

[00:00:24.770]>>The Korn Ferry Tour finals.

[00:00:27.600]>>And live first round coverage of the Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation.

[00:00:32.630]>>10th year of this great event, 3rd straight here at the Legends Club, the North Course, just about 30 minutes or so from downtown Nashville. You can go have a little bit of fun there. You can drive down south and.

[00:00:45.780]>>Check out an excellent, excellent golf course, and this is a place you want to play well at. Each of the last 8 winners of this event went on to earn their PGA TOUR cards, so play well here and likely head into the show. A look at where we're at in Franklin, Tennessee. Weather has been ideal, expecting some potential weather over the weekend, but right now it's warm, winds are down, scoring up as we expect to see when we get.

[00:01:14.780]>>Into these finals, cutting down field is what we do when we wrap up the regular season.

[00:01:22.620]>>That will start right here. Shane Bacon alongside James Nitties, Owen Brown Junior out on the grounds for us this week and next week.

[00:01:32.480]>>Some play from earlier in the day. Tyler Duncan needing a good 4-week push, 75th on the points list coming in. Roll that in at the 18th, closes his day with a birdie and a 62. That ties his career low on the Korn Ferry Tour. So excellent round. And then this guy has been red hot as of late, James Yuda Sugiura.

[00:01:54.010]>>Some win the last event of the regular season in dramatic fashion, gets into the finals, leans on that iron play once again. Yeah, and he shows it's on display here, similar to the shot he finished with on the last hole to take out the championship in Kansas. So that at the par 5 would make that for Birdie now at the 5th, the par 3, this from 193.

[00:02:15.640]>>Shot. There's a reason we talk about the iron play with this guy. A lot of them are close. That's his superpower, yep.

[00:02:22.810]>>So he'd make birdie there at the par 3, and then now, after spending about a minute and a half on this read, it was perfect in the left side, so 3 in a row, much like what we saw at the Advent Health Championship down the stretch.

[00:02:39.340]>>So Utah in the hunt once again, how about Hunter Eichorn, this at 10, making the turn. Nice solid round going, but he has found something on this back nine. What a rookie season, doing work again with shots like that right here in the opening round.

[00:03:14.840]>>Austin hit and have 3 similar looks here at 9.

[00:03:23.090]>>I'll tell you this, you look at Austin Hitt in terms of stats this season, it's surprising he's not in the top 20. Everything is top tier in terms of ball striking.

[00:03:38.390]>>David Gomez, get there? Oh, it will. Nice pitching at the 10. 1st birdie of his day gets him back to level.

[00:03:53.580]>>Should have the read here.

[00:04:12.300]>>Here it goes, pretty well thought out, excellent, incredible putt.

[00:04:19.020]>>Better than most. The man from Japan, Utah, Utah man. That was ridiculous.

[00:04:32.300]>>Handles that one nicely, as Austin here. That's what we're used to seeing with him on the greens.

[00:04:40.310]>>Now Nicholas

[00:04:42.540]>>The left, left.

[00:04:45.520]>>Yeah.

[00:04:46.800]>>Cup.

[00:04:48.930]>>Short?

[00:04:50.240]>>I don't know.

[00:04:54.740]>>Go back to the 12th, Trent Phillips.

[00:04:57.580]>>Phillips was a part of the equation last year here. He's trying to do it again here.

[00:05:05.600]>>We'll get him to 2 under, nice chip in to get things rolling.

[00:05:09.860]>>60th on the points list entering this week.

[00:05:19.090]>>No

[00:05:39.800]>>Now Utah has made this game look easy over the last few weeks.

[00:05:44.480]>>And is continuing in these finals what he did to wrap up the regular season, another birdie.

[00:05:56.430]>>And 16 Sandy Scott.

[00:06:04.980]>>On a bit of a run. How about this one? Do it to him. Do it to him. Do it to him. That'll be 3 in a row.

[00:06:11.030]>>Hossler

[00:06:13.520]>>Oh, the Birdie putt you dream of.

[00:06:17.800]>>You could hit it with the flagon as well. It's all good.

[00:06:20.940]>>That'll be 3 in a row for Sandy Scott. Best of the day at 16.

[00:06:28.630]>>It was Cannon

[00:06:30.150]>>Get what they wanted the lead.

[00:06:32.790]>>Ko

[00:06:34.490]>>Did just that. Great roll.

[00:06:37.960]>>Been moving up the board.

[00:06:40.000]>>Clean day of work for Will Cannon.

[00:06:47.230]>>At 18, Gomez.

[00:06:50.240]>>That's lumber in his hand. 223 to the Argentine, look out, Aled, come on now.

[00:06:58.780]>>What'd you say about that guy? Problem on Champions Tour in 2 years.

[00:07:05.060]>>Back to Nicholas

[00:07:08.670]>>Can he control that spin?

[00:07:13.290]>>Oh this is gonna be great.

[00:07:18.570]>>Sublime, yep.

