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[00:00:42] >> First round coverage of the Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at the Abaco Club, one of the greater golf courses in this world, when you talk about places to play, conditioning, beauty views, all wrapped up into a golf course that can play relatively benign, James, when the winds are down. And it can play extremely difficult when the winds are up. And we'll get into that weather here in just a little bit. Right now, winds at 12 miles per hour, gusting to some 20 to 25 miles per hour. We are expecting extremely tough conditions throughout this week. And we're expecting scores to kind of follow suit in that regard, a little like that final round last week.

[00:01:23] >> Play well, gentlemen. Make it a great day. This is our 12:10 tee time on the tee from Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. Hank Lebioda.

[00:01:46] >> That's a little more like what we want to see. Ross Steelman last to go. Back here at the 10th, winner last week, Hank Lebioda. Had himself a week last week, by the way, wins, had his birthday on Tuesday, gets to hang in the Bahamas for a couple of weeks. Those are good things to start your year. Oh, my. Good roll.

[00:02:24] >> Look at that. Steelman with a little birdie at the 10th to get his round started.

[00:02:29] >> Here's Tyson at the 12th. Just really good. Here's Justin Suh. That's good for 3-under. Just a shot off the lead. Tyson, great tee shot. Hit that second where you want and rolls that one in. Rattled it in. Great birdie.

[00:03:08] >> Here's Suh.

[00:03:08] >> Made that birdie back at 17. So now, he's 3-under and -- Oh, my goodness. Come on.

[00:03:16] >> How did that miss?

[00:03:20] >> Now, Higgo talked about the approach, trying to get it back to even. There you go. Good roll.

[00:03:25] >> A little awkward for Shelton.

[00:03:33] >> Got to sweep one in. That is an excellent approach shot. Hole high. Said two, two finish. Would have been a two, three finish. He's hoping for two, four is Suh.

[00:03:45] >> Come on.

[00:03:49] >> It's got to go left, doesn't it? Oh, that is -- Look, it had quite some fizz on it. If it didn't collect the flagstick on the way by, it would have worked its way off the front of the green.

[00:04:01] >> Robby Shelton, former Bama standout. Never turned.

[00:04:27] >> And Steelman will be hitting almost more directly into still a little bit of right to left cross.

[00:04:47] >> Winds tricking. These players having a hard time getting at hole height. Both these players in a good position coming up well short. Check back on a man that is struggling off the tee, Lebioda. It did. Now it's really good. Great shot. Nice up and in there for Steelman. Now, Lebioda. You know, he hadn't hit it good today. Even par knocks us in. He's 1-under. There you go. We wrap up opening round coverage of the Bahamas Great Abaco Classic. Of course, three rounds left to play. We'll be here Monday, we'll be here Tuesday, and rumor is we'll be here Wednesday with some 40-mile per hour gusts in that final round, which makes for viewing a lot more interesting.

[00:05:45] >> Yeah, a little nicer from where we're sitting, but not where they're playing. And they're going to have to be very precise in these windy conditions. I love it when you have to ball strike it to finish on the leaderboard, Shane.

[00:06:01] >> Live second round coverage of the Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at the Abaco Club, one of the fixtures in the early part of this Korn Ferry Tour schedule, eighth playing of this event. We've had some impressive winners over the years. And you think about the weather we had yesterday and the forecast throughout this week. Monday has turned into a day to go out there and produce. We had rain earlier in the day, a 40-minute delay due to some heavy rains, postponed the conclusion of the opening round. They were finishing up this morning and pushed those second round tee times back a bit. Had just under a half an inch of rain early this morning, but now, the winds are out of the way. And views for days, weather ideal. Here's Justin Suh, round of 69 a day ago. Nice roll there. Gets him to 5-under par. Now, Jonas. That's a great putt. Great two. Excellent start. Sandy Scott.

[00:07:17] >> This one's going to be hoisted way up in the air, especially hitting off that ramp.

[00:07:23] >> Oh, what a shot.

[00:07:27] >> Here's Chung at 11. Easy now. That is unfortunate, especially as far as he flew it whole high. I've seen that a lot.

[00:07:44] >> I mean, I can't jinx this, right? Straight up the hill, foot and a half. Keefer with a birdie.

[00:07:50] >> Jin Chung up the hill here at 11. Tracking, tracking. Oh, he walks it in. Love that.

