



2018 THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES
(3rd of 46 events in the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season)

Jeju Island, South Korea
The Club at Nine Bridges

October 18-21, 2018

Purse: \$9,500,000
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,196

First-Round Notes – Thursday, October 18, 2018

Weather: Mostly sunny and a high of 55F (13C). Wind NW 15-25 mph (25-40 km/h)

First-Round Leaderboard

Chez Reavie	68 (-4)
Si Woo Kim	69 (-3)
Danny Willett	69 (-3)
Seven players tied	70 (-2)

Six Things to Know

- Chez Reavie grabbed sole possession of the first-round lead by one shot with a 4-under 68 after hitting 14/14 fairways and 15/18 greens. The 36-year-old is in search of his second career PGA TOUR victory and first since the 2008 RBC Canadian Open. It's been 231 starts since his last victory on TOUR.
- Reavie's first round, 4-under 68 is the highest first-round lead both in score and relation to par since the 2018 U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills, where Dustin Johnson, Russell Henley, Ian Poulter and Scott Piercy held a share of the first-round lead with 1-under 69s. There was not a single bogey-free round in the first round.
- Defending champion Justin Thomas, the 2017 FedExCup Champion, opened with a 1-over 73.
- Brooks Koepka, the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Player of the Year, opened with a 1-under 71 in his first start at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES and is three shots back of the first-round lead.
- Three of the four par-5s at The Club at Nine Bridges played to an over-par score during the first round. Only seven par-5s played to an over-par score during the entire 2017-18 Season, two of which were par-5s at The Club at Nine Bridges.
- Sungjae Im, who is from Jeju Island, was named the 2018 Web.com Tour Player of the Year and 2018 Web.com Tour Rookie of the Year in a presentation after the first round. The 20-year-old is the first player in Web.com Tour history to lead the Web.com Tour money list wire-to-wire after winning twice.

First-Round Lead Notes

- 1/1 First-round leaders/co-leaders at the CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES to win since 2017 (Justin Thomas/2017)
- 0/2 First-round leaders/co-leaders during the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season to go on to convert the first-round lead to victory

Chez Reavie (-4/68)

Entering this week

49th	FedExCup
64th	Official World Golf Ranking
1	PGA TOUR Wins
259	PGA TOUR Starts
2	PGA TOUR Starts in 2018-19
0	Top-10s in 2018-19
1	Starts at CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES
1/3	Wins when holding 18-hole lead/co-lead

- Has held the 18-hole lead/co-lead three times previously in his career, converting one of the three into a victory – 2008 RBC Canadian Open/Win, 2011 Charles Schwab Challenge/T5, 2016 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am/T26.
- Opened the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season with a T33 finish at the Safeway Open and a T43 finish at the CIMB Classic.
- Finished T15 in the inaugural CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES in 2017.



- Lone career PGA TOUR victory came at the 2008 RBC Canadian Open as a rookie on TOUR. Has recorded 15 top-10s on TOUR since that victory, including three runner-up finishes.
- Has recorded 231 starts on TOUR since his last TOUR victory. Won the RBC Canadian Open in 2008 in only his 28th career TOUR start.
- Concluded the 2017-18 Season at No. 34 in the FedExCup standings – the second highest final ranking of his career. Opened the 2017-18 Season with 11 consecutive made cuts, including six consecutive top-25s to begin the Season. Rattled off back-to-back runner-up finishes at the Waste Management Phoenix Open (2) and Waste Management Phoenix Open (T2) in February.
- After failing to secure fully exempt status on the PGA TOUR in 2015, Reavie won the 2015 Web.com Tour Finals money list to regain fully-exempt status with a win at the 2015 Small Business Connection Championship at River Run. Reavie has two career Web.com Tour victories.

