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[00:00:28] >> The PGA Tour is proud to bring you the season-long race for the FedExCup. Now, coverage of the 2025 Genesis Invitational.

[00:00:37] >> In a normal year, this is where the top players would be competing. Riviera Country Club, the historic venue in the Pacific Palisades, which has hosted the Tour since the 1920s. The 2025, of course, has been no normal year in the LA area. The fires that started on January 7, fueled by fierce Santa Ana winds, burned right up to the edge of the property, tragically taking lives and destroying entire communities, while living an uncertain future for thousands of people in Southern California. So with a recovery effort underway and out of respect for those affected, the decision was made to relocate this event. And so, it is 120 miles to the south at Torrey Pines. Another storied championship layout with overriding thoughts of helping those in need and a determined theme of California Rises. It is the third signature event of the season on the PGA Tour, the Genesis Invitational, this time from Torrey. From San Diego, California, first round coverage of the Genesis Invitational. It's the 99th edition. For the first time ever, this event's not being held in the Los Angeles area. The wildfires there the first week of January and this move down here, the scramble, big effort to get this ready. And Torrey Pines welcoming the best in the game. It is a signature event. So the top names on the PGA Tour competing here at the third signature event of the season just here. Just about three weeks ago, many in the field this week along those famous cliffs and shores of the Pacific Ocean. You can see overcast skies today, a little chilly. Breeze picking up this afternoon. We've had some rain and do expect some rain throughout the day.

[00:02:30] >> Curt at the 6th.

[00:02:32] >> Yeah, the number 1 player in the world has this for eagle to take the lead. Scheffler will tap in for birdie there at the par-5 6th. And that will give him a share of the lead with Davis Thompson.

[00:02:47][Applause]

[00:02:55] >> Robert MacIntyre. Some raindrops on the camera lens there.

[00:02:59] >> One-fifty-one downhill into what is actually a strengthening southerly breeze.

[00:03:04] >> Oh, right at it.

[00:03:06] >> Hello.

[00:03:07][Applause]

[00:03:16] >> Take you out to world number 1, Scottie Scheffler.

[00:03:19] >> When you talk about that wind, Terry, it is already starting to increase. And the approach shot here at the 7th is back downhill, but into the breeze, left to right. And

given this hole location on the left-hand side, you cannot short your -- side yourself there on the left. One-seventy-three, ball just below his feet here for Scottie.

[00:03:39] >> He's pushed that back in the stance a little, perhaps a lower flight.

[00:03:48] >> Does try to fly it down a bit. This is on a really good line.

[00:03:52] >> Oh, I guess.

[00:03:54] >> Wow.

[00:03:54] >> I thought he actually, Frankie, might play away from that flag on the left hand side but did not to get aim.

[00:04:00] >> Oh, some shot.

[00:04:03] >> To the 8th.

[00:04:05] >> Patrick Cantlay from down below here at the 8th for birdie.

[00:04:10] >> Yeah. Cantlay, a Southern California native. Tough start to his round there, but couple birdies here lately. Bouncing back.

[00:04:23] >> MacIntyre. There you go. Excellent shot in there.

[00:04:33] >> This is at the 8th as well. Aberg just over the back. Not an easy bunker shot. And see how tough that was?

[00:04:43] >> Yeah, that was really hot.

[00:04:45][Applause]

[00:04:50] >> Scheffler, this for birdie and sole possession.

[00:04:54] >> Perfectly done.

[00:04:58] >> World number 1 making a statement here as fourth birdie of the day.

[00:05:04] >> All right. Mackenzie Hughes here at 12 behind this tree.

[00:05:09] >> And another one out of the thick stuff.

[00:05:12] >> See what kind of contact he got. Oh, what a shot from where he was. What a shot.

[00:05:20] >> Hughes. That's a huge tree there from the wilderness.

[00:05:27] >> This is at 11. Fleetwood going with the putter from long range here. And gets it to go. Boy, that is a bonus birdie right there at the 11th. Tommy Fleetwood. That brings a smile to his face and gets him back to even par.

[00:05:45] >> We jump back to the 5th with McIlroy playing his third from the rough at the par 4.

[00:06:18] >> An unbelievable shot by McIlroy. A near hole out for birdie. Great scrambling to manage a par from where he was.

[00:06:42] >> Aaron Rai.

[00:06:43] >> This at 16. Way up top. Couple of gloves, a wedge, a hole out.

[00:06:50] >> I guess that's how you got to make a birdie, right? He's on a run. Yeah.

[00:06:57] >> Crowd hasn't seen anything in a while. The reaction.

[00:07:01] >> Little different than 16 last week, I understand.

[00:07:07] >> Now, McIlroy at the 8th.

[00:07:09] >> This is a 7-iron for McIlroy. He's trying to cut this back up into that breeze.

[00:07:17] >> Doesn't even get to the green.

[00:07:25] >> We catch up with McIlroy at the par-3 8th playing his second from just off the green.