[00:07:58] >> Here's Justin Suh at 16.

[00:08:04] >> Oh, he got it up.

[00:08:06] >> Yeah. Talk about a snack.

[00:08:08] >> Tanner Gore here. Barely see the top of the --

[00:08:13] >> Oh, yeah. Said it was a snack. Straight up the hill here for Suh.

[00:08:31] >> Lone win on the Korn Ferry Tour for suck. Came back in 2022, Korn Ferry Tour Championship. Shot 64 in the third round. That is another great birdie.

[00:08:41] >> Go to the 18th. Mentioned the easiest hole in the golf course today with that helping wind. Nine eagles, playing more than half a shot under par, this par 5. After that hole out at 17, see what he can do here at 18. I mean, this round has been exquisite to this point already. And another good one, if it stays there. And it's going to.

[00:09:01] >> Now, this is where you want to be hitting your second shot from.

[00:09:07] >> Oh, Johnny Keefer couldn't be in a better spot. Two hundred and thirty-six yards to the flag. It's tucked up on that left side. Just want to hit something front middle.

[00:09:19] >> See if it'll hang in there. OK. So go to 18, Tanner Gore. This for an eagle at 18 as he gets set to make the turn. I got to go, but still, that's going to be 29 on the way out for Gore. Shot 68 a day ago. How about this, James? Three eagles already this week.

[00:09:46] >> Baumgartner, third here at the par 5.

[00:09:56] >> OK, that's passable.

[00:09:58] >> It's almost like a bowl over there.

[00:10:03] >> Despite Keefer being just off the green, not surprised that he's going with a club to chip off of. He hasn't putted off the fringe at all today.

[00:10:34] >> Not going to be happy with that one. Here at 14, one of those holes, James, in these conditions, you feel like you got to make birdie on. And he does just that. Sebastian Cappelen here at the 18th for eagle. Seeing a whole bunch of eagles here at 18 today. That has some speed and curls in.

[00:10:54] >> Now, at the 1st, Gore.

[00:10:58] >> At least he's got a ton of spin on it.

[00:11:02] >> Little hot.

[00:11:04] >> Yeah. Now, Chung, that's a good birdie as well.

[00:11:09] >> Now, Keefer, important putt. There you go.

[00:11:13] >> Chung in the fairway.

[00:11:29] >> OK. Probably missed his target in line wise by about a yard.

[00:11:33] >> Now, Keefer.

[00:11:44] >> Oh, yeah, going to do it. What a shot from Keefer.

[00:11:47] >> All right, Chung, chance to get it back to even.

[00:12:04] >> He walks this one in. What a putt.

[00:12:08] >> We'll go up to the 18th, Sudarshan Yellamaraju. And we've talked a lot about 18 today. Yesterday, players were really having a hard time getting close to the green in two. Today, basically just a mid-length par 4.

[00:12:29] >> Yeah, great shot. Hole high. Exactly where you were looking.

[00:12:35] >> So back at the first, Tanner Gore. Oh, what a putt. We showed you the approach here at 18. Yellamaraju trying to pay it off with the eagle. Oh, my. Come on.

[00:12:54] >> Wow. Can't do that. That's not allowed.

[00:13:01] >> James got an opportunity to watch a lot of Christo on Tuesday.

[00:13:04] >> Yeah, a lot of experience at the top of this leaderboard. Coming in, the guys we expect to be there like Christo. He's already had success on the DP World Tour in his short professional career. But talk about Tom Whitney coming off the PGA Tour. Another guy in Russell Knox, PGA Tour winner. So, very exciting for us, Shane. It's going to be difficult for them, especially if the conditions worsen just a little bit.

[00:13:27] >> Just a shout out to Alistair Dougherty. We've chronicled his journey the last year or so in terms of getting so close to a PGA Tour card. So easy to fold up shop and not play the way he has played to start this season. Impressive stuff from Docherty. Excited to see what he can do come that third round on Tuesday and in the wins that we expect on Wednesday.

[00:13:47] >> Cameron Champ, you see right there.

[00:13:50] >> He's a guy that's going to be splitting maybe time between the PGA Tour and the Korn Ferry Tour. Peter Ruby there as well, 67.

[00:13:58] >> Also saw the big Swede up there at 7-under par 2.

