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[00:00:34] >> Opening round coverage of the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX. Excellent event, celebrating its 25th year, BMW, local favorite around this parts and the Korn Ferry Tour 25 years and continuing not just to produce great events, but unique events. You heard Pontus mention, really, the lone event of the season that's a little bit different for these players, considering the stressful nature of earlier in the week for so many trying to get to Oakmont and the U.S. Open next week to get a chance to rub elbows with a whole bunch of the amateurs. And you see the weather out there right now, I'd say perfect golf weather. Is that right? Seventy-one degrees?

[00:01:12] >> Little bit overcast, not too hot, and, yeah, they're going to be making ton of birdies, as we've already seen with ADDC.

[00:01:20] >> Got to get to 20 under, it feels like, going to have any chance of winning this thing. Twenty-one under or better won last six editions of the BMW Charity Pro-Am. And some highlights from earlier in the day, Adrien Dumont de Chassart, the champion here in 2023, he was one over through four, James, and he has just found something, made four birdies to close out the opening nine. Made a birdie at 10, then went birdie, birdie, birdie, and that pitch in there for eagle with 16. He's currently our leader at eight under par. Go back to the first --

[00:01:57] >> Under 18 yards, can take a direct line at this flag. Got to be mindful of the spin.

[00:02:02] >> He was mindful. That's a great shot. Go back at four, Justin Whelan, awkward spot. How about this touch? Sure, excellent. Back to 10. Kim, perfect look for birdie.

[00:02:22] >> I just don't see a lot of turn in this just outside to the right for Kim.

[00:02:31] >> Kind of what he's been doing this year, James, I mean, you look at his stat, it's not really anything that stands out in terms of bad play for S.H. Kim. Everything's been top 10, top 15, on tour.

[00:02:40] >> What's so difficult for these players to control their spin on this hole is because they can't see the green and visualize trying to land something past the flag. Imperative to do that on this hole.

[00:02:55] >> Really good wedge player is Nyholm, especially for a big man, he's very good at controlling spin, an art that's sometimes missed on the Korn Ferry Tour.

[00:03:05] >> Go to the par five Preston Summerhays.

[00:03:12] >> It's two straightforward pitch shots for Summerhays -- left quite away short.

[00:03:16] >> Nyholm home trying to bounce right back here at 12. That's how you do it, great birdie. In the middle. Go back to the fifth, Blades Brown.

[00:03:34] >> It's par five. Anywhere but left of the green.

[00:03:39] >> That's very good, very, very, very good. Here's Summerhays, more than he wanted.

[00:03:50] >> You have to play 15, 16, at least two under par if you're going to shoot a decent score out here at Thornblade. Good bounceback for Summerhays, hottest players here the last couple weeks, winning his site, getting to the US Open last week.

[00:04:04] >> Hank Livioda out of the gate, so hot this season. It's at nine.

[00:04:15] >> Another backhoe location. It's just fine there.

[00:04:20] >> Has not made a bogey today, didn't have a chance to get that up and down, shoot five under par. Two balls right about in the same spot. Nyholm will be first to go.

[00:04:29] >> Hundred and forty-seven yards. This is a green-light flag. Can take it right at this hole location. There's a backstop behind. This flighted just a little bit.

[00:04:47] >> Nicely done.

[00:04:49] >> Now S.H. Kim.

[00:05:03] >> Much higher ball flight than Nyholm's.

[00:05:06] >> Kind of a little inconsistency here from S.H. Kim with his wedge play.

[00:05:17] >> Livioda kind of convert the eagle, but a very clean card on this Thursday. Here's S.H. Kim. Let's see how much this one's moving.

[00:05:35] >> This will be a, yeah, it's going to move a ton and be slow. I see it about 2 feet out left.

[00:05:40] >> Yeah, still not enough.

[00:05:42] >> He gave that 3 and 1/2 feet, and that's one of those putts when you're over it, and your body is telling you this is way too much break, so you don't hit it, leave it short like that and just kind of wave at it. For eagle Brown at five.

[00:06:01] >> I mean, what a shot. Fairway would end, hits it about 6 feet. Makes the eagle Blades Brown. Talk about talent. Here's Nyholm trying to go back to back.

[00:06:14] >> Quick putt, moving left.

[00:06:16] >> Yeah, no issues.

[00:06:17] >> Hundred and sixty-five yards for S.H. Kim. The flag is 24 paces on 15 covers, that first tier. Really important to get it on the second shelf. The lone birdie that Kim has had today, he was inside of 15 feet. The other birdie tries has been outside of that birdie range. In order to make those birdies out there, you really have to make sure your proximity of the hole is great.

[00:06:49] >> Oh mother, big miss.

