



2018 World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions
(4th of 46 events in the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season)

Shanghai, China
Sheshan International Golf Club

October 25-28, 2018

Purse: \$10 million, \$1.7m to the winner
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,261

Second-Round Notes – Friday, October 26, 2018

Weather: Partly cloudy and a high of 68F. Wind ESE 10-20 mph

Second-Round Leaderboard

Tony Finau	66-67	133 (-11)
Patrick Reed	64-72	136 (-8)
Justin Rose	69-67	136 (-8)
Tommy Fleetwood	68-68	136 (-8)
Xander Schauffele	66-71	137 (-7)

Five Things to Know

- Tony Finau shot a 5-under-par 67 to open up a three-stroke lead over first-round leader Patrick Reed, defending champion Justin Rose and Tommy Fleetwood.
- Finau is chasing a first World Golf Championships title and his second PGA TOUR win. His lone career win came at the 2016 Puerto Rico Open at Cocoa Beach.
- Defending champion and reigning FedExCup winner Justin Rose shot a bogey-free 67, only one of two players to stay bogey-free, as he moved to T2. He is aiming to become the first player to successfully defend at the WGC-HSBC Champions.
- First-round leader Patrick Reed, the youngest winner of a World Golf Championships event, battled to 72, which included three balls in the water. He made three birdies against as many bogeys.
- Kiradech Aphibarnrat, the first Thai to hold a PGA TOUR card, returned a 71 for T7 position. He is the best-placed Asian golfer in the only World Golf Championships event in Asia. He is six shots back.

Second-Round Lead Notes

- 3/9 Second-round leaders/co-leaders at WGC-HSBC Champions since 2009 to go on to convert the second-round lead to victory. (Francesco Molinari/2010, Dustin Johnson/2013, Hideki Matsuyama/2016)
- 1/3 Second-round leaders/co-leaders during the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season to go on to convert the second-round lead to victory. (Marc Leishman/CIMB Classic)

Tony Finau (-11/1st)

Entering this week

N/A	FedExCup
17 th	Official World Golf Ranking
1	PGA TOUR Wins
119	PGA TOUR Starts
0	PGA TOUR Starts in 2018-19
0	Top-10s in 2018-19
1	Starts at World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions
0/1	Wins when holding 36-hole lead/co-lead

- Made eight birdies on the card, including on all four of the par-5 holes. Dropped a double bogey on 11 when his approach shot hit a sprinkler head and landed in a hazard and another bogey on 13.
- Finau hit 7/14 fairways, 12/18 greens and took 26 putts for the second straight day.
- Held lead/co-lead once previously at 2017 Valero Texas Open where he went on to finish T3.

- Playing in the fifth World Golf Championships event of his career, has never finished worse than T27 at a WGC.
- Finished T11 at last year's WGC -HSBC Champions in his only previous start at the event.
- Finished a career best sixth in the 2017-18 FedExCup standings following 11 top-10s, including three runners-up at the Safeway Open, Genesis Open and THE NORTHERN TRUST.
- Was a captain's pick for the Ryder Cup where he won two points from three matches.

Patrick Reed (-8/T2)

- After opening with a 64, shot a 72 to slip three of the lead. Hit five fairways and 10 greens in regulation. Took 27 putts.
- Making his first appearance in 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season. Finished 22nd in the 2017-18 FedExCup standings following one victory at the Masters Tournament and seven top-10s.
- Chasing a seventh PGA TOUR victory. One of his wins was the 2014 WGC-Mexico Championship at age 23 years, 7 months, 4 days which made him the youngest WGC winner.
- Finished T7 in 2015 WGC-HSBC Champions, his best result in four appearances.