[00:07:40][Cheering and Applause]

[00:07:46] >> What a little pit shot. That was beautiful. Gets him back to even par.

[00:07:51][Cheering and Applause]

[00:07:57] >> Max Homa looking for a birdie at 14.

[00:08:00] >> Trying to find form as well. That helps.

[00:08:02] >> Max is always honest about where he stands, his game.

[00:08:07] >> Golf doesn't like me very much right now. Trying to get it back. Instructor change. Equipment change.

[00:08:16] >> Back at the 9th with Hovland playing his third into the par 5.

[00:08:29] >> Trying to flight it.

[00:08:33] >> Set up. That's really good. He flew that all the way to the back edge.

[00:08:42] >> Denny McCarthy here. Coming home at 18.

[00:08:45] >> Two-sixty-five. Wind finally at the players' back. Whoa, check that out.

[00:08:52] >> Come on now. Great shot.

[00:08:58] >> Only been one eagle at 18 today. It was Adam Scott. Denny McCarthy, 7-feet away. Automatic for that man.

[00:09:07] >> Sixty-eight, 4-under, sole possession of the lead.

[00:09:12] >> Great finish. Three-under his last two holes for the man that is, well, most regard is the best putter on Tour.

[00:09:19] >> Here you go.

[00:09:28] >> That's how they greet you every time you walk out here to the booth.

[00:09:41] >> It is tough to compare, isn't it? I mean, you think about last week and the conditions and the temperature and everything, the setting, everything else, and you come here. I know players have a feel for their swing or their stroke on the green, but it's the challenge so different.

[00:09:54] >> It is. And you got to stand up for the signature event. You know, the money, the prestige, it's all here right now. And no surprise, like he bought his game face this week, too, Scottie Scheffler.

[00:10:04] >> Yeah, I think so. Four-under leading the way. Sixty-eight for Denny McCarthy here. And really difficult conditions at Torrey Pines.

[00:10:13] >> Round 2 is next.

[00:10:23] >> Ninety-ninth edition of this event, and for the first time ever being held outside the LA area. The recovery efforts underway. California Rises. So much being done this week to help those in need and affected by the wildfires the first week of January. And Torrey Pine stepping up to host this week. PGA Tour was here just 3 weeks ago, but this is signature event. So 72 players made their way here Torrey Pines. Started yesterday. What a difference today than yesterday, though. It was so difficult out here. The wind and the rain. It's a long golf course anyway. The thick rough, that's still here. But we do have blue skies and sunshine for Day 2.

[00:11:09] >> All right, let's see if Rory can hit it in here close at 8.

[00:11:12] >> Also an island. He's aiming a little bit to the right here. Going to try to draw this ball in.

[00:11:25] >> That looked pretty good. Yup, good shot.

[00:11:30] >> Scheffler's turn at 3.

[00:11:32] >> Your point, Terry. Placed 13 yards down the hill. This also 6-iron. He could take it on with that cut and just cut it right up against this wind off the right.

[00:11:44] >> He's trying to do that. It's a good looking shot. Wins. Got it. Just barely left of the flag.

[00:11:50] >> Good shot. Significant wind right now.

[00:11:52] >> It's blowing. I mean, it's a good club and a half, I'd say.

[00:11:57] >> McIlroy is going to have a pretty darn good look.

[00:12:00] >> Yeah, he got a pretty good reference to what that putt does at the end from Viktor Hovland. Something keep note of, guys, this wind really starting to pick up right now.

[00:12:10] >> Yeah. Good putt. Dying speed. Able to catch that lip.

[00:12:17] >> Scheffler with a birdie try.

[00:12:18] >> Another great look. Four in a row. Good looks.

[00:12:27] >> Longer distance, success.

[00:12:32] >> Ominous name near the top of the leaderboard -- at the top of the leaderboard. Yeah.

[00:12:36] >> Davis Thompson stayed in the rough here. Not much green to work with, but should be able to just chop it out and let it run to the hole like this. Yes.

[00:12:49][Applause]

[00:13:00] >> Ludvig Aberg coming at us here at 5, the approach.

[00:13:04] >> Softer greens helped. A few weeks ago, that would have bounded over the back.

[00:13:10] >> To the 9th with McIlroy playing his third from the fairway at the par 5.

[00:13:19] >> Laid it up in prime position here. One-o-nine, flights it down on a pretty good line here, guys.

[00:13:26] >> Oh, yes it is. And if he's got those going and able to flight the wedges down, he's pretty tough to beat.

[00:13:38] >> Aberg at 5. Lengthy one to get it to three.

[00:13:45] >> Just trying to cozy it down.

[00:13:46] >> Aberg gets to 3-under with that long birdie.

[00:14:06] >> And now, McIlroy. Great chance here at the ninth.

[00:14:09] >> Pull within two.

[00:14:13] >> McIlroy moves to 4-under par.

[00:14:17][Applause]

[00:14:25] >> McIlroy now at the par-4 10th playing his second from the fairway.

