



2018 CIMB Classic
(2nd of 46 events in the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season)

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
TPC Kuala Lumpur

October 11-14, 2018

Purse: \$7,000,000
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,005

First-Round Notes – Thursday, October 11, 2018

Weather: Mostly cloudy with isolated morning showers and afternoon thunderstorms and a high of 86. Wind W 5-10 mph

First-Round Leaderboard

Bronson Burgoon	63 (-9)
Austin Cook	64 (-8)
Scott Piercy	65 (-7)
Billy Horschel	65 (-7)
C.T. Pan	65 (-7)

Five Things to Know

- Bronson Burgoon took the first 18-hole lead/co-lead of his career with a 9-under 63.
- Danny Lee made the first hole-in-one of the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season with a 9-iron from 145 yards on the fourth hole. The hole-in-one was the third of Lee's career. His two previous hole-in-ones came at the 2012 CareerBuilder Challenge and 2015 AT&T Byron Nelson. Twenty eight players in PGA TOUR history have made a hole-in-one on their way to winning the tournament, with the last being Dustin Johnson at the 2015 World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship.
- 2015 and 2016 CIMB Classic winner Justin Thomas, the 2017 FedExCup Champion, opened with a 6-under 66 in his bid to become the only player in CIMB Classic history to win the event three times.
- Defending champion Pat Perez opened with a 2-under 70.
- Kevin Tway, who won last week's Safeway Open in a playoff, opened with a 2-under 70 after playing his back nine, the front nine at TPC Kuala Lumpur's West Course, in 4-under 32.

First-Round Lead Notes

2 First-round leaders/co-leaders at the CIMB Classic to win since 2010 (Ryan Moore/2013, Justin Thomas/2016)

Bronson Burgoon (-9/63)

- After starting on the back nine, played his first four holes in 1-over-par before playing the last 14 holes in 10-under-par for a 63.
- Hit 8/14 fairways and 17/18 greens in regulation – tied for the best in the field.
- Tied his career low in relation to par with the 9-under 63. Previously shot a 9-under 62 at the John Deere Classic.
- Opened the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season with a T53 at the Safeway Open last week.
- Finished the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season 78th in the FedExCup standings. Collected two top-10s, including a season-best T2 at the 2018 John Deere Classic.
- Making his first career appearance at the CIMB Classic.

Austin Cook (-8/64)

- After missing left of the green on the par-4 ninth, his last hole of the day, Cook chipped in for birdie to close with an 8-under 64.
- As a rookie on the PGA TOUR during the 2017-18 Season, posted a victory at The RSM Classic in 2017 and two additional top-10s on his way to 38th in the FedExCup standings.
- Hit 10/14 fairways and 13/18 fairways in the first round.
- Making his first career appearance at the CIMB Classic.

Billy Horschel (-7/65)

- Beginning on the back nine, the 2014 FedExCup Champ recorded a bogey-free 7-under 65 with birdies on Nos 10, 15, 18, 3, 4, 5 and 8.



- Ended the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season with three top-three finishes in the FedExCup Playoffs, including a runner-up finish at the TOUR Championship, where he finished two shots behind Tiger Woods. Ranked fifth in the 2017-18 FedExCup standings.
- Making his first appearance at the CIMB Classic since 2015. Finished T37 (2015) and T11 (2014) in two prior appearances.
- Hit 10/14 fairways and 15/18 greens in regulation.
- Recorded his fifth career PGA TOUR victory at the 2017 Zurich Classic of New Orleans, teaming up with Scott Piercy in the team format.

Scott Piercy (-7/65)

- Held the first-round lead at the 2015 CIMB Classic after opening with a 10-under 62 but finished T7 after closing with three consecutive 3-under 69s.
- In four prior appearances at the CIMB Classic, Piercy has three top-10s – T10/2012, T7/2015, T10/2016.
- Recorded a victory at the 2018 Zurich Classic of New Orleans with Billy Horschel as his partner in the team event on his way to finishing 68th in the FedExCup standings during the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season.
- Hit 9/14 fairways and 16/18 greens in regulation during the first round.

C.T. Pan (-7/65)

- Collected two top-10s in his last four starts of the 2017-18 Season with a T2 at the Wyndham Championship and a T4 at the Dell Technologies Championship. Finished 35th in the final FedExCup standings.
- Has made eight consecutive cuts on TOUR.
- Finished T17 in his only prior appearance at the CIMB Classic in 2017.
- Was 4/5 in sand saves in the first round.
- His older brother, Fu-shiang is caddying for Pan for the first time on the PGA TOUR this week. Also caddied at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio.

Justin Thomas (-6/-66)

- Starting on the back nine, the 2015 and 2016 CIMB Classic winner played his first four holes in 3-under-par before playing his next nine holes in 1-over-par but closed with birdies on four of the last five holes for a 6-under 66.
- Hit 10/14 fairways and 17/18 greens in regulation.
- The current World No. 4 recorded three wins and seven additional top-10s in 23 starts during the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season. Finished seventh in the final FedExCup standings.
- During his 2017 FedExCup victory, began his season with one of five victories with a win here at the CIMB Classic.
- Nine-time PGA TOUR winner posted his first two career victories at the CIMB Classic and has the lowest scoring average in tournament history (minimum eight rounds) at 67.00.

Miscellaneous Notes

- At the 2017 CIMB Classic, Cameron Smith held a one-shot, first-round lead with an opening 8-under 64 on his way to a T5 finish. On his way to victory, Pat Perez opened with a 6-under 66 in 2017 and was T5 after the first round.
- Ryan Moore, the 2013 and 2014 CIMB Classic winner, opened with a 1-under 71. Moore fell short to Kevin Tway in a three-hole, three-player playoff at last week's Safeway Open on his way to a T2 finish.
- International Presidents Cup Team Captain and World Golf Hall of Fame member Ernie Els opened with a 4-under 68.
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Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Austin Cook (64), Billy Horschel (65), Kevin Chappell (66), Emiliano Grillo (66), Louis Oosthuizen (66), Scott Stallings (67), Kevin Na (68), Gary Woodland (70)

Scoring Averages at the par-72 TPC Kuala Lumpur (West):

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.013	35.808	69.821	---