



2018 The Honda Classic

(The 16th of 44 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

Feb. 22 – 25, 2018

Purse: \$6,600,000 (\$1,188,000/winner)

PGA National (Champion Course)

Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,140

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, February 24, 2018

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 82. Wind ESE 12-22 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Luke List	71-66-66—203 (-7)
Justin Thomas	67-72-65—204 (-6)
Webb Simpson	66-72-66—204 (-6)
Tommy Fleetwood	70-68-67—205 (-5)
Jamie Lovemark	68-69-68—205 (-5)

Luke List

Entering the third round T1, Luke List shot his second consecutive 4-under 66 and took the outright lead at 7-under by one shot over Justin Thomas and Webb Simpson.

This is List's first 54-hole solo-lead on the PGA TOUR. List was T1 after 54 holes of the 2016 Sanderson Farms Championship and finished T2, his best finish on TOUR to date.

List's lone bogey in the third round came at the par-3 17th, where he failed to save par from the sand for the first time this week on his sixth try.

List is making his fourth start in The Honda Classic (2017/T52, 2016/T10, 2013/MC).

List is making his 11th start of the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season and is in search of his second top-10 finish of the season (T5/THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES).

With a win, List is projected to move to No. 8 in the FedExCup standings, which would qualify him for next week's WGC-Mexico Championship. List has never played in a World Golf Championships event.

List, who joined the PGA TOUR in 2013, is making his 104th career start on TOUR this week.

Justin Thomas

Justin Thomas birdied three of his final five holes en route to a 5-under 65 and will enter the final round T2. Thomas' back-nine 31 is the low score this week on the final nine holes.

Thomas made six birdies total during the third round after failing to make one in the previous round.

Thomas has been T2 or better entering the final round twice in his career, and claimed a victory on one of those occasions (T9/2017 US Open, Won/2016 CIMB Classic)

In three previous starts at The Honda Classic, Thomas has two missed cuts (2015 and 2017) and a T3 (2016).

Thomas is making his seventh start of the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season and 101st of his career, coming off a T9 at last week's Genesis Open. Thomas won THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES in October for his seventh career victory on TOUR.

Webb Simpson

Webb Simpson was bogey-free during his third-round 4-under 66 and will enter the final round tied with Justin Thomas for second place, one shot back of Luke List.

Simpson, a four-time PGA TOUR winner, shot a 32 on the front nine in the third round and leads the field in front-nine scoring average.

This is Simpson's first start at The Honda Classic since 2011. In three previous starts at PGA National, Simpson has two MCs (2009, 2010) and a T24 result in 2011.

Simpson has one top-10 in six starts on TOUR this season. He finished T4 at the Sony Open in Hawaii after weekend rounds of 63-65. In his last start, Simpson missed the cut in Phoenix.

Tiger Woods

Tiger Woods birdied the 18th hole to shoot a 1-under 69 and get to even-par for the tournament. Woods will enter the final round T11, seven shots back.

Woods' third-round 69 was his first sub-70 score since the 2015 Wyndham Championship, which is also the event at which he most recently finished in the top 10.

At the Bear Trap (holes 15-17) this week, Woods has made four bogeys and one double-bogey, and has made just one bogey and one double-bogey at all other holes combined.

Woods is making his fifth start at The Honda Classic and first since 2014 (WD). His best finish at the event was a T2 in 2012.

Additional Player Notes

Alex Noren tied Justin Thomas for the low round of the day and tournament, a 5-under 65 capped off by an eagle at the par-5 18th. Noren, who is a first-year member this season on the PGA TOUR, held the first-round co-lead following an opening 66, but shot 75 in the second round to fall to T14.

Jamie Lovemark, who entered the final round T1, shot a third-round 68 and will enter the final round 5-under, two shots back of Luke List. In his previous six starts at The Honda Classic, Lovemark has missed four cuts (2011, 2012, 2016, 2017). In 2014, he made the 36-hole cut, but missed the 54-hole cut. He finished T31 in 2015.

Three players made eagle-2s on par 4s during the third round on three different holes: Kiradech Aphibarnrat (No. 1), Tommy Fleetwood (No. 4) and Sam Burns (No. 12). Fleetwood closed his round with an eagle-3 at the par-5 18th.

Kelly Kraft shot a 4-under 66, one shot shy of his low this season. Kraft's best finish this season came at The RSM Classic (T22) and he has four missed cuts in his last five starts.

Rory Sabbatini recorded a 1-over 71 in round three and stands T9 entering the final round. Sabbatini is looking for his first top-10 in his 10th start of the 2017-18 season. The six-time PGA TOUR winner earned his best result of the season at the Farmers Insurance Open, where he finished T20.

This week is the final opportunity for players to qualify for next week's World Golf Championships event, the WGC-Mexico Championship. Players not previously eligible can qualify by being inside the top 50 in the Official World Golf Ranking or the top 10 of the FedExCup standings following The Honda Classic. Past Honda Classic and WGC-Mexico Championship winner Adam Scott (T21) is currently No. 58 in the Official World Golf Ranking.

Miscellaneous Notes

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Daniel Berger (67), Adam Schenk (69).

R2: None

R3: Webb Simpson (66), Tom Lovelady (67).

Scoring Averages at the par-70 PGA National:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.483	37.154	72.636	---
R2:	35.879	37.277	73.156	72.896
R3:	35.316	35.592	70.908	72.233

Round three "Bear Trap" averages

No. 15 (3.303/2nd-toughest), No. 16 (4.066/T6th-toughest), No. 17 (3.276/3rd-toughest).