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[00:00:30.400]>>Golf Channel

[00:00:32.390]>>And the Korn Ferry Tour proudly present.

[00:00:36.080]>>The Korn Ferry Tour finals, opening round coverage of the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship.

[00:00:42.600]>>Head to Columbus, Ohio. Lovely look at downtown. They got a football game at home this week and not one I don't think the Buckeyes are gonna be stressed about, but a lot of sporting fans will be heading to town and of course, an opportunity to come watch some of the best young talent in professional golf out here at the Scarlet Course. Alastair Mackenzie designed, big restoration back in 2005 from one of the great Buckeyes in sporting history, Jack Nicklaus, put his hands on this golf course.

[00:01:11.200]>>And it always demands the best from the players. You look at past Champions, you get a lot of the great players over the years on the Korn Ferry Tour, and good scoring conditions, James, James, we're gonna dance around the weather this week, but 81 degrees, not much wind, soft conditions fall in hand. No surprise we're seeing this low scoring. Yeah, already close to 1, 1.5 shots under par, which is not what we're accustomed to seeing out here, but with that weather,

[00:01:38.850]>>And how soft it is, these guys are just tearing it apart. You heard from James. I'm Shane Owen Brown Junior down on the grounds. We're following a couple of groups today as we wrap up the morning wave and get into the afternoon wave, and I mentioned the golf course, James, it's just perfect. One of my favorites, uh, every year I loved coming here, these players love it because they know it's a separate.

[00:01:57.020]>>this course, it's long, plays just a shade under 7500 yards, small greens, you mentioned Mackenzie, Nicholas redesign, and I think he kept the, the McKenzie-like

feel to it because being this long, this small greens with a lot of undulations, it's not what we're used to seeing on the Korn Ferry Tour.

[00:02:15.890]>>Now Taylor Dickson, another one of those players inside currently that top 20 does he have anything here? The greens are soft.

[00:02:25.190]>>Judging it just over that bunker, oh yeah.

[00:02:29.060]>>OK, that made that look a lot easier than this hole usually plays. The green, three-time winner on the Korn Ferry Tour, including the opening event in 2026. Dickson, nice role there, playing solid today. It's a tough position to be in your worst, win the first event of the year, and now all you're thinking is, how do I get back to the PGA Tour?

[00:02:54.500]>>And of course, the marquee golf course provides marquee winners over the years. Think about some of the players that have taken home the trophy here in Columbus, Scottie Scheffler, of course, the winner here, Justin Thomas.

[00:03:04.940]>>Got a victory in a playoff back in 2014.

[00:03:08.460]>>Shaw's another guy, even a good year last year, he didn't make it to the weekend here.

[00:03:14.900]>>Oh OK, that'll help.

[00:03:18.900]>>OK, that went in with some speed. That thing was gone if it didn't touch the hole, but it's rounded.

[00:03:32.100]>>For the par 5. Big week for Humphrey.

[00:03:36.210]>>Projected 106, you can see right there.

[00:03:39.360]>>That is a beautiful shot to that front hole location.

[00:03:44.300]>>It's gonna shock you. Tommy Morrison already making a move this opening round, made Eagle at 12. This, there we go, that is a sensational start.

[00:03:56.460]>>He has 212.

[00:03:58.490]>>Very hard to tell if there's any help here right now, guys.

[00:04:05.200]>>Go

[00:04:07.480]>>Love it.

[00:04:09.430]>>Oh, so he should.

[00:04:12.250]>>A downhill lie there, little emulation of Gary Player, the walk there, contact.

[00:04:20.150]>>Up at the green, Gilligan outside look for Eagle.

[00:04:25.800]>>So much break here on this putt, going across the slope in this bowl.

[00:04:30.610]>>Great role there.

[00:04:33.400]>>Good stroke. High side for Gilligan.

[00:04:39.030]>>You said it, the 1st 8 events of this Korn Ferry Tour season, Gilligan, 4 top 4 finishes, he finished 4th everywhere. Like it was 4th or nothing, that's what it was. He's obsessed with finishing 4th.

[00:04:53.510]>>It was a great leap to give himself an uphill 6 footer here.

[00:04:59.230]>>And a good birdie

[00:05:02.750]>>Yeah, good up-and-down.

[00:05:04.700]>>Saved that 2nd shot, it's like the monitor. His mid-iron game in that transition.

[00:05:16.720]>>Lot to celebrate

[00:05:19.710]>>What 15.

[00:05:23.490]>>Glenn Hale Junior, you see that number in red projected 99th right now in a tie for 17th.

[00:05:35.450]>>Now Zack Fischer at 13, failed to Birdie be 12, that'll change here at 13. Crowd's gonna like that 10, that always feels so good, especially you miss a short one on 11, soft par on the par 5, 12. Yeah, they're classic for them, they got \$8 beers.

[00:06:04.090]>>3 in a row. Beautiful roll. How about those back-to-back putts?

[00:06:09.480]>>For Gilligan

[00:06:12.020]>>Let's fire it up, and he knows how to get hot shame.

[00:06:17.110]>>We'll go back to it, but also a cancer survivor back when he was 15 years old.

[00:06:23.390]>>The recent winner on the foreign ferry tour, Alvaro Ortiz, Tour bound.

[00:06:31.360]>>You know, all gravy for him going forward outside of getting to the #1 position on the points list, that's a good one there at the difficult par 3.

[00:06:42.920]>>Just outside this guy here, Cole Sherwood, who is a maid cut away from being declared tour bound.

[00:06:52.040]>>That'll help. Uphill Putt at 17.

