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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 Mexico Open at VidantaWorld.

[00:00:38] >> Expansive luxury resort here on Banderas Bay, Mexico's Pacific Coast. Brilliant setting here. Sierra Madres, the Occidentals in the distance. And Vidanta Vallarta, the golf course, par 71, opened back in 2015 over 7,400 yards. Blue skies, sunshine. It is beautiful with the palm trees swaying today. The wind will be a challenge. And some of the early highlights, guys. How about Harry Hall? This is third, the par-5 6th. Looking for a second win on Tour.

[00:01:10] >> Well, the ball sits up high here on this type of fairway. and he clipped right under that. You can see how much spin he had there. And a nice eagle on the par 5.

[00:01:18] >> On his way to a 7-under, round to 64 to lead the way. Jeremy Paul, though the 30-year old rookie, was born in Germany, played golf, University of Colorado. Staring this one down.

[00:01:29] >> Yeah, what a unique golf swing. Takes it back inside but able to attack this hole location. Perfect shot.

[00:01:35] >> Also it was cool, wasn't it?

[00:01:37] >> Yeah.

[00:01:37] >> It was kind of. Seven-under 64 for him. Isaiah Salinda, the star out of Stanford, this for birdie at the 12th.

[00:01:44] >> That putt got his attention there. Another little left to righter. I thought he was going to be a star when he was coming out of college.

[00:01:50] >> Might still be. Sixty-five today, just one off the lead. Alejandro Tosti, man from Argentina, Florida Gator.

[00:01:57] >> This is your guy, isn't it?

[00:02:00] >> I love watching him play. There's some certain sort of explosiveness to every part of his game.

[00:02:06] >> Posted a 6-under round as well, Brian Campbell, University of Illinois star.

[00:02:12] >> Missed that 18, his ninth hole of the day.

[00:02:14] >> One of the easier finishing holes on the tour. Little par 5 dog leg to the right. Another chip in. Curls it in. A round the 6-under. So good scores today.

[00:02:31] >> Jaeger next, taking a look.

[00:02:34] >> He had a wedge out initially, but the putter was just calling his name. And I couldn't see anybody chipping this from here. He's got a very, very smooth surface to putt

through. Just 4 or 5 feet to tangle with, and then, nothing but green grass between he and the hole in terms of putting surface.

[00:02:51] >> Boy, that looked good from the start, didn't it?

[00:02:57] >> This man is on an absolute roll. And he's got three par 5s. He's heading to on the backside too. You shoot 5-under on this front, you can go really low.

[00:03:05] >> Guys, look at this card.

[00:03:11] >> Akshay Bhatia, this for birdie at the 8th.

[00:03:14] >> Well, after that beautiful 4-iron here. A nice speed there. Catches that left in. What a birdie.

[00:03:28] >> Castillo here at 16, his third.

[00:03:31] >> Walker Cup played at Seminole and raised eyebrows from a lot of the people there that watched. A little chip out there to get him under par.

[00:03:45] >> Lawrence from the bunker here at 16.

[00:03:50] >> Played so well last year at the Open Championship. Had the lead with five holes to go --

[00:03:56] >> Another hole out here. How about these shots?

[00:03:58] >> I tell you what, they are going in.

[00:04:00] >> Castillo and -- Yeah. We've seen three birdies on this hole already.

[00:04:02] >> Jose Antonio Safa. This at 16. One of the amateurs in the field.

[00:04:10] >> I met him last year. He was so excited. Got it going. Is this going to be another birdie?

[00:04:17] >> Look at that.

[00:04:20] >> Left the flagstick in there. Who said this is a hard par 4, Smylie.

[00:04:25] >> Hey, he's got a good golf swing too.

[00:04:27] >> Seriously, he does.

[00:04:28] >> I watched him hit on the range.

[00:04:29] >> Back at 11, Stephan Jaeger is away, 5-under. He's made five straight, and then, really good par at the 10th.

[00:04:38] >> We can almost count 10 as a birdie. I know it's not official, but it sure feels like one when you walk into 11 tee today. Just back down the hill, but into the wind. So hard to get the pace correct.

[00:04:53] >> Back on track just like that. Wow.

[00:04:55] >> It's that type of day, right?

[00:05:05] >> Norlander's second here at 15.

[00:05:12] >> He was able to find this 66-yard wide fairway, but the bunkers definitely promote a challenge. There you go. Full attack mode. Put on the brakes.

[00:05:21] >> Just about did it.

[00:05:23] >> Just put on the brakes there.

[00:05:24] >> Knapp playing his second at 15.

[00:05:37] >> Just a wedge from 147.

[00:05:41] >> It looks like he liked it. Should.

[00:05:45] >> He would make that for birdie.

[00:05:54] >> Jose Luis Ballester, one of the amateurs in the field. This for birdie at two.

[00:06:00] >> Good looking putting stroke right there.

[00:06:07] >> All right, back to the tee at 17, 5-iron in the hands of Akshay Bhatia.

[00:06:12] >> That sounded good, didn't it?

