



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

Jeju Island, South Korea October 18-21, 2018 Purse: \$9,500,000

The Club at Nine Bridges Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,196

Final-Round Notes - Sunday, October 21, 2018

Weather: Partly cloudy and a high of 59F (15C). Wind ENE 5-10 mph (9-16 km/h)

#### **Final-Round Leaderboard**

 Brooks Koepka
 71-65-67-64—267 (-21)

 Gary Woodland
 73-67-68-63—271 (-17)

 Ryan Palmer
 72-70-69-62—273 (-15)

 Rafa Cabrera Bello
 73-70-65-65—273 (-15)

#### **Six Things to Know**

- In his first start of the 2018-19 Season, Brooks Koepka, the 2018 PGA TOUR Player of the Year, carded a back-nine 7-under 29 to earn his fifth career PGA TOUR victory at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES with a score of 21-under 267.
- The reigning PGA TOUR Player of the Year has now won each of the first two editions of THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES with Koepka winning in 2018 and Justin Thomas winning the inaugural edition in 2017.
- With the victory, Brooks Koepka moves to No. 1 in the Official World Golf Rankings for the first time in his career, passing Dustin Johnson for the top spot. Koepka has now won three of his last 11 starts on the PGA TOUR.
- Ryan Palmer birdied his last seven holes of the final round to set the course record with a 10-under 62 to finish in a tie for
- third. The last player to record seven consecutive birdies to close a round was Tony Finau in the second round at the 2015 CareerBuilder Challenge.
- Marc Leishman moved up to No. 1 in the FedExCup standings, bypassing Kevin Tway, with a T18 finish after closing with a 6-under 66
- Among the 13 Korean players in the field, two-time PGA TOUR winner Si Woo Kim finished in the highest spot on the leaderboard at 7-under 281 (T23).

Brooks Koepka (-21/1) Age: 28 (May 3, 1990) Joined Tour: 2014

# Following his win this week:

3 FedExCup ranking

1 Starts at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES

1 Top-10 at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES (Won/2018)

105 PGA TOUR starts5 PGA TOUR wins87 Made cuts

31 Top-10s in career

1 PGA TOUR start in 2018-19

1 Win in 2018-19

**PGA TOUR Wins (5)**: 2015 Waste Management Phoenix Open, 2017 U.S. Open, 2018 U.S. Open, 2018 PGA Championship, 2018 THE CJ @ NINE BRIDGES





- Collects 500 points and moves to third in the FedExCup standings.
- FedExCup finishes (No. 24/2015, No. 35/2016, No. 10/2017, No. 9/2018
- Wins his fifth PGA TOUR event in his 105<sup>th</sup> career start at the age of 28 years, 5 months and 18 days.
- Entered the day with a four-shot lead, which had evaporated into just a share of the lead after turning in 1-under 35, but posted a 7-under 29, including a birdie-birdie-par-eagle finish, to close out the four-shot victory with a score of 21-under 267
- The 21-under total through 72 holes ties his career low in relation to par on the PGA TOUR and set the 72-hole tournament record for THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES.
- Four-shot victory ties his win at the 2017 U.S. Open for the largest margin of victory of his career.
- Has now converted the 54-hole lead/co-lead three out of five times in his career, including each of the last three times he's held at least a share of the 54-hole lead. His four-shot lead entering the day was the largest 54-hole lead of his career to this point.
- With five PGA TOUR titles, an additional European Tour victory, two Japan Golf Tour victories and four Challenge Tour wins, Koepka has 12 professional victories in seven different countries – South Korea, United States, Japan, Spain, Turkey, Scotland and Italy.
- Finished the week ranked T42 in fairways hit (73.2%), T23 in greens in regulation (77.8%), and T5 in Putts (1.60).
- 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.
- Won in his first start at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES.
- In four seasons on TOUR, has never finished worse than 35<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings and has advanced to East Lake for the TOUR Championship three of four seasons.

#### Gary Woodland (-17/2)

- Entering the final round five shots back of the lead, Woodland, a three-time PGA TOUR winner, went out in 6-under 30 to tie the lead and added five birdies and two bogeys on the back nine for a 3-under 33. His 9-under 63 ties the second lowest score of his career and is his lowest score since the second round of the 2017 RBC Canadian Open, when he also shot 63.
- The runner-up finish is the ninth of his career on TOUR.
- Hit 61/72 greens in regulation for the week, which was tied for second best in the field.
- Recorded his second consecutive top-5 to move up to No. 4 in the 2018-19 FedExCup standings.
- Only the second time he's recorded back-to-back top-5s in his career.
- After opening with a 1-over 73, Woodland played the last three rounds in 18-under 198.
- 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.
- Has advanced to the TOUR Championship six times in the last eight seasons, including each of the last three.