[00:07:03.380]>>We asked Blades Brown that, you remember that a few weeks ago, he said he had his 9th grade English teacher help him with his autograph.

[00:07:11.820]>>So that was like 3 weeks ago, wasn't it? Feels like it. The 19-year-old playing on the PGA Tour this week has played around.

[00:07:19.730]>>But both of those years, there wasn't the avenue straight to the PGA Tour with a card, it was just Korn Ferry Tour.

[00:07:25.790]>>Shelton

[00:07:27.680]>>Yeah, great roll.

[00:07:29.670]>>Just a shorty back to par 3.

[00:07:35.640]>>Wants to break that cycle right there.

[00:07:43.370]>>Perfectly positioned.

[00:07:46.930]>>He did this par 4.

[00:07:49.610]>>Well executive

[00:07:52.570]>>Yeah, that from 180 and

[00:07:54.650]>>Trying to get under par, a couple of birdies already today, offset by the two bogeys, including that shortness of 13.

[00:08:01.670]>>Go up to 16, Tom Whitney.

[00:08:05.110]>>122nd on the points list coming in, so it means that he

[00:08:09.480]>>Fiery finish and that will help the cause.

[00:08:15.610]>>October 14th, Mahanth Chirravuri, uphill 2nd shot, bit of a backstop, if you need it.

[00:08:24.560]>>This section of the green, that is just fine on that lower level with the flag.

[00:08:30.400]>>I think we've got a couple.

[00:08:32.510]>>Yeah, Patrick Welsh, I think he plays with two gloves, doesn't putt with it on, but yeah, you're correct. It's a rare sight, not a hammer.

[00:08:41.880]>>Yeah, perfect roll.

[00:08:44.680]>>How about that Birdie after the tee shot?

[00:08:47.130]>>Yep, patience after the tee shot to play it to the middle of the green there and just lean on his.

[00:08:54.520]>>Superpower of this year.

[00:08:57.770]>>But the points are juiced in the final, 600, it's good to do work at the end of the year.

[00:09:04.100]>>Here at the 18.

[00:09:07.000]>>And just catching that right side, good roll.

[00:09:10.110]>>Oh

[00:09:11.940]>>123rd on the points list.

[00:09:14.100]>>Coming in limited starts.

[00:09:18.500]>>132 got into this event, and top 100, obviously get to the next event. First round, Phichaksn Maichon, 8 under 63.

[00:09:30.780]>>Fantastic open for him.

[00:09:33.060]>>The scarlet course not quite showing its teeth.

[00:09:36.930]>>With the weather that we've had through the area.

[00:09:41.450]>>But expect that to change as the week goes on, Carl Yuan making a move late in the finals, 4 under today.

[00:09:48.820]>>Jackson Van Paris, 3 under, he's out there. See you tomorrow.

[00:09:57.700]>>Golf continues with the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship. How about Cole Hammer, 27-year-old looking for his first career win on the Korn Ferry Tour, has just been silky smooth with his long putter all season long, rolls that in, cruising in this second round is Cole Hammer.

[00:10:15.980]>>Game of the week floating right around that 20th position and speaking of bubble boys, we had the bubble boy win last week. Ortiz with the win declared tour bound. Ian Gilligan the bubble boy this week. That just a beautiful approach at the par 3 30.

[00:10:31.180]>>Got hot on this back nine. Did Gilligan did a little of this yesterday. A lot of birdies on the back, his 1st 9 on Thursday, doing it again here on Friday. This at 15 for a 4th birdie in 5 holes and Gilligan moving up the board.

[00:10:49.130]>>On a Friday that's played a little bit tougher here in Columbus, Ohio.

[00:10:54.010]>>John Marshall Butler, another player who has found form as of late, a couple of top 15 finishes in his last two starts headed into Ohio. That a birdie at the last round of 66 for JMB. The 24-year-old from Auburn came into the week 48th on the points list and.

[00:11:11.820]>>Important and imperative to make the moves. JMB with a round of 66 after that 65 a day ago. He is our leader at 11 under par. Shane Bacon alongside James Nitties, Owen Brown Jr. down on the grounds for us, and the man on the outside right now in terms of being officially declared or bound, Cole Sherwood, just needs to make the cut, and he'll be the 6th player this season that is officially headed to the PGA Tour. So Sherwood fuels left, see if he can.

[00:11:40.860]>>Make it Saturday, get that PGA Tour card, go back out to the action. Chad Sewell just off the green here at 11.

[00:11:50.250]>>He hit a beautiful shot in here from 205.

[00:11:53.670]>>Uh, this is a ton of brick left to right. Just gotta get the wall at center.

[00:12:01.070]>>Yeah, 11th hole, new tee, it's a beast, 496. Anytime you walk away with a birdie, you're picking up at least half a shot on the field.

[00:12:12.100]>>Nearly identical scoring averages that they go on 11 and 12, 11 a par 4, 12 and par 5 will play the.

[00:12:18.420]>>Easiest on the golf course a day ago, they would have been here in 16.

[00:12:22.400]>>Nicely done, much easier hole location at the front part of this green at 16.

[00:12:31.770]>>Yeah, perfect pace. Morrison, first birdie of his day, hit a hole in one a day ago, part of that great 63.

[00:12:42.680]>>Let's go up to 16 and Hammer.

[00:12:47.650]>>See if he can follow Ian Gilligan.

[00:12:50.830]>>Control the spin to this front left hole location, yes he can, that's nicely done.

[00:12:58.220]>>Oh, you weigh in.