[00:07:23.750]>>Really working into a great week as we see this,

[00:07:27.060]>>Short putt after that beautiful approach.

[00:07:35.370]>>Hey, you, the camera can follow him after every putt. He's gonna give you something. He's got a little spie in him.

[00:07:43.670]>>Go back a hole to pet it.

[00:07:46.310]>>It's everyone.

[00:07:48.450]>>Lighting up this flag stick here at the 170 yard par 3.

[00:07:54.960]>>And on cue

[00:07:56.390]>>Pettit with a beauty

[00:07:59.380]>>Roll that in, get within one of the lead. Nicholas trying to finish off his day with a birdie.

[00:08:06.700]>>And he does it.

[00:08:08.540]>>I was trying to bounce out of the hole but stayed true and

[00:08:11.960]>>Nicholas 2 circles to finish.

[00:08:21.650]>>Well, Cannon, the tee shot.

[00:08:29.130]>>And he controlled the spin like everyone before him, oh he does it to perfection.

[00:08:34.820]>>Oh not under. That is amazing.

[00:08:41.390]>>Hanna to get to 9 under, first to touch that number, so he'll head to 18 with an opportunity.

[00:08:47.380]>>To shoot 10 under par.

[00:08:50.040]>>Or 70 hole out for 2.

[00:08:54.540]>>To 17 for Pettit's 2nd.

[00:08:58.670]>>No, didn't see that. This is a huge miss to this short par 4 off the tee.

[00:09:05.040]>>Good recovery though.

[00:09:08.010]>>That'll be quick if it stays up there trying to work back. Oh look at this, here we go.

[00:09:14.730]>>The lake space

[00:09:16.900]>>Get real close.

[00:09:19.780]>>Now Pettit

[00:09:24.310]>>That is an unlikely.

[00:09:27.530]>>3 at 17 after that tee shot. Get out of jail, freak card. 5 in a row, Pac-9, ridiculous golf.

[00:09:41.800]>>Really, really impressive play from the guys we followed today, James.

[00:09:58.980]>>And it is a picture perfect day just outside of Nashville, about 30 minutes or so south of downtown here in Franklin, Tennessee.

[00:10:08.400]>>Not just imperative to make it to the finals, but if you are to go on to win this golf tournament, so much opportunity ahead. The last 8 winners of this golf tournament went on within that season to earn a PGA TOUR card and mentioned the weather. It's warm balls going far and not much wind to speak of.

[00:10:26.740]>>On this Friday afternoon.

[00:10:32.180]>>James, good luck there at the 18th, pivotal always as we get into the weekend and of course on Sunday, one of the hardest holes in terms of closing holes on the Korn Ferry Tour each season long. A really good stretch to finish, uh, separates the cream from the top. That's how you want it when it comes down to the final part.

[00:10:50.330]>>Par 70, 3535 converted from par 72 for the members, only a shade under 7200 yards, uh architects Tom Kite and Bob Carr, beautiful fairway, ZOZO, one of the nicest surfaces to play off.

[00:11:11.980]>>That's Zack Fischer.

[00:11:16.190]>>Fisher flirting with the back edge there, that was very pretty.

[00:11:22.970]>>Great view here

[00:11:24.860]>>Just outside right

[00:11:28.560]>>Yeah, just catches the left edge.

[00:11:33.990]>>Another guy that's been putting really nicely this season.

[00:11:40.330]>>We'll go to 11, then Carr, first full year out on the Korn Ferry Tour, he's had a lot of success as an amateur player. Good looking role here, there we go.

[00:11:51.900]>>Right to left, slide it.

[00:11:54.380]>>Not easy, very slow.

[00:12:01.450]>>Here's Fisher. Yeah, curls it in the right side, nice roll. You said I've been putting a lot better this season.

[00:12:09.950]>>Ortiz first to go here guys 102.

[00:12:16.430]>>That will do, I guess. Pretty good.

[00:12:20.620]>>Decent

[00:12:21.790]>>Acceptable, yeah.

[00:12:28.670]>>Here's Duncan at the 4th. Mention just the 1 birdie on the day. All right, it's under par in the 2nd round.

[00:12:47.020]>>There you go, is that 5 in a row from our guy? Had that approach shot, Springer, but walks away with a birdie.

[00:12:54.960]>>So 5 straight and 8 birdies through 13 holes today for Springer to move up this board. Shot 64 a day ago with 2 bogeys.

[00:13:05.560]>>Lone par 5 on the back, the 14, now Ortiz.

[00:13:10.180]>>Probably not outside the hole. Play that one inside the hole, but it's, you just, especially late in the afternoon with all the traffic, you need to pay attention to those short ones.

[00:13:24.270]>>Oh, and we've just seen nobody figure this one out until now. Ortiz, excellent read, got all that figured out here at the 12th.

[00:13:33.980]>>3rd 2 on his day, just pours that in as well and once again an almost impossible part.

[00:13:44.180]>>He just made this putt at the previous hole, very similar.