[00:14:03] >> Trace Crowe, winner of the NV5 Invitational couple years ago on the Korn Ferry Tour. He just came back from the PGA Tour. And Augusto Nunez, he showed us some explosive golf back before he got on the PGA Tour last season. Sean O'Hair, multiple PGA Tour winner. He's battling it out here down here in the Korn Ferry Tour.

[00:14:28] >> Third round coverage of the Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at the Abaco Club. Excellent host. Lovely spot in this world. See the winds, they'll always be around, but not the 20 to 25-mile per hour gust were expecting to see in this third round. Still expecting big wins in the final round, but that forecast early on the week, James, and we're talking 25, 30 mile an hour gusts throughout the week. Yesterday, benign conditions. Today, much of the same. It is a pristine golf course, awesome putting surfaces, and you're seeing players take full advantage of these conditions.

[00:15:02] >> Mentioned Lebioda and what he is trying to accomplish.

[00:15:05] >> Just always played well in the Bahamas. Worst result has been a tee for 31st, and now, adds a win to that collection.

[00:15:15] >> Yellamaraju has a pretty good angle here into this flag.

[00:15:18] >> I like that they've tucked this hole location. So they should especially with the winds down and these guys just throwing darts. Got to make it a little more difficult for them.

[00:15:38] >> A little more conservative, especially after that huge drive for Yellamaraju.

[00:15:46] >> Here's Lebioda. Going to get there? Oh, sure, right in the middle. Go to Yellamaraju.

[00:16:00] >> Got a read off Hirata.

[00:16:03] >> Oh, yeah, what a putt.

[00:16:07] >> Go back to 10, Lamprecht.

[00:16:09] >> Awkward little second.

[00:16:10] >> Well, that wasn't it. It's going to be another pitch shot for Christo.

[00:16:18] >> Russell Knox hits his second.

[00:16:27] >> Just go through your whole routine again.

[00:16:48] >> Good looking shot at that right bunker. Needs to draw a little.

[00:16:57] >> Good shot there.

[00:17:02] >> That's much better. Opportunity to stay bogey.

[00:17:06] >> Let's send it down to Emilia Doran with Darren Clarke.

[00:17:12] >> Were there a couple American players as Yellamaraju is getting set to hit that would come to you for advice when they would go play out in Europe?

[00:17:18] >> Yeah, there was, there was. I remember back in the day that Peter Uihlein and Bruce Crampton, whenever they first come over, we used to have a lot of fun with those guys as well. I used to have a lot of fun with quite a few guys. This is a great looking golf shot too.

[00:17:33] >> Yellamaraju is walking it, as he should. What a great shot.

[00:17:38] >> Now, Christo for bogey. Just too off the lead.

[00:17:48] >> OK. After that kind of poor first pitch shot, good up and down for bogey.

[00:17:54] >> As we watch Yellamaraju with this eagle putt, you said it's a pretty straightforward putt?

[00:18:02] >> Yeah, not too bad this one. He's going up a little bit of a slope. So it's -- It'll be going up there, maybe uphill a little bit right to left, and then coming back again left to right at the end.

[00:18:15] >> Those double breakers always hard to judge. Russell Knox for eagle. Got a pretty good look at the speed from Yellamaraju. All right. Looks like it got there. A little more work than maybe he would have wanted.

[00:18:32] >> Up to 17. Now, it's going to stay. Yup.

[00:18:45] >> OK. See if Hirata can get off the mark here.

[00:18:50] >> Yellamaraju cleaning up for his birdie. That's more like it.

[00:19:09] >> Sixteen, Lebioda in here tie. This for birdie. Mentioned off the top of the show, trying to do something that's never been done in Korn Ferry Tour history. That's win each of the first two events of a season.

[00:19:24] >> Here's McGirt at 16.

[00:19:32] >> Beautifully done from McGirt.

[00:19:37] >> Go back to 17. Important couple of putts.

[00:19:55] >> That is a great putt. Finally gets one to go. Important two there at 17.

[00:20:08] >> McGirt for the McBirdie.

[00:20:13] >> Oh, yeah, no issues. Go up to 18. Lebioda trying to get this up and down for closing birdie. Just so good this week with the wedges.

[00:20:27] >> Let's see if Knox can maybe get something up the mouth of the green here. Got to go a little.

[00:20:52] >> Lebioda trying to do the same. He is having quite a couple of weeks in the Bahamas.

[00:21:01] >> Our leader, longest tee shot of the trio.