[00:13:04.440]>>Do it to him.

[00:13:08.650]>>There we go. There we go, Carl. Well, you hear the cheers in the background, there's a big reason for that. If you make a birdie at 13, that chalet in the distance you see will, uh, get \$1 beers for 13 minutes.

[00:13:22.350]>>Now Phichaksn

[00:13:27.290]>>He is 227.

[00:13:30.990]>>Wind helping off the left.

[00:13:37.590]>>Going with a 5 iron. That's not a good line.

[00:13:40.920]>>Really nice shot. Opportunity to tie the lead early on this Friday.

[00:13:49.430]>>Humphrey for Birdie.

[00:13:54.220]>>What a time to make a putt here at the par 3.

[00:13:58.790]>>Excuse me, at the last 5 under par, you saw the projection, 104 currently, job done, had to make the weekend.

[00:14:11.960]>>Oh my goodness. Mylanta.

[00:14:17.940]>>I mean, it, it, Olin said it perfectly. Olin was trying to say it's not outside the hole in the nicest way possible, and then he played it outside the hole and it shoos at him.

[00:14:30.420]>>Is that why, is that why it's the hottest? I think that's part of it. OK, say also the Bobies and the Devils. Here's you.

[00:14:39.820]>>See if he can control this wedge shot, yes he can.

[00:14:43.820]>>Oh you in, I mean, you can kick that in.

[00:14:48.860]>>Back here with Justin Suh out of position here at the Heart of Soul on the golf course today.

[00:14:53.640]>>Oh boy, I didn't see that.

[00:14:56.560]>>Wow, look at the flight on that.

[00:15:02.030]>>Oh what a golf shot. No way. Come on. He just did that. Might be the first birdie of the day here at 14. OK, well, he had no angle, terrible eye.

[00:15:16.450]>>Go up to a man red hot to start his day, a man 3 under from 6 holes in the second round.

[00:15:23.650]>>Front flag

[00:15:26.100]>>Oh look out here.

[00:15:27.840]>>Do it to him.

[00:15:29.100]>>Oh, right over it.

[00:15:31.390]>>Just read it incorrectly. Come on Carl.

[00:15:41.160]>>And that is an unlikely 3.

[00:15:44.730]>>Drives it off the planet.

[00:15:47.080]>>Through to lie chops of fairway wood out of that from 220.

[00:15:53.000]>>Be aggressive here. Straight in.

[00:15:56.330]>>Compton and stroke

[00:15:58.690]>>You end with a different putter as well.

[00:16:05.580]>>It's working. Seen him with the long one.

[00:16:08.560]>>Now back to the short.

[00:16:12.170]>>He knows how to win on the Korn Ferry Tour, he knows how to fire up during the finals.

[00:16:17.600]>>He got a great break, um, kicking off this tree into this bunker has a good lie. The lip is not an issue. 139.

[00:16:26.280]>>This kid is swinging at it today. How about some of these shots from No Man's Land from Justin Suh?

[00:16:33.810]>>Back here, 16, he shot, tee shot, looking straight at the hole location, it was extremely accessible.

[00:16:43.160]>>The green light

[00:16:45.380]>>Just control the spin

[00:16:49.890]>>All right, spinning, spinning. Oh, disappears.

[00:16:54.260]>>It's one way to turn the day around, made a hole in one a day ago. Hole out eagle on this Friday.

[00:17:04.110]>>On the 18.

[00:17:07.530]>>tee

[00:17:09.610]>>Easy.

[00:17:11.760]>>Wow.

[00:17:14.860]>>Had to do it.

[00:17:17.850]>>First time checking in

[00:17:19.660]>>The man atop the points list, Steelman here at the D 14.

[00:17:27.210]>>Sure

[00:17:29.240]>>When it's your year, it's your year.

[00:17:33.310]>>It's over at 12, they're short for Eagle.

[00:17:38.810]>>OK.

[00:17:41.280]>>Oh, there we go.

[00:17:43.850]>>He gave up on it a little early, I didn't think it was gonna get there. Definitely gave up on it. He was laughing while it was dropping in the front of the car. This is going in, yeah.

[00:17:55.860]>>Gee

[00:17:57.300]>>Just get it there. Yes sir, he's called it.

[00:18:01.750]>>Shelly loves it.

[00:18:04.020]>>Just an entertainer is Dixon. Hit a shank when it matters because you have that club in your hand, inevitably in the next 20 minutes. Yeah, nearly killed about 3 people.

[00:18:17.580]>>Gera, that is aggressive and it pays off. What a shot.

[00:18:22.560]>>What a break that was.

[00:18:25.870]>>So Jason Day took down at the Dell Match Play wasn't it?

[00:18:29.060]>>Utah.

[00:18:34.490]>>Fair way for you to, what a shot. That's what we expect from the man from Japan.

[00:18:43.900]>>At Utah

[00:18:47.800]>>Here we go. Here we go. Here we go. We got a little action. We got a little action. Easy.

[00:18:54.490]>>Sit right there

[00:18:56.960]>>OK, and we're below the hole.

[00:19:00.200]>>Day 18, Ian Holt.

[00:19:04.910]>>Poor bound for next season.

[00:19:09.230]>>And a great putt

[00:19:11.040]>>About 29 on his way out today, James.

[00:19:21.790]>>Perfect putt. Really nice birdie.

[00:19:26.930]>>Pour that in

[00:19:30.290]>>I'm planning to hit a big cut in here, I'm, I'm guessing.

[00:19:33.650]>>It's got 277 to the hole.