[00:13:48.260]>>There we go.

[00:13:50.000]>>Easy game. Was that a glitch? That looks like exactly the putt, excuse me, that he made it the 11th. Just about right to right to left, uphill.

[00:14:00.440]>>That distance

[00:14:04.100]>>Now Ortiz would have got a good teach.

[00:14:14.600]>>Listens and watches well, he's pouring them in, that's a couple now over the last few holes. 3rd shot here at the 14 for Fisher. See if he plays that cut spinner.

[00:14:26.900]>>From left to right, I think he did. Oh, it's a beauty.

[00:14:32.020]>>You get the player and the caddyie thumbs up, you know, you hit a good shot.

[00:14:36.770]>>A par, a little more than he wanted after that 2nd, ended up just short of the screen, he thought he missed it. Love how he keeps the the blade low on the way back, he's got a, a really nice stroke, he is a good punter, top 20 on the contrary tour, made a couple of lengthy ones on these greens, a lot of guys are struggling from that 15 ft range.

[00:15:04.270]>>In the laid up, had the easiest route to his birdie.

[00:15:10.710]>>Whole group having fun here at 14, they're kind of just riding each other's coattails, just cruising along.

[00:15:24.080]>>Back here at the 14th, Carson Young, this is.

[00:15:26.520]>>3rd

[00:15:28.770]>>Well said Olin, it's, it's been a clinic when he's had that club in his hand and similar yardage.

[00:15:38.990]>>And Aragon now at 14.

[00:15:45.520]>>Came out low with a ton of spin on it, fairly good hands there.

[00:15:53.060]>>I wrote tease.

[00:16:12.030]>>Look, you gotta make this one, and he does.

[00:16:15.320]>>Good committed stroke, it feels so good to make any size putt out here this week from above the hole.

[00:16:25.070]>>A lot of streaks, no Ortiz. Speaking of streaks.

[00:16:30.740]>>Keeps his alive

[00:16:37.030]>>Or straight

[00:16:40.830]>>Mr. Young

[00:16:44.430]>>Still had to pay attention. They're not always easy when you watch your playing partners both roll theirs in, you're like, alright, I'm gonna do my job too, and he certainly did here.

[00:16:56.520]>>To 17 Springer after that bogey at 16. This is a very gettable par 4. This might go in my goodness, he made 2 here a day ago, nearly a second straight eagle at the short par 4.

[00:17:12.510]>>Springer, gonna add to the total, and a birdie.

[00:17:17.900]>>Move it in one.

[00:17:21.570]>>Such a replace the pencil with all those circles and squares today. Such a good guy to.

[00:17:29.880]>>My car

[00:17:32.950]>>Everybody just

[00:17:35.020]>>Full attack mode at 17.

[00:17:39.520]>>Yep. Yesterday's hole location, front right, even this back one here, just no protection against these guys.

[00:17:48.430]>>With the green car sneaking that in the left side.

[00:17:52.050]>>We've seen the 10 under par, feels like a momentum putt needed it late in the round after a couple of short misses. Yeah, especially at 17 where we've seen so many guys have inside 10 ft for birdie there.

[00:18:03.800]>>Ortiz is 10 yards closer, 79 yards.

[00:18:12.690]>>Much better.

[00:18:16.800]>>Heck of a round of golf going for Ortiz today.

[00:18:24.810]>>You

[00:18:27.020]>>Yeah, good birdie. Look, you gotta make them here at 17. Good bounce back.

[00:18:32.170]>>But up-and-down out of that lie as well.

[00:18:40.010]>>Ortiz now to tie the lead.

[00:18:45.220]>>Ho-hum day at the office for Ortiz.

[00:18:50.370]>>Look at that card, clean and beautiful.

[00:18:54.640]>>If you're Ortiz, you're going to win this thing, you all but lock it up, and that means one less card for everybody else. So, so much shifting and moving in these finals opportunity we've seen it happen over the years. Marty Dou making a big push last year in the finals to get a PGA TOUR card. It is available. Sandy Scott, one of those players talked to us yesterday about it. James said, I, I just, I like the pressure. I get excited when we get to these Final Four events.

[00:19:30.940]>>And 3rd round coverage of the Simmons Bank open for the Snedeker Foundation.

[00:19:37.480]>>First of 4 finals events downtown Nashville preparing for a big home opener against the Jets. You see the Nissan Stadium across the river there. The new Nissan Stadium just to the left going to open.

[00:19:50.510]>>Next year fans locally very excited about that one. A little bit bigger. Nitties almost feels like that old cricket facility there in Australia that hosted the first NFL game a couple days ago. Vanderbilt Legends about 30 minutes or so south of downtown Nashville, Franklin, Tennessee.

[00:20:11.110]>>Been a great host over the last 3 years, continuing that this week.

[00:20:16.660]>>And a lot of big names.

[00:20:32.810]>>Wind is slightly into his face off the left.

[00:20:37.630]>>He shouldn't have too much trouble with this.

