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[00:00:33] >> Opening round coverage of the Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health. A great, great championship, 35 years in the area. Go back to 1990, the first of the Utah Championships. That one was won by a man named John Daly. Probably heard of him, maybe seen him on Netflix last couple of weeks. Last season, Karl Vilips, the champion. This year, new golf course. And we are seeing players maybe not take it as low as we typically see in the opening rounds outside of Papineau with that great round of 61. Views around Ogden, Utah, 91 degrees. Man, it's warm everywhere, isn't it? Hot in Utah this week. Scores are out there. Just earlier, Adrien Dumont de Chassart, champion in his first professional start a couple years ago on the Korn Ferry Tour. That was sensational. Just off the green. Chips that in for a birdie. Get to watch a lot of his rounds on this Thursday. Quickly to 3-under par. How about Brendan Valdes? This one was oh so close to disappearing. He's posing. He's posing. He should be posing. Just left of it. Would knock that in for his birdie as well. Good start for Valdes. How about Taylor Montgomery, one of the best putters on the planet? This as his second. Gets him to 5-under par. He's just four off the lead of this man right here. Etienne Papineau at 18, having a great day, seeing if he can close it in style. And we wouldn't show it if it didn't go. Walks it in. Career low round on the Korn Ferry Tour for Papineau, 61 at Ogden Golf and Country Club. And that was an impressive, impressive round of golf. Couple eagles on the card. That is a man that needs it. Has struggled this season on the Korn Ferry Tour. Fourteen missed cuts and 19 starts.

[00:02:34] If he keeps making putts like that, he's going to be very much in the conversation. That as of now leading this golf tournament, if it finishes like that, Papineau, who I mentioned not having a great season, would move all the way up to 30th on the points list.

[00:02:50] >> Go over to the 9th. Adrien on the tee. I mean, James, you know, we talk so much about Johnny Keefer right now. This was the guy a couple years ago. When you think about the way he started his professional career, win, nearly wins again right out of the gate.

[00:03:04] >> Yeah. We were talking about him. But look, he's only been pro for 2 years. He's already played on the PGA Tour. He's already got a victory on the Korn Ferry Tour. And I think it was just something that we talk about a lot with these young players, just getting comfortable. And he started to play a little better in the fall series on the PGA Tour, and now, starting to hit his straps here on the Korn Ferry Tour. So 176 yards here with this par 3.

[00:03:35] >> Go over to the 4th. Stay short par 4 for these players. Trying to drive it up on the surface, Crowe. It's a good touch. I mean, that was -- might have been a second eagle on a par 4 today if that pitch goes in. Easy birdie. Now, ADDC. Long range. These greens are getting spicy now into the afternoon. Little quicker. Sure. Easy two. Now, Keefer after that short miss.

[00:04:11] >> Well, Keefer started off 2-under through four, and now finds himself 1-over through the first eight holes. Really got to find a way to stay patient knowing that he is hitting quality shots. This is a nice looking line if it's the yardage.

[00:04:33] >> It is. There we go. Here's Montgomery. Tee shot just off the surface of 4. It's not his best pitch shot. Not very good at all. Now, Keefer.

[00:04:55] >> Just got to make sure you have good speed even on these short ones.

[00:05:02] >> OK, that settles the nerves now.

[00:05:04] >> Montgomery trying to get to 7-under par. That's what I say. I mean, of course he's going to make it. Doesn't matter how bad the pitch shot was.

[00:05:16] >> Pick it up. Tell it.

[00:05:17] >> Now, Keefer last to go a lot, isn't he?

[00:05:22] >> He sure is. Just absolutely bombs it off the tee. Hundred and thirty-seven yards. I like Keefer's angle the best. Wind into out of the right. Right hole location. Keefer can take a more direct line than Gandon and Valdes.

[00:05:36] >> This a 350-yard drive back into the breeze.

[00:05:47] >> Right over the top of it. Another one. Opportunity for back to back birdies.

[00:05:53] >> ADDC now at the 11th.

[00:06:04] >> Front left hole location. Beautiful swing.

[00:06:10] >> These golf swings from this guy.

[00:06:12] >> He is firing on all cylinders right now. Clean card. A lot of birdies.

[00:06:15] >> Leading the PGA Tour the last season in stroke game putting is Taylor Montgomery.

[00:06:21] >> I mean, it's got to be so easy when you make everything.

[00:06:33] >> Now, Keefer for back to back birdies.

[00:06:44] >> Well, this is why Johnny Keefer won last week and has two wins on the Korn Ferry Tour, because he hits a approach shots like this.

[00:06:56] >> Still went in.

[00:06:57] >> ADDC.

[00:06:59] >> He's been throwing darts here of late in this Round 1. Good save.

[00:07:12] >> Here's Nyholm. It's pretty good. Very good.