[00:21:04] >> Awkward number. That was a layup from Yellamaraju.

[00:21:11] >> Yeah, that was very strange.

[00:21:13] >> Here's Christo.

[00:21:15] >> That's his tee shot? Goodness gracious.

[00:21:24] >> Back here at the 18th, our leader, Yellamaraju with that interesting layup.

[00:21:34] >> Once again, Shane, just a very -- it's like an awkward pitch shot from there.

[00:21:42] >> Here's Christo at 16. Big tee shot, deft little pitch shot. That is a great three. Not great for Knox considering all these players are using the spin.

[00:21:59] >> Look out now. This might have a chance. Can get real close from here. Oh, he needed another 2 feet.

[00:22:06] >> Golf is so crazy. You think about the way Yellamaraju has played today. This doesn't go in, your mind will start racing.

[00:22:49] >> It just didn't move as much as he thought. Impressive round of golf. Now, Knox. Oh, my. All three of these players unable to make birdie at 18. Christo at 17.

[00:23:24] >> Spurring up the left side. OK. Really good iron shot from Lamprecht.

[00:23:31] >> Go back out to 18, McGirt. And didn't get it deep enough. Not too bad though. Still have a chance. Now, Christo for a couple in a row. Can he get there? It is. Christo making a late move, trying to get in that final grouping come Wednesday.

[00:24:08] >> Austin Hitt taking a drop.

[00:24:22] >> Surely would have been a free drop out of -- There's the drop zone. You can see just in front of him. Obviously, hospitality or even on that cart path.

[00:24:31] >> Good start to his year last week, 66, 65 out of the gate. We have not seen anybody here, James, in our coverage window. Not sure how you get this close.

[00:24:42] >> Maybe through the back of the green, and then, you have the drop zone there. As I said, possibly from the hospitality. And if players know that, that's a good miss. But that's a big hit for two. It would have been a big drive. We talked about Yellamaraju moves it and he still had 270 odd into the wind left for his second after deciding to layup.

[00:25:27] >> If you've ever struggled with pitching or chipping the golf ball, these are the ones that just make you nervous to watch. You got to catch this so clean.

[00:25:38] >> You might use that slope, though, on the right side.

[00:25:42] >> Yeah, this is a decision they're deciding on now. Sometimes, paralysis by analysis, having a couple different options, but as long as you just commit to one, make sure of it. I think if you want to use that shelf, that back stop, you can't -- you don't have to be so precise. You could carry it a little further, a little shorter, and it still is going to catch the side of it. Maybe a little too far left.

[00:26:25] >> The right miss, though. To 18. It'll be McGirt first to go. There's one. Back here at the 18th, Last group on the golf course. Christo Lamprecht going to give it a rip coming off back to back birdies. And that looks to be another miss, right. So many players knowing what left brings in. He'll have a backstop to work with. Now, Hitt just to get to 14-under, 14 under currently in a tie for fifth. There you go. What a putt. Much like we saw last year from Austin Hitt. Got off to a great start in 2024, three consecutive Top 11 finishes. Back here at the 18th. Christo Lamprecht got a little bit of a backstop here. See if he can use it. Oh, what a shot. Incredible hands. That'll be a tap in birdie three to close for the 23-year-old.

[00:28:16] >> If that's what he was trying to do there, that is not only confident and aggressive, but impressive.

[00:28:23] >> He's a madman if he was trying to land that short.

[00:28:25] >> You have that back slope all trouble short if it comes up a yard of where it landed short, so.

[00:28:31] >> And James, you talk about, you know, saving a round of golf. I mean, did not have his best stuff through 15 holes today. Big tee shot at 16, pitches up there to a couple

feet. Makes a great birdie at 17. And then, that shot there, it's as good as we have seen. Knock this in, play a solid run of golf tomorrow, finish in the Top 10. All those points matter. He knows that. All righty. Good putt there. Even par round for Justin Suh. Well, we got a great leaderboard. We got a lot of impressive golf. And as James mentioned a moment ago, we are expecting, at least the forecast is saying, winds will be up come the final round on Wednesday. That being the case, you're not going to see all these 63s and 64s and 65s.