[00:06:15] >> Sure looks good. Painted a line.

[00:06:18] >> Oh, what a golf shot.

[00:06:19] >> Come on now.

[00:06:21] >> Bhatia moves to 5-under.

[00:06:24] >> To the 6th. And Ventura's birdie try.

[00:06:28] >> Trying to get within one of the 5-under. And does.

[00:06:36] >> Wow, what a good putt there. Continuing the stellar play. One back now.

[00:06:45] >> Just off the green with the putter to share.

[00:06:51] >> Smylie, we know he can hit it far off the tee, can't he?

[00:06:54] >> Oh, my goodness. He got no idea he can easily hit 190 ball speed. He was doing that in San Diego. It was 55 degrees. You can imagine when he gets warm this summer, what he's going to be able to hit.

[00:07:05] >> It's a little warmer here.

[00:07:08] >> Just a routine.

[00:07:09] >> This is a really good golf course for him.

[00:07:12] >> Look at that stretch too.

[00:07:16] >> We stay with Potgieter at the 7th for birdie.

[00:07:22] >> Yup. There you go. So the iron off the tee left it short, played to there. That run continues since the second hole.

[00:07:33] >> Campos, this at 18 to get it to two.

[00:07:36] >> Pressure was incredible, how much this tournament means to him.

[00:07:41] >> Nice finish.

[00:07:46] >> England's Harry Hall, Germany's Jeremy Paul, and Norway's Kris Ventura hold a share of the lead at 7-under, with rookie long ball hitter Aldrich Potgieter just one shot back. Round 2 is next.

[00:08:07] >> Beautiful sprawling luxury resort here that welcomes people from all over North America, Canada, the US, in fact all over the world on a regular basis. And this week, players from the PGA Tour here at VidantaWorld, some 50 plus restaurants here and bars, live entertainment. This week, it's about the PGA Tour though. Par 71 layout, 7,400 yards.

[00:08:36] >> Twenty-year-old from South Africa, Aldrich Potgieter, long hitter, got started right out of the gate.

[00:08:41] >> He was 30 yards closer than the next closest ball to the green. Cut it way over the lake today. First swing of the day.

[00:08:48] >> Not bad. Sixty-five to open up. But even better today. This to get it to 8-under.

[00:08:52] >> You're going to see this putter right now is really working for Potgieter.

[00:08:57] >> Man who once posted 59, Korn Ferry Tour. So, maybe thinking about that at some point during the round.

[00:09:04] >> Birdie the 6th. This the easiest hole in the golf course, the drivable par 4.

[00:09:08] >> Well, he tried to drive it yesterday with a long iron. This one came up just short. But like Curt said, he's got the putter work and his touch is on. Twenty years old.

[00:09:18] >> Ten-under at that point. And then, he birdied 8th, came to the 9th looking for five in a row.

[00:09:23] >> They had the par 3. Good tee shot. And again, that putter stayed hot all day.

[00:09:28] >> Curt, you make the turn, you come to 10, you think, oh, this may be a bogey hole. Made an amazing par after driving it in the water, and then came to this, his second at 12.

[00:09:37] >> Well, this is one of the reasons why he's going to be such an exciting player to watch is the distance that he can hit the ball. Six hundred and sixty yards, that was a driver off the fairway for his second shot. Watch this ball roll here like a putt. And that for an eagle. He had to settle for a two putt birdie here on 12.

[00:09:54] >> Got it to 13-under. Birdied 13, 15, 17. To 16 under par. Actually, made a par at the par-5 18th. But 61 ties the course record.

[00:10:07] >> Here's Albertson, lengthy try at 15.

[00:10:15] >> Pretty tough hole location to get close today. Oh, really?

[00:10:18] >> But --

[00:10:18] >> Oh, really?

[00:10:19] >> If you roll it like that, does it matter?

[00:10:22] >> You don't need to get close either.

[00:10:30] >> Nicolai Hojgaard, the 32-year-old from Denmark. Did he? Yeah.

[00:10:37] >> Oh, yeah.

[00:10:38] >> That fell right. Right at the end, it looked like it was going to kind of stay left.

[00:10:44] >> Dahmen's third here at the 12th, the par 5, 103.

[00:10:57] >> Dahmen would make birdie.

[00:11:04] >> Emiliano Grillo needs a couple of birdies perhaps to make it to the weekend. This at 12.

[00:11:10] >> Yeah, this is a long way for birdie here on this par 5 downwind. Well, doesn't matter I guess for him. That thing was tracking.

[00:11:20] >> And you shot two 68s at 6-under par. Put in perspective how good that 16-under and a 61 from Potgieter was today.

[00:11:28] >> Oh, man, I felt pretty good about my round today at 3-under. And, I mean, I'm happy with six and he's 10 shots better than me, so.

[00:11:37] >> Oh, there you go. Francesco Molinari making the birdie. And then, we got Riley Lewis.

[00:11:50] >> Oh, come on. Does that look familiar to you? Does that look familiar to you, Mike?

[00:11:54] >> Does that look --

[00:11:55] >> Did you do something like that today?