[00:07:24] >> Love his touch with his wedges. For a big man that hits it a long way. Has very good spin control.

[00:07:31] >> Now, Gandon.

[00:07:33] >> Just 90 yards for Gandon. He can be aggressive with this one. Four paces from the right side. He got a break there. Thought that might have been a little short. He wasn't trying to take it over that right side, but he would definitely take it now.

[00:08:06] >> Nyholm, that approach just to a couple of feet and a good birdie.

[00:08:10] >> Had to take advantage of that beautiful approach, as you said, Shane, and he loves it.

[00:08:16] >> Here's Trace Crow.

[00:08:18] >> Not worrying about the bubble is Crowe having a solid year. That's very well done.

[00:08:27] >> He just knows how to get it close from a good wedge yardage. Just great control.

[00:08:32] >> Now, Gandon got away with that approach.

[00:08:36] >> Just needs to keep the speed up on this right to left.

[00:08:44] >> Great putt. Excellent read.

[00:08:46] >> From about 6 feet. That was a cup and a half of break. Death touch.

[00:08:53] >> Now, Crowe to get to 5-under. Nice birdie there.

[00:08:59] >> It pays off that beautiful wedge shot.

[00:09:03] >> Here's Nyholm.

[00:09:12] >> Trying to sweep something in from right to left here. There's not enough left. That's still a fairly good iron shot to this par 3. Crowe now. That would have been a beautiful line from back there too. It's a great shot.

[00:09:42] >> Back with the 15th, Pontus Nyholm trying to knock this in. Get to 5-under.

[00:09:48] >> Stay up.

[00:09:50] >> It teased him there.

[00:09:53] >> Keep roll.

[00:09:54] >> Could see you've given it around about a foot of break. Hard to be aggressive. Be a tap-in birdie, though.

[00:10:01] >> Talk about the Korn Ferry Tour players that kind of define what it's about, the progression of this player in his 4 years on the Korn Ferry Tour. It just seems like, every year, he's got a little better, little sharper.

[00:10:12] >> This was a nice tee shot from ADDC. Just a flick of a wedge.

[00:10:49] >> Just pick that. Is it going to get up there? That was close.

[00:10:54] >> Over to 9. Crowe up the hill trying to finish with a two. And he does. Great round from Trace Crowe.

[00:11:02] >> Beautiful start in his Round 1. And he's another one of those players, Shane, after his victory seven events ago, he hasn't been inside the Top 40. He went from fifth on the points list, and now, he's sitting right around 17th.

[00:11:14] >> Now, ADDC for birdie.

[00:11:25] >> Fantastic.

[00:11:25] >> And James, the golf course was interesting. I mean, you heard Adrien mention, you know, the greens are firm, got to hit fairways. Saw some players struggle with that today. But the scoring was out there, if you could get it in the shortstop.

[00:11:37] >> You're going to have to scramble well. It's not something that's usually in the same conversation as a course. It's only 7,000 yards. Usually, these guys are expecting to go super low, but you're going to have to do your work around the greens and especially on them from inside 10 feet.

[00:11:51] >> We'll have a window tomorrow evening, similar time. And of course, we'll have Blades Brown in that window. The 18-year-old Monday qualified into this event. Needs a Top 40 to kind of continue the roll on the Korn Ferry Tour. Much better than that today with that 64. We'll get a chance to catch up with him on Friday, see how he can back up the 63 in the Monday qualifier, James, in the 64 today.

[00:12:13] >> Yeah, can't wait. A lot of really cool storylines that will unfold this week from guys trying to get inside the Top 20, guys like Blades Brown trying to get status, full status on the Korn Ferry Tour. Really excited, especially out here for the Utah Championship.

[00:12:26] >> Petr Hruby with a nice round of golf as well today. These players needing something as we start to wrap up the regular season on the Korn Ferry Tour. Fun to beat a new golf course. Tested the players, tricky green, small, firm. The rough is up, but the scoring was out there. Johnny Keefer didn't have his best up today, but I'm assuming he will back it up with something low tomorrow.

[00:12:55] >> Second round coverage of the Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health. Excellent event on the Korn Ferry Tour as we start to wind down the regular season. New venue this year, Ogden Golf and Country Club. Tight fairways, greens are firm. Go back to 1914 when this golf course was established and now a part of this great championship, celebrating 35 years in Utah. We saw some players struggle to find fairways in Round 1. Greens were bouncy. Scoring is out there. Wins are

down in the second round. We had some wind damage earlier on Thursday. Not the case today. It is warm ball goes far. An opportunity for so many of these players trying to jump into that Top 20 on the points list or maybe secure a card for 2026.