[00:14:33] >> Flights are down again, guys. It's on pretty good line as well.

[00:14:37] >> Not too bad. Didn't overspin like yesterday.

[00:14:47] >> To 10.

[00:14:48] >> Rory to get it to five.

[00:14:50] >> Really good look coming down the slope a little bit through a little valley. Should turn a little bit right. Never a doubt.

[00:14:57] >> He has found the mark right now.

[00:14:59] >> Yes, he has.

[00:15:00] >> So out and 4-under, adds that one, and McIlroy just two back.

[00:15:08] >> At the par-5 6th, and Scheffler's second.

[00:15:12] >> Yeah. He's got the 4-iron out right now, Curt. Two-thirty to the front and pretty much straight down. Maybe a little bit off the left. He's got a backstop on the right-hand side with that little shelf that the pole is located on yesterday. So he's got some room to play with here. He could be pretty aggressive with this.

[00:15:28] >> The players that have had any trouble have missed left with the second shot. The bunker shot's tough. We saw Aberg left. Front edge is not a bad spot.

[00:15:38] >> I love the front edge here. Just right of it.

[00:15:54] >> Over to the 6th and Scheffler.

[00:15:57] >> This is a warm up bunker shot. Doesn't get much easier. Perfect lie, in the flat, lot of green to work with.

[00:16:03] >> Oh, yes. Scottie Scheffler with the eagle.

[00:16:10][Cheering and Applause]

[00:16:17] >> And a share of the lead. Well, Arron called it a warm up bunker shot. Straightforward and he took care of it.

[00:16:30] >> Aberg's turn here at 8.

[00:16:38] >> Oh, the beauty. Boy, good distance control there.

[00:16:48] >> Back to the 8th. And Ludvig Aberg for his birdie.

[00:16:53] >> Yeah, and no problem for him. He's played the par 3s now in 4-under so far this week.

[00:17:01] >> We jump ahead to the 16th with Thompson hitting his tee shot at the par 3. Now for a share of the lead at the 16th. Thompson putting for birdie.

[00:17:31] >> What a putt. What a putt. There you go.

[00:17:39] >> Back with McIlroy, his second shot to the 15th.

[00:17:42] >> That was a 9-iron from 155. Wind from the left.

[00:17:47] >> Oh, right over the top of it. Another good swing.

[00:17:50] >> And that ball never left the flagstick.

[00:17:56] >> Look down at 15. That green, most of that slope back to front. Rory hit a tremendous shot in here. Right over the top of the flagstick.

[00:18:05] >> Yeah, that's -- I mean, that was such a beauty. A little three quarter shot he played in there. When he gets that shot down, he's going to be -- you know, he's always tough to beat, but I mean, that just adds another piece of the puzzle to his arsenal.

[00:18:20] >> Needs to make one here. Leaderboard shaping up. Big names up there handling these tough conditions here at Torrey Pines.

[00:18:32] >> Third for Thompson.

[00:18:35] >> Going to land this on the button hole in the top tier. Oh, excuse me.

[00:18:42] >> That would qualify. That would count.

[00:18:48] >> All right. What a shot in here for Davis Thompson.

[00:18:51] >> This will be his 23rd putt of the day.

[00:18:54] >> That's good. That's pretty good. So is having the lead all by yourself over the number 1 Player in the World.

[00:19:02] >> Most of the players, when they bail, they're either in the bunker or over here in the right rough somewhere as McIlroy is.

[00:19:10] >> Took relief from the cart path when he dropped. The ball kind of nestled down. Just got 120 yards. I'd expect this has got to be left of the flag. Pitching wedge.

[00:19:33] >> So much for left of the flight.

[00:19:34] >> Yeah. How about right at it?

[00:19:36] >> And was that well-judged coming out of the rough? McIlroy with the wedge to 17.

[00:19:46] >> This shouldn't be a problem. McIlroy to clean up the birdie putt.

[00:19:56] >> Yup, 5-under, three back.

[00:20:03] >> Take a look at this leaderboard now. Big names at the top. Scottie Scheffler's right there. McIlroy is right there. Aberg's right there. Go down to the US Open champ, Wyndham Clark.

[00:20:14] >> Oh, they're all in play there. You've got another two rounds on a golf course that can play nearly 7,700 yards out there. And, you know, this is what these guys need, certainly, because they hit the ball so far. This is what's going to separate them. And one round of golf, you're just going to go right through this pack.

[00:20:30] >> Actually, really -- I mean, if you love golf, yesterday and today, they're so different. So you get that difference.

[00:20:36] >> Yeah, different breeze.

[00:20:37] >> Day 1, Day 2. You've got a signature event. So great field and a golf course that is tough without any of the elements.

[00:20:45] >> Exactly. And some people at home, like they might like the hole sort of -- they look fairly straight, but we got them -- we got to see these players hit every club in the bag over the last two rounds.

[00:20:54] >> The hole might be straight, but your shots not going to be.

[00:20:57] >> Correct.