[00:06:50] >> I'm going to sound like a broken record, Shane, but I've seen him come up short a couple times trying to control spin with a wedge here, just forcing it.

[00:06:58] >> Let's go to 18, Valdes.

[00:07:08] >> Really nice swing, low this hole location, birdie opportunity for Valdes to finish here at 18.

[00:07:15] >> Now Kim.

[00:07:19] >> Much better live for Kim.

[00:07:20] >> And a really good shot. There you go. Easy birdie. Here's Nyholm.

[00:07:30] >> Nyholm coming off a slight downslope. This should be a chip he gets really close, pitching back into the slope. Just got to be careful of coming in with too much speed because the green does slope away behind the flag.

[00:07:45] >> Perfect. Great touch. Valdes now. Let's go to look what you're going to find at 18. Yeah, pays it off. Great roll. Excellent round of golf.

[00:07:57] >> Yeah, good pro debut for Valdes and that finished second on PGA Tour University standings, great season, collegiately, and that's how you want to open your campaign as a professional golfer.

[00:08:12] >> Now Pontus up and down day. Life is good right now if you're Pontus Nyholm. Here's Redmond at 16.

[00:08:27] >> Must be a quick way to get it under par if we can get this to go.

[00:08:36] >> Get there.

[00:08:37] >> Do it. Yes, sir. Okay.

[00:08:41] >> The rough is pretty benign where his ball is right now. Everything's coming down the slope. We just have to be delicate with the speed.

[00:08:59] >> Pretty well done. Creative from Nyholm.

[00:09:01] >> Made that look a lot easier than it was, ball sitting high on the grass, almost that decelerating kind of take the loft off at impact.

[00:09:08] >> Let's go up to the 17th, Tom Whitney. See if he can play this high enough.

[00:09:15] >> Someone get this read correctly.

[00:09:17] >> Oh, it's going in, right in the middle. Great putt. Excellent birdie.

[00:09:26] >> Nyholm's at the angle where this putt may want to sneak to the right, aiming just outside the left. Her back-to-back birdies as well.

[00:09:44] >> Yeah. Adrien Dumont de Chassart, remember a couple years ago, won in a playoff here at the BMW. Office leaderboard once again. Samuel Anderson, great play. A lot

of the low scoring coming to Thornblade. Of course, Thornblade and the Carolina Country Club part of this event early in the week. Preston Summerhays, impressive play late bogey, still four under par. Sixty-seven, Alistair Docherty, a 66, punched his card to the US Open next week, and continuing that great play. Josh Teater got off at such a hot start today, four under par. Peter Ruby, a 67 for the youngster. He's just four off the lead. Blades Brown, and, James, we can't say enough about this kid. He's 18 years of age, chip in at the last really, really impressive round of golf.

[00:10:32] >> And needs to take advantage of his last start on the Korn Ferry Tour as a sponsor's exemption. Top 15 might see him out here more often in 2025.

[00:10:46] >> Second round coverage of the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX, celebrating 25 years of the partnership with BMW and the Korn Ferry Tour in this format, a great format, unique format to the Korn Ferry Tour with the Pro-Ams and all the celebrities in the field for the first three rounds. And on a Friday, we've seen some great scoring on a very warm afternoon here in South Carolina, nearly touching 90 degrees early in June. Green's receptive, and we've seen some very, very impressive scoring from a lot of our players in the hut. A lot of these players getting kind of set and in position for a late run, somebody that had got off to an incredible start this season, Hank Livioda, that at the 10th, second birdie of his day. Livioda currently fighting to make it to the weekend. Someone that is not worried about the weekend, trying to win once again on the Korn Ferry Tour, Pierceson Coody, this is the 13th at the Carolina Country Club. This for eagle. And that goes in the very back door. And Pierceson Coody third eagle of his week already, and you see second in a five-hole run. How about Austin Smotherman? This is 17, bid for par three, awkward spot. And this one would go for Smotherman.

[00:12:08] >> Yeah!

[00:12:08] >> What a round of golf, 62, and that was his fourth birdie on the par threes today. Look at all those twos for Smotherman. He'd shoot 62, lowest round of his Korn Ferry Tour career. Mentioned so many of those PGA Tour University players in the field this week, Ian Gilligan fresh out of Florida. Gilligan first.

[00:12:30] >> Six wins in his collegiate career, four at Long Beach, and then two, like you said, after he transferred to Florida, out of Florida. Finished third on PGA Tour University. So still a career, exciting young player.

[00:12:47] >> Just making the turn in a second round. Shot 74 to open the event.

[00:12:54] >> It's nice here. He needs as many as those coming in as he can.