Justin Rose (-8/T2)

- Shot five birdies for a 67 to lie three shots back in T2 with one of just two bogey-free rounds on the day along with USA's Kyle Stanley.
- Hit 9/14 fairways, 8/18 greens and took 21 putts.
- Bidding to become first golfer to successfully defend at WGC-HSBC Champions. Came from eight shots back to win last year, the third largest comeback in WGC history.
- Has two career WGC victories. Rose has won events on the PGA TOUR, European Tour, Japan Golf Tour, Sunshine Tour, PGA TOUR of Australasia and Asian Tour. Also won the Olympic Games gold medal in 2016.
- In his last start on the PGA TOUR, won the 2018 FedExCup and \$10 million prize with a T4 finish at the TOUR Championship. Rose birdied the 72nd hole at East Lake to win his first FedExCup title while holding off two-time FedExCup winner Tiger Woods. It was Rose's first FedExCup title.
- Making his first start in the 2018-2019 PGA TOUR season as he tries to become the first-ever FedExCup champion to defend his season-long title.

Tommy Fleetwood (-8/T2)

- Birdied all his par-5 holes en route to second straight 68. Produced 3/3 sand saves during the round.
- Playing in his fifth WGC-HSBC Champions. Best finish T18/2013.
- This is his 13th start in the World Golf Championships. Best finishes 2nd/2017 WGC-Mexico Championships, T5/WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play.
- Finished 19th in the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season with six top-10s. Best finish 2nd/U.S. Open.
- Holds four wins on the European Tour, with his last victory being the Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship in January which he defended his title successfully. Bidding for a first win on PGA TOUR.
- Enjoyed a successful Ryder Cup where he partnered Francesco Molinari, the 2010 WGC-HSBC Champions winner, and became the first partnership to win all their four matches together.

Xander Schauffele (-7/5th)

- After an opening 66, Xander Schauffele shot a 71 with three birdies against two bogeys.
- Hit three fairways, 10 greens in regulation and took 27 putts.
- Looking for his first top-10 finish in a World Golf Championships event. In his past five starts at WGCs, his best finish is a T13 at the 2017 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational.
- Making his third consecutive start of the season to complete all three tournaments of the PGA TOUR's Asia Swing with a 25th at the CIMB Classic and a T48 at the CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES.
- The 2016-2017 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year won twice that year capping off the season with a win at the TOUR Championship and finishing 3rd in the FedExCup standings.
- When he won the 2017 Greenbrier Classic and 2017 TOUR Championship, he was five shots and two shots back respectively after 36 holes.
- Followed his rookie campaign by again reaching the TOUR Championship and finishing 15th in the FedExCup on the strength of four top-3 finishes.

Chinese Players in the field

Liang Wengchong	T35	(+1/145)	Wu Ashun	T71	(+9/153)
Li Haotong	T35	(+1/145)	Liu Yanwei	T73	(+10/154)
Zhang Xinjun	T52	(+4/148)	Xiao Bowen	75	(+11/155)
Yuan Yechun	T58	(+5/149)			

Miscellaneous Notes

- Patrick Cantlay matched his low round at the WGC-HSBC Champions with a 68 which included six birdies against two bogeys to move up to sixth position, five behind the leader. He finished T15 in his lone appearance in Shanghai last year.
- Kyle Stanley, who will represent the United States in the ISPS HANDA Melbourne World Cup of Golf in Melbourne, Australia next month, carded a bogey-free 69 to be bunched in T7.
- Low round of the day belonged to Thomas Pieters, who shot a 64 to jump to T7 on 139. He seven birdies, one eagle and a bogey. A three-time European Tour winner, he is chasing a first PGA TOUR victory.
- Kiradech Aphibarnrat shot 71 for T7, making three birdies against two bogeys. He is playing in his sixth WGC-HSBC Champions with a best finish of T24 last year. Was T3 after round two last year. He is the first Thai to hold a PGA TOUR card, posting a pair of T5 at 2018 WGC-Mexico Championship and 2018 WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play.
- New World No. 1 Brooks Koepka, who was struggling with a stiff back on his front nine, shot a 74. He enters the weekend in T40 position.
- Dustin Johnson, the only man to hold all four World Golf Championships titles and the 2013 WGC-HSBC Champions winner, carded a 73 for T46. He is 14 shots back.

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Patrick Reed (64), Xander Schauffele (66), Billy Horschel (68), C.T. Pan (68), Patrick Cantlay (70), Kyle Stanley (70)

R2: Justin Rose (67), Kyle Stanley (69).

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

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	36.142	36.143	72.285	
R2:	36.44	36.45	72.897	72.591