



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

Third-Round Notes, Saturday, October 27, 2018

Weather: Partly cloudy and a high of 67F. Wind NNW 18-12 mph

Third-Round Leaderboard

Tony Finau	66-67-70	203 (-13)
Justin Rose	69-67-70	206 (-10)
Patrick Reed	64-72-70	206 (-10)
Xander Schauffele	66-71-69	206 (-10)
Tommy Fleetwood	68-68-72	208 (-8)
Andrew Putnam	70-71-67	208 (-8)

Five Things to Know

- Tony Finau shot a third-round 2-under-par 70 as the only player in the field to birdie the final three holes to hold a three-stroke lead following 54 holes. Approaching the 17th tee, Tony Finau was two shots behind then-leader Justin Rose. Finau nearly holed his tee shot and his birdie at No. 17, combined with a double bogey, from Rose moved Finau into the lead. Another birdie on the 18th hole put Finau at 2-under-par for the day with a three-shot lead heading into the final round.
- 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.
- Reigning FedExCup champion and defending WGC-HSBC Champions winner, Justin Rose is 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. Rose is T2 and three shots behind Finau.
- Rose's victory at last year's WGC-HSBC Champions came with him sitting eight shots behind Dustin Johnson's third-round lead.
- First-round leader Patrick Reed, the youngest winner of a World Golf Championships event, is joined by Justin Rose and 2017 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year Xander Schauffele at 10-under-par.

Third-Round Lead Notes

5/9 Third-round leaders/co-leaders at WGC-HSBC Champions since 2009 have advanced to convert their lead to victory, most recently, Hideki Matsuyama in 2016. Last year, Dustin Johnson had a six-shot lead after 54 holes and led eventual winner Justin Rose by eight strokes.

2/3 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, Brooks Koepka/CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES)

Tony Finau (-13/1st)

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 54-hole lead/co-lead

- Hit 7/14 fairways, 9/18 greens and took 24 putts.
- Only player in the field to birdie the final three holes on Saturday and one of three players to birdie the 17th hole, the most difficult hole in round 3, with the par-3 holding a stroke average of 3.558.
- Holds the third-round lead for the second time on the PGA TOUR after co-leading at the U.S. Open earlier this year where he eventually finished 5th.
- 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.

Justin Rose (-10/T2)

- 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.
- Had a two-stroke lead standing on the 17th tee but a double-bogey, bogey finish moved him to T2.
- 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.
- Rose is attempting to become the second player to ever defend a World Golf Championships title following his victory last year. A title defense would see him join Tiger Woods, who has won back-to-back World Golf Championships on eight occasions.
 - Tiger Woods
 - WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play, 2003-2004
 - WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational, 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2005-2006, 2006-2007
 - WGC-Mexico Championship, 2002-2003, 2005-2006, 2006-2007
- Making his first start of the 2018-2019 PGA TOUR season, Rose finished in the top 10 in seven of his final nine starts last season including runner-up finishes in two of the last three FedExCup Playoffs events.
- Has two career World Golf Championships victories and would join Tiger Woods (18), Dustin Johnson (5), Phil Mickelson (3) and Geoff Ogilvy (3) as the only players with three or more WGC wins. In addition to last year's HSBC Champions, Rose also won the 2012 World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship.
- 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.

Xander Schauffele (-10/T2)

- Shot a 3-under-par 69 in the third round to join Justin Rose and Patrick Reed in a three-way tie for second, three shots behind Tony Finau.
- 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.
- Both of Schauffele's two PGA TOUR victories came in come-from-behind fashion.

Patrick Reed (-10/T2)

- First-round leader Patrick Reed, who shot an opening-round 8-under-par 64, is tied with Xander Schauffele and Justin Rose after a 2-under-par third round.
- 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-ever winner of the World Golf Championships event.
- Finished T7 in 2015 WGC-HSBC Champions, his best result in four appearances.

Chinese Players in the field

Li Haotong	T16	(-2/214)	Wu Ashun	T62	(+9/225)
Yuan Yechun	T35	(+3/219)	Liu Yanwei	T74	(+15/231)
Liang Wengchong	T50	(+5/221)	Xiao Bowen	77	(+19/235)
Zhang Xinjun	T55	(+6/222)			

Miscellaneous Notes

- Tommy Fleetwood was near the top of the leaderboard on the back nine until a triple-bogey 8 on the par-5 14th hole moved him away from the leaders.
- Andrew Putnam matched Thorbjorn Olesen with the low round of the day firing a 5-under-par 67 to move into a tie for 5th and will play in Sunday's penultimate grouping.
- Kiradech Aphibarnrat finished the third round at 7-under-par T7. He is playing in his sixth WGC-HSBC Champions with a best finish of T24 last year. Was T3 after round two last year. Aphibarnrat recently became the first Thai to hold a PGA TOUR card for this season. Highlights from last year included a pair of T5s at the 2018 WGC-Mexico Championship and 2018 WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play.
- New World No. 1 Brooks Koepka shot a 1-under-par and is T28 at 1-over-par.

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)

R3: None

Scoring Averages at the par-72 Sheshan International Golf Club:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	36.142	36.143	72.285	
R2:	36.44	36.45	72.897	72.591
R3:	36.846	36.623	73.469	72.884