[00:13:45] >> A little evening golf for those on the East Coast, Utah Championship Day 2. Take you through some of the highlights earlier in the day. Adrien Dumont de Chassart, outside that Top 20 position on the Korn Ferry Tour points list, making a move this week. Open with 63. That in there tight at the 3rd. Would knock that in for birdie. Dropped the shot at the last, but still a 65 for the young man from Belgium. How about the first round leader, Etienne Papineau there at 18? Rolls it right in the middle. Birdied that hole a day ago for his best ever round on the Korn Ferry Tour. Sixty-one on Thursday. Little slower go about it today, but still very much in the hunt. How about Emilio Gonzalez. Second at the 5th. This was very tidy. Oh, yeah. Hole high, in the shadows. He kicked that one in. Make birdie there at 5. They mentioned slow going for Papineau after that electric 61. This at the par-5 3rd, second birdie of his day. Still clean on the week. Has not dropped a shot. And he is three back of Taylor Montgomery. Montgomery was rolling the rock so well a day ago as he tends to do. Sixty-two in the opening round, followed it up with 64 today. ADDC in the conversation. Once again, 65. Robby Shelton one of the rounds of the Friday, 63. Papineau to know who will watch in this second round, playing that front nine here at Ogden Golf and Country Club. And he is right there, as is Blades Brown, the 18-year-old. Had another great week.

[00:15:24] >> Over the 18th, Runchanapong Youprayong down the hill.

[00:15:31] >> Flag in here.

[00:15:32] >> It worked. There we go. You can make a putt out here.

[00:15:39] >> Finally see one go. He's having a great day.

[00:15:41] >> Back at the 8th. Etienne with an excellent tee shot, the 28-year-old Canadian.

[00:15:49] >> Can he work out this approach off that downhill lie to a front pin? You can see many close here from ideally a perfect wedge outage.

[00:16:00] >> Here's Meissner up ahead. He can knock this in for two. Little work left.

[00:16:08] >> It's almost like out here at Ogden Country Club that the long range putt is a 25-footer.

[00:16:15] >> Papineau.

[00:16:20] >> He finally gets one to go. There we go. Just hit it in the middle.

[00:16:26] >> He waited and he was rewarded. He was knocking on the door over and over. One had to go.

[00:16:32] >> Now, Meissner.

[00:16:37] >> Good two putt birdie at 13. Trent Phillips there at 6-under. Couple under par today.

[00:16:52] >> Birdied this hole a day ago.

[00:16:54] >> Got to birdie it again. Excellent. Excellent approach. That's how you finish your second round.

[00:17:14] >> Aussie down the hill. Going to get there.

[00:17:17] >> Trying to.

[00:17:19] >> Sure.

[00:17:19] >> Go back to 9. Phillips, one of the best of the day. See if he can finish off in style.

[00:17:26] >> Yeah, good two. Back at the 14th. Good leave.

[00:17:38] >> Another great position for Gonzalez, who's hit every fairway since the fifth hole. Trying to capitalize on this short 14th.

[00:17:46] >> That was so good.

[00:17:48] >> We'll go to the 18. Oppenheim, big putt here in terms of the cut number. Yeah, nice. Good roll.

[00:17:57] >> Huge.

[00:18:03] >> Now, Gonzalez. That was such a cool little pitch shot.

[00:18:19] >> Once again, he hit a beautiful pitch shot into here. And the way this green slopes, you're thinking, OK, if I hit right of the hole here, I'm going to have an uphill putt. But now, he's got a 4-footer where he has to hit it outside the hole with the break.

[00:18:41] >> OK. Back to back birdies for Gonzalez. Taking advantage of this part of the golf course.

[00:18:48] >> Back at the par 5, blades Brown's third.

[00:18:54] >> Hundred and eighteen yards. There's no trouble guarding this flagstick. He can go right at it there.

[00:19:04] >> Really nice. Directly behind -- below the hole. Turns a layup into a birdie opportunity here.

[00:19:09] >> Back here at 16, Seungtaek Lee, last to go. Needs one birdie.

[00:19:16] >> His final three holes. Tough hole location here at this par 3. Loving this one.

[00:19:23] >> And he should. What a shot. Just about a one --

[00:19:28] >> Here at the par 3. No one hitting it close here.

[00:19:33] >> It wasn't the tee shot he was looking for at 15. This wedge shot was precise.

[00:19:39] >> See if Blades Brown can knock this in.

[00:19:40] >> Brown nearly knocked it in on 14 after having a very difficult putt. This one much easier. Breaking slightly right.

[00:19:49] >> Yeah, great birdie. Patient birdie for the 18-year-old.

[00:19:56] >> He's struggling from around the greens. Nearly makes an ice here.

[00:19:59] >> I mean, you think about the struggles. I mean, he hits the bunker shot at 13, misses the putt. Fourteen, right off the green, unable to convert that. Terrible lie at 15. That is finding a way to get one closer to that cut line.

