



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**

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, February 25, 2018

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 82. Wind SE 10-18 mph.

Final-Round Leaderboard

Justin Thomas*	67-72-65-68—272 (-8)
Luke List	71-66-66-69—272 (-8)
Alex Noren	66-75-65-67—273 (-7)
Tommy Fleetwood	70-68-67-69—274 (-6)
Byeong Hun An	70-72-69-65—276 (-4)
Webb Simpson	66-72-66-72—276 (-4)

Thomas defeated List with a birdie-4 on the first playoff hole.

Playoff Notes

Justin Thomas defeated Luke List with a birdie-4 on the first playoff hole. Thomas improved his playoff record to 2-0. In his first playoff, he defeated Marc Leishman at the 2017 THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES. This was the first playoff for List.

This was the ninth playoff at The Honda Classic and first since 2015 (Padraig Harrington def. Daniel Berger). The playoff was the seventh this season and fifth in the last seven weeks.

Justin Thomas

Justin Thomas earned his eighth career PGA TOUR victory in his 101st career TOUR start at the age of 24 years, 9 months, 27 days. PGA TOUR victories (8): 2016 CIMB Classic. 2017 CIMB Classic, SBS Tournament of Champions, Sony Open in Hawaii, PGA Championship, Dell Technologies Championship. 2018 THE CJ CUP NINE BRIDGES, The Honda Classic.

Thomas won for the seventh time in his last 31 starts (23%). This was his second win of the season, following his playoff victory at the inaugural THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES in the fall. Thomas joined Patton Kizzire as the only multiple winners of the season. Last season, Thomas posted the most wins of 2017-18 with five wins.

With the win, the reigning FedExCup champion moved to No. 1 in the FedExCup standings for the first time since clinching the FedExCup in 2017. The quickest rise to No. 1 by a reigning FedExCup champion was Brandt Snedeker, who reclaimed the top spot five weeks into the 2013 season.

With the win, Thomas moved to No. 3 in the Official World Golf Ranking, the highest position of his career.

With two wins on the season, Thomas joined Tiger Woods, Brandt Snedeker and Jordan Spieth as the only FedExCup champions with multiple wins in the season following their FedExCup victory.

Thomas entered the final round T2 and one shot off the lead. Thomas has now entered the final round T2 or better nine times and gone on to win seven of those times.

Thomas' 2-under 68 was his 13th straight par-or-better final round. He's a combined 37-under par in those final rounds. His final-round scoring average on TOUR is 68.29 (fourth-best on TOUR). The TOUR average is 71.48.

Thomas won in his fourth start at The Honda Classic where he has two missed cuts (2015 and 2017), a T3 (2016) and win (2018).

Thomas will compete in next week's World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship where he finished T5 in 2017.

About Justin Thomas

Height: 5-10 **Weight:** 145

Birthdate: April 29, 1993

Birthplace: Louisville, Kentucky **Residence:** Jupiter, Florida

Turned Professional: 2013

Joined TOUR: 2015 **Web.com Tour Graduate:** 2014

Luke List

Third-round leader Luke List birdied the par-5 18th hole to shoot a 1-under 69 and force a playoff with Justin Thomas before eventually falling on the first extra hole. The runner-up marked List's best finish on the PGA TOUR.

With 15 birdies this week, List brought his total birdie count to 556 since the start of last season, the most on TOUR during that span.

List earned 300 points in the FedExCup to move to No. 16 in the standings, jumping 23 spots. List has never qualified for the TOUR Championship in Atlanta. His best finish in the FedExCup was No. 50 in 2016-17.

List finished runner-up in his fourth start in The Honda Classic (2018/P2, 2017/T52, 2016/T10, 2013/MC).

This was List's 11th start of the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season. Prior to this week, he best finish was a T5 at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES, won by Justin Thomas.

List joined the PGA TOUR in 2013 and made his 104th career start on TOUR this week.

Additional Player Notes

In his first time playing back-to-back weeks since 2015, Tiger Woods closed with an even-par 70, finishing 12th. Woods led the field in Proximity and finished third in Driving Distance (319.1). Entering the week having played 11 rounds at PGA National, Woods was 2-over on "The Bear Trap," with only one ball in the water. This week, he played the three-hole stretch 8-over with two water balls (both #15). With 10 total bogeys or worse, seven of those came at "The Bear Trap."

Sweden's Alex Noren posted his second top-three finish on the PGA TOUR in his last four events (Farmers Insurance Open/P2). He moved to No. 19 in his first season eligible for the FedExCup Playoffs.

Tommy Fleetwood finished fourth in his Honda Classic debut after back-to-back bogeys at Nos. 14-15. Fleetwood will compete in next week's World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship where he finished runner-up in 2017.

Paired with Tiger Woods in the final round, sponsor invite Sam Burns, 21, recorded one of two bogey-free final rounds, a 2-under 68 to finish T8 in just his fourth PGA TOUR start as a professional. This marks his second top-10 on TOUR, following a T6 at the 2017 Barbasol Championship (amateur).

Emiliano Grillo (T8) led the field with 19 birdies.

Andrew Novak (T57) was the only player in the field to make par or better on every hole of The Bear Trap (Nos. 15-17) all four rounds. He played the 15th (Even), 16th (-1) and 17th (-1). Cumulative averages for "The Bear Trap" were: No. 15 (3.391/third-toughest), No. 16 (4.262/fourth-toughest), No. 17 (3.533/Toughest).

Alex Cejka withdrew prior to the start of the final round with a thumb injury.

Bogey-free rounds:

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

R2: None

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

R4: Michael Thompson (68), Sam Burns (68)

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
R4:	35.427	36.053	71.480	72.045