268 (-20)
Xander Schauffele	65-67-67-72 – 271 (-17)
Sung Kang	67-68-65-71 – 271 (-17)

**Pat Perez**

Beginning the day with a four-shot lead, American Pat Perez shot a final-round 69 to win the CIMB Classic by four shots over Keegan Bradley for his third PGA TOUR victory. At the age of 41 years, 7 months and 14 days, Perez is the oldest winner in tournament history.

Perez collects his third win on TOUR (2009 CareerBuilder Challenge, 2016 OHL Classic at Mayakoba) in his 403<sup>rd</sup> start.

With this victory, Perez moves to second in the FedExCup behind Safeway Open winner Steele, who finished T13 this week. He also earns an exemption into the Sentry Tournament of Champions in January in Maui.

Perez is now two for three in converting 54-hole leads or co-leads to victory. Previously, he had held the 54-hole lead/co-lead just twice in his career, at the 2002 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and the 2009 CareerBuilder Challenge, finishing runner-up at the former and winning the latter (CareerBuilder Challenge was a 90-hole event).

Perez' winning margin of four shots is the largest on the PGA TOUR since Marc Leishman won last season's BMW Championship during the FedExCup Playoffs.

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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 400<sup>th</sup> 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.

2017-18 starts-made cuts-top 10s-wins: 1-1-1-1

PGA TOUR career starts-made cuts-top10s-wins: 403-259-52-3

Perez' final stats:

Stat	Ranking
Driving Accuracy	T13
Greens in Regulation	T1
Putts	T9

## **About Pat Perez**

**Name:** Patrick Perez

**Height:** 6-0

**Weight:** 190

**Birthdate:** March 1, 1976

**Birthplace:** Phoenix, Arizona

**Residence:** Scottsdale, Arizona

**Family:** Wife, Ashley

**Turned Professional:** 1997

**Joined TOUR:** 2002

**Web.com Tour Graduate:** 2002

## **Third-Round Leader Statistics**

The third-round leader/co-leader has now gone on to win six of eight editions of the CIMB Classic.

Perez' four-stroke lead over Schauffele tied Anirban Lahiri (2016) for the largest lead through 54 holes in tournament history; Lahiri went on to finish T3.

54-hole leaders are now one for two on converting to victory in the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season.

## **Keegan Bradley**

American Keegan Bradley shot a 5-under 67 on Sunday to finish runner-up at the CIMB Classic, his third top 10 in four starts in the event and best since finishing sixth last year.

The 2011 PGA Championship winner recorded his best finish since he was runner-up at the 2014 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard. His Sunday 67 included three birdies, one eagle and no bogeys.

Bradley finished 47<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup last season, his best since 2014 when he finished 33<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Xander Schauffele**

Making his first start since becoming the first rookie to win the TOUR Championship, Xander Schauffele fired a Sunday 72 to finish T3 with Sung Kang in his bid to win his second consecutive event.

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 was Schauffele's first start in the CIMB Classic.

## **Sung Kang**

Sung Kang shot a Sunday 71 at the CIMB Classic to finish in a tie for third with Xander Schauffele, his best finish on the PGA TOUR since he was runner up at the 2017 Shell Houston Open.

Kang had his best season on the PGA TOUR last year, finishing 59<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup. This is the Korean's second start at the CIMB Classic; he finished T21 last year.

## **Miscellaneous Notes**

Whee Kim made an ace at the 208-yard par-3 15<sup>th</sup> hole in the third round, the first of his PGA TOUR career and the second of the 2017-18 PGA TOUR season. The hole in one earned Kim a BMW 740Le xDrive Hybrid, which was presented to him by Han Sang Yun, Managing Director/CEO of BMW Malaysia after the round. This is the fourth consecutive year that an ace has been recorded at the CIMB Classic (Kevin Na/8<sup>th</sup>/R3, Scott Brown/15<sup>th</sup>/R1, Westwood/11<sup>th</sup>/R2

Hideki Matsuyama, who entered last season's FedExCup Playoffs on top of the standings and at No. 3 was the highest ranked player in the field in the Official World Golf Ranking, finished T5, a year after finishing runner-up to Justin Thomas.

Brendan Steele, coming off his second-straight win at the Safeway Open, finished T13, 12 shots behind the winner. 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. He continued his rebound in the third round, shooting a 3-under 69 in the third round and 7-under 65 in the final round to finish T7, his best showing in four appearances at this event.

Justin Thomas, the 2016-17 PGA TOUR Player of the Year and FedExCup champion closed his tournament with a 5-under 67 to finish T17. 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.

Indian player Anirban Lahiri, who held a four-shot lead through 54-holes at this event last year, finished T10.

### **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)

R3: Hideki Matsuyama (63), Anirban Lahiri (64), Keegan Bradley (65), Peter Uihlein (65), Chad Campbell (66), Lucas Glover (68), Gary Woodland (68)

R4: Paul Casey (65), Nick Taylor (65), Keegan Bradley (67), Emiliano Grillo (67), Luke List (68), Scott Brown (68), Scott Stallings (68), Chad Campbell (69)

### **Scoring Averages at the par-72 TPC Kuala Lumpur**

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
R1:	34.859	36.091	70.950	
R2:	35.230	35.756	70.986	70.967
R3:	34.679	35.319	69.998	70.645
R4:	34.718	36.000	70.719	70.663