[00:20:40.070]>>Getting to this hole. Oh, what a shot. Beautiful start of the day, 4 straight out of the gate, Nitties.

[00:20:46.440]>>What?

[00:20:48.240]>>Utah Sugiura, winner of the last event of the regular season, continuing his great play out of the gates with a clean run on Thursday.

[00:21:05.760]>>Now Sandy Scott is to get to 5 under on his day.

[00:21:10.370]>>Yeah, he's just found something with the driver. Oh, and this week has Sandy Scott obviously making a lot of putts. I mean this is a guy that has struggled this season to find fairways first two rounds, 24 of 28 fairways hit.

[00:21:26.300]>>This guy, one of the more elite players in terms of ball striking you will find on the Korn Ferry Tour, there really no-one better with a 9 iron or a wedge in hand and.

[00:21:36.850]>>Yeah, that was a miss for him.

[00:21:41.990]>>This club's turned everything around.

[00:21:45.160]>>Nice Rolls another one in, yep.

[00:21:48.320]>>I mean if you pair his iron play with a, a flat stick that is working on the Korn Ferry Tour, especially when you're in that range of 150 to 160 yards, you're gonna make a lot of cash. Yes you are.

[00:22:06.580]>>This is really well done. How creative is this? You make it?

[00:22:12.200]>>Ridiculous for more tee.

[00:22:16.080]>>Ko

[00:22:16.990]>>That was really cool.

[00:22:20.320]>>You get 1000 balls and not land it there. That was really good. That was cool. I got to see it chip in very quick. There's one way you get this close. And if it catches the flagstick after executing a perfect shot.

[00:22:36.320]>>Utah, not that great birdie at 10, got a slope from left to right.

[00:22:42.080]>>It's just near this flag on the left. Oh, Utah, wow, yeah, bad read. I mean, didn't quite get that read correct. The wedge game, if you're just watching the Korn Ferry Tour for the first time this year, you didn't catch a couple of weeks ago, that was all week.

[00:23:06.080]>>Peacock, which is shocking the world here right now with that putt straight in the middle.

[00:23:13.000]>>Kind of chill demeanor, doesn't he? I love it. He's uh.

[00:23:17.090]>>It's got swagger, Ben.

[00:23:20.360]>>Now Utah, after the lip out with the approach that one.

[00:23:24.280]>>Catches that left side, another birdie. Sugiura moving up the board on this Saturday.

[00:23:32.910]>>70 yards

[00:23:37.660]>>Wonderfully flighted

[00:23:39.900]>>Much better.

[00:23:48.900]>>Now Cannon

[00:23:52.550]>>Really nice birdie.

[00:23:56.650]>>Settled this round a little bit here, that was a good putt to make, slide it from left to right.

[00:24:03.110]>>And Ortiz now, it's that slippery one down the hill. Yeah, he played it perfectly after the pitch in, great birdie, taking advantage of that tee shot here at 10.

[00:24:12.710]>>OK, both him and Cannon after a slow start, getting back on track, they just needed the camels, huh?

[00:24:21.190]>>For the 15, Tommy Morrison.

[00:24:24.500]>>Couple under on his round today, 66-65 to begin.

[00:24:29.740]>>It's pretty good, very good.

[00:24:34.610]>>First time this week getting a look at Blades Brown came into the week.

[00:24:38.280]>>10th on the points list.

[00:24:43.410]>>Good reason to show it to you, lengthy birdie to close for Brown.

[00:24:51.370]>>Just stacking up points.

[00:24:54.360]>>Is Blades Brown. Seems to always backdoor a top 10.

[00:25:07.300]>>Springer, I mean, this guy is doing nothing good except for short game right now. The ball striking has left him, no problem, leaning on the pitching.

[00:25:26.140]>>That's surprising seeing Segura hit another wedge shot inside 5 ft. I mean, it's just incredible.

[00:25:33.000]>>Boo. He is a great putter.

[00:25:37.880]>>Great tee shot here at 16 and to your point, that went in with some speed. Being a good putter his entire career and a good asset to have.

[00:25:47.170]>>PG Utah.

[00:25:49.240]>>Another

[00:25:51.060]>>Ridiculous wedge shot and another birdie on a par 5 where he laid up. James, we saw him do that a lot a couple of weeks ago.

[00:26:02.610]>>Here's Scott at 14.

[00:26:04.540]>>263 front, 273 hole. Wind has picked up over the last five or so minutes. Although he's caught a little bit of a lull, it's on a good line.

[00:26:15.540]>>Brilliant shot, blocked out to this flag, thin strip of green. See a lot of guys missing at left here.

[00:26:26.690]>>Ortiz has a good line in the bunker, um, plenty of green to work with, although he is downhill, so he can just plop this out and let it run down to the hole. Perfect. How about that touch?

[00:26:42.940]>>Cannon now for his birdie.

[00:26:48.070]>>Gray is fighting into him and to his right, should pull the ball a little bit toward the front of the green.