[00:29:39] >> Final round coverage of the Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at the Abaco Club. Great to have this back on television in 2025. Been an excellent three days. Happy to be here for the final round. And we got a leaderboard we thought might be bunched. And as I mentioned, the 23-year-old Sudarshan Yellamaraju blowing this thing wide open with the way he's been able to play today. And we talked a lot about the forecast earlier in the week. They were seeing some 30, 40 mile per hour winds on Wednesday. Has not been the case for this final round. Winds are up, but not to that point. And we are still seeing low scoring. Justin Suh with a 65. Rayhan Thomas with that 65 eagle at the last.

[00:30:17] >> We'll go up to Kensei Hirata. And this is fourth shot down the penalty area, struggling. And this is lovely. Come on now. What a par save. Seriously, another four? This is ridiculous. Get back out to the golf. Another fairway for Yellamaraju.

[00:30:47] >> Another beautiful iron shot.

[00:30:50] >> After that insane par save at 13, Hirata in the fairway here at the par 5.

[00:30:55] >> Just anything slightly left of this hole location. Don't want to miss where this looks like it's going, short right. But you know what, considering he just made that shot at the previous hole, that was in a more difficult position, just dial it up for an eagle here.

[00:31:11] >> Yeah, this 14th, second easiest hole on the golf course today. As we go back to our leader.

[00:31:22] >> He's given this a lot of break. He knows that. And possibly didn't get a great teach. Got maybe deterred in the wrong direction because he was given that at least a foot outside right.

[00:31:36] >> Here's Hirata, the 24-year-old from Japan. Six wins on the Japan Golf Tour. And James, if you remember, I mean Q School last year had that epic final round, nearly getting his PGA tour card through Q School in December.

[00:31:49] >> Back at the 16th, Russell Knox.

[00:31:55] >> You would think he has to birdie at least his final three holes to have any sort of chance of catching Yellamaraju. And that's usually what you need to do to make that happen.

[00:32:07] >> Go back to 14. Hirata with a good look.

[00:32:10] >> If he could get this to go, especially after holing out from a difficult position previous hole.

[00:32:16] >> You know, he's kind of doing what we saw a day ago on this back nine. Converts the birdie putt.

[00:32:27] >> We see a nice finish there for Chatfield.

[00:32:31] >> Sixty-seven for Chatfield. We'll go back to the par 5. This is awkward for Hank.

[00:32:50] >> This needs to settle. It's headed left.

[00:32:53] >> OK. I think it's died up out of the penalty area.

[00:32:57] >> And now, this for birdie. And it feels like, James, this is the lone player that could push Yellamaraju. Going to have to have a flurry of a finish.

[00:33:07] >> Straightforward up and down to pick one of those back up again.

[00:33:11] >> Now, Yellamaraju.

[00:33:16] >> And in these pressure situations for Yellamaraju, just so important to continue committing to that target. You don't want to start to think about where you don't want to go. With the stress of the final round with a lead, just magnifies that.

[00:33:38] >> Just fine. Here's Knox. Mentioned the hole location on the front here at 17.

[00:33:47] >> Kind of like that. It's pretty much what you got to do. Just hit about 3 feet below the hole.

[00:33:55] >> Back here at the 14th, Bahamas Great Abaco Classic. Our leader just off the green of the par 5. I mean, it's like he's playing with his buddies. Just flawless golf on a Wednesday. Twenty-three-year-old going to kick another one in for birdie.

[00:34:12] >> Knox with a birdie at 16. All righty. That went in the right side at 17. And 18, a very friendly par 5.

[00:34:24] >> Hank Lebioda with his approach shot into the 15th. Really well played there, Darren. And you said you didn't like Yellamaraju hitting driver off the tee.

[00:34:38] >> Yeah, you know, he probably doesn't know he's four shots clear, so you know, he's driven it into the most narrow part of the fairway. So there's two ways to look at it. He's either very, very confident and wants to get make more birdies, which he obviously is. But you know, taking a little bit of a risk off the tee there. But let's see if it pays off or the aggressiveness pays off. He's OK. That's pretty safely. I think he might have just hit that a little bit of the downslope there and off that ridge, but he's good there. Any more extra pressure than I was really feeling coming down the stretch.

[00:35:15] >> Such a great point as we watch Hank Lebioda for birdie. Well done there. Well, Yellamaraju now for birdie. It was a good attempt by Yellamaraju.

[00:36:15] >> Yeah. Man chase -- trying to chase down Yellamaraju here at 18. Just off the green. Up and down to get to 21-under in post.