[00:20:13] >> It's the reward for staying patient for Gonzalez. Made three birdies early in the first five holes, and then, seven holes, he was one 1-par. Finally got a birdie on 13. Capitalized it with another on 14. Now, has this opportunity for eagle. All of a sudden, he's jumping up a ton of spots in the leaderboard.

[00:20:31] >> That is a perfectly played par 5 for Emilio.

[00:20:35] >> Go back to the 17th. Lee coming off that excellent, excellent approach to the par 3.

[00:20:47] >> Lee finding himself another awkward lie buried in the rough. He's going to have to take this lower, land it on the front of the green, hope it rolls.

[00:21:01] >> Beautiful. Maybe. How about that run, two, two?

[00:21:07] >> Incredible shot. Back to back.

[00:21:11] >> That's the way to celebrate. Going to make another cut. The celebration of the week.

[00:21:18] >> We'll go to Meissner at 18. Got to make birdie.

[00:21:26] >> Big first hop. He's going to have a look though. We've seen that putt made today, James.

[00:21:34] >> And James, the 18th green seems like of all the greens here at Ogden, seems like the one where we are seeing putts go in. Maybe the flatter of the green. See what Brown can do.

[00:21:44] >> It's a difficult one to put spin on it. Only -- Unless you go a little right of the flag. There's a little slope you can use. Hundred and seven yards for brown.

[00:21:57] >> Beautiful. He's been on point all day with that yardage of shot.

[00:22:03] >> See if Blades can roll one end to finish off his Friday.

[00:22:20] >> He got it to the hole. Finally gets a putt to drop.

[00:22:24] >> And Blades Brown, a calm, calm 66. That is impressive stuff after the 64. Monday qualified in with 63.

[00:22:33] >> Now, Meissner. Got to go at 18. Did he do it? Sure. In the middle. That is a cut making birdie right there.

[00:22:47] >> What a time to step up, especially when he came into this week at 11th on the points list, every weekend matters and hasn't had his luck go his way especially these back nine. But what a putt.

[00:23:00] >> Right in the middle, James.

[00:23:02] >> Sixty-six, 65 for Gonzalez, the 27-year-old. Look at his season, James. Has been impressive. It's been consistent. And he has a real opportunity at a PGA Tour card for 2026.

[00:23:13] >> Yeah, two Top 10s in his last three events, especially a Top 5. He's got that game off the tee. Fantastic driver of the ball, and I love his attitude. He sounds like he's patient and he's making really good decisions.

[00:23:24] >> Talks about being in control of the golf ball right now. We saw it on full display in the middle of that back nine. See what he can do on the weekend. Let's look at Taylor Montgomery. A lot of experience. ADDC, a winner on the Korn Ferry Tour. And there are players there that need a good week, players there that have just continued a good season.

[00:23:46] >> Third round coverage of the Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health. Awesome event on the Korn Ferry Tour schedule as we start to wind things down. And this is the regular season. First time we've been in Ogden, Utah for this championship, 35 years in. About 45 minutes or so from Salt Lake City. And the golf course, not overly long, but the fairways are tight and the hole locations dictate what players can do. And as we've mentioned, players seem to have figured it out on this Saturday. Scoring has gotten better and better each of the first three days. And you better go low today if you want to keep yourself in contention. Been warm all week. Winds are down in this third round. We had some wind damage in the opening round. Not the case yesterday. Definitely not the case on this Saturday. All go far in Utah. Players taking drivers all over the place and making a whole lot of birdie.

[00:24:37] >> Well, a pretty big bonus for golf fans to start the day with a little golf across the pond. Ended here in Utah. Kensei Hirata had himself a back nine today. One of the best players on the Korn Ferry tour. Birdies at 10, 11, 13, 14, 15. That at 16. He'd shoot 62, tie his career low. Continuing the great play. How about Shad Tuten? Talk about excellent starts. The 33-year-old birdied his first five holes on this Saturday. This at 18. In there tight. He cashed that. A 63 from Tuten. And he ties his career low on the Korn Ferry Tour, moving up the board. Trace Crowe in the hunt starting the day. Got off to a great start after a couple birdies late on Friday. Birdied 17 and 18 in the second round. Birdied the 1st, the 2nd, the 3rd. That at five. Trace Crowe on a roll. But everybody right now chasing that of Robby Shelton, a man that knows how to get it done on the Korn Ferry Tour. Four career wins.

That at the par 5 for three in a row out of the gate. He kicked that in, make 30 there. And then, at 5, the tee shot. Nice approach, hole high. This for the solo lead. In with some speed. Players starting to understand Ogden Golf and Country Club three days in. First time the Utah Championship has been here. And Shelton, now 4-under early in his third round.

[00:26:05] >> Go up to 8. Shelton, wide right off the tee. This his third.

[00:26:11] >> Two holes in a row. Just trying to recover from wide misses off the tee.