[00:19:39.120]>>Here we go, you see that whole location way on that right side. Love this.

[00:19:49.310]>>Oh, here we go.

[00:19:51.440]>>This is an incredible shot.

[00:19:53.970]>>Yeah, it is. That is awesome. Oh, dripping down on driver off the deck, small green, gets it to land soft and break in there. What a shot. How about the approaches

from this guy today on the par fives? John Marshall Butler, top the board. How about Jorge Fernandez Valdez, not played great golf as of late. Kind of on fire right now out there.

[00:20:18.900]>>He said he's missed his last 4 cuts, Shane, and the fact that he's thrown his hat in the ring, being contention here at a course that suits his game, good ball striker. Always one of our favorite events, favorite golf courses. We'll be back Saturday golf from Columbus.

[00:20:39.250]>>3rd round of the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship on a very busy golf Saturday. But right now the focus on Columbus, Ohio, big sports day locally here. Football team in town taking on Kent State.

[00:20:53.010]>>I'm Shane Bacon, by the way, joined as always by my guy James Nitties, Owen Brown Junior down on the grounds following our final grouping. Tee times moved up because of some weather expected later in the day in the Columbus area.

[00:21:04.600]>>And John Marshall Butler in the final grouping today started the day one off the lead, now one clear for playing excellent golf. The man that came into the week 48th on the points list now projected inside that top 20, so important movement from so many players.

[00:21:21.440]>>Now Butler after a really nice tee shot.

[00:21:26.320]>>Yeah, he's position A here 78 yards.

[00:21:29.950]>>Come on now. Come on now, dance with me. There we go.

[00:21:39.180]>>Moss now par 3.

[00:21:42.210]>>I follow white in.

[00:21:44.200]>>Great spot to putt from here, uh, takes advantage of it. Confident South African mask gets to 9 under.

[00:21:53.940]>>Curtis Law, Justin Thomas, English, Harris English, like so many big names that have claimed this title. A lot of good ball strikers.

[00:22:05.300]>>Well, and James, I think that's what we've got today. These 3 are absolute flushers from what I've seen. I've known Jorge a while, and he's pure. This is another pure shot from my Sean.

[00:22:15.920]>>Exactly what we're talking about. All right, let's go up to Goldhammer at the 10th. We're a few holes away, James. He told us yesterday he's considering throwing on the Longhorn jersey at 13 today. He's gonna do it. Yeah, what are we doing? What are we doing? I'll do this. How about make it here? Great job.

[00:22:33.570]>>Gotta look fantastic from back in the fairway, behind the hole. Looked pretty gross, put it the 17th, Cooper Dossey.

[00:22:41.070]>>Talking about top 100, this guy not worried about it, well inside the top 20 coming into this week.

[00:22:48.780]>>Walks that in, rare birdie here at 17 today. You've gotta feel like if Cooper Dossey finishes inside the top 5, he could go on to secure his tour-bound status and go to the PGA TOUR.

[00:23:02.910]>>on the top 10 once again. It's been living there as of late.

[00:23:07.090]>>Good reason why, telling you, Shane, watch out for this guy, it's a course that suits him down to a tee.

[00:23:13.800]>>Beautiful Four-ball flight.

[00:23:15.670]>>Fairly straight

[00:23:18.470]>>Yeah, this was an awesome drive here. I mean, the bunker wasn't even a consideration. He's left with 96 yards downwind, downhill, playing probably.

[00:23:28.880]>>Somewhere in the high 80s, yeah, 340 yard drive and another kick in.

[00:23:35.270]>>I mean, his 2nd Putt inside of a foot over the last 4 holes.

[00:23:40.530]>>Back here at the par 5, Sandy Scott.

[00:23:44.080]>>Give it a rb. It's from 285.

[00:23:48.170]>>Just has to flirt with that tree on the right with his ball flight, he likes it, he does. Goodl. Oh, he should. Is it on the green? Yeah, it's on the green, Sandy. It's awesome, that is, same level as the flag, beautiful shot.

[00:24:06.830]>>Percentage of finding the fairway and hitting the green in two is around about 35% this week. 7 of 10 fairways today for Butler, for Scott at the green, for Eagle.

[00:24:20.150]>>Three really good shots from Sandy Scott.

[00:24:30.000]>>Just a, a brutal par 3 today with this wind direction out of the right 221 back hole location.

[00:24:37.650]>>And

[00:24:39.090]>>Not difficult for Sandy Scott, that excellent mid-iron game of his on display again.

[00:24:47.170]>>Let's go to 15 and no.

[00:24:51.970]>>Tough par 4, beautiful stroke, and no, uh, he finished 2nd in Argentina this year to Alistair Dougherty.

[00:25:07.980]>>Oh yeah, Sandy Scott, rare birdie at 13.

[00:25:14.620]>>He's looking way right.

[00:25:18.500]>>And this is a very fast putt. Should have gotten some idea for speed off a butler's chip.

[00:25:24.580]>>He's not made anything today until now. Great role.

[00:25:30.410]>>Needed it, made something happen.

[00:25:37.280]>>Well there's now

[00:25:44.240]>>133 yards going with the gap wedge. There we go. Yep, best swing of his day, really best back-to-back swings after what is not being trending in the right direction for Valdez. There you go, we get a smile. Go back to our leader out of position here at the 15.

[00:26:05.160]>>155, he does have a shot and he's got a pretty thin good lie in some wispier dry rough. That's a great golf shot there. How about it from Butler, wow. You got a break, that's, that was a foot from going either way there into the bunker or being now perfect and a birdie opportunity. The 18th, no, you need to finish things off with one more bird.