[00:36:24] >> I think he has to make it. But really doing exactly what he had to do. It's just unfortunately Yellamaraju is moving away instead of coming back to most of these guys.

[00:36:46] >> Yellamaraju able to make par as well. Lebioda with a birdie.

[00:36:50] >> Back here at 18, Russell Knox trying to close things out with three straight birdies. And as easy as the 18th is played this week, Knox going to be kicking himself. Just 1-under par on this closing par 5 after excellent birdies at 16 and 17. Our leader ready to go.

[00:37:15] >> Yellamaraju coming off a slight down slope. Can drive this low. Skip it a couple times.

[00:37:21] >> I mean, he's so confident. How about this golf shot? What nerves. A kick in at 16. The kick in at 14, another kick in here at 16. And Yellamaraju, as we mentioned a few moments ago, lowest score in terms of winning here at the Bahamas Great Abaco Classic.

[00:37:42] >> Lebioda out of position here at 16.

[00:37:53] >> He's just looked slightly off. Understandably, Shane, you get your first win on the Korn Ferry Tour last week. It has been an emotional roller coaster for him knowing that he's now comfortably inside the Top 10. He probably will still hold on to the number 1 position on the points list.

[00:38:09] >> We'll go up to the par 3.

[00:38:11] >> Can Hirata get something in tight? Just hasn't been efficient from approach. Hasn't got anything really close on this back nine.

[00:38:19] >> Oh, he did. Really tight. Nearly jars it.

[00:38:23] >> Now, Lebioda just short.

[00:38:37] >> Just OK. Another look to save par.

[00:38:41] >> Showed you that excellent tee shot at 17. Hirata trying to pay it off. And he will. Really nice two.

[00:38:51] >> Lebioda trying to save par.

[00:38:53] >> And with Lamprecht and Lebioda, you just got to tip your cap off at Sudarshan Yellamaraju for playing some incredible golf. And then, yourself finish strong. Like you guys have been talking about, every shot matters. It feels like it coming down with just 20 cards on the line.

[00:39:18] >> Yeah, that'll be a disappointing five.

[00:39:22] >> Just his fourth bogey of the week.

[00:39:26] >> Back here at the 17th, our leader by four.

[00:39:39] >> I mean, he's just dead aim every single shot.

[00:39:45] >> Now, Christo.

[00:40:03] >> It's a good shot as well.

[00:40:07] >> Now, Yellamaraju's four shot lead. See if it can be five as he stands on the 18th tee.

[00:40:43] >> What a performance. Everything dialed right now.

[00:40:48] >> Christo, now, see if he can convert this.

[00:41:17] >> Yeah, it's a nice putt. Nice two.

[00:41:22] >> Here's William McGirt finishing up. Great week with his son on the bag.

[00:41:29] >> Here's Hirata. This looked like it might be headed left.

[00:41:42] >> Should be OK just there. Hopefully, plenty of green to work with.

[00:41:49] >> Well, he had Mr. Fairway since the cameras found him. Find one more, and it's going to be an extremely fun next 15 minutes.

[00:41:57] >> Yellamaraju has just been in the zone.

[00:42:23] >> One last swing of stress.

[00:42:47] >> And that was not a fairway finder. He even reached back, tried to get a little extra out of that.

[00:42:54] >> Christo's been fighting that right miss today.

[00:43:03] >> That one looks left.

[00:43:14] >> That's when you're fighting a right miss and you're going to compensate a couple holes and -- Oh, we think we can see it possibly there.

[00:43:33] >> Good one there up near the green for Hirata. That to tie Knox at 20-under.

[00:43:39] >> Robby Shelton trying to break out that grouping at 17-under. He makes the birdie. Important there for Shelton. Back at the green at the 18th, penultimate grouping. Hirata, this to Ty Knox for second. That's good putt. Good finish.

[00:43:58] >> Twenty-four-year-old continues to impress.

[00:44:05] >> Now, our leader.

[00:44:07] >> Sudarshan laid up yesterday. He's got 238 to the hole, iron in hand.

[00:44:41] >> Club twirl, huh? Love that. Pushing that up there pretty close to the green.

[00:44:45] >> Yeah, I think he was trying to possibly land it right there and he's a yard off.

[00:44:57] >> Now, Christo. Needed just a couple more, didn't it? And you see Yellamaraju. You hadn't seen him smile a ton in this final round. Has been so locked in but. But this is the

fun part of professional golf. Everything working in your favor. Two good strikes here at 18. Seeing if you can close in style.