[00:11:57] >> Yeah. Talk about this golf course, you know, you got five par threes, you got four par 5s. You know, when you get to holes like this at 17, as we watch Knowles try to get up and down, you know, how do you attack this golf course?

[00:12:08] >> It's an interesting course because you have some of the widest fairways, but that --

[00:12:14] >> That's a nice chip in.

[00:12:15] >> OK.

[00:12:16][Applause]

[00:12:23] >> Harry Hall, opportunity for birdie here at 12.

[00:12:27] >> Aim point connoisseur over here. Did someone --

[00:12:30] >> Drains the pin in two. Surprised to see him take it out.

[00:12:33] >> For sure, for sure.

[00:12:40] >> Joel Dahmen here at 14. We've seen him quite a bit at VidantaWorld this week, chasing around his young boy.

[00:12:50] >> And over to the third hole, Isaiah Salinda. You had a chance to play with him, Michael?

[00:12:55] >> He's -- I believe he went to the other school in the Bay that I don't really like talking about. So, yeah, he seems all right.

[00:13:03] >> That would be Stanford for those of you back home trying to figure it out.

[00:13:15] >> Ben Griffin, have you seen Harry Hall actually putt with the pin out? He's done it a couple times today. It's kind of throwing me off.

[00:13:20] >> Yeah, something's going on there.

[00:13:24] >> Beautiful drive around and over that big tree on the right side of the fairway. I think he hikes it. Four would be very helpful for him, and that'll worry the 3-unders a little bit if he two putts there.

[00:13:38] >> Now, up to the green with Emiliano Grillo.

[00:13:44] >> Looks nice.

[00:13:45] >> Yeah. Going to make a birdie there. Get it to 4-under.

[00:13:57] >> Trevor Cone at 4-over.

[00:13:59] >> Got a feeling.

[00:14:01] >> Got a feeling.

[00:14:02] >> Got a feeling. Yup.

[00:14:04] >> Too little, too late.

[00:14:07] >> Yeah, not going to celebrate.

[00:14:08] >> No.

[00:14:15] >> Salinda for birdie.

[00:14:17] >> Curt and I were talking about Salinda, how good a ball striker he is and he's putting stats aren't very good. They're going to go up a little if that drops. At that time, 167th ranked putter this year in fifth place.

[00:14:33] >> Yeah. Share of fifth.

[00:14:35] >> Yesterday was pretty good. Today was a little off, but I was still missing the right spots, even though I wasn't in the fairway all the time. But the recovery shots were really good. And I was really happy with that. But the flat stick was working, so I was having a lot of saves out there that kept me going.

[00:14:55] >> Potgieter ties the course record with a 61, and flies up the board to solo first and a four shot lead. The long ball hitter is looking for his first win on the PGA Tour. Round 3 is next.

[00:15:13] >> Where Mexico has been playing its national open for more than 80 years. A lot of the greats have played in it, have won it, including Trevino, Ben Crenshaw through the years. This event became a part of the PGA Tour just a few years ago when it came to VidantaWorld. Here's a little taste of how Potgieter got out of the gates. Par the first two holes, and then looking for his first birdie here from 10 feet, which drops at the third. Potgieter, the youngest PGA Tour member on Tour right now at age 20. Coming off the Korn Ferry Tour, one of those grads. And bogeyed the 4th, came right back, Notah, with a birdie at 5.

[00:15:56] >> Yeah, that shows a lot of metal. Shows that he's very settled with how he's going to approach the day. A lot of nerve out there. Don't let the calm disposition fool you. He is dealing with some major nerves.

[00:16:06] >> And here, a good example of how he can send it at this short par-4 7th, just 315 yards.

[00:16:12] >> Well, that's just how they can make up for some of the difficulties in the game is with that big driver.

[00:16:18] >> All right, two putt birdie there for Potgieter. Started the day at four, now leading by three in Mexico.

[00:16:25] >> Brian Campbell back at the 9th. Taking a look, Bones.

[00:16:30] >> On their way to their drive. So he's got a bit of a wait here.

[00:16:39] >> OK. So they wait. Mentioned the paspalum, platinum paspalum. We talked about that. Guys have been talking about it's as good as any on the PGA Tour.

[00:16:48] >> It is. And there's all strains of all the different grasses these players play on. But when they get on this platinum paspalum, and you walk on the -- I said it to Curt yesterday. You just walk on this. You want it to be the rug in your house. It's so perfect what you can putt on. You can hit an iron shot without taking much of a divot because the ball sits so high, so it's clean contact. One of the reasons why the ball is going far with the irons this week is that grass.

[00:17:11] >> I think Curt is putting it in his house, as a matter of fact.

[00:17:14] >> This long range from the edge for Campbell.

[00:17:16] >> Yeah. Back up the hill, into the grain, into the wind. Turning from his right to left.

[00:17:21] >> None of the previous two players that puttied from short of this hole reached the cup. Let's see if he can get it all the way to the hole.

[00:17:34] >> Looks good. Looks great.

