



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

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, October 20, 2018

Weather: Mostly sunny and a high of 58F (14C). Wind ENE 6-12 mph (10-18 km/h)

Third-Round Leaderboard

Brooks Koepka 71-65-67—203 (-13)
Ian Poulter 70-69-68—207 (-9)
Scott Piercy 70-65-72—207 (-9)
Six players tied at 208 (-8)

Five Things to Know

- Brooks Koepka, the 2018 PGA TOUR Player of the Year, holds a four-shot lead after 54 holes in his first start of the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season. The World No. 3 has secured the largest 54-hole lead of his career after carding a 5-under 67 in the third round.
- Koepka will move to No. 1 in the Official World Golf Rankings with a win at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES this week. Koepka would also take over No. 1 with a solo runner-up as long as Justin Thomas doesn't win. Koepka entered the week ranked No. 3 and has never been ranked higher than No. 2 in the world.
- Scott Piercy, the 36-hole solo leader, fell into T2, four shots back of Koepka, after a third-round even-par 72.
- Defending champion Justin Thomas made eagle at the last for an even-par 72 after making a quadruple bogey on the par-4 14th hole during the third round. The 2017 FedExCup champion sits at 1-under 215, 12 shots back of Koepka's lead entering the final round.
- Among the 13 Korean players in the field, two-time PGA TOUR winner Si Woo Kim occupies the highest spot on the leaderboard at 6-under 210 (T13). Sung Kang is two shots behind him at 4-under 212 (T21).

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 1/1 Third-round leaders/co-leaders at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES to win since 2017 (Justin Thomas).
1/2 Third-round leaders/co-leaders during the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season to go on to convert the third-round lead to victory. (Marc Leishman/CIMB Classic)

Brooks Koepka (-13/203)

Entering this week

N/A FedExCup
3 Official World Golf Ranking
4 PGA TOUR Wins
104 PGA TOUR Starts
0 PGA TOUR Starts in 2018-19
0 Top-10s in 2018-19
0 Starts at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGE
2 Wins when holding 54-hole lead/co-lead

- Has held the 54-hole lead/co-lead four times in his career and has converted in the final round twice, including in each of his two wins during the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season. Has recorded the following finishes when holding at least a share of the lead after three rounds: 2013 Safeway Open/T3, 2016 AT&T Byron Nelson/T2, 2018 U.S. Open/1, 2018 PGA Championship/1.
- Each of Koepka's three solo leads after 54-holes have been two-shot leads, with his most recent being a two-shot lead after 54 holes at the PGA Championship, which he converted into a two-shot win holding off a Sunday charge from Tiger Woods.



- After opening the third round with eight consecutive pars, Koepka joined Piercy in the lead with a birdie at the ninth and then took the solo lead for the first time in the tournament with his birdie at the par-4 10th. Added birdies at Nos. 14, 17 and 18 for a 5-under 67.
- Hit 10/14 fairways, 13/18 greens and needed 30 putts in the third round.
- Recorded two major championship victories in the 2017-18 PGA TOUR season and became just the fifth player to win the U.S. Open and PGA Championship in the same year. Holds four PGA TOUR wins.
- Became the first repeat winner at the U.S. Open since Curtis Strange in 1989.
- Along with his third major victory at Bellerive Country Club, Koepka set the PGA Championship 72-hole scoring record at 16-under 264.
- Earned 2018 PGA TOUR Player of the Year honors on the strength of six top-10 finishes, highlighted by two major championship wins, two runner-ups and 15 of 17 made cuts.
- Making his first start at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES and first start of the 2018-19 Season.
- In four seasons on TOUR, has never finished worse than 35th in the FedExCup standings and has advanced to East Lake for the TOUR Championship three of four seasons.
- If Koepka were to win Sunday, it'd mark the second consecutive year that the reigning PGA TOUR Player of the Year has won THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES after 2017 PGA TOUR Player of the Year Justin Thomas won the inaugural tournament.