Si Woo Kim (-3/69)

- Kim, the winner of THE PLAYERS in 2017, opened THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES with a 3-under 69 and is in T2 heading into the second round.
- Finished T10 in his first start of the 2018-19 Season at the CIMB Classic and is currently 20th in the FedExCup standings entering the week.
- In 31 starts during the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season, recorded five top-10s including a runner-up finish at the 2018 RBC Heritage, where he fell in a playoff to Satoshi Kodaira.
- Finished No. 55 in the 2018 FedExCup standings.
- In his first season on the PGA TOUR, finished 17th in the 2016 FedExCup standings.
- At No. 57 in the Official World Golf Rankings, Kim is the second highest ranked Korean player behind Byeong Hun An.
- Finished T44 in the inaugural THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES in 2017 with rounds of 70-75-74-75.

Danny Willett (-3/69)

- After opening with a bogey on the first hole, recorded four birdies on the front nine for a 3-under 33. Closed with one birdie and one bogey on the back nine for a 3-under 69.
- Hit 14/14 fairways and 17/18 greens in regulation, which both ranked No. 1 in the field through the first round.
- Missed the cut in his first start of the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season at the Safeway Open.
- Owns five professional victories including the 2016 Masters Tournament and four European Tour victories.
- Ranked as high as ninth in the Official World Golf Rankings after his win at the 2016 Masters Tournament but entered the week at No. 342 in the OWGR.
- Making his first start at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES.

Byeong Hun An (-2/70)

- Remains in search of his first PGA TOUR victory after falling in a three-way playoff to Bryson DeChambeau at the 2018 Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide and to Brian Stuard at the 2016 Zurich Classic of New Orleans, where he lost to Stuard in a three-way playoff after the event was shortened to 54 holes due to inclement weather. An also finished T2 at the 2018 RBC Canadian Open.
- Finished T11 in the inaugural THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES in 2017.
- Posted a T13 at the CIMB Classic in his first start of the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season.
- Finished No. 42 in the 2018 FedExCup standings, the highest among South Korean players. Recorded four top-10s in 24 starts during the 2017-18 Season.
- Born in Seoul, South Korea and the highest ranked Korean player at No. 48 in the Official World Golf Rankings.
- On the European Tour, won the 2015 BMW PGA Championship.
- Winner of the 2015 Shinhae Donghae Open on the Korean Tour.
- Won the 2009 U.S. Amateur after defeating Ben Martin in the 36-hole finale to become the youngest winner in U.S. Amateur history at age 17.

Michael Kim (-2/70)

- After starting on the back nine, Kim was 4-under through 17 holes and held the solo lead but the 25-year-old made a double bogey on his last hole, the par-5 ninth, to finish two shots back of Reavie's lead.



- Posted his first career PGA TOUR victory at the 2018 John Deere Classic in July with an eight-shot win that tied the largest margin of victory on TOUR during the 2017-18 Season. Set the tournament record at the John Deere Classic with a score of 27-under 257.
- Finished No. 81 in the 2018 FedExCup standings with 10 made cuts in 27 starts, including the victory at the John Deere Classic.
- Finished 73rd and 62nd in his first two starts of the 2018-19 Season at the Safeway Open and CIMB Classic.
- Born in Seoul, South Korea but was raised in San Diego, California.
- Making his first start at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES.
- As a sophomore at the University of California was named the 2013 Jack Nicklaus Award recipient, given to the nation's top collegiate player.

Brooks Koepka (-1/71)

- Making his first start of the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season, Brooks Koepka – the 2017 -18 PGA TOUR Player of the Year – opened with 1-under 71.
- On his way to Player of the Year honors, Koepka posted two victories in major championships (2018 U.S. Open and 2018 PGA Championship) and two runner-up finishes in 17 starts on TOUR. Koepka was the first player since Curtis Strange in 1989 to win back-to-back U.S. Open titles.
- At No. 3 in the Official World Golf Rankings, Koepka is the highest ranked player in the field.
- First career start at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES.

Dongseop Maeng (-1/71)

- Recorded the best score among the KPGA contingent with a 1-under 71.
- Making his first career PGA TOUR start.
- Maeng is currently sixth on the KPGA money list and has three KPGA victories.