[00:26:15] >> Over to the 9th, Daniel Summerhays.

[00:26:19] >> You see a lot of ties back to Utah. Popular figure and more popular with that one. Great hole out with Summerhays.

[00:26:27][Cheering and Applause]

[00:26:33] >> Shelton just trying to get this down in two, avoid a double.

[00:26:36] >> A lot of players leaving long range putts this week short.

[00:26:41] >> Had to be aggressive. Very slow uphill. Very fast downhill here at Ogden Country Club.

[00:26:53] >> Easy now.

[00:26:56] >> After that excellent start, plenty of work the last couple holes.

[00:26:59] >> We'll go to Brown. Blades Brown here at the 12th.

[00:27:10] >> Eighteen-year-old, been very impressive this week. So much talent.

[00:27:17] >> Well stress right now for one of the co-leaders.

[00:27:20] >> This to avoid a double bogey.

[00:27:30] >> OK. Deliver the bogeys here at Ogden.

[00:27:36] >> Up ahead, Blades Brown tapping in for his birdie.

[00:27:42] >> Here's Shelton at the 9, difficult par 3.

[00:27:50] >> Two hundred yards today.

[00:27:52] >> Look out. Anytime a professional golfer clicks his fingers, it's either perfect or a little long. And that was perfect.

[00:28:02] >> We are back. Blades Brown, short birdie putt here at the 13th. James, we've talked about this stretch on the golf course, 13 through 15. The field now, 450-under the week on holes 13 through 15.

[00:28:17] >> To 9. See if Shelton can bounce right back after the bogey at 8.

[00:28:23] >> Yeah, very nice two here for Robby Shelton.

[00:28:27] >> Papineau trying to save his par.

[00:28:34] >> This is one of those huge momentum savers. So he was projected 97th on the points list, and he's going to be riding nearly every single shot this weekend. He talked about how he was trying to be a little bit more positive, trust his game.

[00:28:55] >> Taylor Montgomery, a hole away from that stretch we've talked about.

[00:29:10] >> Really, really nice shot there. They figured that out to perfection.

[00:29:18] >> Here at 13. James, probably a good break here for Shelton.

[00:29:22] >> You think? This is -- He'll take that when he walked up to it. Now, can actually get it to react a little bit.

[00:29:29] >> Jumped on him. Now, that is perfect. What a shot.

[00:29:37] >> Go back to Taylor Montgomery at the 12th. Excellent look here to take the solo lead.

[00:29:43] >> It's an excellent look, but difficult read because it breaks about a cup and a half to the right, but the wind is blowing hard to the left. It's very difficult to figure out how much the wind is going to affect this golf ball, especially if you get a gust.

[00:29:59] >> OK. Sneaks in the left side. Montgomery played the 12th perfectly.

[00:30:04] >> Now, Shelton to try to get the 16. Birdies showing up as the wind does.

[00:30:10] >> Now, Blades Brown.

[00:30:22] >> Confident stroke from the 18-year-old.

[00:30:25] >> Blades Brown is very much in this thing.

[00:30:30] >> Now, Shelton. And James, to your point, sure he has to navigate the bunker.

[00:30:37] >> Robby Shelton, just 29 years old. We've talked about his success on the Korn Ferry Tour with the four wins. I mean, this is a guy that just knows how to get it done. He has his whole life the way he played at Alabama. So successful. There are seven wins as a collegiate player. Phil Mickelson Award, SEC Player of the Year as well.

[00:30:55] >> Just going to land this short, hit the right kick. Easy now.

[00:31:04] >> So good, so good from Shelton.

[00:31:06] >> Fantastic.

[00:31:07] >> Back to 13.

[00:31:20] >> Is this special? That is so well done.

[00:31:28] >> For another birdie in the solo lead. Right in the middle. And James, that is his 12th birdie in his last 19 holes.

[00:31:36] >> Now, ADDC missed a shorty like this at the last. That one firmly in the back. Needed that. He has been struggling since that birdie back at 4.

[00:31:52] >> James, I mean this is really out of nowhere when you think about what we're seeing from Bio Kim. Played some PGA Tour events a few years ago. We really haven't seen him at all.

[00:32:01] >> His last victory came in 2023 free. But like you said, 2018 had Korn Ferry Tour status and was on the PGA Tour in 2011. But this is on a sponsor's invitation out of nowhere like you said.

[00:32:13] >> Shelton on the upslope. Decent lie.

[00:32:16] >> All those indicators will help him get it in the air. The wind is also helping a little bit here.

[00:32:28] >> Came out real hot.

[00:32:34] >> Now, Bio Kim is for par now to stay at minus-15 from long range and still work left.

[00:32:41] >> Go back to 15. The birdie putt Shelton was hoping for. Stuff falling all over the place, gusting on him.