[00:26:57.600]>>Dang

[00:26:58.770]>>He's hung in there, James.

[00:27:01.750]>>Just keep yourself within shouting distance.

[00:27:08.920]>>Now Scott

[00:27:10.440]>>Get back to 19 under.

[00:27:14.760]>>Dropped the shot at the 12th.

[00:27:18.440]>>It's been a minute since he made a birdie. Needed something positive after that incredible start.

[00:27:29.830]>>Now Ortiz, really, really salty up and in.

[00:27:59.450]>>Wonderfully driven through the wind. Yes, what a shot.

[00:28:03.180]>>Well thought out.

[00:28:07.800]>>Up to 18, Griffin, opportunity for one last birdie on his great day. Good looking putt, walks it in. How about Griffin storming up the board on a Saturday.

[00:28:21.480]>>Wow, another 61. I mean there's only been 6 birdies here at the 18th, it's playing like a par 5 hardest soul on the course, rolls in a birdie.

[00:28:31.680]>>Like we said Shane, only 2nd Korn Ferry Tour event of his season.

[00:28:37.040]>>Now Ortiz was 1 over par in his 3rd round through 8 holes and

[00:28:43.210]>>He's found it once again, 9 through 14, 4 birdies, this for another.

[00:28:49.280]>>Yeah, dead center.

[00:28:51.680]>>Excellent stuff from Ortiz. Really comfortable in this area on this golf course and with his game right now and storming up the board.

[00:29:07.030]>>Utah, tough lie.

[00:29:09.950]>>Good God. Beauty.

[00:29:13.140]>>Keeps it below the hole.

[00:29:21.870]>>Sugiura, after that really nice approach from the rough, pays it off, another birdie for Utah, just knocks the back edge out, that is.

[00:29:32.300]>>There's some confidence there, especially with that lie from that approach shot.

[00:29:45.260]>>How about it from Cannon.

[00:29:50.310]>>Just incredible bounce back on this back nine.

[00:30:07.380]>>This is that shot, you see it land and you're like, I don't wanna see it, no, and as soon as you see the ball spinning back, you're like, oh, it's 20 ft.

[00:30:18.170]>>Ross Steelman once again in the hunt over the weekend.

[00:30:24.100]>>Get within 2 of the lead.

[00:30:26.290]>>Yeah, good putt. Looking for that 3rd win, looking for that promotion.

[00:30:41.070]>>I go up to 18 Sugiura.

[00:30:43.960]>>Tricky pitch shot

[00:30:47.650]>>That's really well done, creative.

[00:30:49.850]>>Decision to go high with that one.

[00:30:53.510]>>And no scar tissue in those hands.

[00:30:57.320]>>He's feeling touch.

[00:31:01.180]>>It's a slide up very quick from his left.

[00:31:08.410]>>I mean, he has rolled it so confidently all week. Today, this back nine, look at that run from 9 on.

[00:31:18.940]>>Shane, you can tell a lot by a man that's

[00:31:22.590]>>Making a lot of putts at just perfect pace from short range when it breaks that much.

[00:31:28.880]>>You can see here, aerial view.

[00:31:32.210]>>It's easy to get away with just ramming everything in the back.

[00:31:36.290]>>He looks dialed in.

[00:31:40.560]>>Now Steelman

[00:31:47.590]>>Let's get two-putt.

[00:31:51.820]>>A little frustrated with his back nine, but still round a 64 for Steelman and a scary guy come Sunday, considering the way he's played this summer.

[00:32:05.710]>>Ortiz tied for the lead.

[00:32:11.730]>>These bunker shots are as routine as they get, guys. Ortiz has a little bit below his feet, but, uh,

[00:32:18.670]>>Pretty straightforward shots for all three of these guys. Yeah, almost caught in between where he wanted to land that if he wanted to use more of that slope left or or fly it further to the hole.

[00:32:29.450]>>This is one you could be very aggressive with.

[00:32:35.990]>>Oh, how about it? How about it?

[00:32:40.650]>>That's what we like, tap-ins to close, Scott.

[00:32:45.540]>>Well

[00:32:46.840]>>Either be sharing the lead or they have the outright lead depending on what Ortiz does with that putt.

[00:32:51.740]>>It'll be a new 54 hole scoring record here at the Simmons Bank Open.

[00:32:56.890]>>Sandy Scott after matching 63s after 65.

[00:33:04.120]>>It was an important shot with how this back nine has trended for Sandy Scott. He'll shoot even on the closing nine, but.

[00:33:12.170]>>Really good forward, the last.

[00:33:16.900]>>Flesch

[00:33:22.280]>>For the Baker

[00:33:23.850]>>As

[00:33:25.490]>>Great putt, great save, great back nine for Ortiz. Matches the 30 he shot on this back nine a day ago.

[00:33:35.740]>>And after a slow start this Saturday, from 9 on, highlighted by that pitch in.

[00:33:42.390]>>Nails from the 30 year old. It's made about 3 of those, that exact putt right there, left to right slider from 1012 ft on this back nine.

