



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

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, August 5, 2018

Weather: Partly cloudy, with a high of 91. Wind WSW 5-10 mph.

Final-Round Leaderboard

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| Justin Thomas | 65-64-67-69—265 (-15) |
| Kyle Stanley | 63-68-70-68—269 (-11) |
| Thorbjorn Olesen | 71-67-68-64—270 (-10) |
| Dustin Johnson | 69-71-66-64—270 (-10) |

Five Things To Know

- Justin Thomas becomes the fifth and youngest player to win a FedExCup, major championship and World Golf Championships
- World No. 1 Dustin Johnson ties tournament record with lowest front-nine score of 29
- Woods makes one par on rocky inward nine to shoot 73 for second-straight day
- Denmark's Thorbjorn Olesen ties low round of the day with 64 to post career-best finish on the PGA TOUR
- 2017 and 2018 U.S. Open champion Brooks Koepka closes with 3-under 67 to finish fifth at 9-under 271

Justin Thomas (-15/1st)

Age: 25 (April 29, 1993)

Joined TOUR: 2015

With his win at WGC-Bridgestone Invitational

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| #2 | FedExCup |
| #2 | OWGR |
| 112 | PGA TOUR starts |
| 9 | PGA TOUR wins |
| 3 | Starts at WGC-Bridgestone Invitational |
| 1 | Top-10 finishes at WGC-Bridgestone Invitational |
| 18 | PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18 |
| 7 | Top-10s in 2017-18 |
| 6/8 | Wins when holding 54-hole lead/co-lead |

Wins (9): 2015 CIMB Classic, 2016 CIMB Classic, 2017 Sentry Tournament of Champions, 2017 Sony Open in Hawaii, 2017 PGA Championship, 2017 Dell Technologies Championship, 2017 THECJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES, 2018 The Honda Classic, **2018 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational**

- Converted a 3-stroke 54-hole lead into a 4 stroke win after a final-round 69. Win comes in his 112th career start on the PGA TOUR at the age of 25 years, 3 months, 7 days

- Reigning FedExCup champion rises to the No. 2 position in the Official World Golf Ranking
- Is now 6/8 when attempting to convert a 54-hole lead/co-lead into victory on the PGA TOUR
- Becomes the first player to convert the 54-hole lead/co-lead at the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational since 2013 (Tiger Woods) and ninth since 1999
- Joins Dustin Johnson and Bubba Watson as three-time winners this season on the PGA TOUR
- Becomes the fourth-youngest winner of the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational (Tiger Woods/1999, 2000 and Rory McIlroy/2014)
- Becomes the fifth and youngest player to win a FedExCup title, a major championship and a WGC title
- Has now finished inside the top five in the three World Golf Championships he has competed in this season (P2/Mexico Championship, 4th/Dell Technologies Match Play)
- Had not finished inside the top five in a stroke play event on TOUR since losing in a playoff at the WGC-Mexico Championship in March
- Becomes the 24th 54-hole leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2017-18 (most recent: Dustin Johnson/RBC Canadian Open)
- In two previous starts at the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational, finished T28 in 2017 and T33 in 2016
- Was coming 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
- Last player to successfully defend a PGA Championship title was Tiger Woods in 2007
- Since 1934, only 11 players on the PGA TOUR have won the week before winning a major. The last to do so was Rory McIlroy in 2014 (WGC-Bridgestone Invitational-PGA Championship)

Thomas' stats for the week:

R1 – 7 of 14 fairways, 15 of 18 greens in regulation, 2 of 3 scrambling, 29 putts

R2 – 9 of 14 fairways, 13 of 18 greens in regulation, 4 of 5 scrambling, 24 putts

R3 – 9 of 14 fairways, 13 of 18 greens in regulation, 2 of 5 scrambling, 28 putts

R4 – 8 of 14 fairways, 13 of 18 greens in regulation, 4 of 5 scrambling, 29 putts

Kyle Stanley (-11/2nd)

- Began the final round five strokes back at 9-under 201.
- Record for largest final-round comeback in the event is four strokes (Keegan Bradley/2012)
- En route to his first career PGA TOUR title, came from eight shots back after 54 holes to win the 2012 Waste Management Phoenix Open
- Moves from No. 40 to 18 in the FedExCup standings with 1,198 points
- Was making his third start at the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational (T41/2017, T16/2012)
- Was making his sixth start in a World Golf Championships event
- Was in search of his third career PGA TOUR win (2012 Waste Management Phoenix Open, 2017 Quicken Loans National)
- Has now claimed five top-10 finishes on the PGA TOUR this season, including a playoff loss to Bryson DeChambeau at the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide

Dustin Johnson (-10/T3)

- 2016 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational champion birdied his first four holes en route to a 6-under 29 on the Firestone Country Club's outgoing nine, tying the tournament record for the front nine (Retief Goosen/R3/2001, Adam Scott/R1/2006, Vaughn Taylor/R2/2008)
- Was making his ninth start in the event, with his 2016 victory his only top-10 finish at Firestone Country Club
- Was the only player in the field to remain bogey-free in round four, until he took bogey on his 72nd hole
- With his T3, maintains control of the top spot in the FedExCup standings over Justin Thomas by 147 points
- Will be making his ninth start in this week's PGA Championship

Thorbjorn Olesen (-10/T3)

- Denmark native birdied three of his last five holes to shoot 6-under 64 and tie the low round of the day with Dustin Johnson
- Was making his third start in the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational; T10/2017, T48/2013

- Was making just his fourth start on the PGA TOUR this season; T31/WGC-HSBC Champions, MC/U.S. Open, T12/The Open Championship
- Was making his 44th career start on the PGA TOUR. Most recent top-10 TOUR finish before this week was a T10 at the 2017 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational
- Won the Italian Open on the European Tour in June

Tiger Woods (E/T31)

- Eight-time winner of the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational got off to a strong start with birdies on his first two holes. He would make two quick bogeys at Nos. 4 and 6 (par-4s), a birdie at the par-4 ninth and make the turn in 1-under par.
- On Nos. 10-18, went bogey, birdie, bogey, bogey, double-bogey, birdie, double-bogey, par, birdie (+4)
- Posted 3-over 73 for second-straight day
- T31 finish marks just the third occasion on which he has finished outside the top-8 in the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational (16 starts). He finished T78 in 2010 and T37 in 2011
- 73 marks just his second over-par score in a final round this season (13 events). He closed with 3-over 74 at the Wells Fargo Championship (T55)
- Outside the major championships, had not made two-or-more double bogeys in a round before today since the final round of the 2015 Memorial Tournament
- 5/14 fairways in regulation (26/56 week), 10/18 greens (45/72 week), 1/8 scrambling (13/27 week)
- Made 106' 10" of total putts in round four, nearly 30' more than his next best round (79' 3"/R1)
- Will be making his 19th start in this week's PGA Championship and first since 2015 (MC). He won the event in 1999, 2000, 2006 and 2007

Course Statistics for the week

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| Toughest Hole | Easiest Hole |
| Par-4 9 th (4.208) | Par-5 2 nd (4.412) |

Scoring Averages

| | Front 9 | Back 9 | Total | Cumulative |
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| R1: | 34.155 | 34.211 | 68.366 | -- |
| R2: | 34.662 | 35.211 | 69.873 | 69.120 |
| R3: | 34.873 | 35.324 | 70.197 | 69.479 |
| R4: | 35.113 | 36.070 | 71.183 | 69.905 |

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)

R3: Rory McIlroy (67), Rickie Fowler (65), Dustin Johnson (66)

R4: None