Ian Poulter (-9/207)

- After playing the first eight holes of the third round in 1-over-par, Poulter played the last 10 in 5-under-par and remains within four shots of the lead in a tie for second after a 4-under 68.
- Hit 11/14 fairways, 15/18 greens in regulation and needed 30 putts during a third-round 68. Has only made four bogeys through three rounds.
- Finished T15 in THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES last year.
- Finished 50th in the FedExCup standings in 2017-18 season with a win at the Houston Open via a playoff against Beau Hossler. Had three additional top-10s.
- Has won three PGA TOUR titles and 10 other European Tour wins.

Scott Piercy (-9/207)

- The 36-hole leader dropped into T2 after playing the back nine in 1-over 37. Held the solo lead until the ninth hole and then lost his share of the lead with bogeys on Nos. 10 and 11 and another on No. 16. Birdied Nos. 17 and 18 to jump back into a share of second at 9-under 207.
- Hit 10/14 fairways, 11/18 greens in regulation and needed 30 putts in the third round. Had five bogeys on the day – more than his first and second round combined.
- Finished T27 at CIMB Classic in Malaysia last week. Missed the cut at the season-opening Safeway Open.
- Finished 68th on the 2017-18 FedExCup standings. Won Zurich Classic of New Orleans with Billy Horschel for his fourth PGA TOUR victory. Also finished T6 at the CareerBuilder Challenge for his other top-10.
- Making his debut in THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES.

Rafa Cabrera Bello (-8/208)

- Carded a bogey-free, 7-under 65 to move up 18 spots on the leaderboard and get within five shots of the lead entering the final round at 8-under 208.
- Hit 9/14 fairways, 16/18 greens in regulation and needed 28 putts.
- Finished T50 in his first start of the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season at the CIMB Classic.
- At THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES in 2017, finished T11 with rounds of 71-70-72-71—284 (-4).
- Finished the 2017-18 Season at No. 41 in the FedExCup standings. Posted five top-10s in 20 starts including a season-best T3 at the World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship.
- Making his 72nd career start on TOUR and in search of his first TOUR victory. Owns three victories on the European Tour – 2009 Austrian Golf Open, 2012 Omega Dubai Desert Classic and 2017 Aberdeen Asset Management Open.

Gary Woodland (-8/208)

- Carded a bogey-free 68 and is in T4 entering the final round, five shots back of Koepka's lead.
- Hit 11/14 fairways, 18/18 greens in regulation but needed 33 putts in the third round. Has his 45/54 greens in regulation for the week.



- Woodland held a share of the 36-hole and 54-hole lead at last week's CIMB Classic on his way to a T5 finish.

Chez Reavie (-8/208)

- After playing the first six holes of the third round in 3-over-par, Reavie made five birdies over his last 12 holes for a 2-under-70 and enters the final round in T4.
- Tied for the field lead in greens in regulation at 46/54 (85.2%) with Jason Dufner and J.B. Holmes.
- Owned the solo first-round lead with a 4-under 68 on a day that there wasn't a single bogey-free round.
- 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 THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES in 2017.
- Chasing a second career PGA TOUR victory following the 2008 RBC Canadian Open. Has recorded 15 top-10s on TOUR since that victory, including three runner-up finishes.
- Making his 232nd TOUR start since his last victory. Won the RBC Canadian Open in 2008 in only his 28th career TOUR start.

Pat Perez (-8/208)

- Enters the final round five shots back of the lead after a bogey-free 68.
- Hit 12/14 fairways, 16/18 greens in regulation and needed 30 putts during the third round.
- Is a perfect 4/4 in sand saves through three rounds.
- Three-time TOUR winner finished 39th in the 2018 FedExCup standings.
- Finished T5 at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES in 2018.
- Has won an event during the fall portion of the PGA TOUR season each of the last two seasons with wins at the 2016 OHL Classic at Mayakoba and 2017 CIMB Classic.
- Finished T63 at the CIMB Classic in his first start of the 2018-19 Season.

