



**2018 World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions**  
*(4<sup>th</sup> 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

**Final-Round Notes, Sunday, October 28, 2018**

*Weather: Sunny and a high of 67F. Wind NNW 18-12 mph*

**Final-Round Leaderboard**

Xander Schauffele*	66-71-69-68—274 (-14)*
Tony Finau	66-67-70-71—274 (-14)
Justin Rose	69-67-70-72—278 (-10)
Kiradech Aphibarnrat	68-71-70-71—280 (-8)
Andrew Putnam	70-71-67-72—280 (-8)
Keegan Bradley	69-70-70-72—281 (-7)

\* won playoff with a birdie-4 on the first extra hole (par-5 18<sup>th</sup>)

**Six Things to Know**

- Xander Schauffele shot the lowest round of the day with a 4-under-par 68 and birdied the final two holes to force a playoff with third-round leader Tony Finau. Schauffele two-putted for birdie on the first playoff hole for the third PGA TOUR win of his career and his first World Golf Championships victory just three days after his 25<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- The victory moves him to No. 1 in the FedExCup standings, strengthening Schauffele's chances to qualify for the TOUR Championship in each of his first three seasons on the PGA TOUR.
- Schauffele was the only player in the field to shoot in the 60s in both of the third and fourth rounds.
- The playoff was the second in the event's history as a World Golf Championship. Bubba Watson defeated Tim Clark with a birdie on the first extra hole in 2014.
- Making his first start in the 2018-2019 PGA TOUR season, reigning FedExCup champion and defending WGC-HSBC Champions winner, Justin Rose finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in his attempt to defend his title in Shanghai.
- Tony Finau now has four runner-up finishes since the start of the 2016-2017 PGA TOUR season.

**Xander Schauffele (-14/1)**

**Age:** 25 (October 25, 1993)

**Joined Tour:** 2017

**Following his win this week:**

1	FedExCup ranking
2	Starts at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions
1	Top-10 at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions
60	PGA TOUR starts
3	PGA TOUR wins
45	Made cuts
12	Top-10s in career
3	PGA TOUR starts in 2018-19
1	Wins in 2018-19

**PGA TOUR Wins (3):** 2017 Greenbrier Classic, TOUR Championship, 2018 World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions

- Collects 550 points and moves to first in the FedExCup standings.
- FedExCup finishes (No. 3/2017, No. 15/2018).
- Wins his third PGA TOUR event in his 60<sup>th</sup> career start at the age of 25 years and 3 days.

- Hit 11/14 fairways, 15/18 greens in regulation and hit 29 putts in his final round.
- Hit 25/56 fairways, 49/72 greens in regulation and hit 104 putts during the week.
- In his past five starts at WGCs, his best finish is a T13 at the 2017 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational.
- Win comes in his third consecutive start of the season to complete all three tournaments of the PGA TOUR's Asia Swing with a 25<sup>th</sup> 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 season capping it off with a win at the TOUR Championship and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the FedExCup standings.
- All three of his PGA TOUR victories have come in come-from-behind fashion to start the final round.
  - 2017 Greenbrier Classic – Five strokes behind Sebastian Munoz
  - 2017 TOUR Championship - Two shots back of Paul Casey
  - 2018 World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions – Three strokes behind Tony Finau
- Schauffele is the second consecutive 25-year-old to win a World Golf Championships event joining Justin Thomas who won the World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational last season.

#### **Tony Finau (-14/2<sup>nd</sup>)**

- Picks up 2018-2019 season where he left off last season. Finau finished last season making 10 consecutive cuts which included six top-10 finishes.
- Birdied the final hole in regulation to force a playoff against Xander Schauffele. His drive on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole found the fairway bunker and he was forced to lay up. From 187 yards, Finau hit his approach pin high to approximately 20-feet. His birdie putt came away just short as he settled for par and the runner-up finish.
- 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 (-10/3<sup>rd</sup>)**

- In his last start on the PGA TOUR, Rose won the 2018 FedExCup and \$10 million prize with a T4 finish at the TOUR Championship. Rose birdied the 72<sup>nd</sup> 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.
- Rose bogeyed the par 5 18<sup>th</sup> hole three out of the four rounds this week. In total, he played the final three holes in 3-over-par for the week.
- Finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in 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 was attempting to become the second player to ever defend a World Golf Championships title following his victory last year. A title defense would have seen 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
- Rose now has top-10 finishes in eight of his last 10 starts dating back to last season including runner-up finishes in two of the last three FedExCup Playoffs events.

#### **Kiradech Aphibarnrat (-8/T4)**

- Kiradech Aphibarnrat, who became the first player from Thailand to earn PGA TOUR membership thanks to his play as a non-member last season, recorded his second-best career finish on the PGA TOUR (T3 – 2013 CIMB Classic) and his best finish in a World Golf Championships event.
- The T4-finish marks the best finish by a player from Thailand in a World Golf Championships event surpassing Thongchai Jaidee who finished at the 2014 Mexico Championship.
- The T4-finish moves Aphibarnrat to No. 20 in the FedExCup standings.
- He has now finished in the top 5 in three of his last four World Golf Championships events with T-5 finishes at the Mexico Championship and the Dell Technologies Match Play.

#### **Chinese Players in the field**

Li Haotong	T11	(-4/284)	Wu Ashun	T64	(+12/300)
Yuan Yechun	T35	(+4/292)	Liu Yanwei	T73	(+18/306)
Liang Wengchong	T43	(+7/295)	Xiao Bowen	77	(+29/317)
Zhang Xinjun	T50	(+9/227)			

**Miscellaneous Notes**

- Three players broke 70 on the course on Sunday as World No. 1 and 2018 PGA TOUR Player of the Year Brooks Koepka shot a 3-under-up 69 to finish T16. In addition to Koepka (69) and Schauffele (68), Francesco Molinari also shot 69 in the final round.
- Andrew Putnam finished T4 in his first career World Golf Championships event. Putnam played all three of the PGA TOUR's events in Asia and with the T4 finish moves inside the top 20 in the FedExCup standings to No. 17.
- Belgium's Thomas Pieters aced the 12<sup>th</sup> hole at 197yds with a 6-iron. It is Pieters' first hole-in-one on the PGA TOUR.
- Before the event became a WGC, Phil Mickelson won in a playoff in over Ross Fisher and Lee Westwood and 2008 winner Sergio Garcia beat Oliver Wilson in a playoff as well.
- For the second consecutive day, there were no bogey-free rounds at Sheshan International Golf Club.

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

**R4:** None

Scoring Averages at the par-72 Sheshan International:

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
<b>R1:</b>	36.142	36.143	72.285	
<b>R2:</b>	36.44	36.45	72.897	72.591
<b>R3:</b>	36.846	36.623	73.469	72.884
<b>R4:</b>	37.598	36.780	74.378	73.256