



**2018 CIMB Classic**  
*(2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

**Second-Round Notes – Friday, October 12, 2018**

*Weather: Mostly cloudy with light morning showers and a high of 84F (29C). Wind W 5-10 mph (9-15 kph)*

**Second-Round Leaderboard**

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| Gary Woodland     | 69-61—130 (-14) |
| Marc Leishman     | 68-62—130 (-14) |
| Shubhankar Sharma | 67-64—131 (-13) |
| Paul Casey        | 66-65—131 (-13) |

**Five Things to Know**

- Gary Woodland, runner-up at the CIMB Classic in 2013 and 2014, tied the course record at TPC Kuala Lumpur's West course with his 11-under 61, matching Justin Thomas' second round score in 2015. He holds the joint halfway lead on 14-under 130.
- This is fourth time in Woodland's career he has held or shared the second-round lead on the PGA TOUR, the last being the PGA Championship in August where he subsequently finished T6.
- After making an opening bogey on the first hole on Thursday, Marc Leishman has since recorded 15 birdies, including 10 birdies on Friday for a bogey-free 62 to tie Woodland. This is the sixth time Leishman has held the lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR.
- Making his CIMB Classic debut, India's Shubhankar Sharma shot a 64 in the second round, which included nine birdies against one bogey to get within one shot of the leaders.
- 2017 FedExCup Champion Justin Thomas carded a bogey-free 69, hitting six of 14 fairways and 11 of 18 greens in regulation. He is five shots back in T15 heading into the weekend.

**Second-Round Lead Notes**

4 Second-round leaders/co-leaders at the CIMB Classic to win since 2010 (Ben Crane/2010, Justin Thomas/2015, Justin Thomas/2016, Pat Perez/2017)

**Gary Woodland (-14/130)**

- Tied the tournament record with 11-under 61 that included 11 birdies and zero bogeys. Justin Thomas (2<sup>nd</sup> rd/2015) is the only player previously to shoot 61 since the CIMB Classic moved to TPC Kuala Lumpur's West Course. Thomas went on to win the tournament after shooting 61.
- 11-under 61 is his career low on the PGA TOUR
- Has held the 36-hole lead/co-lead three times previously in his career and has never converted the 36-hole lead into a victory. He previously held the 36-hole lead/co-lead at the 2016 Farmers Insurance Open (T18), 2016 OHL Classic at Mayakoba (2<sup>nd</sup>), and 2018 PGA Championship (T6).
- Finished 26<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings during the 2017-18 Season and recorded his third career victory at the Waste Management Phoenix Open where he closed with a 64.
- Closed the 2017-18 Season with 11 consecutive made cuts, including top-25s in six of his last seven starts.
- In five prior appearances at the CIMB Classic, the three-time PGA TOUR winner has two runner-ups (T2/2014 and 2<sup>nd</sup>/2015).
- Through two rounds, Woodland is yet to make a bogey.
- Opened with birdies on two of his first six holes before reeling off birdies on nine of his last 12 holes.

**Marc Leishman (-14/130)**

- Matched his PGA TOUR career low 18-hole score in relation to par with 10-under 62.
- Making his sixth appearance at the CIMB Classic, with a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish in 2016 CIMB Classic as his best prior result.
- Chasing his fourth PGA TOUR victory, with his last win being the BMW Championship in 2017.
- Finished 29<sup>th</sup> on the FedExCup final points standings in the recent 2017-18 season following six top-10s including runner-up finishes at the CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES and AT&T Byron Nelson.



- In five previous occasions where he has led or jointly led after two rounds, he has gone on to win once at the 2017 BMW Championship.
- Leads the field in putting, averaging only 25 putts per round through two rounds.

**Shubhankar Sharma (-13/131)**

- Sharma’s 64 is his career low 18-hole score on the PGA TOUR.
- The Indian golfer led after the second round and third round at the World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship in February before finishing T9, which is his career best finish on TOUR from 11 starts.
- Sharma has won two tournaments over the past 12 months, the Joburg Open in December and Malaysian Championship in February, events sanctioned by the Asian Tour and European Tour. Currently leads the Asian Tour Habitat for Humanity standings.
- Missed four cuts in his last five tournaments before arriving to the CIMB Classic.
- Making his first appearance at the CIMB Classic.

**Paul Casey (-13/131)**

- This is Casey’s fifth successive CIMB Classic appearance, with a T7 last year being his best finish.
- After making birdies on 12 and 14, he hit a hot streak with birdies on holes 18, 1, 2 and 4 and throwing in an eagle on hole 3.
- The Englishman secured his second PGA TOUR victory in the recent 2017-18 Season, winning the Valspar Championship to add to the 2009 Shell Houston Open.
- Holds 14 other international victories including five wins in China, United Arab Emirates and Korea.

**Justin Thomas (-9/135)**

- After opening with a 6-under 66, the highest ranked player in the field posted a 3-under 69 with three birdies and no bogeys.
- In both his 2015 and 2016 win at the CIMB Classic, Thomas held the 36-hole lead outright.
- 2017 FedExCup Champion 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) entering this week at 67.00.
- Would become the only player in CIMB Classic history to win the event three times if he could win Sunday.

**Miscellaneous Notes**

- Bronson Burgoon, the 18-hole solo leader, recorded a 3-under 69 and is two shots back entering the weekend at 12-under 132.
- Austin Cook entered the day one shot back of the lead but needed 32 putts in a 4-under 68 that has him two shots back of Woodland and Leishman.
- Keegan Bradley still holds the record for largest 36-hole lead in tournament history with a four-shot lead after two rounds in 2013.
- At the 2017 CIMB Classic, Pat Perez held a one-shot, second-round lead at 13-under 131 on his way to a four-shot victory. Perez is 5-under 139 through two rounds.
- Ryan Moore, the 2013 and 2014 CIMB Classic winner, opened with rounds of 71-72—143 (-1). 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 68-72—140 (-4).
- The streak of no player ever going wire-to-wire to win at the CIMB Classic will remain intact.

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)

**R2:** Gary Woodland (61), Marc Leishman (62), Keith Mitchell (65), John Catlin (65), Kevin Chappell (67), Charles Howell III (67), Austin Cook (68), Chesson Hadley (68), Whee Kim (68), Justin Thomas (69), Kiradech Aphibarnrat (69)

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

|     | <b>Front 9</b> | <b>Back 9</b> | <b>Total</b> |
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| R1: | 34.013         | 35.808        | 69.821       |



R2: 34.039 35.397 69.436