Cameron Smith (-8/208)

- Carded an eagle on the par-5 18th for a 5-under 67 to finish at 8-under 208.
- Hit 13/14 fairways, 15/18 greens in regulation and needed 31 putts in the third round. Has hit 43/54 greens in regulation through three rounds.
- Finished a career-best 12th in the 2018 FedExCup standings with two top-three finishes in the FedExCup Playoffs – T3/The Northern Trust and 3/Dell Technologies Championship.
- Lone PGA TOUR victory came at the 2017 Zurich Class of New Orleans, where he won the two-man team event format with partner Jonas Blixt.

Jamie Lovemark (-8/208)

- Carded five birdies and a bogey in a 4-under 68 and is in T4, five shots back of the lead entering the final round.
- Leading the field in putting (1.52) but ranks T73 in greens in regulation (63.0%).
- In search of his first career PGA TOUR victory. Has two runner-up finishes previously.
- Finished T39 at last week's CIMB Classic after missing the cut at the season-opening Safeway Open.
- Finished T5 at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES in 2017 – his highest finish of the 2017-18 Season.
- Finished No. 85 in the 2018 FedExCup standings with three top-10s in 26 starts.

Jason Day (-7/209)

- After opening his round with two pars and two bogeys, registered five consecutive birdies on Nos. 5-9 to turn in 3-under 33. Added three birdies, a bogey and an eagle on the par-5 18th to post a 7-under 65. Played his last 14 holes in 9-under-par.
- Moved up 20 spots on the leaderboard with 65 in the third round.
- Ranked No. 12 in the Official World Golf Rankings, Day has 12 PGA TOUR victories and has been ranked as high as No. 1 in the world.
- Finished No. 16 in the 2018 FedExCup standings after posting victories at the 2018 Farmers Insurance Open and the 2018 Wells Fargo Championship.

Ted Potter Jr. (-7/209)

- Starting on the back nine, Ted Potter Jr. recorded five birdies and an eagle for a bogey-free 7-under 65 to climb 20 spots on the leaderboard.



- Ranked second in the field in putting (1.57).
- After opening THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES with a first-round 5-over 77, Ted Potter Jr. has played the last 36 holes in 12-under-par – which ties Brooks Koepka for the best mark in the field over the last 36 holes.
- Missed the cut in his first start of the 2018-19 Season at the Safeway Open and followed with a T54 at the CIMB Classic.
- Finished the 2017-18 Season at No. 65 in the FedExCup standings. Earned his second career PGA TOUR victory at the 2018 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, holding off Dustin Johnson, Jason Day, Phil Mickelson and Chez Reavie for a three-shot victory.
- Making his first start at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES.

Hideki Matsuyama (-5/211)

- Starting on the back nine, Japan's top-ranked player at No. 22 in the world rolled off three consecutive birdies on Nos. 12-14 to turn in 3-under 33 and recorded three additional birdies on his back nine en route to a bogey-free 6-under 66.
- Five-time PGA TOUR winner is making his first start at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES and first start of the 2018-19 Season.
- Finished 13th in the final FedExCup standings. In five seasons on TOUR, Matsuyama has never missed the TOUR Championship.
- Has finished in the top-15 in each of his last five starts on the PGA TOUR, including T4 finishes in two of his last three starts (Dell Technologies Championship and TOUR Championship).