[00:26:29.670]>>Really good drive

[00:26:32.600]>>That's a fairly straightforward flag today at 18, and he makes it look that way. What a shot from no.

[00:26:41.170]>>Packers 15, we're in the break. Hi Sean after that.

[00:26:45.780]>>Subpar approach.

[00:26:48.880]>>Hm.

[00:26:51.410]>>That's much better. Really good there, bud. How about the scrambling from this guy the last couple of holes, yep.

[00:27:00.500]>>We're now no at the 18th. This for a closing birdie.

[00:27:04.600]>>Get within 3. What a finish. Birdie 15, 16, and 18, 64. How about those three days? Crazy low on Thursday, not so much in the second round, right back to work on

this Saturday. We're up to 17. Good break here for Sandy Scott. I mean that ball was so far right hit a tree branch to kick into this bunker.

[00:27:29.890]>>Yeah, you said it, Shane.

[00:27:33.970]>>As we go to

[00:27:36.290]>>I'll tell you here, what a birdie.

[00:27:39.080]>>Honestly, I can't believe we caught that shot on tape. As quick as he plays, the fastest player on the Korn Ferry Tour.

[00:27:44.880]>>

[00:27:55.920]>>This is right at it.

[00:27:58.710]>>Hm, the best of the day here at the 17.

[00:28:03.300]>>That pepper in the flagstick on this back nine.

[00:28:09.960]>>And there we go, excellent stroke. Valdez finally paying off the precise iron play we have seen all afternoon.

[00:28:19.300]>>Shane, the, the Tour has done a fantastic job in negotiating the weather this week, remember we, we started the week thinking this could be a stop-start affair and,

[00:28:27.750]>>I have done it

[00:28:29.190]>>Nice work getting this field through every single day. Valdez now a lengthy one for the closing birdie.

[00:28:39.540]>>Yeah, he's looking at about 35 40 ft. Lots of right to left break throughout this putt. Going up the slope for the first half and then gets onto the flatter part of the green where this whole location.

[00:28:53.540]>>I

[00:28:55.210]>>This is one, you know, you got to keep your speed up early and

[00:28:59.290]>>Just about matching up the line and the speed.

[00:29:02.300]>>Has not dropped the shot on this Saturday.

[00:29:08.090]>>And very impressive on this back nine. Another great role.

[00:29:14.910]>>30 four-year-old from Argentina, lone victory on the Korn Ferry Tour came back in 2023 UNC Health Championship. Had a great start to this season. James got off to such a great start, 11 to 12 cuts made, 3 top 10, 7 top 25s who came in having fallen off, missed.

[00:29:34.510]>>Which of his last 4 cuts. I don't expect him to go anywhere tomorrow, Shane, you said it only at 5 fairways today, but he only missed 2 greens in regulation, so recovered well out of position.

[00:29:46.890]>>Now a big putt here for my Sean.

[00:29:50.660]>>And he has a great look here going back up the slope, breaking to his right.

[00:29:56.290]>>Just got to keep the speed up, can trust that he can go ahead and be aggressive with this putt.

[00:30:00.930]>>Hit some good putts today.

[00:30:03.180]>>And about how the day has gone. 24-year-old from Thailand had a couple hanging on the edge on his back nine, James. Now, and he just hasn't been able to create any momentum, uh, fairly uncharacteristic ball striking from Peacock, usually really good, and he just had a taste of contention, got the best of him a little bit, but I wouldn't be surprised if he had a great Sunday.

[00:30:31.710]>>They're looking somewhere out to the right of the hole. Should have gotten an idea for how much break from Jorge's putt.

[00:30:43.130]>>That's a good roll. And that was identical to the putt he just had at 17.

[00:30:49.070]>>So much more aggressive there and.

[00:30:52.170]>>Another what could have been for a guy that was in the positions JMB was on this back nine. Well, the way he started the day, I mean, out of the gate makes birdie at the first was 4 under through 75 under through 10. We'll have that one shot lead going into tomorrow, James. We've seen this as of late with JMB opportunities on Sunday to win, of course.

[00:31:13.090]>>Helps, he's had that over the last month or so. See what he can produce. Yeah. Advent Health Championship final group, uh, had the lead on that Sunday at one

point and ended up finishing just inside the top 10, so another big weekend and Sunday coming up for JMB to prove himself to get a first point free to a win.

[00:31:38.760]>>Not the image we expected to see just past the 12 o'clock hour East Coast weather delay right now been underway.

[00:31:46.450]>>Over an hour at this point, 10:50 leaders out on the fifth right now, when the horn blew, and so it's kind of keeping an eye on some of those players looking to win this golf tournament, of course, keeping an eye on those players looking for that top 100 bubble, Sandy Scott.

[00:32:03.410]>>A couple under already on his round two back of John Marshall Butler, who has been excellent all week long, 65, 66, 66 for Butler to get to this point and even par through 4 holes today, bogey the first just coming off a birdie at the fourth, par 5.

[00:32:21.240]>>And James, one of the fun parts about doing the Korn Ferry Tour Finals is just kind of keeping an eye on all these different numbers. And when we start to cut when we get to the finals, the next cut's gonna be top 100. You see Blaine Hale Jr. I mean, he made the cut, came into the week 109th on the points list. He's been one of those players to make a push. You got Brett White there as well at 105. He came into the week 126th on the points list. We actually had 11 players, James, that made the cut that were outside that top.