[00:20:57] >> And you've got the wind to factor in too.

[00:21:00] >> Yeah. Got greens with undulations. It's a good test out there.

[00:21:06] >> Round 3 is next.

[00:21:14] >> The PGA Tour proudly present the Genesis Invitational as part of the season-long race for the FedExCup. It's a glorious day here in Southern California, and we have a tournament with a heartbeat. Tournament has been relocated from Riviera Country Club 124 miles to the north. And it's just so special to see the entire Southern California region rallying to support the Los Angeles community so devastated last month by the wildfires. Yes, it's a signature event, but it's also an event. It's all about giving, as millions will be raised this week here at Torrey Pine South. A wonderful competition, and again, a wonderful example of the many virtues of the game of golf and the PGA Tour.

[00:22:08] >> But the man they're chasing right now, won for the first time last summer, the John Deere Classic, it's Davis Thompson. This was his opening approach at the 1st. Led to birdie. To move two ahead of Scheffler. But then, at the third hole, playing 140 yards today, the majestic swing of Ludvig Aberg at the par 3. And a victory lap hole-in-one.

[00:22:43] >> Well, you see the white flag right there. Tiger Woods, of course, originally announced that he was going to compete what would have been his season debut. But then, on Monday, he withdrew from the tournament as he said he was still processing the recent loss of his mother who passed away last week.

[00:22:58] >> Hole number seven featuring that all white flag in honor of Tida, who was from Thailand. She was a faithful Buddhist. And the number seven and the color of white are significant in Buddhism. And it's being displayed there at the seventh hole in her honor. Of course, that seventh hole has all kinds of special meaning as well for her beloved son. This is where he closed out 2008 US Open on the 91st hole, the playoff with Rocco Mediate on that very green.

[00:23:32] >> Over to 12. Here's Rodgers.

[00:23:35] >> That's a low riser. Back into this chilly breeze with 4-iron.

[00:23:39] >> What a great shot that was.

[00:23:42] >> Shot of the day, Tripp.

[00:23:43] >> Tell you what, anything on the green at 12 and 2 is good.

[00:23:47] >> Speaking of 12.

[00:23:48] >> Let's see if that 4-iron leads to something special. Second birdie of the day at the 12th.

[00:23:56][Applause] To 13.

[00:24:02] >> Two players already have managed to reach this par 5 today. Rodgers trying to be the third.

[00:24:09] >> Big long arms, wide swing arc. And that was picked perfectly with 3-wood there.

[00:24:14] >> Fantastic. Two big hits.

[00:24:16] >> At 13.

[00:24:20] >> Up and over the brow of the hill for eagle, Patrick Rodgers.

[00:24:23] >> And a big sweeper from his left to rights.

[00:24:28] >> Needs it to hustle a little more.

[00:24:29] >> Now, back at 13. Got a little bit of movement left here.

[00:24:40] >> Patrick Rodgers firmly in the back of the cup. Very good round of golf. Squeaky clean.

[00:24:49] >> They're on the tee at 14.

[00:24:50] >> Ready to go.

[00:24:51] >> Uncomfortable. Wind blowing from the players' left. These two are pretty good friends too, occasionally sharing houses on Tour.

[00:24:57] >> Look for this down the right side, maybe even right rough. Don't want to miss left.

[00:25:02] >> Penalty area left. Nasty bunkers.

[00:25:06] >> He's pulled it so many times here yesterday, so many times during the week. But it stayed up by the look of the marshal over there.

[00:25:13] >> Marshal says left. I'm just not sure it got all the way there.

[00:25:17] >> Just because it's so into the wing like.

[00:25:21] >> Yeah.

[00:25:21] >> Sorry. So ball so far by my feet.

[00:25:23] >> Like I'm hitting it right.

[00:25:24] >> Like that'd be a first cut lie, wouldn't it?

[00:25:26] >> Yeah, that makes sense.

[00:25:33] >> Yeah, it's not a long shot, Dottie. It's just a little more difficult from that slope. Maybe bring it in a little right to left.

[00:25:40] >> Well, this is good thinking because when your stance is compromised, your leverage is compromised, you don't want to have to over hit something. Go with a longer club that you can --

[00:25:48] >> Well, if your ball is that far above your feet, just make the same swing, you know?

[00:25:52] >> Yeah. The wind's up there.

[00:25:53] >> You know what I mean?

[00:25:54] >> Yeah.

[00:25:54] >> Left to right wind.

[00:25:55] >> Plenty of room behind the -- Yeah, exactly.

[00:25:57] >> That's what he's talking about, left to right wind. Plenty of room behind it.

[00:26:01] >> Left to right and hurting. Yes. So you don't want to have to over hit the shot when your balance and leverage aren't great.

[00:26:09] >> Go, go. Go.

[00:26:13] >> He knew -- hit a nose.

[00:26:15] >> And plugged. And plugged.

[00:26:18] >> So that from a difficult lie he's got to get it up and down for bogey.

