



## 2019 THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES

(The 6<sup>th</sup> 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

### Third-Round Notes – Saturday, October 19, 2019

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 63. Wind N 10-15 with gusts up to 20 mph.

#### Third-Round Leaderboard

Justin Thomas	68-63-70—201 (-15)
Danny Lee	67-66-68—201 (-15)
Cameron Smith	67-69-68—204 (-12)
Jordan Spieth	70-65-70—205 (-11)
Wyndham Clark	71-67-67—205 (-11)

#### Things to Know

- Justin Thomas and Danny Lee broke the 54-hole tournament record and hold a share of the lead at 15-under 201
- Thomas has converted seven of 10 prior 54-hole lead/co-leads on TOUR into victory
- Viktor Hovland shot a 74 Saturday, snapping his PGA TOUR record of 19 consecutive rounds in the 60s
- 2015 FedExCup champion Jordan Spieth (T4) is four shots back entering the final round in his tournament debut
- Defending champion and World No. 1 Brooks Koepka withdrew prior to the round with a knee injury

#### Third-Round Lead Notes

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

#### Justin Thomas (T1/-15)

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)

- Held as much as a four-shot lead at points during the third round but enters the final round tied with Danny Lee after a third-round 2-under 70 that included five birdies and three bogeys
- Leads the field in par-4 scoring at 11-under (four shots better than any other player in the field) through three rounds
- Has converted seven of 10 prior 54-hole lead/co-leads into victory – 2015 CIMB Classic, 2017 Sentry Tournament of Champions, 2017 Sony Open in Hawaii, 2017 Dell Technologies Championship, 2017 THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES, 2018 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational, 2019 BMW Championship
- Hit 16 of 18 greens in regulation in the third round
- Entered the final round tied with Scott Brown for the 54-hole lead during his 2017 victory at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES. Defeated Marc Leishman in a playoff.
- 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
- Wearing Bahamas Strong-themed shoes this week and donating \$1,000 per birdie to Convoy of Hope's Bahamas hurricane relief efforts for the entirety of the 2019-20 season. With 20 birdies through three rounds, has already raised \$20,000 this week

### **Danny Lee (T1/-15)**

**Age:** 29 (July 24, 1990)

**Turned professional:** 2009

#### **Entering the week**

#131	FedExCup
#162	OWGR
1	Starts at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES
227	PGA TOUR starts
1	PGA TOUR victory
22	Top-10s on PGA TOUR
3	PGA TOUR starts in 2019-20
0	Top-10 in 2019-20

- Playing in the final group, entered the 18<sup>th</sup> hole three shots back of Thomas but made eagle at the last to tie the 54-hole lead at 15-under after Thomas bogeyed the 18<sup>th</sup>
- Needed only 26 putts in the third round, tied for the lowest in the field
- Held the 54-hole lead/co-lead once previously at the 2016 Waste Management Phoenix Open on his way to a solo-fourth finish
- Finished 71<sup>st</sup> 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
- With a victory, could become the first Korean-born winner of THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES
- One of 20 Korean-born players in the field this week
- 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

### **Cameron Smith (3<sup>rd</sup>/-12)**

- Has finished in the top 10 in both prior starts at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES – 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2017 and T7 in 2018
- Has two made cuts in three starts this season with a season-best T13 at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open in his last start
- One PGA TOUR win (2017 Zurich Classic of New Orleans)
- Ranked T2 this week in putting average (1.57)

### **Jordan Spieth (T4/-11)**

- 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 9-under through three rounds
- Remains first in the field in putting average (1.52) but ranks 71<sup>st</sup> of 76 players in driving accuracy (59.5%) after hitting 8/14 fairways in the third round
- Tied with Justin Thomas for the most birdies in the field through three rounds with 20
- Finished 44<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings for the 2018-19 season – his lowest finish in seven seasons on TOUR

### **Wyndham Clark (T4/-11)**

- Missed the cut in each of his first three starts of the 2019-20 season before arriving in South Korea for his tournament debut
- Finished 64<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings as a rookie with 19 made cuts, including three top-10s, in 27 starts
- Previous career-best finish on the PGA TOUR is a T5 at the 2019 3M Open
- Ranked T2 in putting average (1.57)

#### **Additional Player Notes**

- **Collin Morikawa (T7)** made nine birdies in his first 14 holes to tie the round of the day with a 7-under 65
- **Byeong Hun An (6<sup>th</sup>/-10)** is the highest Korean player on the leaderboard after a third-round 1-over 73 that included six birdies, two bogeys, a double bogey and a triple bogey

- **Whee Kim** (T67/+5) holds the best finish ever by a Korean player at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES with a T4 in 2017
- Defending champion **Brooks Koepka** withdrew before his third round with a knee injury
- **Gary Woodland** (T7), who finished runner-up in 2018 behind Brooks Koepka, climbed the leaderboard with a 7-under 65 after opening with back-to-back 71s
- **Sungjae Im** (T26), the 2019 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year, who is from Jeju, is at 5-under 211 after a third-round 70
- 44-time PGA TOUR winner **Phil Mickelson** sits in T41 after a third-round 1-under 71
- **Viktor Hovland's** 74 is his first over-par round on TOUR since the final round of the 2019 Travelers Championship in June and ties his highest ever score on TOUR.
- **J.B. Holmes** withdrew during the round citing a bad shoulder and shin splints

### Course Statistics

#### **Toughest Hole**

**R1:** Par-4 6<sup>th</sup> (4.449)

**R2:** Par-4 16<sup>th</sup> (4.244)

**R3:** Par-4 10<sup>th</sup> (4.143), Par-3 13<sup>th</sup> (3.143)

#### **Easiest Hole**

**R1:** Par-5 18<sup>th</sup> (4.385)

**R2:** Par-5 12<sup>th</sup> (4.462)

**R3:** Par-5 12<sup>th</sup> (4.597)

#### **Scoring Averages**

**R1:** 35.629                      35.256                      70.885

**R2:** 36.025                      35.282                      71.307

**R3:** 35.408                      35.701                      71.109

#### **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)

**R3 (3):** Gary Woodland (65), Harold Varner III (68), Tyrrell Hatton (70)