[00:32:46.690]>>100 bubble to start the week, so you finish 100th and you make it to Oklahoma, you finish 101. What changes for you, not just this season but next season? Great question. OK, if you get inside the 100, you have conditional status no matter what, going into next year on the Korn Ferry Tour. A lot of these guys think, OK, if I have conditional status, I'm gonna get a couple of starts at the end of next year, I can turn that into a full season. You finish 101, you're going back to first.

[00:33:12.140]>>Stage at Q-School and there's a lot of guys that don't progress through three stages of Q-School. So if you feel like you finish 101, you might not have status

anywhere in the world come next year. And of course everybody looking at that top 60 number, that's the big change this season for that Korn Ferry Tour championship. Big number to get to if you're outside of that. Of course we got a lot of players in the hunt here that'll be thinking about that, not just this week, but when we get to Oklahoma in a couple of weeks for that penultimate event.

[00:33:43.590]>>There's Austin hit at 7.

[00:33:46.110]>>Kind of stayed in the seat with that approach, didn't he James? I like it. Good driving wedge, really cool.

[00:33:53.440]>>We see a lot of that today.

[00:33:55.260]>>And you said it have to be in the short grass. Now, after that layup, here's Sandy Scott up ahead.

[00:34:02.240]>>Just 95 yards with his 3rd dream number for the pros.

[00:34:09.350]>>Yep.

[00:34:10.330]>>Especially, you prefer a front flag with how soft these greens are, not those back flags, we've got to flight something in there and knock the spin off. Of course, the focus not just on who wins this golf tournament, but who advances. Brett White, one of those players that came into the week outside the top 100, he was 126th on the points list, makes the cut, big birdie there at the 8th, played the hunter out in front and post and put pressure on those final group. Here's Cooper Dossey.

[00:34:37.650]>>The 7th, having himself a really solid year.

[00:34:41.640]>>Don't spin, please. It didn't spin. You're good.

[00:34:44.640]>>That's a another good one to that back right hole location.

[00:34:49.070]>>Menante back at the par 5.

[00:34:53.500]>>Is he quicker than Foxy, do you think? He is. Honestly, I think he will slot right into, if he's able to get his PGA TOUR card, the fastest by far on the PGA Tour.

[00:35:03.900]>>I think came in the week 14th on the Korn Ferry Tour points list. Nice roll there, really clean start for Dossey.

[00:35:15.290]>>As we go to no

[00:35:19.170]>>50 yards

[00:35:26.690]>>The players laid up into some of the wettest spots I've seen out here.

[00:35:31.490]>>Nice shot, didn't love the strike with that approach, but really a pretty aggressive spot to play from.

[00:35:40.470]>>And he's making a move, Baron both obviously making a move well ahead of these guys. Cole Hammer, a player that's really been in the conversation all week long.

[00:35:50.560]>>Yep, just no defense, uh, if you find this fairway to the short path forward to this back right hole location, you can even push it a little longer, you get help off that right side, so.

[00:36:00.540]>>You're gonna see a ton of birdie pots around that.

[00:36:03.470]>>To Dennis on the tenure here in Columbus and uh I guess what do you do when you retire from working at a golf course you play golf? What do you do? Yeah, play golf. He just doesn't have to get up at 3 a.m. anymore. I don't have to fold shirts anymore. I'm just gonna go play some G, pull a hammer beauty at 8.

[00:36:19.520]>>Speaking of shirts, threw on that Texas jersey a day ago at the 13th, got the fans all riled up, coming off the victory over Ohio State last week. Nate playing alongside Hammer, both those in there tied at the 8th.

[00:36:32.800]>>Can't believe we got Menante swing right there.

[00:36:36.190]>>Back to the tee at the tee at the 8th, and Sandy Scott's had a good picture of what to do.

[00:36:41.060]>>195, back left hole location.

[00:36:46.300]>>Uh, yeah, 3 really good swings here at the par 3. Only seen 5 birdies in the 8th today.

[00:36:53.500]>>His swing is unimpeded.

[00:36:55.740]>>He just has mud on his ball.

[00:36:57.830]>>Shouldn't be more than a

[00:36:59.190]>>Three-quarter shot for him from 85 yards.

[00:37:08.230]>>Great shot. Yeah, what a shot. Wow, and they're tight.

[00:37:12.280]>>No issues and Butler hit one tap in here a day ago.

[00:37:18.870]>>Mentioned Botha making the move he's making, you're talking about, of course, record stuff happening well ahead, this is 16.

[00:37:30.080]>>Another great shot, he's gonna have nothing left for birdie here. Shane, he has hit every single fairway today except for 16 just there.

[00:37:40.980]>>Sandy Scott trying to join both at 15 under par. Let's go to make one.

[00:37:45.950]>>Hasn't seen it find the bottom of the cup for a while.

[00:37:49.770]>>That's 3 misses of these guys inside 15 ft here, didn't even really look close, nah, he didn't like that one at all.

[00:38:00.070]>>So, after that start, the dream start with where he was on the leaderboard to start this final round, it's been cooling off period for Scott.

[00:38:10.160]>>Brett White, birdie at the eighth, trying to push up this board, you see that 107 next to his name, that is where he's at currently on the points list. That is a big birdie for White. Came into the week 126th on the points list, knew he had to not just make the cut, have a great week. He's right there, James, like we gotta finish in the top seven on the leaderboard, he's a shot away from being inside of that number. And he's got up at the green, excellent look.

[00:38:39.160]>>There we go, more confident with that stroke, Sandy Scott, salty start to the day, that was important there for Sandy as he makes the turn. I mean he's just too off the lead.