[00:26:22] >> At the 14th, we pick up Scheffler in the bunker playing his fourth at the par 4. That will cost him a shot.

[00:26:57] >> Now, over 4-iron.

[00:26:59] >> A little pep in his step off the save on 15. This looks handsome.

[00:27:06] >> Oh, you can say that again. That was right at it. Thought he made a hole-in-one today.

[00:27:14] >> Over at 14.

[00:27:17] >> Just a little tap, obviously, from an inch for Thompson. He's out of the way. Now, this for Bogey.

[00:27:22] >> He was surprised that ball was buried in the bunker when he got up there. But he played a really good shot to get it to here.

[00:27:30] >> Kind of in the tail of the last five holes or so.

[00:27:33] >> And that ball goes to the right. And he watched Davis' ball go to the other way. That's another six on the card for Scottie.

[00:27:41] >> At 16.

[00:27:42] >> Just 11 feet for the fourth birdie here at 16. Oh, that is money. One of the best tee shots that never left the flag. He loves these par 3s, doesn't he?

[00:27:52] >> Does he ever, Mark?

[00:27:56] >> To the 17th with Rodgers playing his second from the rough by the crosswalk at the par 4.

[00:28:09] >> In the hole.

[00:28:11] >> Get going.

[00:28:12] >> That's lovely contact.

[00:28:15] >> Yeah.

[00:28:15] >> Doesn't look that good from here, but it's nice and safe.

[00:28:21] >> Up to the 17th green with our leader. Rodgers putting for birdie from long range.

[00:28:36] >> He's carrying speed. Justin Thomas, of course.

[00:28:38] >> It's a good line. Former number 1 Amateur in the World. One of the studs from about 10 years ago. Still looking for his first victory here on Tour. And that was center cut.

[00:28:53] >> Back 1.

[00:28:54] >> Tough third here for a man that fades the ball. Hole cut on the left.

[00:28:57] >> Fallen in love with this 4-iron to hit, but not to look at right now.

[00:29:01] >> This is trouble.

[00:29:01] >> That is trouble.

[00:29:03] >> The left miss has played him all -- plagued him all week.

[00:29:07] >> He got lucky that took a soft bounce.

[00:29:13] >> That is the predicament for Scottie.

[00:29:17] >> About 12 feet to work with. Get down quickly. Frank, I don't know if he could done a whole lot better.

[00:29:25] >> That's an awkward putt too. We saw McIlroy miss it from nearly the same place.

[00:29:32] >> Frank, 16.

[00:29:33] >> Yeah, you think must make here.

[00:29:35] >> Yeah. This could go a long way to make tomorrow interesting.

[00:29:40] >> Got to go.

[00:29:54] >> Yeah, OK. Perfect. Love that.

[00:30:23] >> Just chipped it.

[00:30:24] >> It's head high.

[00:30:25] >> Get up.

[00:30:28] >> Oh, boy. Oh, what a terrible mistake right there.

[00:30:33] >> Catching up with our leader Rodgers at the 18th playing his fifth at the par 5.

[00:30:42] >> That's the shot. That's the shot.

[00:30:46] >> That's a good bounce back.

[00:30:48] >> Still going to lose one.

[00:30:50] >> Yeah.

[00:30:50] >> Assuming he knocks that one in.

[00:30:55] >> Here's Rodgers for his six.

[00:31:02] >> First bogey of the day comes at the par 5.

[00:31:05] >> Well, his 287th career start. Will tomorrow be that long awaited breakthrough win? We're back at 18. McIlroy playing his third at this par 5.

[00:31:17] >> Perfect lie. Throwing it way up in the air.

[00:31:20] >> Beautiful. Beautiful.

[00:31:20] >> Tap in birdie coming up for Rory.

[00:31:28] >> Two-over par, round of 74 for Rory.

[00:31:31] >> And he's got an outside chance now because of the two shot swing with Rodgers making bogey at 18.

[00:31:38] >> Thompson playing his third from the rough at 18.

[00:31:44] >> Three divots came out of it, and one golf ball.

[00:31:48] >> Did a good job of getting it that far.

[00:31:52] >> Back with Thompson playing his fourth at 18 from the fairway.

[00:32:01] >> Line is beautiful.

[00:32:03] >> Here it comes. Here it comes.

[00:32:07] >> Classy.

[00:32:08] >> Going to get out of here with a five.

[00:32:16] >> Now, Scheffler, his third from the fairway at eastern 18. Good looking wedge shot.

[00:32:36] >> Easy.

[00:32:48] >> Scheffler for birdie. He's at 3-under. Chance to get to within four heading to Sunday.

[00:33:02] >> Always low. Another disappointing par 5. And if he taps that in, he's going to tie his worst score since the final round of the 2022 Players.

[00:33:14] >> How about that?

[00:33:15] >> Seventy-six.

[00:33:16] >> Almost 3 years ago.

[00:33:19] >> Extremely unusual third round from Scheffler.