[00:17:36] >> Looks perfect. What a putt.

[00:17:39][Applause]

[00:17:44] >> Back here at the 9th, Potgieter lining this one up. So you're up by three. Shoot 61 yesterday. Tied the course record of Jon Rahm that he set a couple of years ago. And if you project ahead yesterday, today, tomorrow, it's a long time to hold the lead.

[00:18:00] >> It really is. And we -- you know, Notah said it earlier, it's had some faults there while he's only -- He's only 20. I talked to Ernie Els this morning. He said this guy is a raw talent. He's a great player. This is -- His weapon is his driver. And yesterday, the putter was his weapon.

[00:18:18] >> Up the hill. Should move to the right as it runs out of speed.

[00:18:23] >> Yeah. Just ran out of speed a little too soon, but within that range.

[00:18:29] >> Hisatsune for birdie at the 12.

[00:18:36][Applause]

[00:18:40] >> Up to 14. This is Hojgaard. Nicolai Hojgaard's third at the par 5.

[00:18:47] >> He's got a pretty good angle here. Plenty of green to work with. It's just a matter. Can he dial in that overall number?

[00:18:53] >> I think he just did. And that was actually what we call perfectly executed there.

[00:18:59] >> How about Hojgaard? Got two eagles in the last three holes at 12 and 14.

[00:19:11] >> Let's go to 10.

[00:19:12] >> Here's Potgieter, Dahmen, with his tricky up and down now.

[00:19:15] >> He's got a good lie. I just don't agree with the play in terms of hitting enough club where you could bring over the green into play.

[00:19:22] >> Well, he figured it out pretty nicely, Bones.

[00:19:24] >> Yes, he did.

[00:19:25] >> Yeah, it looks like he's going to get away with that.

[00:19:29] >> Check in with Akshay Bhatia.

[00:19:31] >> And he's looked really great today until we got to that difficult stretch of 8, 9, and 10. Terry, he played it 3-over par. So finally able to take a deep breath and head to a part of a golf course where you can make some birdies.

[00:19:50] >> For a bonus one there, and some work to do coming back, so.

[00:19:57] >> At 10, and Potgieter also. So we've got three pars at the difficult 10th for the final threesome.

[00:20:09] >> This was Mason Andersen's third at the par-5 18th just a moment ago.

[00:20:14] >> It's just a tough angle from there, Dan. You see that ball? If it did not hit and go down, it was going to go a good 10 to 15 feet past the hole.

[00:20:27] >> Potgieter getting set here. He's been impressive when he talked about how young he is in this position. But just kind of have the same demeanor the last three days, even though he's 4-under on the par 5. And you think, well, he's the longest hitter on Tour. He'd take apart the par 5. That's 61 yesterday. He made par on two of the par 5.

[00:20:49] >> Yeah. He said that when he finished how disappointing that was. You could have thought 59. Now, the strength he has here can help to stop this ball.

[00:20:57] >> Going with the power 9. Also a really good looking line.

[00:21:04] >> Even that one kicked there. Both good shots there.

[00:21:10] >> We move up to the green at 11.

[00:21:18] >> Bones, what do we got next?

[00:21:20] >> We've got Brian Campbell putting from just a little bit long. Boy, his tee shot looks so good to him in the air. But as you guys mentioned, the green's firming up a little bit. The wind blowing right now harder than it has all day will drive these surfaces out.

[00:21:32] >> So the wind's having a definite effect on the putts, isn't it, Bones?

[00:21:35] >> No question about it.

[00:21:38] >> Back into the wind here now.

[00:21:42] >> Downhill the last 8 feet.

[00:21:49] >> Good line. Great lines. Got another one.

[00:21:56] >> That monster putt on 9, the par 3.

[00:22:03] >> Aldrich now.

[00:22:04] >> Just looking to feed this one in from left to right, down the hill.

[00:22:11] >> Answered the bell.

[00:22:12] >> The answer.

[00:22:13] >> Wow, that's impressive. I mean, this is an outlier, that part of his game with putting. He's 170th ranked this season, first this week. And that's one of the reasons why.

[00:22:23] >> We stay with Potgieter on the tee at 12.

[00:22:28] >> There's a bunker at 299, which is only in play if he hits 4-iron.

[00:22:32] >> Thanks for the clarification.

[00:22:34] >> Yeah, Bones, that covered everything very easily. And he will be able to reach this green easily in two.

[00:22:50] >> This is Aaron Rai for birdie at the 12.

[00:22:53] >> And he's been trying to work on his stroke to try to get a little more symmetrical, a little less hit.

[00:23:01] >> Yeah, two good ones in a row.

[00:23:03] >> Absolutely. So Rai moving up the board.

[00:23:14] >> Well, you just keep making birdies, you'll find yourself on the leaderboard at least.

[00:23:17] >> Just to get into a tie for third with Jaeger.

[00:23:24] >> Yup. And he's on that short list of guys you expect to find a breakthrough soon.

[00:23:41] >> Just 250 left, straight downwind. A little bit of left to right in it to help him get at this flag if he wants to. But he's just going to send a 5-iron up in the air, let the wind take it towards the center of the green.