[00:38:51.040]>>Just a fun story to follow on this Sunday. Brett White, well outside the top 100 to start the week. This for birdie at 11 has been filling up the hole the last few. Another great stroke. That's 3 birdies in his last 4 holes. Now projected inside the top 100 is Brett White. You see that 98.

[00:39:13.580]>>Go up to 18, Baron Botha, another great tee shot, 13 of 14 fairways hit has not missed a green.

[00:39:23.130]>>Fly it by the flag here if you can.

[00:39:27.500]>>That's another brilliant approach. Took out the short-sighted miss.

[00:39:33.780]>>Too clear of his best career round on the Korn Ferry Tour for Botha. Now the waiting game. Here's Scott at 10, trying to make a push, join Botha at 16 under, and he calmly rolls that in, scary guy to have chasing you right now, James. Yeah, the most dangerous I would feel on course with his game, now he's seen two go in, feeling comfortable with that Potgieter just coming off a 2nd place finish last week.

[00:39:57.880]>>Valdez, now we said, just gotta really make a push right around where he started the week in terms of points right now, good looking.

[00:40:04.760]>>Here we go.

[00:40:06.220]>>Pretty wild day for Valdez. It's his 3rd birdie, a triple at the par 54 bogeys, just the 2 pars and.

[00:40:15.970]>>Big putt here for Butler. This is a huge putt. Couldn't agree more. He should have gotten a pretty good look from nose, uh, broke pretty hard right to left as it was losing speed. So this is just one, keep your speed up, trust your line. No, just smoked it through the break, and he'd birdied this hole each of the 1st 3 rounds. It'd be a dropped shot, and now we'll have 3 tied at 16 under and if you're both uh.

[00:40:38.810]>>All this got a lot more interesting.

[00:40:51.560]>>Opening the door for players like Sandy Scott.

[00:40:56.170]>>Right in the heart, outright leader, if y'all don't want it, I'll take it. Vibes are high right now with Sandy Scott. How about his momentum coming off last week.

[00:41:08.950]>>He is aiming this well left of the hole, I would say a good 4 ft out to the left. Very easy to leave this short, so go ahead and be aggressive and trust that you can hit it firmly.

[00:41:23.400]>>It's aggressive right in the middle.

[00:41:27.060]>>What a 3 when he needed it the most.

[00:41:34.460]>>Becker 13, Butler, tough hit shot here.

[00:41:40.160]>>Incredibly challenging. I walked by, could not see the ball.

[00:41:45.340]>>You got to do it again.

[00:41:47.120]>>Go up to the 14th, our 36 hole leader here in Columbus, Phichaksn Maichon, got into some trouble late on Saturday.

[00:41:57.220]>>There we go, the stroke we saw on Thursday and Friday.

[00:42:01.960]>>3 in a row for my Sean.

[00:42:06.790]>>And look for Birdie once again, man, he's been all over it today, James. Now he knows how to finish strong.

[00:42:13.480]>>You saw it a couple of weeks ago when he shot a final round 60 at the Advent Health Championship, made a flurry of birdies on that back nine, and to make 4 in a row here.

[00:42:23.970]>>I mean all these guys still with an opportunity, a couple of birdies late. Andy Scott now trying to save his par and remain one clear of Botha and Butler.

[00:42:33.580]>>Loose bogey from the fairway, starting to see some mistakes from a lot of guys at the top of this leaderboard that haven't had a victory on the Korn Ferry Tour yet, Shane.

[00:42:43.890]>>Be interested if he hits another driver today. Just leans on that 3 wood, yep, go to 17. 199.

[00:42:51.320]>>He's feeling it right now, Hit.

[00:42:55.810]>>Another really solid swing coming down the stretch here, knows how to put a lot together like he did a couple of weeks ago at the Advent Health Championship.

[00:43:10.760]>>Even if Hale does it, the good news about the birdie at 17 is it's Birdie who would get knocked out quite in a great position.

[00:43:19.590]>>Sandy Scottie Scott.

[00:43:27.890]>>Sandy Scott

[00:43:29.580]>>Is to take the lead, gets it to go, 17 under.

[00:43:34.100]>>First putt we've seen made from there in quite some time and

[00:43:37.840]>>It's only a matter of time, Shane, before someone got to that 17.

[00:43:43.660]>>Putt only has 101 yards after a beautiful shot. Downhill plays downhill 3 yards. Gotta watch your distance control.

[00:43:52.670]>>Really good. This might go in if it keeps going. One of the better swings he's made today. What a time to do it.

[00:44:01.670]>>This is a swing shame, right here at the par 3.

[00:44:16.470]>>Yeah, great swing from Scott.

[00:44:24.620]>>Now Butler to tie the lead.

[00:44:32.910]>>Challenging read here even though it's close. Nope.

[00:44:40.020]>>Now back to our leader. Opportunity to extend the lead. Sandy Scott been great from this distance today.

[00:44:48.870]>>And another one drips it in, Sandy Scott.

[00:44:54.230]>>Got a little wayward in the middle of this back nine, but locking in.

[00:45:09.250]>>On a good line. It's a good shot.

[00:45:12.370]>>Outside look.

[00:45:14.860]>>At a necessary birdie.

[00:45:18.420]>>And it's a family that understands the stresses of professional golf. His wife, Amy Taylor plays on the ladies' European tour, got married this past December in Scotland.

[00:45:30.180]>>The focus now is one more positive swing.

[00:45:37.600]>>All we need to do, there's no point in pushing it over next to that flag, and straight uphill from there.