[00:33:24] >> All right. Davis Thompson has this for a closing par. And able to drip it in. So he's tied for fourth with Cantlay, Finau, Fleetwood. I mean, there are some big names that are lurking with two players seeking a first ever win going out last tomorrow, Rodgers and McCarthy.

[00:33:54] >> Sixty-seven was the best we saw. Tony Finau, well done. That ball took Tony all the way into that tie of fourth. You mentioned the threes. It could be so dangerous tomorrow. I mean, there are just so many capable names on this leaderboard. And there's page two. And there's Harris English, the winner here a month ago.

[00:34:17] >> The final round is next.

[00:34:56] >> The PGA Tour proudly presents the final round of the Genesis Invitational. It is part of the season-long race for the FedExCup. California Rises, and there's some California dreaming going on right now. This beautiful location, just stunning views that take your breath away as you look northbound on the California coast. And perched above the hardened sandstone bluffs sits an American public golf course classic in Torrey Pines

South. It's another glorious day after the long awaited rains came to Southern California midweek Wednesday through Friday. But we've been bathing in sunshine all weekend long. It is everything you would hope it would be. The final round of the Genesis. Action everywhere. Including Scottie Scheffler with a birdie at the 5th. He just went out in 31 shots. Maverick McNealy. This at the sixth hole. Man from Stanford, the California kid. There's a number of them in contention here. That led to birdie 5-under through his first six holes. Aberg made one here yesterday. Today, he makes two at the 3rd. He's in the picture. So too is another Californian, Patrick Cantlay at the 5th. Beautiful action here. Cantlay, 4-under through his first six holes. The overnight leader, Patrick Rodgers, out of a fairway bunker to this point. Rolls it in for birdie at the 2nd. Playing with Denny McCarthy in the final pairing. That's a birdie at the 5th. And then, earlier, Captain Keegan Bradley at the third hole, where Aberg made the ace yesterday.

[00:36:59] There's another one right on top of him. Slams it against the stick and it drops. Just look at this leaderboard. Rodgers just made birdie at the 5th. And look at all those, just one back, including Scheffler and Cantlay. Big names everywhere.

[00:37:18] >> To 9.

[00:37:19] >> Maverick McNealy, again, was 5-under through six. Pars at 7 and 8.

[00:37:26] >> This from 295. Trying to give it the business to get it there. That's a good leave. Going to be chipping right up the hill. May even decide to putt that.

[00:37:38] >> Out to the 6th.

[00:37:39] >> Denny McCarthy looking for his first win this week.

[00:37:43] >> This is 5-wood in his hand, Frank, aided by that Pacific breeze. Just 241 to the front and another five to the hole.

[00:37:50] >> Like that distance.

[00:37:54] >> That'll work.

[00:37:58] >> That for eagle.

[00:38:01] >> To 9.

[00:38:02] >> Back to 9 after Mav McNealy left it just on the front edge. Beautiful second shot. Now, his third.

[00:38:08] >> Settle. A little bit untidy there. No spin on the second bounce.

[00:38:18] >> Here's another guy that's really having a huge start to the day. A birdie for McNealy over at 9. That's 30 going out. One better than Scottie's.

[00:38:32] >> Across to the dogleg right, par 5. There's the track. Denny McCarthy looking for his third eagle of the week.

[00:38:42] >> That coming after he'd been shut out for the entire season up till now.

[00:38:52] >> Good line. The man that can putt. Double figures the first player in the field, Denny McCarthy, looking for win number 1.

[00:39:02] >> We're at 7. Aberg, the last several holes, has struggled with his putting.

[00:39:07] >> He threw a dart with an 8-iron to here.

[00:39:09] >> That was pretty pure. For birdie.

[00:39:11] >> That is a great birdie. Seven, the third toughest hole in the golf course today.

[00:39:15] >> We go to 10.

[00:39:20] >> Center of the fairway. Just 123 left for Maverick. Fresh off another nine holes of 30. He shot 30 twice last week. Chance to get even deeper into the round.

[00:39:31] >> At 10.

[00:39:34] >> Eight and a half feet for co-lead.

[00:39:40] >> It's a good putt. Maverick filling the need for speed. Seven-under through 10.

[00:39:49] >> Co-leader McNealy at 11.

[00:39:52] >> Firing back towards the ocean. One-forty-nine ball speed. That should be pretty good.

[00:40:03] >> Right distance. Good safe shot. Right of the hole.

[00:40:06] >> From 30 feet, Maverick for two at the 11th.

[00:40:09] >> This would only be the fourth today. It's looking good. Come on now. Maverick going low.

[00:40:18] >> My goodness. Eight birdies in 11 holes.

[00:40:21] >> Thirteen putts in the first 11 holes in. Absolutely spectacular.

[00:40:32] >> Aberg playing his third.

[00:40:34] >> Drove it in the right rough. This from 117. Control the spin.

[00:40:41] >> This could be tasty.