[00:12:58] >> Talk about impressive brothers, splitting time, professionally, the Coody boys.

[00:13:05] >> You can tell by these rehearsals here, this is not a good lie. Lot of speed. Land this right at around about 5 feet on. Hard to predict how it was going to come out of that lie.

[00:13:24] >> Here's Gilligan at one. Oh, what an early walk.

[00:13:30] >> Love it. Love the passion. Knows he needs something special over the closing holes to make the weekend.

[00:13:40] >> Pierceson a stretch. What a birdie save. Nice roll, continuing the momentum. Go back over to the second. Good look here for eagle for Gilligan. Mentioned he's going to have to run here on his closing nine holes. This would do a lot.

[00:14:01] >> See where he was aiming, almost 5 feet of break. So difficult to match speed and line and tap in birdie, but he knew. You could see with his body language, he's riding this. His first event on the Korn Ferry Tour. He really wants to make the weekend.

[00:14:14] >> Here's Meissner at 18.

[00:14:15] >> Eighteenth hole, tricky front-right hole location. Oh, that's perfect.

[00:14:24] >> Here's Coody coming to run off that bogey trying to bounce right back. Tough place to do it.

[00:14:33] >> Two-hundred and twenty-six yards today.

[00:14:35] >> Oh yeah, what a shot from Pierceson Coody.

[00:14:40] >> Now Meissner at the 18th. That's a rare birdie at 18. Meissner rolls it right in the middle. That is one way to finish. Good playing. Sixty-six for Mitchell, currently in that top 25. Bryson Nimmer.

[00:15:02] >> Nimmer never had full status on the Korn Ferry Tour, but this is his third season. Had to go back to Q School two times before, and now he's got a victory and playing well. Won back in Tulum, now playing well this week, that to get to 11 under par.

[00:15:17] >> Hank Livioda. South of green hit the par five, 16th.

[00:15:22] >> Plenty of green to work with here. Not the best lie. This one's going to tumble as soon as it hits the green. Considering that front-hole location gets a little quick by the front of the green. That was fairly well judge.

[00:15:42] >> I mentioned the bogey a moment ago from Pierceson Coody, just a putt of this length, one of the best of the day here at Carolina on the 17th. Oh, just catches the right side. Nice two from Coody. Good bounceback. Don't think he loved it for a moment, off to Blade. That is a wild card. Hozanne, just off the green for eagle at 16.

[00:16:14] >> We had it too. See that reaction. Had it online, just begging for it to get there.

[00:16:27] >> Here's Nimmer after that really impressive approach at seven. Yep, bangs out in the back.

[00:16:35] >> Yeah. Nimmer, just reveling in now having exempt status for next year no matter what on the Korn Terry Tour.

[00:16:41] >> The top 10 of the leaderboard, Livioda. Just catches the right side. That's a really nice up and down. Gilligan. Man, how about this run from the youngster? Made the

turn. We said he's probably going to have to shoot 29 on this front side. He's making a run at that number. Third birdie in his four holes, and you talk about turning things on after that opening round of 74, very impressive. Here's Pierceson Coody after the birdie at 17 over Carolina, just two off the lead.

[00:17:17] >> Back left, tricky hole location, but no problems for Pierceson Coody.

[00:17:23] >> Back to 16, Trey Winstead right around that number as well. Long look for eagle, trying to get this down in two.

[00:17:31] >> Come on, come on.

[00:17:33] >> It's really good. Really good! What a putt from Winstead. Who needs two putts?

[00:17:38] >> What a putt.

[00:17:46] >> Pierceson Coody to shoot nine under over Carolina. Never a doubt. Excellent round of golf from Pierceson Coody. One of the best players on the Korn Ferry Tour the last three years in a position once again. Just one off the lead. Check into a player that is making a move on a Friday, desperate to get it five or six under, Gilligan, six under on his round. Stay right there.

[00:18:43] >> Easy. Oh, what a break.

[00:18:47] >> Five, that ball might have stayed up for Gabrelcik.

[00:18:51] >> It's a huge break in the penalty area. Oh no, in the bunker. So what we thought was a big miss was not too bad indeed.

[00:19:03] >> What a guy, Ian Gilligan, who putts away from four birdies to start his second nine on a Friday. Great pace.

[00:19:16] >> Gladly take that, considering second shot was just perched out of the penalty area.

[00:19:21] >> Here's Gabrelcik.

[00:19:29] >> Got to think this has to go and gets it. Good up and down out of the bunker there. Okay, he's got a chance. Find two birdies in the last four holes.

[00:19:42] >> Gilligan just tap it in for his birdie, and this has been quite a run for the youngster.

[00:19:46] >> He's got it in him. He knows how to go low. Six wins in college.

