



2019 THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES

(The 6th of 49 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Jeju, South Korea
Club at Nine Bridges

October 17-20, 2019
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,241

FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$9,750,000

Second-Round Notes – Friday, October 18, 2019

Weather: Cloudy with scattered showers. High of 62. Wind NNE 10-15 mph.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Justin Thomas	68-63 – 131 (-13)
Byeong Hun An	64-69—133 (-11)
Danny Lee	67-66—133 (-11)
Emiliano Grillo	69-66—135 (-9)
Jordan Spieth	70-65—135 (-9)

Things to Know

- Justin Thomas carded the round of the day – 9-under 63 – to take the 36-hole lead by two shots at 13-under 131
- Thomas' 131 breaks the 36-hole tournament record by four shots
- Viktor Hovland added to his PGA TOUR record with his 19th consecutive round in the 60s with a 3-under 69 in the second round
- 2015 FedExCup champion Jordan Spieth carded a 7-under 65 and is four back entering the weekend in his tournament debut
- Defending champion and world No. 1 Brooks Koepka recorded a 75 and is in T51 at even-par 144
- Three players from South Korea are currently in the top 10 – Byeong Hun An (T2), Kyoung-Hoon Lee (T6) and Si Woo Kim (T9)

Second-Round Lead Notes

0	Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES
2	Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win in 2019-20 season

Justin Thomas (1st/-13)

Age: 26 (April 29, 1993)

Turned professional: 2013

Entering the week

#37	FedExCup
#5	OWGR
2	Starts at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES
138	PGA TOUR starts
10	PGA TOUR victories
45	Top-10s on PGA TOUR
1	PGA TOUR starts in 2019-20
1	Top-10 in 2019-20 (T4/Safeway Open)

- Carded his second career 9-under 63 at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES, just one shot off of Ryan Palmer's course record 62, to take the 36-hole lead by two shots
- Has converted five of nine prior 36-hole lead/co-leads into victory – 2015 CIMB Classic, 2016 CIMB Classic, 2017 Sentry Tournament of Champions, 2017 Sony Open in Hawaii, 2018 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational. Last held the 36-hole lead/co-lead at the 2019 The Genesis Invitational, where he finished runner-up after closing with a 75
- Has won each of the last three times he has held the 36-hole lead outright – 2015 CIMB Classic, 2016 CIMB Classic, 2017 Sony Open in Hawaii
- 2017 FedExCup champion owns three TOUR wins in Asia – 2015 CIMB Classic, 2016 CIMB Classic, 2017 THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES – in only eight previous starts
- Enters the week with three consecutive top-fives but has never had four consecutive top-fives

- Finished T4 in his lone start of the 2019-20 season at the Safeway Open
- Entered the weekend two shots back after 36 holes en route to his 2017 victory at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES
- Wearing Bahamas Strong shoes this week and donating \$1,000 per birdie to Convoy of Hope's Bahamas efforts for the entirety of the 2019-20 season. With 15 birdies through two rounds, has already raised \$15,000 this week

Byeong Hun An (T2/-11)

- First-round leader carded five birdies and two bogeys for a 3-under 69
- Has played the four par-3s on The Club at Nine Bridges in 5-under-par through two rounds, best in the field
- Could become the first player from South Korea to win THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES
- Held the 36-hole lead by two shots at the 2019 Sanderson Farms Championship but failed to convert, finishing solo third after closing in 70-69.
- Finished T11 in 2017 and T41 in 2018 in two prior starts at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES
- With a victory, could become the fourth first-time winner of the 2019-20 season, joining Joaquin Niemann, Sebastian Munoz and Lanto Griffin.

Danny Lee (T2/-11)

- Held a share of the lead with Justin Thomas before making his first bogey of the day on the par-5 18th, the easiest hole of the day
- Finished 71st in his lone prior start at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES in 2017 with rounds of 71-73-80-79 – 303 (+15)
- Grew up in New Zealand but was born in South Korea
- One PGA TOUR win (2015 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier)
- Has two made cuts in three starts this season with a season-best T36 finish at A Military Tribute at the Greenbrier

Jordan Spieth (T4/-9)

- 11-time PGA TOUR winner is in search of his first victory since The Open Championship in 2017
- Leads the field in par-5 scoring at 7-under through two rounds
- Holds the best putting average (1.47) through two rounds
- Tied with Justin Thomas for the most birdies through two rounds with 15
- Finished 44th in the FedExCup standings for the 2018-19 season – his lowest finish in seven seasons on TOUR

Additional Player Notes

- 2018 champion **Brooks Koepka** was one shot back after 36 holes a year ago but closed with rounds of 67-64 for a four-shot victory
- **Sungjae Im** (T28), the 2019 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year, who is from Jeju, is at 3-under 141 after a second-round 73
- Playing the 353-yard par-4 14th hole, **Phil Mickelson** (T33) hit the flag with his tee shot and carded his first eagle of the week. The 44-time PGA TOUR winner has opened with rounds of 70-72—142 (-2) in his tournament debut
- **Whee Kim** holds the best finish by a Korean player at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES with a T4 in 2017
- **Emiliano Grillo** (T4/-9) and **Graeme McDowell** (T18/-5) lead the field in greens in regulation with 32/36 greens

Course Statistics

Toughest Hole

R1: Par-4 6th (4.449)

R2: Par-4 16th (4.244)

Easiest Hole

R1: Par-5 18th (4.385)

R2: Par-5 12th (4.462)

Scoring Averages

R1: 35.629 35.256 70.885

R2: 36.025 35.282 71.307

Bogey-free rounds

R1 (5): Byeong Hun An (64), Joaquin Niemann (65), Jason Day (66), Graeme McDowell (68), Ryan Moore (69)

R2 (5): Justin Thomas (63), Emiliano Grillo (66), Kyoung-Hoon Lee (67), Ryan Moore (67), C.T. Pan (69)