[00:40:43][Cheering and Applause]

[00:40:47] >> Now, back here, 10th hole. Second shot from 137 yards. Patrick Cantlay currently three back. Honing in on the flag. Oh, unlucky with a spin.

[00:41:02] >> I think it's just a good rhythm here, buddy.

[00:41:07] >> Back to 9.

[00:41:07] >> How about Rodgers with the longest drive of the day at 9?

[00:41:10] >> Leave some 276 to the hole. Helping wind from the players' right. Two six, two front.

[00:41:22] >> He's six in distance off the tee this week. This just looks like a hybrid here, Dottie.

[00:41:26] >> Yeah. He actually went back for less club, Trevor.

[00:41:33] >> Oh, was trying to hit the swooping draw and he's blocked it. That'll be OK there, though.

[00:41:39] >> Up ahead to 10. Nicely underneath the hole. A little unlucky with that spin. So this one's slow.

[00:41:46] >> But he's good. That's his sixth birdie of the day.

[00:41:57] >> Thirteen here. Now, the third shot for Scheffler after laying up.

[00:42:04] >> It's a green light hole location in that swale. Time to make this lob wedge sing.

[00:42:09] >> Maybe gets a bit of spin. This can funnel backwards. Nice try.

[00:42:21] >> Back at the ninth hole with Patrick Rodgers in the greenside bunker in two.

[00:42:26] >> Eighty percent save rate for the week out of the greenside bunkers for Patrick. Right in the bottom.

[00:42:33] >> Should be no problem.

[00:42:36] >> Well, this --

[00:42:38] >> No problem.

[00:42:39] >> Outstanding. Let's go to 13.

[00:42:44] >> Down the hill to World number 1. I think must make. Yeah, must make all right.

[00:42:50] >> To 9.

[00:42:52] >> That was some third shot played by Patrick Rodgers.

[00:42:55] >> Yeah, sure was. And now, he's got this opportunity here to get within one. Not much left in this.

[00:43:02] >> He contended here back in 2017 during the Farmers Insurance Open. Was the leader through 54 holes. Finished fourth. Picks up a shot here at the 9th.

[00:43:19] >> Thirteen. Colt, can he reach?

[00:43:22] >> Yes, he can. Two-seventy to the hole, 265 front. Starts it right at it. Now, drawing. Man, is this guy good.

[00:43:32] >> Oh, you can say that again. This is getting better. What a shot from McNealy. Now, McNealy.

[00:43:45] >> This one is quick, Frank. Going to break left early, then will work back to his right as it starts to lose speed.

[00:43:51] >> Will put a huge gap.

[00:43:53] >> Break right.

[00:43:56] >> Still the easiest of birdies. He will go to 12-under. Unthinkable at the start of the day.

[00:44:04] >> You got to think to yourself, if he can par his way in, he's going to be so tough to catch, Frank.

[00:44:10] >> Right with you. Just look at that scorecard. Don't discount the Swede here. Back at 13. Second shot from 250 yards to here. Fifty feet. And it's looking good. Looking really good.

[00:44:26][Applause] It's a putt that Tiger Woods made at the US Open.

[00:44:37] >> And you got a better memory than me.

[00:44:39] >> It's close, wasn't it?

[00:44:41] >> He made a few I've forgotten.

[00:44:46] >> So, two back.

[00:44:46] >> Aberg after the birdie at 13.

[00:44:53] >> Two back. Go hole hunting.

[00:44:56] >> And he has.

[00:45:01] >> Problems here at 17.

[00:45:07] >> Driver off the tee down the right side. Hit somebody and bounce back to this position. So, bit of a bad break, really.

[00:45:13] >> Yeah, Ian. He has nothing.

[00:45:15] >> Just hack it out, Colt.

[00:45:16] >> Yeah. And I mean, even that's going to be difficult to do with this lying stance.

[00:45:20] >> Yeah. Get it over that bunker. You must get it into the fairway for your next.

[00:45:28] >> Oh, he got very lucky. That bounced into the first cut.

[00:45:30] >> Gosh. That could have gone anywhere. Hand on the steel. Long grass wrapping around the hosel of the club.

[00:45:40] >> Big shot here. You'd have to look for this being a little right and a little long, I would think, from this slope.

[00:45:48] >> And Tiger, Justin said you hit people all the time, but yours bouncing the fairway.

[00:45:53] >> I signed a lot of gloves in my day.

[00:45:54] >> Yeah. Very good shot. Come on now. Spin down that slope. Excellent play. Smart play. Hold on my heart.

[00:46:06] >> Aberg to 10 under.

[00:46:11] >> What a turn of events we're seeing here at 14 and 17 at the Genesis.

[00:46:18] >> We're back at 18. There have been two eagles here today. And Scheffler needs one.

[00:46:23] >> And that is 3-wood. Carving it in there. Probably his best swing of the day, gents.

[00:46:28] >> Towering. Oh, it's a beauty.

[00:46:32] >> Scottie, he's doing Tiger things.

[00:46:38] >> Seventeen.

