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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 Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches. The Bear Trap, always present, always on the minds of the players, but also the fans who stop by to take pictures as well. It begins with a par 3 at the 15th. Trouble all over the place. And since it's three holes, you can't just take one picture. You got to take a second one. And then, the middle portion is the par-4 16th. Again, trouble all over the place with that water. And it's a sign of the times. Pictures aren't enough. You have to do selfies these days at the Bear Trap. And closing out, one of the most difficult three-hole stretches on the PGA Tour is the par-3 17th, with trouble all over the place as well at that par 3. OK guys, buckle up. Here we go. Four consecutive birdies to begin the first round. And then, Smylie, here's his tee shot at the 5th.

[00:01:24] >> Incredible start. Hardly ever do you ever start with four birdies. And then, you get to this fifth hole, which isn't easy. The belt makes an ace.

[00:01:31] >> I mean, just rolling along. Then his second at the 9th, Brad.

[00:01:35] >> Yeah, he cooled off with par from 6, 7, 8, drove it perfectly here. And we've seen what a lot of the players have done. Once they hit it in this fairway, they can draw it up to this left hole location. Another shot like Smylie just set on 5 that almost went in here at 9. Tap that in.

[00:01:49] >> It was birdie number 6. Went out in 29. Birdied 10, and then at 11.

[00:01:53] >> Oh, he was 14 for 14 inside at 10 feet today. That typically leads to a low number.

[00:01:59] >> He would par the 12th. Picked right back up with a birdie at 13.

[00:02:02] >> Yup. Short par four 4 here. He only missed two fairways, only has missed two greens. And the two greens he missed, he got him up and down.

[00:02:10] >> And his second at 14.

[00:02:12] >> To be able to have 150 yards to a back right hole location, just absolutely taking advantage of this hole.

[00:02:21] >> He would make that putt. Back to back birdies. Then, for three in a row from long distance at 15. Well, his coach, Dana Dahlquist, said to me, he said he got in the zone. He said they're not over coaching. They're not trying to change a thing. In today's world, this modern world where all these coaches follow their players, that's a pretty nice thing. Dana wasn't out here. He just said, your swing looks good, don't change anything. Last week, he just barely made the cut. This week, Smylie.

[00:02:46] >> He just missed a birdie at 16, then his tee shot at 17.

[00:02:50] >> Well, he still needs one more birdie to potentially shoot 59. And then, he sticks that at 17.

[00:02:57] >> So now, this putt. Remember, it's a par 71. This was for 12-under. Oh, and it just missed.

[00:03:07] >> But 18's a par 5, so sub 60 was still in the offing.

[00:03:11] >> Yeah.

[00:03:11] >> Great drive. Here's a second.

[00:03:13] >> Yeah, 335 yards. And you see that one wasn't even a hard swing. Sent that way right up there. A little bit of a cut shot mid iron here, probably a 6-iron. And you're on the front just under 20 feet, Smylie. This is for eagle to shoot --

[00:03:28] >> Fifty-eight like Jim Furyk did in Cromwell.

[00:03:31] >> I don't care about 58. I'm wagging it up there to make sure I shoot 59.

[00:03:35] >> I mean, Steve, he didn't look excited after he shot this 59. And I think maybe because this putt was a pretty poor putt, right? If it wasn't for eagle for 59, he would have said it.

[00:03:49] >> Just incredible numbers from Jake Knapp today. A remarkable round, the 15th sub 60 round in the history of the PGA Tour. The 14th man to do it. We talked about Furyk's 58 in Hartford. He also shot a 59 at Conway Farms in Chicago at the BMW.

[00:04:07] >> As we continue to make our way around the golf course here at PGA National.

[00:04:13] >> Yeah, so the rye grass, Steve, it's in the rough, it's on the fairways, and a chip in there. All kind of just sits up. It's so nice.

[00:04:25] >> Back at 6 with Ben An.

[00:04:30] >> This is just such a tiny green here. And with this hole location, the back right, it's a small target to get it back where he did. And just had the touch to have a drop in there.

[00:04:42] >> Another player with a great start.

[00:04:48] >> Harry Hall to close out the Bear Trap in style.

[00:04:57] >> Oh, yeah.

[00:04:58] >> Yeah.

[00:05:09] >> David Skinns on the tee at 5.

[00:05:12] >> As a player, when you get to this hole and that hole location's on the front or the right side, it's a much easier shot.

[00:05:23] >> Skinns would make birdie. Rosenmueller now at 17. He would make birdie from there.

[00:05:44] >> What do you say?

[00:05:46] >> Just right.

[00:05:46] >> Yeah.

[00:05:47] >> Straight in.

[00:05:49] >> How's your pan? Very slightly this way. Very slightly.

[00:05:52] >> Shane basically lives in the middle of the fairway when he's in rhythm with his driver. One-o-six into the wind.

[00:05:59] >> And he added an extra wedge last year for this type of number.

[00:06:05] >> Good looking shot.

[00:06:06] >> Good looking result. That'll be a tap in birdie for Shane.

[00:06:20] >> Now, we saw the tee shot from Johnny Vegas. You have the bunker, and then you have that whole location, and then you have the water right behind it.

[00:06:32] >> Oh, did he make it? Yes, he did. Johnny Vegas. We saw the ace from 2017. He makes a two today in the first round.

[00:06:46] >> Over at the 9th with Patton Kizzire.

[00:06:50] >> This is a difficult up and down. Oh my goodness.

[00:06:55] >> Whoa.

[00:06:56][Applause]

[00:07:08] >> Hoshino now in the fairway at 6.

[00:07:11] >> You know, it doesn't look like it, but that ball's above his feet there, and that's going to make the ball draw. Can you keep it up top with that hole location on the right?