[00:19:52] >> Carl Yuan at 16 for eagle. That's pretty good as well. Pours it in. Great putt. Seeing some long eagle putts here at 16. How about Carl having a day? As our second round of coverage winds down here at the BMW Charity Pro-Am, a look at the leaderboard. Jake, as I mentioned, the round from Austin Smotherman. We talked about the par three place 62, ties his career low round on the Korn Ferry Tour opportunity head into this weekend.

[00:20:26] >> Much easier conditions today, lift clean in place, perfect weather, and just expect more over the weekend, Shane.

[00:20:38] >> Third-round coverage of the BMW Charity Pro-Am, presented by TD SYNEX, a staple on the Korn Ferry Tour schedule. We mentioned 25 years local fan-favorite, big sporting area here in Greer, South Carolina. Think about the minor league baseball and hockey and of course, they circle this week each and every year to come out and watch some of the best young players in golf with an opportunity to join a list of notable names. If go through the history of this event, see names like David Toms and Max Homa. Nick Flanagan won here twice, and it is a warm Saturday in South Carolina, nearly 90 degrees on a short golf course. Thus, the reason you're seeing such low scoring in this third round. The event got some big names in the hut, not just through two rounds, but bucking a bit on this Saturday, just earlier, seen some impressive play from Austin Smotherman, best position he's been in through 36 holes just at the eighth. Kind of what he did the first two rounds. Pours that in. Smotherman, 65, 62 through two rounds, having a great season, continuing that here at the BMW Charity Pro-Am, this at 11 down the hill. Got a great read from his playing partner.

[00:21:50] >> There we go.

[00:21:51] >> Followed suit right in the middle, once again, Smotherman a couple under on the day, and he is two shots back. How about Pierceson Coody? Had a crazy rollercoaster day yesterday, made a triple, had a couple of eagles. That a great read at the 12th. Would convert that for a birdie. Pierceson Coody looking for his fourth career Korn Ferry Tour title at the age of 25. And how about Carl Yuan? Well, the man is now on 59 watch because of shots like this. This a third team, second in. Impressive. Yuan has had a really, really dreadful season on the Korn Ferry Tours, just seen two weekends. This season, we know what he can do, going back to 2022, a win, three seconds, nine top 10s, finishing second on the points list. That took him to the PGA Tour, trying to get back there. Shots like this are going to help that at 14. So Yuan already a 13 birdie 14. Par fives, 15 and 16, a place. A day ago, Yuan went birdie eagle. So par 71, opportunity for the first 59 on the Korn Ferry Tour this season, Shane Bacon, alongside James Nitties, and Yuan with a great pitch there. Going to have an opportunity for another birdie to get to nine under on the day.

[00:23:09] >> Now Smotherman over the 12th is for birdie.

[00:23:12] >> Yeah!

[00:23:13] >> Straight in the middle. Putting great this week.

[00:23:19] >> Big putt here at 15 for Yuan.

[00:23:23] >> Downhill right to the left. Oh, he's feeling it. Emilia, how about Seungtaek Lee's season hasn't missed a cut. This is his 12th straight week. He's had three top sixes, lost in a playoff. He's kind of a sneaky superstar that no one knows about yet.

[00:23:41] >> Oh, it's been so impressive just to watch the consistency, and it's so hard to do that on the Korn Ferry Tour because you have to go low every single week if you want to be in contention.

[00:23:54] >> Lee currently eighth on the points list. That looks really good. There we go. Finally getting one to go.

[00:24:01] >> Yeah!

[00:24:02] >> Big tee shot here at 16.

[00:24:05] >> Perfect position right here, pushed it up into this tight portion of the fairway, hits it a long way, just mid-iron left. Anywhere on that back section is a great shot, easy. Just holds air. Oh, splendid by Yuan.

[00:24:32] >> Nicolo Galletti, putt down the hill.

[00:24:39] >> Yeah.

[00:24:39] >> I think it went in. I think it went in. Did it go in?

[00:24:43] >> It went in.

[00:24:44] >> Yep, yep, it went in.

[00:24:45] >> Just a positive group, Shane.

[00:24:49] >> Here at 16, Yuan, this to get to 11 under on the day. Got enough pace. Oh, that close, just catches the right edge. Gave it to him, but he'll tap it in. Yuan making it look very, very easy at Thornblade today. Sixteen, Coody, going to give it a rip?

[00:25:21] >> Come on, come on.

[00:25:24] >> It's on a perfect line. Small section over there. What a shot.

[00:25:30] >> Galletti, he's hiding, he's hiding. He's not hide anymore. Oh, that is brilliant. And Coody with as good a look as you're going to have here at the par five for eagle, this for his fourth eagle of the week. Oh, just misses low.