#### Ryan Palmer (-15/T3)

- After turning in 3-under 33, Palmer recorded seven consecutive birdies on Nos. 12-18 to close his round and set the course record with a 10-under 62. The 10-under 62 ties his second lowest round on the PGA TOUR and is his lowest score since the 2015 CareerBuilder Challenge.
- The streak of seven consecutive birdies ties the longest streak by a player since Chris Stroud posted eight in a row in the second round at the 2011 OHL Classic at Makakoba (Nos. 9-16). Since the start of 2012, Palmer is the 18<sup>th</sup> different player to post seven consecutive birdies in a round on TOUR. Only two players Kiradech Aphibarnrat and Lanto Griffin made seven consecutive birdies in a round during the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season.
- The T3 finish marks the three-time PGA TOUR winner's best finish since a T2 finish at the 2018 Farmers Insurance Open.
- Palmer's back-nine 7-under 29 is the first 29 recorded this season. Brooks Koepka later posted a 29 as well.
- Finished T33 in his first start of the season at the CIMB Classic.
- Finished the 2017-18 Season at No. 63 in the FedExCup standings with three top-10s in 22 starts.

#### Rafa Cabrera Bello (-15/T3)

- Carded a 7-under 65 with birdies on each of his last four holes of the final round to jump into a tie for third.
- Now has 14 career top-10s on the PGA TOUR in 72 starts but has never finished higher than solo third (2017 World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play) and finished T3 at the 2018 World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship as well.





- Hit 61/72 greens in regulation, tied for second best in the field.
- 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.
- Made his 72<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Scott Piercy (-12/T5)

- The 36-hole solo leader carded weekend rounds of 72-69 for a T5 finish.
- Piercy was 4/11 in sand saves for the week.
- Finished T27 at CIMB Classic in Malaysia last week. Missed the cut at the season-opening Safeway Open.
- Finished 68<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Jason Day (-12/T5)

- Carded a final-round 5-under 67 to finish T5 for his first top-10 of the 2018-19 Season and 68<sup>th</sup> of his career.
- Finished No. 16 in the 2018 FedExCup standings after posting victories at the 2018 Farmers Insurance Open and the 2018 Wells Fargo Championship.
- Finished T11 at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES in 2017.

#### Korean Players in the Field:

Si Woo Kim	69-73-68-71	281 (-7)	T23
Sung Kang	75-67-70-70	282 (-6)	T29
Dong Seop Maeng	71-73-70-70	284 (-4)	T41
Sungjae Im	73-71-71-69	284 (-4)	T41
Byeong Hun An	70-77-70-67	284 (-4)	T41
Tae Hee Lee	72-71-74-70	287 (-1)	T55
Kyoung-Hoon Lee	78-73-67-70	288 (E)	T61
Doyeop Mun	72-80-68-68	288 (E)	T61
Sanghyun Park	75-73-71-71	290 (+2)	T67
Whee Kim	76-75-69-73	293 (+5)	72
Hyungjoon Lee	74-72-75-73	294 (+6)	T73
Minchel Choi	82-72-73-74	301 (+13)	T77
Hyun-Woo Ryu	77-76-75-73	301 (+13)	T77

#### **Miscellaneous Notes**

- Adam Scott recorded a 9-under 63 in the final round to move up 32 spots into T10 at 10-under 278.
- 2018 Web.com Tour Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year Sungjae Im, the 20-year-old from Jeju Island, carded a 3-under 69 and finished at 4-under 284 for a T41 finish. 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 finished T36 in his bid to defend. The 2017 FedExCup champion began his season in Malaysia with a T5 finish at the CIMB Classic.
- Kevin Tway entered the week with the FedExCup points lead but dropped into second after finishing T52.
- Chez Reavie, who held sole possession of the 18-hole lead, went on to finish T7 with an eagle at the last to finish at 11-under 277.
- Cameron Smith posted his second consecutive top-10 at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES with a T7 finish.

# **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)

R4: Ryan Palmer (62), Adam Scott (63), Jason Day (67), Branden Grace (68), Charles Howell III (69), Louis Oosthuizen (69)

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

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
<b>R1</b> :	36.525	36.744	73.269	
R2:	35.871	35.205	71.076	72.174
R3:	35.142	34.885	70.027	71.457
R4:	35.026	34.384	69.410	70.944