[00:45:46.870]>>Quick putt downhill, right to left.

[00:45:51.510]>>This is the best club in his bag, he needs to lean on it right here.

[00:45:59.150]>>Good looking if it gets there. Good looking if it gets there, walking it in. One of the best putters on the Korn Ferry Tour clutching up here at 17.

[00:46:11.780]>>And now Sandy Scott cleaning up.

[00:46:14.130]>>Or at the last, heck of a run of golf right there. He really didn't miss a shot in those last 3 holes, knew he needed something special to finish. Birdie at 16, Birdie at 17 on,

[00:46:29.800]>>numbers that aren't gimmes. What a time to do it for the Scotsman. His dad Alex, the club professional who works out of Nairn, I can only imagine the clubhouse. I'll be at late in the evening there paying attention to what's going on with one of their own and Sandy Scott moments away.

[00:46:48.740]>>But potentially a victory in a PGA Tour card, and I, I think the smile on the face there, knowing, OK, I, I haven't, I'm not guaranteed to win the tournament, but I've definitely guaranteed locking up my PGA Tour card and.

[00:47:03.710]>>Got 133 on the ground.

[00:47:08.490]>>Gerrard's Caddie 133 on the ground.

[00:47:12.780]>>Toughest part of

[00:47:14.650]>>This 2nd shot.

[00:47:16.870]>>How far back he is, he's on a slight downhill high.

[00:47:21.210]>>Pretty flat. Yeah, it was flat.

[00:47:27.460]>>That head over there.

[00:47:32.010]>>Yes.

[00:47:34.210]>>It's 133.

[00:47:36.300]>>You know why?

[00:47:38.250]>>Yeah.

[00:47:44.130]>>

[00:47:46.320]>>Sucked pretty good on that actually.

[00:47:48.600]>>But uh yeah.

[00:47:50.910]>>What's on your mind?

[00:47:53.010]>>And you're just trying to finish it in the, in the TV tower right at it or in the TV tower. It feels like it is it 54 or 50? I feel like it could be 54 off the down slope.

[00:48:04.760]>>You think so?

[00:48:06.550]>>Man, I'd have to hit that good. Yeah, I think you'd have to jump on it, but I think either one of those.

[00:48:13.660]>>Like 50. I think it's gonna come out a little lower so it's not gonna fly as far, you know what I'm saying? No, I'm seeing that because if it comes out high.

[00:48:22.410]>>I mean this is just gonna launch a little lower and it's just gonna kind of land stop. Yeah, what kind of number you got in mind like the number 135 perfect just a smooth one. yep, see your shot here, dude right at it, right at it. You got this.

[00:48:58.960]>>Staring at it and what a golf shot. Butler with an opportunity.

[00:49:08.850]>>Cannot tell you how good that shot was. Downhill live ball above your feet to a right flag.

[00:49:17.830]>>

[00:49:18.910]>>Has put together quite the comeback after the brutal start to his Sunday.

[00:49:24.970]>>All the way back up to solo 6th right now. He was 6 over through 7 holes today, got him all the way back to plus 1. If he makes this, he'll shoot even par.

[00:49:34.820]>>Get it there. It's come on great line, on a great line. How about the finish? Not gonna win a golf tournament.

[00:49:44.700]>>That's why you play pro golf right there. 6 over through 7, you shoot even par.

[00:49:51.450]>>Well done, men from Argentina.

[00:49:55.530]>>Anything could have happened with this round, with how difficult this course is after that start, Shane and he's gotta be proud of himself.

[00:50:04.970]>>Butler with one last opportunity, a make and we go to a playoff.

[00:50:11.890]>>A miss and Sandy Scott is a winner on the Korn Ferry Tour for the first time.

[00:50:20.400]>>When you talk about it.

[00:50:23.350]>>This is

[00:50:25.260]>>The best part of his game.

[00:50:30.310]>>Left to rider uphill.

[00:50:34.140]>>Just release that blade, see it go in.

[00:50:37.870]>>James, if we've seen this putt missed, it's been low today, just not carrying enough speed.

[00:50:43.800]>>The putt at 17 was all downhill this one.

[00:50:47.380]>>Massively important to keep the speed up is for a playoff.

[00:50:54.130]>>And that one low, it's Sandy Scott for the first time in his career, injury in all. You're champion in Ohio, and Sandy Scott, you're going to the PGA Tour, young man.

[00:51:09.470]>>A win, a trophy, a card.

[00:51:12.410]>>What better?

[00:51:14.720]>>I mean he was hit with some authority, it was a good stroke. Took a little hop early.

[00:51:20.290]>>But end over end thought he'd made it. This year's Nationwide Children's Hospital champion, uh, Sandy Scott, congratulations, man, and it's my great pleasure, uh, to let you know that you are officially tour bound. How does it feel?

[00:51:33.850]>>Um

[00:51:36.190]>>A little bit speechless, to be honest, um.

[00:51:39.250]>>It's been a weird journey and uh I'm just so happy. Yeah. And what a week at a difficult golf course for the man from Scotland and now going to the PGA Tour. And James, you think about winning golf tournaments, there are moments when you can clutch up and take it from someone, and there are moments when somebody might give it to you for Sandy today, it was all about clutching up and Sandy now moving all the way up to 2nd position, playing the way he's playing right now. If you're Ross Steelman, that is not a name you want chasing.

[00:52:09.240]>>With the Korn Ferry Tour championship and those 20 cards getting handed out, 7 gone, 13 left. Incredible golf in Columbus. Congrats to Sandy.