[00:32:49] >> This would be a bonus if we could get this to go. And he does. How about that?

[00:32:55] >> That is a wild birdie from long here at the par 5.

[00:33:02] >> Kim now for bogey at 18. OK. Dropping a shot at the last, but a round of 64 for Bio. He is right there, just three off the lead.

[00:33:11] >> We are back at the 16th. Very difficult here for our leader.

[00:33:17] >> Very downhill. Back into the breeze though.

[00:33:21] >> There's a great lie and he took advantage of it. That is tremendous from that far right of the green.

[00:33:32] >> Speaking of difficult putts.

[00:33:39] >> Left the entire way. Was hoping for that breeze to hold it up. But committing to your lines and getting a read, especially with cross breezes is just so difficult in these conditions.

[00:33:53] >> Let's see if Shelton can save par.

[00:33:56] >> That one just firm on that left edge. Never moves. That'll be a drop shot here at the par 3.

[00:34:02] >> Is that just golf, Shane? He makes a 25-footer for birdie on the last, and misses it straight uphill from 6 feet.

[00:34:14] >> If ADDC can get this close enough to save his par.

[00:34:19] >> Well, this is a point in the round where if you're a caddie and you see your player getting frustrated, you tell them, hey, we win the tournament right here when it's hard and we can go out attack on Sunday. This is a pretty basic chip.

[00:34:29] >> That'll be a four. What he was looking for after the tee shot.

[00:34:37] >> Just a hard hole to walk away with birdie. That front left hole location.

[00:34:49] >> Our leader, Robby Shelton mount.

[00:34:52] >> From a bogey at the par 3, scramble his way to a par here at 17.

[00:34:57] >> I don't think he got all that.

[00:35:00] >> That was heavy. You saw where he was pointing. He was trying to land it at least 15 feet on the green. And now, it doesn't get any easier.

[00:35:09] >> Leader for the moment. See if Shelton can save par.

[00:35:23] >> A little confused there.

[00:35:26] >> Shelton has made one par on this back nine as heads to 18.

[00:35:31] >> Been a little scratchy from around the greens of late. So Shelton back to 16-under. Go up to 18.

[00:35:44] >> This up against the lip here.

[00:35:49] >> Sounded solid. Can he get it to the surface?

[00:35:55] >> Really great effort there, especially with the contact you needed to get and how much elevation early in that lip.

[00:36:05] >> Montgomery's third on the way. Needs to scoot. And put the stress back on that putter once again.

[00:36:14] >> Shelton down the shelf. See if he can get this close and save par.

[00:36:21] >> He's nearly high enough.

[00:36:24] >> More stress for Shelton.

[00:36:27] >> Now, Montgomery. And we have seen it over and over again. Par save after par save on this back nine. Best in the world with this club in his hand.

[00:36:55] >> And another one right in the middle.

[00:36:59] >> Now, Robby Shelton to avoid three straight bogeys to close this Saturday.

[00:37:05] >> Confident stroke. Just keep the pace up here. Little right to left.

[00:37:09] >> Yup, great save. Loose tee shot. Tough spot in that fairway bunker. Shelton, just his fifth par on this Saturday, one of the most important putts of his week.

[00:37:23] >> Robby Shelton trying to win for the fifth time in his career on the Korn Ferry Tour and trying to move up that points list, get back to the PGA Tour. It's going to be Robby Shelton. James, a guy that has done it plenty of times in his career, and Taylor Montgomery, someone that's finished second on the Korn Ferry Tour five times without a victory.

[00:37:39] >> It's going to be interesting, especially with all these storylines coming down for the final day tomorrow. Hopefully, the conditions are a little nicer so we can see some more birdies and a little bit more comfortable players out there.

[00:37:51] >> Yeah. We saw some great play earlier in the day. You think about Pontus Nyholm going out there and shooting 62. Kensei Hirata with that great back nine, 29 on the way in, shoot 62 as well. And it just seemed like all of a sudden, everything changed at Ogden Golf and Country Club and people are just trying to save pars. You got to give a shout out to the putting performance from Taylor Montgomery, James, towards the end. Those three par saves in a row, giving him that opportunity going into Sunday.

[00:38:23] >> Final round coverage of the Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health. Mentioned off the top, a new golf course this year, Ogden Golf and Country Club. A lot of history here dates back to 1914. Tight fairways, beautiful views, small greens, a lot of tilt. Players first couple days, struggling to figure them out over the weekend. Seen some low scores on this Sunday. Petr Hruby with a 61. Had an opportunity for 59 at the last. Made bogey at 18, still an excellent round of golf. It has him in the Top 20. And it is heating up here in Ogden. Now, 92 degrees. Winds are down. Some gusts late on Saturday. Players really struggling to finish their rounds. Gusting some 30 to 40 miles an hour in that third round. A little bit of wind on Thursday as well. Everybody playing for that trophy. One of the best events on the Korn Ferry Tour schedule.