[00:33:52.460]>>We got 2 tied, James, Sandy Scott.

[00:33:55.030]>>Tavaro Ortiz at 19 under par in form and of course they got some huge names with a lot of tour experience both on the PGA TOUR and the Korn Ferry Tour chasing those names and lurking, you said it. Steelman, number one on the points list, he's only 2 back. Gonna be an exciting Sunday, Shane.

[00:34:24.160]>>The Korn Ferry Tour finals. Final run coverage of the Simmons Bank Open.

[00:34:29.270]>>For the Snedeker Foundation.

[00:34:32.100]>>Brand Snedeker, a big part of this event over the years. He's gonna join us here in just a few minutes to chat about this week and the impact on the community and of course the pending President's Cup downtown Nashville.

[00:34:44.510]>>Not the best day of sport, let's say in the Nashville area today, but hoping to improve the locals flavor with this finish as the leaders make the turn and prepare to.

[00:34:55.770]>>Pick apart this back nine. North Course been a part of this event the last 3 years, 10th plane of the Simmons Bank Open.

[00:35:04.070]>>And each of the last 8 winners of this event went on to earn their PGA TOUR cards within that same season. So win here and all but lock up a card, plenty of players could be headed to the PGA TOUR officially with a win today.

[00:35:20.760]>>Here's Ross Steelman, James with that eBay putter that he has 11 of, I think the the Rossa.

[00:35:38.300]>>18 ft breaking right to left pretty hard. Rain going with them.

[00:35:43.910]>>How about that putt? Incredible bounce back.

[00:35:48.570]>>Sandy Scott with the double bogey at the par 3 immediately backs on a birdie and you're talking, we're gonna have a 2-shot swing here. He makes birdie and Ortiz is gonna make bogey and all of a sudden he's right back in it.

[00:36:00.850]>>On Sandy Scott at 7 middle of the fairway.

[00:36:05.640]>>1:38 left.

[00:36:07.690]>>Green light

[00:36:10.450]>>Kind of like that, just about holds it.

[00:36:13.730]>>So after the double.

[00:36:16.330]>>Gotta go birdie birdie to get both back. How didn't that go in? Like it was about to disappear. One more look at it, I mean.

[00:36:24.680]>>Nelly jars this.

[00:36:26.990]>>That birdie at the last has settled him, he's looked like he did the first couple of days and.

[00:36:32.930]>>Almost it looks like it might have gotten a little kiss off the flagstick for it not to roll in, but best of the day here at 7, ridiculous from Sandy Scott. Gonna get back into a tie for the lead.

[00:36:48.780]>>So right back to it, Sandy Scott double at the par 3, makes a snake at 6, and then nearly holds it at 7 right back to 20 under par. That is very impressive.

[00:37:01.460]>>Utah trying to avoid dropping back-to-back shots.

[00:37:06.020]>>And the putter's gone cold, yeah, that's rare. He was so good from that distance on the greens yesterday.

[00:37:16.520]>>Surprising

[00:37:18.880]>>With how confident he was, it's.

[00:37:21.730]>>Gonna make it difficult now, 4 shots back.

[00:37:27.680]>>Talk about another tall man, 6'4 for Springer.

[00:37:33.650]>>Not a great angle here, the right flag out of the raft.

[00:37:38.020]>>That is about as good as you're going to do from there, beautiful shot.

[00:37:52.340]>>Springer curling that one in at the 10th, so he gets the birdie that Stillman couldn't get.

[00:37:59.780]>>That birdie from that angle is wild. Yep, good to see a putt go down too, remember he missed a couple of short ones late yesterday.

[00:38:08.850]>>Back at the 11th, Ross Steelman.

[00:38:11.610]>>OK.

[00:38:13.320]>>Starting to get the must make time.

[00:38:15.740]>>There we go. Ties the lead, scary guy to be sharing a lead with on a Sunday.

[00:38:27.820]>>Now Springer for birdie and curls that in the right side, so Springer now making his move, playing alongside Steelman.

[00:38:43.330]>>Griffin

[00:38:45.200]>>He's missed a shorty. Yeah, not gonna do it a couple of times in a row. Great role there.

[00:38:52.420]>>Griffin almost using this week as a warm-up for the fall series on the PGA TOUR, but comes out and he gets a victory, it changes a lot of decisions. Do I stay? Do I try to secure a card on the Korn Ferry Tour? Now Ortiz at the 9th, a hole he chipped in on a day ago to get his day going.

[00:39:09.880]>>is to get to 21 under.

[00:39:14.740]>>In the outright lead and Ortiz.

[00:39:17.570]>>Calmly rolls it in, then the best putter this week at the Vanderbilt North Course.

[00:39:28.370]>>OK, back-to-back 30s.

[00:39:31.460]>>And that one just hangs on. So Ortiz, who has been the best in the field this week on the greens, and a great role.