[00:23:52] >> This is a 374-yard drive, longest of the day at this hole.

[00:24:01] >> Left of the flag.

[00:24:02] >> Right over the perota, and right onto the green.

[00:24:06] >> That is a beautifully executed shot. Judged the run out.

[00:24:11] >> Potgieter showing no signs of slowing down. He'll have that for eagle at the 12th to try to push it to 21-under at the Mexico Open at VidantaWorld. And now, Jaeger dealing with this position with his third.

[00:24:35] >> Get up.

[00:24:37] >> Oh, man, he got some check on that. That was not an easy shot. The wind was kind of coming into him. Bones, for Potgieter and an eagle.

[00:24:51] >> Yeah, what a look it is. This ball is just going to move slightly from his right to left. It should be helped a little bit by the right to left wind, given the angle he's putting from. But extremely makeable. A little bit up the hill.

[00:25:03] >> Just the fourth player to hit this green in two today. This is just 12.5 feet left. This is the closest shot in two by anybody.

[00:25:13] >> Dan, he hit driver off the deck yesterday. I didn't think anybody could match that shot, but this one better than yesterday's.

[00:25:20] >> He's just been red hot from putts in this range this week.

[00:25:41] >> Go with Hisatsune from 109 at the 15th.

[00:25:45] >> Big drive. Took on the bunkers that go across the middle of the fairway. Funny looking follow through there. His right arm worked over his left. But a fine shot.

[00:25:53] >> Doesn't matter.

[00:25:54] >> I'm going to start working on that.

[00:25:57] >> And we'll get a look at Potgieter here. He's got all sorts of flexibility in that big body.

[00:26:06] >> He's going to have to hammer a couple to get there in two into this breeze today. I think we might see the big one right now. Takes a mighty rip at it up the right side of the fairway.

[00:26:21] >> Well, he did not leave anything in the bag there. And that got a humongous carry. Not much roll, but he should have a chance to get there in two.

[00:26:31] >> Pak playing his third from the greenside bunker at 18.

[00:26:43] >> That'll move him to 10-under.

[00:26:50] >> It's been a different story today. Only one player has hit the green in two today. Two players -- Only two players have gone through the green. So, see what Potgieter can do.

[00:27:04] >> Two-thirty-six front edge and 30 equals 266. He's going to go with the monster 4-iron.

[00:27:10] >> And this should fit his shot shape. They've really been working a little bit on just a soft baby fade. The long irons will have a higher percentage of just falling to the right.

[00:27:22] >> Slide it down. Will it carry the front center bunker?

[00:27:28] >> That is some power.

[00:27:30] >> I don't think he got all of that. That didn't quite carry what I think he felt he should have gotten out of that club.

[00:27:41] >> Campbell after bouncing the shaft off the palm tree with his third at this par 5.

[00:27:48] >> Good. Great to keep it on line now. Can his wedges bail him out here?

[00:27:56] >> It just might.

[00:27:59] >> Alejandro Tosti for par.

[00:28:02] >> Missed a short one on the last.

[00:28:07] >> Oh, man. You see that recoil, how fast the putter came back after he hit that?

[00:28:15] >> And back here at 14, Jaeger thought he would have a closer look for birdie than this distance.

[00:28:19] >> Yeah, very mediocre third there from Stephen at a time when he really needed to make an easy birdie and take a little stress off himself.

[00:28:31] >> There you go.

[00:28:32] >> The putter forgives all.

[00:28:42] >> Certainly he can knock this one as he has so many this week. But he's got to respect the speed. This is downhill, down grain, downwind. You get a little bit antsy with this one, you can knock it 4 or 5 feet by in a hurry.

[00:28:55] >> Talked about some of the changes that he's implemented. Just started working the last couple weeks with Mike Kanski out of the Phil Kenyon Putting Academy. Switched a couple things in terms of the type of putter he's using. Using more of a traditional style looking putter. Not a lot of that technology in there. Wanted to feel the toe move just a little bit more.

[00:29:17] >> It's been good from this distance this week. And another one. Drops.

[00:29:21] >> Succession has paid off for this young man. He is rolling that ball.

[00:29:28] >> Pushes it to 21-under. And now, Campbell to try to get back within three.

[00:29:35] >> Very similar line to the one that Jaeger had. Breaking from left to right.

[00:29:42] >> Oh, man. Campbell won't go anywhere.

[00:29:45] >> You give a PGA Tour player a good read like Jaeger gave him, chances are he's going to knock it down. And he did just that.

[00:29:52] >> Sami Valimaki, the 26-year-old from Finland.

[00:29:56] >> Par 3. Pretty good line.

[00:30:00] >> Yeah, really good line.

[00:30:01] >> I'll say a pretty good distance.

[00:30:08] >> It certainly is. I think we've just got to be careful. He's got to be careful he doesn't catch this club on something on the downswing.

[00:30:14] >> Bones, if he goes too hard, can it go into the water?

