



2018 WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS-BRIDGESTONE INVITATIONAL

(The 41st of 44 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Akron, Ohio
Firestone Country Club
South Course

August 2-5, 2018
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,400

FedExCup Pts: 550
Purse: \$10,000,000

Second-Round Notes – Friday, August 3, 2018

Weather: Partly cloudy, with a high of 86. Wind WSW 3-6 mph.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Ian Poulter	62-67—129 (-11)
Tommy Fleetwood	66-63—129 (-11)
Justin Thomas	65-64—129 (-11)
Jason Day	65-66—131 (-9)
Kyle Stanley	63-68—131 (-9)

Five Things To Know

- Not since 2011 (four players) has there been a tie at the top after 36 holes at the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational
- Tommy Fleetwood ties his career-low score on PGA TOUR
- Justin Thomas will try to succeed at converting a 36-hole lead/co-lead into victory for a fifth time (of eight)
- 2014 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational champion Rory McIlroy birdies final two holes for 67 to get to 8-under 132 (T6)
- FedExCup points leader, World No. 1 and 2016 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational winner Dustin Johnson shoots 1-over 71 (E/T46) in his ninth tournament start. Only top-10 finish in the event was his 2016 victory
- Following a 7-under 63, Rickie Fowler struggles to a 4-over 74 in round two. Is 3-under 137 (T27)

Second-Round Lead Notes

7 Second-round leaders/co-leaders at the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational to win (most recent: Tiger Woods/2013)

11 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2017-18 (most recent: Troy Merritt/Barbasol Championship)

Tommy Fleetwood (-11/T1)

Age: 27 (January 19, 1991)

Entering this week

#25	FedExCup
#11	OWGR
35	PGA TOUR starts
0	PGA TOUR wins
1	Starts at WGC-Bridgestone Invitational
13	PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
5	Top-10 in 2017-18
0/1	Wins when holding 36-hole lead/co-lead

- Made seven birdies and no bogeys in round two
- Ties his career-low score on the PGA TOUR (108 rounds). First shot 7-under 63 in the final round of the 2018 U.S. Open (2nd)
- Only other occasion to be atop the leaderboard after 36 holes was at the 2017 U.S. Open (T1). Finished 4th
- Is making his second start in the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational (T28/2017)
- Is making his 14th start of the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season, highlighted by five top-10 finishes
- Has finished no worse than T12 in his last four starts on TOUR (THE PLAYERS Championship/T7, U.S. Open/2nd, The Open Championship/T12, RBC Canadian Open/T6)
- In six starts on the European Tour this season, won the ABU Dhabi HSBC Championship in January
- Comes into the week ranked 25th in the FedExCup standings with 1,050 points

Justin Thomas (-11/T1)

Age: 25 (April 29, 1993)

Joined TOUR: 2015

Entering this week

#2	FedExCup
#3	OWGR
111	PGA TOUR starts
8	PGA TOUR wins
2	Starts at WGC-Bridgestone Invitational
0	Top-10 finishes at WGC-Bridgestone Invitational
17	PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
6	Top-10 in 2017-18
4/6	Wins when holding 36-hole lead/co-lead

Wins (8): 2015 CIMB Classic, 2016 CIMB Classic, 2017 Sentry Tournament of Champions, 2017 Sony Open in Hawaii, 2017 PGA Championship, 2017 Dell Technologies Championship, 2017 THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES, 2018 The Honda Classic

- Reigning PGA TOUR Player of the Year birdied his first two holes of the day (Nos. 10 and 11) and five of his last eight holes to post a 6-under 64
- Has previously held at least a share of a 36-hole lead on the PGA TOUR six times. On each of the four most recent occasions, he has converted for the win.
- Is making his third start in the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational (2017/T28, T33/2016)
- At 11-under 129, puts himself in position to claim his third PGA TOUR win of the season (THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES, The Honda Classic)
- With a win, would join Dustin Johnson and Bubba Watson as three-time winners this season on TOUR
- Is in search of his ninth career PGA TOUR victory
- Comes off a missed cut in his most recent start at The Open Championship
- Will defend his PGA Championship title next week at Bellerive Country Club in St. Louis

Ian Poulter (-11/T1)

Age: 42 (January 10, 1976)

Joined TOUR: 2004

Entering this week

#34	FedExCup
#32	OWGR
248	PGA TOUR starts
3	PGA TOUR wins
13	Starts at WGC-Bridgestone Invitational
0	Top-10 finishes at WGC-Bridgestone Invitational
15	PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
3	Top-10 in 2017-18

0/2 Wins when holding 36-hole lead/co-lead

Wins (3): 2010 WGC Dell Technologies Match Play, 2012 WGC-HSBC Champions, 2018 Houston Open

- Made five birdies against two bogeys to post a 3-under 67
- Having hit 29/36 greens in regulation, is second in Strokes Gained: Approach The Green (4.548)
- Has never finished inside the top 10 in the event. Best showings were a pair of T13s in 2001 and 2006
- Is making his first start in the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational since 2015 (T17)
- In 42 World Golf Championships starts, won the 2010 WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play and 2012 WGC-HSBC Champions
- In addition to his win at the Houston Open, finished in the top 10 this season at the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play (T5) and RBC Heritage (T7)
- Is coming off a T12 finish at last week's RBC Canadian Open

Jason Day (-9/T4)

- Birdied his first two holes of the day (Nos. 1 and 2) and three of his last four (Nos 15, 16 and 18) to post a 4-under 66
- Is making his ninth start at the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational, having collected top-10 finishes in 2016 (T3) and 2011 (T4)
- Is making his 23rd start in a World Golf Championships event, having won the 2014 and 2016 WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play
- Is in search of his 13th TOUR win and third of the season (Farmers Insurance Open, Wells Fargo Championship)
- With a win this week, would join Dustin Johnson and Bubba Watson as three-time winners this season

Tiger Woods (-6/T10)

- Eight-time winner of the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational followed a bogey at his first hole of the day, No. 1, with birdies at Nos. 2 and 3 en route to a 2-under 68
- Is 2-under par on the four par-5 holes through 36 holes, but is 3-under on the four par-3 holes
- For the second straight day, hit 7/14 fairways in regulation and 13/18 greens
- In 12 starts in the event, has now posted a sub-par score in round two on four occasions
- Owns the tournament record of 259 (21-under) which he posted in 2000. His 11-stroke win that year is also the largest winning margin in tournament history
- A win this week would come in his 37th start since his most recent PGA TOUR victory, the 2013 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational

Course Statistics

Toughest Hole

R1: Par-4 9th (4.268)

R2: Par-3 12th (3.225)

Easiest Hole

R1: Par-5 2nd (4.507)

R2: Par-5 2nd (4.479)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.155	34.211	68.366	--
R2:	34.662	35.211	69.873	69.120

	Early	Late
R1:	68.39	68.34
R2:	69.26	70.47

Bogey-free:

R1: Ian Poulter (62), Rickie Fowler (63), Jason Day (65), Luke List (65), Rory McIlroy (65), Patrick Reed (66) Daniel Berger (67), Matt Kuchar (68)

R2: Tommy Fleetwood (63), Louis Oosthuizen (66), Tyrrell Hatton (67)