[00:25:54] >> That's got to be one of the best second shots of the day, just to have that short range for eagle. Galletti now, this would be for a really good up and down from the front bunker for birdie. Got his round back on track.

[00:26:15] >> Nine-shot victory. Thanks for coming. Could get better if Yuan can knock this in.

[00:26:21] >> Quick once it gets on the green.

[00:26:23] >> Oh, is it going to get there? Oh, that close.

[00:26:27] >> Shane, that's three in a row where he quite easily could have been shooting a 58.

[00:26:32] >> I mean, it's happened for his best round of his career on the Korn Ferry Tour. Back to Smotherman here at 16.

[00:26:41] >> Wind is picking up these last few holes, 229, for Smotherman, really just needs to hit a 210 shot to find the putting surface flat all the way on the left side. You want to give yourself a good angle, be on the right. Ball is above Smotherman's feet hitting a nice draw here.

[00:27:06] >> Oh, he could use the back edge of the green. This could get real close here, Shane.

[00:27:10] >> Beautiful from Smotherman. Opportunity for eagle here at the par five. Here's Coody at 18.

[00:27:24] >> He might be able to see this hole location from here, but kind of a flat lie was missed far enough left.

[00:27:29] >> Oh my. I'd add it's going to go long. Here's Lee at 16. Just tap it in for birdie. And for Lee important make birdie there. Got an opportunity to get within one of the lead.

[00:27:46] >> Smotherman doesn't need much help with the putter, considering how many birdies he's made. However, this is the second time on the back nine that he's gotten a great read from Lee. This will move to the right as it loses speed. Smotherman's family not here this week, but they're all watching from California, including his young niece, Layton, who's three years old. She turned three today, so Happy Birthday, Layton.

[00:28:09] >> Get to see Austin make eagle at the 16. Nice putt. This kid has a lot of confidence right now. At 18, Pierceson Coody with his third.

[00:28:22] >> Going low here. He's been all over the planet on this 18th hole. You get that to go. You can see him right there at 18 under, four shots back.

[00:28:40] >> Go back over to 17, Travis Trace, what a tee shot, but doesn't like the putt at all. It's never going to move that much, so going to be a three here for Trace. Now, Coody, let's say par at 18, good putt. That is one route to par at 18.

[00:28:58] >> Yeah, especially being that far left off the tee. Four under for the day. He remains four shots back.

[00:29:07] >> Now Galletti. Looking for his first top 10 this season. If saved going to have an opportunity come Sunday to do just that, maybe make a run at this title. Tell you this, out of the gate, 62 backed it up a couple rounds of 67. He made bogey at one, and then Carl caught fire.

[00:29:45] >> And considering the season he's had, he's only made -- this is his third weekend. So after the bogey at the first, you're not expecting what is about to happen, but this is how you settle the nerves. This is how you create that confidence, and he hits a dart in here at the third.

[00:29:58] >> Yeah, that at the 13th. Shot 30 on his way out. So makes birdie at 10, made birdie at 13, so that got him to seven under par, and this is when he started run. I mean, at this point the putter is hot, and you said it, James, struggled with the putter a year ago on

the PGA Tour, one of the worst putters statistically all season long, not so much this week. Has been rolling it great. Irons have shown up as well.

[00:30:23] >> Carl Yuan, one of the longest players in the field, not known for his accuracy. He is fifth in fairways hit this week, and when he gets his putter rolling, as you can see here, nice and confident stroke downhill, right to the left, he can make a ton of birdies.

[00:30:38] >> Yeah, you thought at this moment 59 was a real possibility. Makes birdie there at 15, big tee shot here at 16. He's twirling it. I mean, you're sitting there going is he going to make eagle and get it to 11 under?

[00:30:52] >> He needed to find right around four shots in the last four holes, and it's easy to do when you make an eagle and pick up two, and that would have been for eagle. Unfortunately, just slipping out there. So a two-putt birdie.

[00:31:07] >> So many players trying to find themselves once again in terms of professional golf. And of course, Carl Yuan and is not running away from this thing. He's got Austin Smotherman on his heels, just a shot off the lead, and he really got it going here at the eighth, rolls that in for a birdie. He said it, slow start. Had to make a couple of putt, pars, putts after a 62 on Friday. Then the iron showed up. The putter starts to show up. And again, I don't think it was nearly what we saw a day ago from Smotherman, but he rolled a couple in, and really the highlight as we've seen at 16.

[00:31:39] >> Shane, he said that he is loving the greens. He's finding them easy to read. And you know a player is confident on the greens when putts are not only going in the middle, but perfect pace. He's not forcing anything in, and he's very patient. That is a dangerous combination with how good he hits it.