Korean Players in the Field:

Si Woo Kim	69-73-68	210 (-6)	T13
Sung Kang	75-67-70	212 (-4)	T21
Dong Seop Maeng	71-73-70	214 (-2)	T31
Sungjae Im	73-71-71	215 (-1)	T43
Tae Hee Lee	72-71-74	217 (+1)	T55
Byeong Hun An	70-77-70	217 (+1)	T55
Kyoung-Hoon Lee	78-73-67	218 (+2)	T64
Sanghyun Park	75-73-71	219 (+3)	T66
Whee Kim	76-75-69	220 (+4)	T70
Doyeop Mun	72-80-68	220 (+4)	T70
Hyungjoon Lee	74-72-75	221 (+5)	74
Minchel Choi	82-72-73	227 (+11)	77
Hyun-Woo Ryu	77-76-75	228 (+12)	78

Miscellaneous Notes

- At THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES in 2017, Justin Thomas held a share of the 54-hole lead at 9-under 207 with Scott Brown and played his way into a playoff with a final-round even-par 72 and won with a birdie in the playoff. Marc Leishman, who played his way into a playoff with Thomas in 2017, entered the final round two shots back but shot a final-round 2-under 70 to join Thomas in the playoff. Brown, who held a share of the 54-hole lead, ended up finishing T5.
- 2018 Web.com Tour Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year Sungjae Im, the 20-year-old from Jeju Island, carded a 1-under 71 and is at 1-under 215 for the tournament. Im, a TOUR rookie, finished T4 in his first start of the 2018-19 Season at the Safeway Open. Im won twice on the Web.com Tour in 2018 and led the money list wire-to-wire for the first time in that tour's history.
- Defending champion Justin Thomas shot an even-par in the third round despite a quadruple bogey 8 at the par-4 14th to finish at 1-under 215 through three rounds. The 2017 FedExCup champion recorded an eagle on the par-5 18th for the second consecutive day to get back to level par for the day. He began his season in Malaysia with a T5 finish at the CIMB Classic.
- Current FedExCup points leader Kevin Tway shot a 3-under 69 and enters the final round in T31.
- Asian Tour Order of Merit leader Shubhankar Sharma of India fired the round of the day with an 8-under 64. Sharma moved up 45 spots on the leaderboard into T26.
- Brendan Steele, a three-time PGA TOUR winner, moved up 31 spots on the leaderboard with a third-round 65.
- Marc Leishman, who won last week's CIMB Classic by five shots and lost in a playoff here to Justin Thomas in 2017, recorded a 4-under 68 in the third round to get to 2-under 214 for the tournament. Leishman is currently No. 2 in the FedExCup standings.
- South Korea's Kyoung Hoon-Lee, a PGA TOUR rookie, posted a 5-under 67 to move up 10 spots on the leaderboard.



- Paul Casey, who recorded the first hole-in-one in tournament history with an ace on the seventh hole in the second round, recorded his best round of the tournament with a 6-under 66. Casey, the No. 21 ranked player in the world, is at 6-under 210 and in search of his third career PGA TOUR victory.
- Dong Seop Maeng leads the field in driving accuracy at 95.2%.

The Club at Nine Bridges Notes

- The par-5 18th, which played to an over-par score in the first round, played to a scoring average of 4.218, the easiest hole on the course, with 10 eagles in the third round. There were only 13 eagles in total for the day.
- Each of the four par-5s played to an under-par score in the third round – the first time that has happened through three rounds.
- Austin Cook holed the lone eagle on a par-4 Saturday after holing out from the fairway on the par-4 eighth.
- At 471 yards, the par-4 10th played as the most difficult hole on the course at 4.167 scoring average.
- With little wind Saturday, the third-round scoring average of 70.027 was 3.242 shots easier than the first-round scoring average of 73.269.

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: None

R2: Pat Perez (68), Andrew Putnam (68), Scott Piercy (65), Alex Noren (65), Sung Kang (67)

R3: Ted Potter Jr. (65), Rafa Cabrera Bello (65), Hideki Matsuyama (66), Emiliano Grillo (66) Cameron Smith (67), Brooks Koepka (67), J.B. Holmes (68), Pat Perez (68), Gary Woodland (68), Graeme McDowell (69)

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

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	36.525	36.744	73.269	--
R2:	35.871	35.205	71.076	72.174
R3:	35.142	34.885	70.027	71.457