[00:46:15] >> Trying to make it, wasn't he? He was trying to end this thing with a three. Doesn't matter what he does. You got to love the aggressive nature of that pit shot. Lamprecht now with his fourth.

[00:46:34] >> How about that finish? How about those two birdies on the back nine? The penalty area on both par 5s on the back, walks away birdie, birdie on 14 and 18.

[00:46:44] >> Gets him into solo fourth. And for a player that didn't really have it off the tee, was in a lot of trouble, he is scrambled. Just shows his attitude to never give up.

[00:46:57] >> Yellamaraju, a 65 in his third round. Round of the day going as he entered this Wednesday with a one shot lead. Everything's gone and it seemed the last two days. See if he can make one more. If this goes, it'll be a closing 63.

[00:47:24] >> This to obliterate the scoring record by eight shots.

[00:48:13] >> The one miss from Yellamaraju comes at the last. But Sudarshan Yellamaraju's life just changed in the Bahamas. A huge win. Near flawless golf the last two rounds, and from nearly no status to a victory at the Abaco Club.

[00:48:38] >> Exciting young player, Shane. What a pleasure it was to watch him really dissect the course out here at the Abaco Club in, not a lot of experience, but a bright future ahead, Yellamaraju.

[00:48:51] >> Think about the way he started the week. Shot 70 in the opening round in those winds. Sixty-four on Monday 65 with those two eagles to put himself in a position. And then, today, best play we saw from anybody.

[00:49:08] >> Since he was in our coverage window, did not miss a fairway or a green in almost a round and a half. That is impressive when you've never been in this position in your life at the top of the leaderboard.

[00:49:19] >> How about a five shot win? Russell Knox, two-time winner on the PGA Tour, impressive final round 65. Kensei Hirata, 114th ranked player in the world with that closing birdie. He shoots 20-under. But the story from this week is going to be Sudarshan and the way he was able to just dominate, foot on the gas the entire last 36 holes. He is down with Emilia.

[00:49:48] >> Sudarshan, it did not look like it was your first time sleeping on the lead in a Korn Ferry Tour event. What was your game plan coming into today?

[00:49:56] >> I think, like I said yesterday, just enjoy it and just be grateful for the opportunity. I know I'm playing well, so just might as well go play good shots. That's all I was focused on. Just play good shots and we'll see what will be from there.

[00:50:08] >> Well, good shots turned into an 8-under 64 and a five-shot victory. When we covered you on the air, you hit every fairway and every green. What about your ball striking felt so good for you, be able to swing with such confidence?

[00:50:20] >> I don't know. Just a lot of practice, hard work, belief, and just commitment really. I mean, I know I was a little bit off yesterday even though I played well and I just kind of tried to keep things simple, and like I said, just hit good shots, and that's all I needed to do.

[00:50:37] >> The momentum is so key getting off to a great start early. What kind of benefit does this have going into the rest of your season?

[00:50:45] >> Yeah, very good. I mean, yeah, you -- I know at the end of the year, you probably need to have like at least a win or two to have a chance, especially with how good the players are. And, yeah, this is a great start. But I know I just got to keep going because I need to still play well for the rest of the year. And like I said, it's still -- it's a great achievement for sure.

[00:51:04] >> You've talked about patience being so important on this professional journey. What kind of patience did it take for you to finally get this first Korn Ferry win?

[00:51:13] >> Too much to think about, honestly, way too much patience. But like I said, a lot of hard work. And I know I just had to keep positive. It's very hard to just kind of be down on yourself when you feel like you're playing really good and just things are not falling into place. And this week, just everything kind of fell into place. I mean, I didn't have a good start. Like I was like two or through four, but I just stay patient. I knew I'm a good player, so.

[00:51:38] >> As we update the points list, that is just impressive, especially from Yellamaraju. Coming up 85 spots to the second position.

[00:51:49] >> Yeah, fun couple of weeks as we cover the Korn Ferry Tour events in the Bahamas. Sudarshan Yellamaraju now a winner on the Korn Ferry Tour. Yeah, one shot lead over a couple of those players, you'd expect to go out there and do something special. Hank Lebioda in that final grouping coming off the win. Christo Lamprecht, the young player with all the talent in the world. And it's Yellamaraju who shoots the 64 to win, low round of the day.