[00:30:16] >> No, the water should not be in play.

[00:30:19] >> See if we can hear.

[00:30:19] >> That's what Bones was talking about. He's got to take it outside a little bit because what's behind the ball didn't take much time.

[00:30:31] >> Now, just getting it back out.

[00:30:38] >> There's a ball behind the stance. He got the ball -- the clubhead back pretty far.

[00:30:42] >> I don't think he hit that squarely. I think they hit that higher on the face.

[00:30:45] >> Campbell left with this.

[00:30:52] >> Just cleaning up. Simply a formality

[00:30:54][Applause] Lengthening shadows. Let's see if Potgieter's shadow is over the hole here as he putts. Makes it just a little tougher.

[00:31:19] >> Yup. True. As you're putting from the sun, hole's covered. Guys never think to practice this stuff, Terry.

[00:31:30] >> Oh, it did. Not by much, but it did.

[00:31:33] >> Boy, that's a good four really.

[00:31:40] >> We move up to the 18th green with the final group.

[00:31:43] >> Smalley already in with a round of the day, a 64 to post 15-under. And he's in it.

[00:31:54] >> Bones, a little bit of a double breaker here. Looks straight to start, maybe a little right at the end.

[00:31:58] >> I love that call. You and I would -- we'd have been on point today, Bones.

[00:32:03] >> What an up and down by Jaeger.

[00:32:08] >> That man's got some backbone.

[00:32:19] >> Now, Potgieter to avoid his third bogey of this round. Remember, he came into this third round with just one all week.

[00:32:28] >> And Bones, this would really be a shock to the system if he -- from where he drove the ball to actually consider walking off of here with a six is ridiculous.

[00:32:42] >> I completely agree. Yeah, this is a very important putt for him in the grand scheme of things.

[00:32:56] >> All right. Able to save par, 20-under for Potgieter, who will have the lead going into the final round.

[00:33:09] >> Talk about this new position for Campbell. He played 159 Korn Ferry Tour events without a win.

[00:33:25][Applause]

[00:33:27] >> Puts Campbell to 19-under. He shoots 64. That matches Smalley for the low round of the day.

[00:33:40][Cheering and Applause]

[00:33:44] >> Potgieter's 67 keeps a slim one shot lead heading into the final round. With a victory, Potgieter would become the youngest South African to win on the PGA Tour. The final round is next.

[00:34:33] >> With the stunning views of nearby Puerto Vallarta, serving as the backdrop, it's the final round of the Mexico Open at VidantaWorld, where 20-year-old South African Aldrich Potgieter is trying to become one of the youngest winners in PGA Tour history. He's just 20 years old. He had the overnight lead at 20-under. But he's got a batch of chasers in pursuit of him. Including Aaron Rai, who started the day six back, began the day with three straight birdies, and then hit this second shot at the par-5 6th from 281 yards. Almost a double eagle. A tap in eagle. That would tie right for the lead momentarily. And then, you've got Brian Campbell in his second stint on the PGA Tour. He's a 31-year-old. Up and down here at the short par-4 7th to take the lead momentarily by himself. He's never had anything better than a Top 10. Never had a Top 10 in his PGA Tour career. But Potgieter right at the same hole.

[00:35:42] >> This was a big answer to match him at 20-under par. And Potgieter, who had a chance at Torrey Pines earlier trying to finish the job here and comes up way short. So now, the fourth shot for Aldrich. Trying to save the par, and he is a long way away from bogey. So that just happening at the 8th.

[00:36:11] >> You got Potgieter with a long putt coming up for bogey.

[00:36:23] >> Campbell's going to drop a shot.

[00:36:27] >> Back up the hill, turning right to left. And boy, his short game has just completely abandoned him in the last hour.

[00:36:35] >> There's a break in this, Bones. Looks pretty straight.

[00:36:46] >> What a putt. Wow.

[00:36:48] >> To save bogey. So they're both at 19-under after they both bogey the 8th in the final round of the Mexico Open at VidantaWorld. Second for Ben Griffin at this difficult 10th. This is a 3-wood from the first cut.

[00:37:06] >> Well, he had 264 yards left into this hole yesterday, made par. Not making it easy on himself today. But with that kind of action there, Dan, maybe he's the one that's got it figured out.

[00:37:22] >> Off the green at 13, Akshay Bhatia.

[00:37:28] >> Another one of the shorter par 3s out here. Hello. Yup.

[00:37:36] >> It appears as though his chipping has completely gotten away from him.

[00:37:40] >> I think it was a big surprise for him on the range when he was hitting balls. It wasn't really windy at all. It hadn't picked up to this level that it's at now. And the wind has got him with a bunch of iron shots. And another long putt here from par 21 feet away.

[00:38:09] >> You remind him, look, you've got nine holes to play. You know, you might be one shot back instead of one shot ahead, but you can do so much in these nine holes, particularly the next hole. You can make it a two shot swing.

[00:38:25] >> All right. Such a stark difference though today from the first three days. It's an 8-iron for Rai.

[00:38:40] >> Hit so many irons so the wind didn't affect them at all yesterday. And another good approach.