[00:39:14] >> Live here in Utah, final round of the Utah Championship. How about Johnny Keefer having an excellent season? Slow start this week. Shot 70 in the opening round. But boy, did he catch fire on the weekend. Sixty-four on this Sunday. Going to be a seventh Top 10, potentially a sixth Top 5 of the season. Johnny Keefer just continuing to impress. Shad Tuten, the 33-year-old needing something special as we wind down the regular season. That at the 8th. He pours that in. Tuten off to a great start. Has played the front nine 13-under par the last three rounds.

[00:39:50] >> I'll go to Shelton first here at 10.

[00:40:21] >> Scary for a moment there. But now, perfectly positioned just below this hole location.

[00:40:29] >> We got a Trace Crowe. This for eagle opportunity. To join those at 16-under. Right in the middle, Trace Crowe. What a roll.

[00:40:39] >> What a time to pick up two shots.

[00:40:42] >> Here at the 10th, Shelton dangerously left with that approach, James, but a good opportunity here.

[00:40:51] >> Both these players on that back section. Tenth is the toughest hole. Only six birdies here. So they can get this one to go, possibly huge bonus. Picking up shots on the field.

[00:41:04] >> Might even close.

[00:41:06] >> Missed read and missed speed from Shelton.

[00:41:10] >> Think about Hirata just hanging around not playing great in that penultimate pairing. See if he can knock a couple in. This at 13. Get to 15-under.

[00:41:20] >> Yeah, there you go. Sneaks it in the left side. So Hirata, just a couple back. Here's Shelton.

[00:41:34] >> And that is going to be a really ugly three putt.

[00:41:39] >> To 15.

[00:41:43] >> Tuten now trying to get this up and down to save par at the par 5.

[00:41:49] >> Easy now.

[00:41:50] >> Work is not done. Wow.

[00:41:52] >> That is going to be a difficult putt for five.

[00:41:54] >> Let's go to 18. Suri, our leader, in the fairway staring right at it. It's a big moment for Julian.

[00:42:22] >> That is so well done. Hole high and another opportunity. Suri going to have that to get to 18-under, post 63 in this final round.

[00:42:33] >> Now, Tuten trying to save par. And that is going to be a very unfortunate six for Tuten.

[00:42:44] >> Let's go to 18. Our leader, Julian Suri, a real chance.

[00:42:51] >> James, you've talked about it with Suri and what he's done in his career. The win on the DP World Tour coming back in 2017. Made a run after Monday qualifying in the Houston Open on the PGA Tour back in 2018. Suri has never won on the Korn Ferry Tour, the 34-year-old out of Duke. If this goes, it could just do it.

[00:43:15] >> Can he keep it high enough?

[00:43:17] >> Similar putt on the previous hole was low.

[00:43:24] >> What a roll. What a round from Julian Suri. Sixty-three here in Utah. And he's the man they got to go get. How fired up he is.

[00:43:38] >> Final round of the Utah Championship. We'll go back to 14. Robby Shelton, two off the lead.

[00:43:49] >> We didn't like it, but that's perfect. Couldn't have walked it up there any better, especially not wanting to be above the hole. That straight uphill for birdie.

[00:43:59] >> Somebody that has not worried about points this season, the 24-year-old from Japan.

[00:44:04] >> Six wins on the Japan Golf Tour already for Kensei Hirata. Having a great season. Four Top 10s, 10 Top 25s. Came into the week 10th on the points list. Twenty cards up for grabs. Two have been punched already. Johnny Keefer, Austin Smotherman headed to the PGA Tour. Hirata trying to do the same.

[00:44:27] >> He's a special player. If he gets to the PGA Tour, I think he will make some noise considering he lights up a stat sheet. You just mentioned all his victories. I mean, he won last year in Japan.

[00:44:40] >> And now, there's the number. Now, you got to think about it. Robby Shelton's got to start making some putts.

[00:44:52] >> Well, it's pivotal for Shelton to fall in love with that pre-shot routine, which he's been working so hard on. This is going to snap left.

[00:45:01] >> Got it. Needed it. Finally sees one to go.

[00:45:07] >> Montgomery, center of the fairway.

[00:45:16] >> Just 205 yards for Montgomery. This is right at the flag.

[00:45:20] >> Yeah, they love it and they should. What a shot from Taylor Montgomery. Three off the lead. That for eagle to get within one.

[00:45:28] >> Swing of his week to that front left hole location. As firm as these greens are, nowhere to land it. And flighting it perfect and landing it even better. What a shot. Fourth here for Shelton.

[00:45:43] >> Just trying to keep something low to eliminate a bunch of skip. But man, these greens are getting quick.