[00:31:56] >> Yeah, this was our shot of the day, approach at 16. He was bagging it to go, and it went. And this was so good to a really tight hole location in that back portion of this green.

[00:32:08] >> You have to do so many things right on that second shot to get it to that position.

[00:32:15] >> Preston having himself a great week, open with 67, shot 66 in that second round, 68 the day James finds himself in the top 10, headed into Sunday.

[00:32:24] >> Yeah, Summerhays getting back to that form where he was leading PGA Tour University or in about a season ago. So very talented indeed, and a big Sunday coming up for his first event as a professional debut on the Korn Ferry Tour.

[00:32:38] >> And for Preston Summerhays, then the focus turns the US Open qualified, and Oakmont next week will be playing in his third US Open, as you mentioned, James, first as a professional. And of course, everybody chasing Carl Yuan and what he was able to do today. Shot 61. You got players that have been excellent this season, Pierceson Coody, when he's played on the Korn Ferry Tour. Now the focus is here. He even passed out on an opportunity in terms of playing on the PGA Tour this season. You got a couple players looking for success, really, for the first time in 2025. It is Sunday at the BMW Charity Pro-

Am, presented by TD SYNEX, and we have a player going for a bit of history. At this great event, Carl Yuan has been so dominant since the opening nine holes on Thursday, and he is running on this Sunday. Go look at the ninth.

[00:33:26] >> Hundred and ninety-one yards on this par three front-left hole location. The wind has picked up. When you think about trying to win a golf tournament, Carl Yuan, it's so important that he understands when to attack a flag and when to play safe. This night hole is one to play safe at.

[00:33:45] >> It is swirling around the ninth tee right now.

[00:33:50] >> Yuan's wife, Cathy, also played college golf at Washington. Very helpful to have not only an emotional support on the bag, but someone that does know the game. Just three paces to cover that short left bunker. Got to make sure your hole high and right.

[00:34:15] >> No way.

[00:34:15] >> Oh, boy, that left off the rocks, and that looks like it's going to be in the penalty area. Never committed to that club. Pierceson Coody, who's very much in this. Isn't that an excellent approach? Getting better.

[00:34:38] >> Right where he was looking.

[00:34:39] >> Back here at the ninth.

[00:34:42] >> This fits Carl's personality. Hold on to your hats, ladies and gentlemen.

[00:34:50] >> Brings a big number in here for our leader.

[00:34:52] >> Yuan's looking way left to the flag. Anywhere on the putting surface is a miraculous shot. This lie is so buried, guys. I mean, this is a shot that could cost you the tournament if you're not careful.

[00:35:03] >> Yeah, I mean, you think about the indecision off the tee with the club, and he doesn't seem committed to this shot either. Think his wife's going let's take the drop. What are we doing here?

[00:35:15] >> Emilia, I think the only way he's thinking about playing this is because he didn't cross the line maybe some 40 to 50 yards back. That's all I can think that you would take this shot on.

[00:35:27] >> And that's what it looks like, and it would be a very hard up and down for bogey. Wow.

[00:35:40] >> Okay, it's back in play. Pretty well done. Now it looks okay. I mean, not going to be the easiest to up it in, but avoided total disaster. Now Smotherman.

[00:35:58] >> Yeah. Yeah!

[00:35:59] >> This is going to be such an awkward stance.

[00:36:08] >> Now Pierceson up ahead. I mean, he has no idea what's going on behind him. See if he can roll this in. And he does. Great birdie for Coody. And all of a sudden, the Pierceson Coody gets an eye on a leaderboard, he's going to be within one.

[00:36:22] >> Yuan will just have to get this on the green.

[00:36:36] >> That's got to keep going. And Carl, who has been in total control of this final round, going to have a lengthy putt to avoid double here at the ninth. We'll go up to 12 and Coody off the fairway.

[00:36:54] >> Go and get right. Go! Dude that missed by nothing.

[00:37:01] >> It's an awkward shot from that right, right. He's got to start hitting fairways.

[00:37:07] >> So this for bogey. It has no chance. And our leader on the tee here at nine, four shot lead. Still not in for double. Coody who is trying to save par up ahead. Oh, how good is that shot? Very nice from Pierceson. Yuan. Drops back to 24 under, and that is his first bogey or worse on a par three at Thornblade for the week. Got to get through this one, though, as you mentioned, James, 11 playing tough today.

[00:37:56] >> And the wind is only picking up. It is really swirling today, the most it has all week, 177 yards, front-right hole location. I currently feel held off the right. Starting right and drawing for Smotherman.

[00:38:13] >> What a shot. Smotherman, what a time to do it.