[00:39:42.850]>>Mhm

[00:39:45.200]>>Our latest winner on the Korn Ferry Tour, Yuta Sugiyora, 24-year-old sensation out of Japan, just the 3rd player from Japan to win on the Korn Ferry Tour. He did that a couple of weeks ago.

[00:40:07.610]>>N

[00:40:09.870]>>As we see Ortiz, big putt here, rolls another one of length in.

[00:40:18.630]>>Back to play here at 11. Scott trying to stay within shouting distance of Ortiz.

[00:40:24.240]>>Great, great roll there, wow. What a time to answer, he missed a shortish putt on the last after Ortiz rolled it in, so staying within two shots, making that, that was a must-make putt, you have to feel.

[00:40:44.630]>>should learn something after watching Ortiz's shot.

[00:40:48.840]>>Suit his flight, likes to move it in that direction, or this could get really close with that slope on the right side.

[00:40:59.000]>>Didn't love it, but it turned out nicely in the end.

[00:41:09.830]>>I mean

[00:41:11.460]>>Now, Griffin, his 2nd.

[00:41:14.240]>>To the 13th

[00:41:16.250]>>Good position here to attack.

[00:41:21.080]>>Oh, and he did just that, what a shot, needed one too.

[00:41:26.950]>>Now Scott

[00:41:28.960]>>Downhill breaking hard to his left.

[00:41:34.090]>>That is such a good read. Great role. Sandy Scott after the double has been a different player.

[00:41:45.650]>>Utah is for birdie to get within 4.

[00:41:53.720]>>Yeah, curls that in the right side.

[00:42:01.720]>>Now Griffin after that approach.

[00:42:04.170]>>We'll give him this one, but he's got to putt it. That's what pro golf makes you do.

[00:42:08.300]>>Yep. Griffin's fought back. 2 over through 9.

[00:42:12.400]>>Yeah, 3 under this back 9. Mention the 29 a day go on the back, probably thinking something similar. I just go out there and do that again, throw a number at them, see what they can do with it. Doesn't feel like Ortiz and Scott are gonna back up.

[00:42:24.250]>>Making a push towards the tournament scoring record right now and they got that pesky Ross Stillman still in the hunt.

[00:42:32.510]>>Up ahead, Steelman trying to save par.

[00:42:36.380]>>Forget how far outside the left part of the hole he's aiming, and it wasn't enough. Yeah

[00:42:44.380]>>Sometimes so difficult to release the putter when you're giving it 2 cups from 6 ft.

[00:42:52.170]>>That's the defense out here at the Legends Club is just if you are not below the hole, you cannot be aggressive, even from short range. Probably and his chances right there with the bogey of picking up that third win at least this week.

[00:43:10.450]>>16 starts this season on the PGA TOUR for Griffin.

[00:43:13.830]>>Made half the cuts, a couple of top 25s.

[00:43:18.610]>>Looking forward to the fall and

[00:43:21.150]>>Try to make some noise out there. Yeah, this is just a warm-up event really for him, knowing that he's gonna play the fall season on the PGA TOUR. Now Steelman

[00:43:31.120]>>Trying to make this flag out.

[00:43:34.750]>>This won't be short. There we go. Just a 2. With authority too. Yeah, well, you, you, you, you're unable to birdie 14 and then you know your chances are done, it's like let's go have a little bit of fun.

[00:43:52.030]>>So Green is clear Ortiz getting set to rip the second shot.

[00:44:00.460]>>At a very mm this is it very well. It's on that bow shoe line, isn't it? How about that swing wow.

[00:44:08.600]>>Is he juiced up right now, 171 ball speed out of the fairway with the fairway wood?

[00:44:24.590]>>Just under 20 ft

[00:44:26.790]>>It's there, Mike go. Oh my goodness, that close.

[00:44:32.750]>>It's all but securing the victory. Think about what's left in this golf course, not a lot of trouble out there.

[00:44:39.980]>>Bit of roll as we have seen here at this qualifier. 2 in a row, the last hole, he had that putt that just burned the edge and.

[00:44:47.520]>>Doing it easy

[00:44:57.050]>>Yeah

[00:44:58.460]>>Springer from this range all week long. Can he get another one?

[00:45:08.340]>>Beautiful, really good up-and-down from an awkward position. The big man has hands. Leading leading this week around the greens, I mean it's been very impressive and.

[00:45:17.990]>>The sense of the pitching and the scrambling.

[00:45:20.790]>>And leaning on that putter, made a whole bunch of birdies this week.

[00:45:25.980]>>So Ortiz now for Birdie.

[00:45:36.790]>>Just perfect. Been so good with the putter this week.

[00:45:43.470]>>Ortiz, the man on this back nine this week.

[00:45:50.590]>>So Springer, just outside 5 ft now, it's not what he wanted, closing here.

[00:45:57.320]>>It's a very important part.

[00:46:00.290]>>OK, good save.

[00:46:02.910]>>Nice round for Hayden Springer.