[00:38:45] >> Great shot. Right at it.

[00:38:48] >> So that to get it to 19, share of the lead.

[00:38:51] >> Lot going on here with Potgieter's third. Not a good lie. Choking down.

[00:38:56] >> Horrible lie. Got to make some modifications. Got to make sure you swing really hard on that shot because that club is not as heavy as it normally is when you choke on the normal end of the grip.

[00:39:07] >> Aaron Rai, excellent chance inside of 10 feet to share the lead.

[00:39:12] >> Man's made a move today, Brad.

[00:39:14] >> He has. He's just kind of meticulous with everything.

[00:39:19] >> Really gone off the rails primarily with his short game.

[00:39:21] >> It was a bit disturbing his finish yesterday.

[00:39:26] >> He really mismanaged that 18th hole after being in the driver's seat off the tee. See if he can --

[00:39:30] >> Managed himself. Save another one. It could be worse than it is. Remember the bogey save he had earlier. And that for par.

[00:39:48] >> Hojgaard to save par at the 13th. He'll surrender a shot.

[00:40:06] >> See if Jaeger can make one. Hasn't had a spark today.

[00:40:10] >> We got the read. Got it.

[00:40:15] >> Yes, finally.

[00:40:23] >> Over at the 12th, Smylie, for Rai.

[00:40:25] >> Alright. Aaron Rai from off the green. Ben Griffin also has a putt from off the green. Smylie, chipped up to about 6 feet. It's a difficult one to make note.

[00:40:34] >> Yeah, just tough to pick up off the break as it comes off of the apron there.

[00:40:40] >> Over at the 14th, third at this par 5. And Dahmen was lucky he didn't end up in the water over here.

[00:40:48] >> And this -- What makes this shot tough, Dan, is he's in the tall stuff, but it's very firm ground here. So he's going to get a little kickback from the ground.

[00:40:58] >> Oh, did he play that beautifully.

[00:41:00] >> Wow.

[00:41:00] >> My goodness.

[00:41:02] >> Joel Dahmen's going to pick up a tap in birdie there to get to 17-under within two. Back at 12.

[00:41:10] >> This is a 4-iron from 289.

[00:41:13] >> You got to be kidding.

[00:41:13] >> He took a 3-wood out of the bag. He took a 3-wood out of the bag today.

[00:41:16] >> No, he's not going to need one.

[00:41:17] >> This is legendary. If he hits this on, this is stuff the guys will be talking about for years.

[00:41:23] >> Two-fifty-three front edge. Sound like a little chunky and a little right of where he wanted it.

[00:41:31] >> And all the difference in the world between being in the rough and being on the apron. He will be able to control that shot. We'll get a chance to see and test that short game that has kind of failed him a bit today.

[00:41:42] >> Potgieter shot the course record tying 61 on Friday. He is plus-2 today after beginning the day with a one shot lead. And anything can happen scenario here in Mexico.

[00:41:57] >> And here is Aldrich at the 12.

[00:42:00] >> Very important shot given the fact he struggled with these pitches earlier in the day.

[00:42:05] >> I was thinking the exact same thing, Bones. He needs to get this up and down.

[00:42:11] >> I think he just did.

[00:42:12] >> He moves to 19 under.

[00:42:17] >> Just in front of the greens, Salinda's third, trying to pick up another birdie.

[00:42:21] >> This is very manageable right here.

[00:42:28] >> Salinda will get to 18-under par.

[00:42:33] >> Left that face wide open on that last putt. Just from 3 feet.

[00:42:42] >> Missed a couple of short ones, not that long one. What a putt.

[00:42:49] >> We jump to the 14th with Potgieter playing his third shot.

[00:42:52] >> Didn't quite read the right -- reached the right greenside bunker here. He's playing very quickly. Similar pitch shot to the one that Jaeger played.

[00:43:11] >> This is all nerve, trusting your stroke.

[00:43:19][Applause]

[00:43:25] >> This for par.

[00:43:27] >> Will he reach this time?

[00:43:31] >> Fifteen.

[00:43:33] >> He certainly has the option to putt this, but he went straight for the wedge. He's rehearsed a couple of different shots, but I think he's going to go big swing, semi flop.

[00:43:42] >> Boy, these shots are a lot easier on Tuesday than they are on Sunday.

[00:43:52] >> That might come right back to him.

[00:43:55] >> Wow.

[00:43:58] >> He would drop back to 19-under. Rai to save par now at 17.

[00:44:16] >> Again, if that had the speed, it would have got there.

[00:44:23] >> There's some pressure on him to knock this in and still have a chance to win this event. Just slightly downhill. If it does anything, it should be right to left. He should have watched it as it ran by the hole. He should know exactly what it does

[00:44:43] >> Oh, yes.

[00:44:45] >> That is a big time putt here. It's got to feel great for him.

[00:44:49] >> How about 10-under, Notah, in your final 25 holes?

[00:44:55] >> We stay at 18 for the final group.