[00:38:21] >> Well, the pressure is certainly on. It is important when an opponent pulls off a hard shot to a difficult hole location not to force something, still stick to your process. There are a lot of other birdie holes out here. You don't want to do something silly. Now I feel hurt with the wind. Very important to trust your number.

[00:38:42] >> Last two full swings have been left misses for Carl. That one comes up short. And Coody misses. So that's a drop shot for Pierceson, and this was a birdie fest for three days, now pars. Hard to come by. Back here at 11, awkward spot for Yuan.

[00:39:21] >> Most difficult part about this shot is handling your hands in the moment, and that was just all nerves right there.

[00:39:26] >> Oh my goodness, stupid.

[00:39:27] >> It was a tricky shot, but not that difficult.

[00:39:31] >> So the lead now for Yuan currently is two. Have to make that for bogey.

[00:39:40] >> It's just so important to not let ahead of yourself in this moment.

[00:39:44] >> This is Smotherman. This is a pretty easy read, straight uphill, left to right.

[00:39:51] >> Sure, what a two.

[00:39:53] >> This is why you never ever think you're out of the golf tournament.

[00:39:56] >> Austin Smotherman, you're now leading.

[00:40:00] >> Yuan, this for bogey, not dropped two shots.

[00:40:12] >> Oh, my goodness, standing on the ninth tee, he was 26 under, four-shot lead. Just went double bogey, par, double. Back to our leader.

[00:40:26] >> Just three paces off the left. Not the most solid strike from 116 yards, but a safe play from Smotherman.

[00:40:34] >> We'll go to 15, the par five. Back-to-back par fives here at Thornblade. Sebastian Cappelen, the Dane, open 64, 65 has struggled with his game recently.

[00:40:48] >> Well, Shane, you talk about Kaplan. Before this year, he'd spent two years out of the game entirely.

[00:40:54] >> Yeah, so Austin Smotherman was four off the lead, just made birdie on the difficult par three 11. This length he won at 12, and he has work to do. Coody must make it 15. And he gets it to go. Great birdie from Pierceson. So Smotherman, our leader, has not made a bogey today until now. So a three putt from the middle of the fairway, not a great wedge shot into the breeze.

[00:41:27] >> Flag is just five paces off the edge. The last four greens Yuan has missed. He's all missed it short-sided.

[00:41:43] >> Good, mature shot here. Finally, we see a little bit of patience, considering he's been attacking everything. That's kind of his personality. He's an aggressive player.

[00:41:53] >> Sebastian Cappelen, just one off the lead. This is third. And able to give it a rip of two here at the par five.

[00:42:04] >> Come on.

[00:42:04] >> Oh, what a shot. Excellent! Back here at 13, Yuan with an opportunity to get one back.

[00:42:14] >> Very quick putt for Yuan. It will break left as it loses speed.

[00:42:18] >> Really good line on a really good line. What a putt! Needed it. Good 15th, Austin Smotherman, first to go.

[00:42:33] >> Two-sixty-five hole for Smotherman, 260 to clear the front bunker.

[00:42:40] >> On a good line, if it's enough. And it is, what a shot!

[00:42:45] >> Easy. There's a false back to the green. It's still a really good shot, perfect spot to chip from back up to that hole location.

[00:42:58] >> Cappelen. And a great roll. So Sebastian now makes it four at 22 under.

[00:43:08] >> He's getting it done. He's not even hitting a lot of greens in regulation today, but he is scrambling well, and he's making birdies at the right times.

[00:43:17] >> Back here at 15, Smotherman, just off the back.

[00:43:23] >> Smotherman in great position, chipping from behind the green. Chip is all about managing the grip pressure and those nerves.

[00:43:29] >> Just okay from Austin. We'll go to 16, Galletti now two off the lead.

[00:43:39] >> Sitting perfect here, plenty of green, back foot and it's on skip it. Read it like a putt and make it. Look out. Oh, that had to have looked right online for about 10 feet there, Shane. That's a beautiful chip.

[00:44:16] >> Nearly pitch in eagle when he needed it the most. Smotherman rolls one in at 15. Now outright lead again for Austin Smotherman.

[00:44:28] >> Exactly what he needed to do here at the par five. Picked up one on Carl Yuan.

[00:44:34] >> Sixteen, Yuan second, came up well short to be awkward.

[00:44:41] >> The sun, Yuan's swings and set up, going with the high shot. Oh, this could be really good.

[00:44:46] >> Oh, what a shot. Nearly makes it. That left for birdie

[00:44:51] >> Impossible, that shot. He made that look way too easy.