[00:46:06.480]>>That's a big putt when it comes to all the points now in the finals at the top of the leaderboard.

[00:46:19.370]>>Back at 17, all but in for Griffin, so he'll join Springer at 21 under par.

[00:46:27.460]>>A couple of players that have spent a lot of time this season on the PGA TOUR, and he's doing what he did yesterday, James.

[00:46:36.830]>>Now Steelman

[00:46:40.740]>>Another week where he finishes 20 under par and for Ross Steelman, that is now gonna be 12 starts since the struggles earlier in the season. Gonna be another high finish. 8 top 10s now in 12 starts.

[00:46:59.670]>>Back here with our leader at the 17th.

[00:47:07.140]>>Perfect wedge yardage, 4 T's, doesn't need to be aggressive.

[00:47:13.420]>>Doing exactly what he needs to do down the stretch with a 3 shot lead here.

[00:47:26.120]>>Just drips another end expecting nothing but the bottom Ortiz. The driving and the putting this week, he does that, he can win anywhere. 5 under on this back again.

[00:47:44.910]>>But respect to Lanto Griffin, who's only his 2nd Korn Ferry Tour event, he's already had a T7 at the Club Car Championship and currently in a tie for 3rd, so it's like a small version of Pierceson Coody last year, where every time he showed up he'd finish top 10. Yes.

[00:48:00.890]>>Really nice week. Lanto with that 61 a day ago, put him in this position.

[00:48:08.630]>>No idea what the next few weeks will look like for Lonto, but

[00:48:14.080]>>That is how you do it when you're a professional golfer. Played all over the world, played on almost every tour in '67 to close for Lonto. A lot of that work done on the back and now two left on the golf course, two left here in Tennessee.

[00:48:40.600]>>That is so good. One of the best of the day at 18.

[00:48:46.830]>>Very nice.

[00:48:49.300]>>Listen, he didn't have his best stuff on this back nine with the wedge play and the short irons, but Full Swing has been ideal for Sandy Scott most of the week, and that is one he can lean on in terms of confidence with 3 events left on the schedule.

[00:49:02.510]>>And now Ortiz one swing away from a PGA TOUR card.

[00:49:08.620]>>180 yards downhill trap line.

[00:49:13.010]>>OK.

[00:49:14.850]>>Exactly what he needed to do with a 3 shot, 4 shot lead, beautiful shot from Ortiz.

[00:49:19.690]>>In May picked up that first win UNC Health Championship. I got the idea of a PGA TOUR card in the mind of Ortiz right now, just a moment away from the dream every young kid has.

[00:49:35.500]>>tee

[00:49:38.310]>>Back here with Ortiz trying to pitch in close, didn't need it.

[00:49:45.770]>>How about the round of golf he's produced? It's 1 under through 8 holes today. This back nine, ridiculous, shot 30 on this back nine.

[00:49:56.020]>>On Friday, on his way to 61, 30 on his back nine yesterday.

[00:50:01.540]>>Post 65 and today.

[00:50:04.490]>>When he taps that in, gonna be another 30.

[00:50:08.640]>>For Scott, trying to finish off with a real positive here at 18.

[00:50:15.520]>>Yeah, just

[00:50:18.460]>>Game fell off a bit down the stretch, but still really, really nice play from Sandy Scott.

[00:50:25.660]>>Three events left of course but now projected 13 turned his season around Shane considering that injury knocked him out of 4 events, a great finish, great week. Dream putt for a PGA TOUR card. Ortiz never had one. Now he does. Your champion here in Tennessee and the 5th player officially tour bound for 2027.

[00:50:51.400]>>Nick, I can't believe. I can't believe it was you.

[00:51:00.540]>>2nd win this season, 5th for the Ortiz family. Brother Carlos, 3 wins on the Korn Ferry Tour.

[00:51:11.640]>>But this win much bigger than what we saw earlier this season. This one comes with your name stamped. PGA TOUR card becomes the 4th player with multiple wins. Special stuff from the 30-year-old from Mexico. He is lighting it up. Round 4, 63 today to win again. Yeah, I think it's going to be very, very entertaining when he gets to the PGA TOUR card becomes the 4th player with multiple wins. Special stuff from the 30-year-old from Mexico. He is lighting it up. Round 4, 63 today to win again. Yeah, I think it's going to be very, very entertaining when he gets to the PGA TOUR with his game right now.

[00:51:36.210]>>Alvaro Ortiz, the latest to be declared tour bound thanks to the victory. Docherty Holt recently declared. Doc Redman is through, and you get the handshake from Mr. Snedeker.

[00:51:47.670]>>But a shout out as well, James Ross Steelman, another high finish atop the points list. Easy to probably let the the year kind of wane at this point knowing what's ahead of you, and he's still battling, he's still grinding. Yep, extends his lead over Doc Redman, another 120 points. It's gonna get tough to catch him, especially with only 3 events remaining. Three events left, Ortiz, the first of the Champions here in 2026 in these Korn Ferry Tour finals.