Sungjae Im (+1/73)

- Im, who grew up in Jeju Island, was named the 2018 Web.com Tour Player of the Year and 2018 Web.com Tour Rookie of the Year in a press conference after the first round.
- The 20-year-old won both The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay and the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by Kraft Heinz on the Web.com Tour in 2018. He also won the 2018 Web.com Tour Regular Season money list with two victories, three second-place finishes and five additional top-10s in 25 starts.
- Im is the first player in Web.com Tour history to lead the money list wire-to-wire after opening the Web.com Tour season with a victory at The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay and a runner-up at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club.
- As a rookie, opened the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season with a T4 finish at the Safeway Open in only his third career TOUR start. He missed the cut at the 2018 U.S. Open and finished T42 at the 2018 PGA Championship.

Korean Players in the Field:

Si Woo Kim	69 (-3)
Byeong Hun An	70 (-2)
Dong Seop Maeng	71 (-1)
Tae Hee Lee	72 (E)
Doyeop Mun	72 (E)
Sungjae Im	73 (+1)
Hyungjoon Lee	74 (+2)
Sanghyun Park	75 (+3)
Sung Kang	75 (+3)
Whee Kim	76 (+4)
Hyun-Woo Ryu	77 (+5)
Kyoung-Hoon Lee	78 (+6)
Minchel Choi	82 (+10)



The Club at Nine Bridges Notes

- Only seven par-5s on the PGA TOUR during the 2017-18 Season played to an over-par score. On Thursday, three of the four par-5s at The Club at Nine Bridges played to an over-par score – 550-yard 3rd (5.077), 589-yard 9th (5.013) and 568-yard 18th (5.103).
- At 568 yards, the par-5 18th played to a score of 5.103, which would have ranked as the third most difficult par-5 on the PGA TOUR during the 2017-18 Season.
- The par-3 221-yard 13th hole, which played the second most difficult hole on the course, played to an average of 3.359 in the first round, which would have ranked as the fourth most difficult par-3 on the PGA TOUR during the 2017-18 Season.
- Only 40 percent of the 78-player field hit the green in regulation at the par-3 13th. For the players who did hit the green, the green averaged 2.19 putts per GIR – the most difficult green on the course.
- During the first round, there were more scores of bogey or worse than scores of birdie or better.
- The 428-yard par-4 11th hole played to a scoring average of 4.397, which would have ranked as the ninth most difficult hole on the 2017-18 PGA TOUR schedule.
- The par-4 11th hole (428 yards) played to a tougher scoring average (4.397) than the par-5 12th hole at 554 yards (4.346).

Miscellaneous Notes

- Current FedExCup points leader Kevin Tway opened with a 1-over-par 73.
- Hideki Matsuyama briefly played his way into a share of the lead but closed with bogeys on two of his last four holes, including the par-5 18th, for a 1-under 71.
- Marc Leishman, who won last week’s CIMB Classic by five shots and lost in a playoff to Justin Thomas in 2017, opened with a 3-over 75 in his bid for back-to-back victories.
- Defending champion Justin Thomas opened with a 1-over 73 in the first round. The 2017 FedExCup Champion began the 2018-19 Season with a T5 finish at the CIMB Classic.
- In Thomas’ victory in 2017, he held a three-shot lead after opening in 9-under 63. Thomas fell out of the lead in the second round after a second-round 74 but rallied with rounds of 70-72 on the weekend on his way to victory.
- Tae Hee Lee, who is currently second on the KPGA money list, opened with an even-par 72. He was the KPGA Player of the Year in 2015.
- Five players hit all 14 fairways during the first round – Chez Reavie (68), Danny Willett (69), Joel Dahmen (72), Brendan Steele (74) and James Hahn (76).
- In his first career PGA TOUR start, Doyeop Mun opened with an even-par 72. After playing his first 16 holes, dropped three shots coming in with a bogey-double bogey finish on the 17th and 18th holes. Mun is currently fourth on the Korean Tour money list and won the 2018 KPGA Championship.

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: None

Scoring Averages at the par-72 The Club at Nine Bridges:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	36.525	36.744	73.269	--