[00:44:57] >> Now, Galletti pitch didn't go. The putt does. So nice four for Galletti. Two back, two to play. Yuan unable to birdie 15, great birdie here at 16, but he is chasing. Good 18. Cappelen. Looks really good. Looks really good. Oh, what a putt. How did it not go?

[00:45:30] >> He was walking it in, was breaking towards the center of the hole. Stopped turning right at the end.

[00:45:37] >> He was trying everything to get that fall.

[00:45:39] >> What a great putt. Gave it a great chance. Gave it a run today. Five under par for his round, birdies at 15 and 16, best result of the season. One top 10. Came back from being in a dark place two years away from the game, injuries, lost motivation. His wife, friends, family, support encouraged him to get back into the game and what a start coming out of retirement.

[00:46:10] >> Now, look at that smile. Awesome to see from the 35-year-old, born in Denmark. Lives in the area. Audrey, Joey, Annie going to be pumped to see how dad played all week at the BMW Charity Pro-Am.

[00:46:25] >> Exactly. This one's not going to jump nearly as much as that last -- the other one did yesterday.

[00:46:30] >> Right.

[00:46:30] >> But it's still got some heat in it. Yeah, just keep it literally right up the gap there.

[00:46:35] >> Yup.

[00:46:36] >> Okay?

[00:46:37] >> Give yourself a second.

[00:46:38] >> Now Smotherman.

[00:46:39] >> Full committed.

[00:46:40] >> Two-hundred and one yards ball well below Smotherman's feet. You're clubbing up at least two, given this lie. Got to make sure you take it left of the right bunkers, land this just in the front. It will tumble.

[00:47:01] >> Be good. Come on, work right.

[00:47:06] >> Beautiful. Great contact from that awkward stance. Anything on the surface within 40 feet is always going to be a good shot. It's not done yet. Anything can happen, but doing what he needed to do from that high.

[00:47:19] >> It hit it left there a day ago, a similar stance at the 18th, and for Austin Smotherman an opportunity, potentially two putts away from a victory.

[00:47:51] >> Cut.

[00:47:52] >> Good ball.

[00:47:55] >> Really good shot. From that yardage so much uphill with the second shot, trying to force something to it. The hole location, he had no angle to from 240 yards. It's really -- he just had to give himself a chance.

[00:48:16] >> Think it's going to be Smotherman first to go, the easiest of two putts.

[00:48:34] >> Not the easiest two-putt by any means. Was able to get a two-putt on the 17th, which was huge. Just had a tap-in par on 17. Similar distance coming down the hill the whole way. It's only going to gather speed as it gets towards the hole. It will turn to the right.

[00:48:50] >> Best in the field this week on the greens is our leader. He makes this, he's our champion.

[00:49:10] >> How about it? How about it!? Austin Smotherman, a winner again on the Korn Ferry Tour. What a putt! What a way to finish!

[00:49:22][Cheering] That's how you win a golf tournament.

[00:49:29][Cheering]

[00:49:32] >> Shut the door. Austin Smotherman birdie and one of the toughest holes on the course to win once again on the Korn Ferry Tour, first time in four years.

[00:49:45] >> Just the second birdie of the day at 18. Austin Smotherman, talk about taking control of this golf tournament, birdies 15, 16, and 18.

[00:50:04] >> Now, still an important putt for Carl Yuan. Two-putt would give him second place alone.

[00:50:13] >> Going to have to think about it. The 28-year-old, we mentioned the success Yuan had back in 2022 on the Korn Ferry Tour. This week, just the third cut he's made of the season. You know, Austin two putts, that makes par. Yuan's got to be thinking, I can make birdie, get into a playoff. One of the longest putts we've seen all week at 18. Wins it.

[00:50:36] >> Shane, you said it. There hasn't been barely any birdies at the 18th hole for the entire day, and Smotherman comes in and makes a bomb.

[00:50:44] >> Oh, I hate to see that. Pay attention here. Now, this stay in a tie for second. Cappelen and Pierceson Coody. A rough go about it, after a great start for Carl Yuan. I tell you, it was impressive what he did, but the moment, the week, and today belongs to that man right there. Nothing like a nice beer bath. Evan giving him some love.

[00:51:19] >> Yeah.

[00:51:20] >> Two days on the bag. Part of the celebration.

[00:51:29] >> This guy, this guy.

[00:51:30] >> This week on the Korn Ferry Tour, all about Austin Smotherman, one of the great shots we have seen. And, James, you think about the way the Korn Ferry Tour season started, one of the best shots we've seen in the playoff in a long time. That was unreal to finish from Smotherman. This week, so much fun. The amateurs, the celebrities, and of course, the professionals take center stage on Sunday, and Austin Smotherman picking up his second career win on the Korn Ferry Tour.