[00:45:50] >> James kind of looked like a I need to hole this one approach to that pitch shot.

[00:45:55] >> Shelton's going to have that to stay two back.

[00:45:58] >> Back here at the Utah Championship, best putter on the planet with an opportunity for eagle to get within one of the lead.

[00:46:12] >> Downhill, very quick. It was a good strike. You could see the line on his ball end over end and gave it a great chance.

[00:46:21] >> Had to have the birdie. Would have loved the eagle.

[00:46:24] >> Two back, three holes left to play for Montgomery.

[00:46:29] >> Playing alongside Taylor, Robby Shelton. This for par.

[00:46:39] >> And just like Shad Tuten, a six here at 15.

[00:46:43] >> And we've talked a lot about Robby Shelton and how well he's played in his career on the Korn Ferry Tour. Not great this season. Now, got to start to think about the points. Came into the week 68 on the points list.

[00:46:58] >> Here's Montgomery just to tap-in for his birdie. OK. Sixteen-under, he goes two back, three left.

[00:47:12] >> Hirata in the fairway here at 17. Got to finish birdie, birdie.

[00:47:27] >> Really good.

[00:47:28] >> Go to 18, Blades Brown. What a week. Needed a special week. Played better than he needed. Top 40 would have been good enough. But for Blades Brown, came close earlier this season on the Korn Ferry Tour at the age of 17. Now, trying to cling to that Top 10 position here in Utah.

[00:47:57] >> Easy. Great shot.

[00:48:02] >> Here's Kensei. Quickest putt on the back nine. Have to think this one needs to go. Got to go. Looks really good. Looks very good. It does go. So there's one. Hirata within one of Suri.

[00:48:23] >> To 18, Blades Brown, the 18-year-old. Just very impressive all week long. See if you can cap it off with one more birdie. Should have gone in. Not very nice.

[00:48:37] >> Impressive week, impressive season. He's only played eight events. Had zero status. The 18-year-old phenom coming into the year. And he's turned it into being with an opportunity of giving himself a chance of getting a PGA Tour card. And now, something extremely special is going to have to happen or it's going to be Julian Suri's first career Korn Ferry Tour victory.

[00:49:02] >> Shane, outside of a hole out from the fairway from Montgomery for an incredible shot here by Hirata.

[00:49:15] >> He was trying to make it. Had to land it in an absolutely perfect position right where his ball finished. Really couldn't land that on the green unless he hit the flagstick. So, out of position off the tee. Had no real chance from there. And it's a positive week for Hirata. But now, just a very special situation has to happen or Julian's going to raise this trophy.

[00:49:42] >> Hirata to potentially finish in solo second.

[00:49:53] >> Oh, it --

[00:49:54] >> He had it too.

[00:49:59] >> So a bogey at the last for Kensei, which James, brings in the potential for Taylor Montgomery to finish second again for the sixth time in his Korn Ferry Tour career.

[00:50:13] >> Julian Suri, one swing away. Taylor Montgomery have to pull off a miracle here at 18.

[00:50:20] >> So I think if we can see here, possibly got out to the left of that tree, that it's got a decent lie. It's past that tree.

[00:50:32] >> Difficult front left hole location. Needs to go.

[00:50:42] >> Great shot. Virtually impossible from there.

[00:50:46] >> Really well done. Last couple iron shots on 17 and 18 for Taylor Montgomery. But with that, Julian Suri, your champion in Utah.

[00:50:56] >> Told you.

[00:50:57] >> Thank you. Thank you.

[00:50:59] >> I knew it was coming.

[00:51:02] >> Wow.

[00:51:03] >> What a week, huh?

[00:51:03] >> That escalated quickly, huh?

[00:51:05] >> It did. Stop hammering 7-irons.

[00:51:08] >> Yeah, 90-yard wedge.

[00:51:10] >> Yes.

[00:51:10] >> Oh, man.

[00:51:13] >> Great week, man. Great week. You deserve it.

[00:51:22] >> See if Taylor Montgomery can finish this off in style.

[00:51:28] >> Same putt as Blades Brown. Just breaking the last second for Montgomery. That short miss or he would have finished second alone. Still going to finish in a runner up. Tied for second for Taylor Montgomery, James, which means, now, sixth runner up finishes in his career on the Korn Ferry Tour.

[00:51:47] >> He fought, he battled, hit some golf shots late. Had an opportunity. Just putter did not show up on this back nine.

[00:51:53] >> Yeah, definitely over the last three holes, that's rare from Taylor Montgomery. But a positive week for him. That gets him inside the Top 80 on the points list, and momentum heading into the last couple events, and then the finals.

[00:52:05] >> Johnny Keefer atop of the points list. Tour bound already. Excellent, excellent final three rounds.

[00:52:10] >> And updated projections here and you see not a lot of movement up top.