[00:46:40] >> Could be the biggest part of his life.

[00:46:43] >> Very fast. Just has to get it going.

[00:46:45] >> What a way to make four.

[00:46:47] >> What do you got for us, Tiger?

[00:46:53] >> From here, it looks like it goes right to left early. I don't know if it's going to -- I think it's going to straighten out at the end. I like how he's breaking the putt up into different sections.

[00:47:01] >> This hole location is a little bit more toward the center of the green. That is the location. And on the Sunday of the US Open, you have another one of those incredible moments.

[00:47:09] >> Yeah, the Sunday of the US Open about a step closer to the bunker than it is now. I see left early for sure. And I don't know how much it's going to straighten at the end.

[00:47:18] >> How much did you live for moments like this?

[00:47:21] >> Like right now, I'm in the moment. I love it. I'm right here with him right now. I love these moments. This is what -- why you spent all those late hours as a junior and, you know, dreaming for this one occasion.

[00:47:33] >> To get within one.

[00:47:36] >> You were right. Straightened at the end.

[00:47:46] >> Was hoping for a little bit more drama on the putt there, Trev.

[00:47:54] >> So he's going to get to 9.

[00:47:58] >> This little tap in for 66, which is going to be 10 shots better than Saturday. And he posts 9-under par. Let's go to 15. Here's Aberg.

[00:48:12] >> Tree trouble.

[00:48:19] >> This kid's game is pretty remarkable, isn't it?

[00:48:21] >> Yeah. Ludvig's swing is -- it really is. Not a whole lot can go wrong with it.

[00:48:31] >> McNealy into the 72nd. What's he doing here, Tiger?

[00:48:34] >> Long right.

[00:48:36] >> Long right it is.

[00:48:36] >> Use the slope. Spin it back. Perfect. Has got a putt. Take a two shot lead with Ludvig having to force him to make two birdies come home.

[00:48:49] >> You think 11-under is going to be enough?

[00:48:51] >> I think 12 safe.

[00:48:52] >> Twelve safe.

[00:48:52] >> I think 11 might be playoff.

[00:48:54] >> Yeah.

[00:48:55] >> So we go back out to 15. And this could tie the lead. Ludvig up the hill. Aberg. Oh, my goodness.

[00:49:04] >> How's that run at 13, 14, 15?

[00:49:09] >> Yeah, right? Those are not easy holes to birdie.

[00:49:17] >> Now, McNealy to take the lead outright again. Give us another read here, Tiger.

[00:49:25] >> It's a little simple. A right to left putt.

[00:49:33] >> Beautiful stroke.

[00:49:36] >> It's amazing how momentum goes. Mav was in complete control of the tournament. And then, Ludvig, all of a sudden, makes three in a row, and Mav misses that putt at 18. And now, it looks like it's on Ludvig to win the tournament outright at 12.

[00:49:57] >> Scott -- He's got his younger brother Scott with him here. He's on the bag. This for par. Scott will come over and shake his brother's hand. Round of 64.

[00:50:09] >> Look at that start. And then, 14 with the bogey, pitching wedge from the middle of the fairway.

[00:50:20] >> You hit a 220 shot, it's fine.

[00:50:22] >> Yeah, exactly.

[00:50:23] >> Yeah.

[00:50:23] >> You know, this is the shot the tournament hinges on.

[00:50:27] >> It's got 224 hole, 244 to the back. He needs to try and fit it in that zone right there.

[00:50:34] >> And a real launching pad up sloping line. This is his 7-wood.

[00:50:38] >> Holding his finish. Oh, wow. That is going to be quite a task.

[00:50:52] >> Well, his first Tour win came in the fall of '23 at the RSM. The next year, the tournament in '24 was won by Maverick McNealy. And now, those two are tied. Aberg two putts for victory.

[00:51:13] >> There's the turn.

[00:51:15] >> I remember somebody making a putt from over that side of the cup before.

[00:51:21] >> In 2008, perhaps.

[00:51:23] >> Yeah, I think you're right.

[00:51:29] >> But there's 6 feet, 9 inches separating Ludvig from a tie for first to victory. Anybody who's grown up idolizing the tournament host has seen this putt a million times.

[00:51:46] >> Oh, yes. Ludvig Aberg takes Tiger's tournament.

[00:51:55][Cheering and Applause]

[00:52:03] >> That's the moment when it all kind of starts to sink in a little bit.

[00:52:09] >> Times you ask yourself the question, how on earth did I just do that?

[00:52:15] >> Well, look at that leaderboard. In the end, we thought Aberg yesterday when we're talking about the setup for Sunday, he might be the guy to beat. But McNealy, brilliant today, 64. And Scottie turned it around after a sluggish Saturday. He was 10 shots lower today. Made a big run. Nick Taylor, Top 10. Daniel Berger, 67. Matsuyama, 13th this year.

[00:52:37] >> This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of the Genesis Invitational from Torrey Pines Golf Course in San Diego, California.