[00:44:57] >> As we talked about on the seventh hole today, this is a real show us your hands moment.

[00:45:02] >> And he's certainly been a magician with this club, with these types of lies. It's going to hit on that downslope and sort of fake check and release.

[00:45:16] >> Nicely done.

[00:45:17][Applause]

[00:45:22] >> Potgieter playing his third shot at the par 5.

[00:45:33] >> You've got Potgieter and Campbell just about the distance left for birdies.

[00:45:38] >> Oh, that was nicely done. Just a little modified finish there. Taking a little bit of spin off.

[00:45:46] >> Campbell for birdie and the lead alone.

[00:45:55] >> Is that a winning putt? We'll see. That was clutch.

[00:46:01] >> Great camera work there. That toe release just as it should.

[00:46:07] >> This to keep his hopes alive.

[00:46:08] >> Beautifully done there. Nice fluid stroke. No sign of nerve. Put up a good fight today, Dan. Lot went against him, and he's going to get a chance to win his first event.

[00:46:22] >> They're going to go back to this par-5 18th.

[00:46:24] >> First playoff hole. Potgieter hooked a long iron left of the green.

[00:46:32] >> Trying to just let it release out and measure the weight.

[00:46:41] >> And again, that's just not up to a standard.

[00:46:49] >> The shot you'd rather have, almost a pour wide. You can chunk and run it.

[00:46:52] >> Yeah. Very easy to leave this short with this line.

[00:47:01][Applause] And that putt's not very easy. The advantage he has is he has the uphill left to righter.

[00:47:10] >> Not a whole lot in it. Just several inches of break.

[00:47:12] >> Yeah. So what you're saying, a nice consistent break. Easy to pick up on.

[00:47:17] >> Very easy to pick up on, yes. Not a putt you have to look at for very long.

[00:47:21] >> And that opens the door for Campbell.

[00:47:26] >> Get in the hole.

[00:47:26] >> Had it online. Just needed more speed.

[00:47:40] >> And we're going back to 18.

[00:47:42] >> Second playoff hole. Campbell on the tee.

[00:47:49] >> Campbell hitting this very low and out to the right. This is dicey.

[00:47:53] >> This is going to need a good bounce. And that --

[00:47:55] >> And it got one. It hit the trees and came back.

[00:47:58] >> Oh, goodness. That is the bounce of a career right there. And it's sitting up.

[00:48:04] >> Oh, wow.

[00:48:07] >> Watch the ball fly in to the out of bounds. You see the white stake there by the cart? That is out of bounds right of the cart. That ball was going to be out of play. He was going to have to re-tee it, hit his third shot. Now, they'll be playing his second from a nice lie.

[00:48:22] >> This angle, and we've talked about this, that these are young players trying to do something for the first time. And the pressure is just suffocating. And it is producing some very uncharacteristic golf shots from these guys.

[00:48:38] >> After Campbell laid up, Potgieter giving the par 5 a go.

[00:48:41] >> This is a really good looking shot.

[00:48:47] >> Powering draw. Just short. Well, you can tell he loves it.

[00:48:55] >> And he got the big break. And now, what does he have here?

[00:49:13] >> What a shot.

[00:49:13] >> And that's taking advantage of a great break.

[00:49:21] >> Kelsey's loving it.

[00:49:24] >> You should never know. Recomposed himself. Hit a beautiful 3-woos -- 3-metal to lay up. And now, this.

[00:49:33] >> Potgieter, well done.

[00:49:37] >> Just a standard bunker shot. But with all the pressure, who knows?

[00:49:49] >> There we go. Another birdie putting contest. They both made birdie in regulation.

[00:50:01] >> It's not a whole lot of grain in these surfaces, but where the ball does sit for Potgieter, the water does drain off toward that back edge. And so, the grass has a tendency. It's slightly darker hue there, which means that as it changes, Bones said, it will maybe push the ball a little bit to the left. Could take that break out with some speed, but I think it's something's got to sit on that edge and let it drift in.

[00:50:27] >> For the most part, it has been a good putting week for Potgieter with all that power that we've seen. Came into this final round leading in strokes gained putting. He's had some misses, but none bigger chance than this one right now.

[00:50:46] >> Caddie motioning there that he thinks it might go a little to the right.

[00:51:00] >> In the hole.

[00:51:02][Cheering]

[00:51:07] >> That had no right in it, whatsoever. I don't know that that was the right read. We'll get a good look how this ball turns over. Looks like he got it started relatively well.

[00:51:18][Applause]

[00:51:22] >> Campbell this time from 3 feet, 7 inches.

[00:51:28] >> A chance to win.

[00:51:41] >> And finally, Brian Campbell can call himself a winner.

[00:51:46][Applause]

[00:51:57] >> The latest breakthrough victory here in Mexico. Toe to toe. He gets the bounce off the trees of the second playoff hole and turns it into a birdie winner.

[00:52:24][Cheering and Applause]

[00:52:34] >> This concludes the PGA Tours coverage of the Mexico Open at VidantaWorld from Vidanta Vallarta in Vallarta, Mexico.