[00:07:21] >> Hoshino would make birdie. If Jake Knapp can emerge victorious, he would be the sixth player on the PGA Tour to go sub 60 and hold on to win. Round 2 is next.

[00:07:42] >> Sunshine, a warm, gentle breeze. It's easy to see why so many make the Palm Beach's home, whether it's full-time or in the winter. After moving around South Florida the first 35 years, PGA National has been the permanent home for this event since 2007. And the scoring thus far this week has been unrecognizably low. Perhaps the Bear Trap will sharpen his teeth today. Yesterday, the field was under par at the famed three-hole stretch. Let's go to earlier in the day. Jake Knapp started very well.

[00:08:15] >> They started on a par 5, so he got it in there close. Made a birdie at the 1st. Great start.

[00:08:21] >> The closest pursuer to Jake, by the way, 13-under through 19 holes at that point. Daniel Berger, his second at the 4th, Brad.

[00:08:28] >> Well, he lives 20 minutes up the road. He's familiar. He grew up here. Familiar with PGA National. And this fourth hole is not much when you hit it in the fairway. And just a little sand wedge in there and see how easily that one stopped.

[00:08:39] >> Three birdies in his first four holes. Jordan Spieth making his first appearance at the Cognizant, Curt.

[00:08:44] >> When he was at his best, he was the best midrange putter on the PGA Tour. That's exactly what this putt was at 1.

[00:08:52] >> Jordan Spieth is only five back of the lead right now. Luke Clanton off to a great start.

[00:08:58] >> Yeah, the 21-year-old phenom, Florida State. Long bunker shot down that slope. Could he?

[00:09:05] >> Oh, yeah.

[00:09:06] >> Could he?

[00:09:06] >> And look at the reaction from Luke. He is fired up. Youthful exuberance. Four birdies in a row for the man from Florida State. Rickie Fowler for birdie at the 5th.

[00:09:18] >> Tough hole location here at 5. But Fowler putting from the low area, and he used to putt it great. So hopefully, he's getting back to that.

[00:09:31] >> Let's go back to the 8th. And Luke.

[00:09:32] >> He hit that iron shot right over the top of the flag. This one slightly back down the hill. Should break to his right.

[00:09:40] >> Boy, he's good looking. Good looking.

[00:09:44] >> Nan. And he is hot right now. Blazing hot.

[00:09:50] >> A ton of gallery. Listen to that.

[00:09:53] >> There he was. Florida State colors. First player in school history to win three consecutive collegiate events. He has done it all seemingly as an amateur, winning the Mark H. McCormack Award and last year, Brad. Look at that. Look at that number. Look at the company he's joining with Jack Nicklaus.

[00:10:12] >> Playing very quickly. He must like his initial read. Tough, though, in there. There's a change of grain about a third of the way into this putt.

[00:10:20] >> Brad, these are the ones you said earlier. When he was at his best, nobody was better than Jordan from this distance.

[00:10:26] >> Yeah. And I think, you know, Curt would agree that it was the longer putts too, wasn't it? The midrange, you know, 10 to 25 feet, where it was just incredible, the percentage of making the 20 percents, wasn't it?

[00:10:38] >> I think 20 to 25 feet.

[00:10:39] >> Yeah.

[00:10:39] >> He was making like 35% of the putts. It was crazy how many he was making.

[00:10:44] >> Nobody had done. Maybe Jason Day matched him a little bit there. There's the confidence Bones talked about. That was 8 feet for his second putt.

[00:10:50] >> Terrific par save. The only bogey he made yesterday was right there at 6.

[00:10:56] >> There is the Frenchman, Matthieu Pavon.

[00:10:59] >> And Steve, this hole is playing a little bit more difficult than yesterday. Well, not for Pavon. Glad that hit the back of the hole. This hole location, further back, right against the bunker.

[00:11:13] >> Shane Lowry. Left of the green at 7.

[00:11:18] >> Got great hands, this guy.

[00:11:27] >> You know, Bones, Curt made the comment about the rye grass is easier to get through. It's a lighter strand of grass, isn't it?

[00:11:34] >> It certainly is. Rickie's going to have absolutely no problem here. But he's hung this out to the right, bringing the right bunker into play potentially.

[00:11:42] >> Oh, that was a nice little break.

[00:11:46] >> Fowler would settle for par.

[00:11:51] >> Over to 17, and Matthieu Pavon. Stays three back.

[00:11:57] >> Love that routine. Got right in there. One look at the hole, and boom.

[00:12:04] >> Sepp Straka.

[00:12:07] >> Past champ here. And a beauty there.

[00:12:12] >> Straka goes to 7-under.

[00:12:15] >> Third at 18 for Matthieu.

[00:12:20] >> Been a heck of a start to this round.

[00:12:23][Applause]

[00:12:29] >> Russell Henley looking at this birdie try at 9.

[00:12:34] >> Nice bounce back --

[00:12:34] >> There you go.

[00:12:35] >> -- after the bogey.

[00:12:36] >> Makes up for that short miss at 7 a little bit, you know?

[00:12:41] >> Let's go back to 11. Remember, Daniel Berger lost his opening tee shot yesterday at 10, ended up making a par save from off the green from 24 feet. He has yet to make a bogey all week. And here he is in trouble once again.

[00:12:57] >> And if the slide was a little bit better, I would say this is one you can think about chipping in, but it's really sitting down. He's got a big clump of grass behind it, so he's got to think a pretty good swing at this to get it up and out.

[00:13:06] >> Not to mention the mud.

[00:13:08] >> Oh, did he do it again?

[00:13:12] >> How about it?

[00:13:21] >> You see Jordan Spieth now from the bunker.

[00:13:25] >> Short sighted himself. And with virtually anybody else on the Tour, I would have said that was a big mistake and they're going to have to accept their 20-footer. But this guy's got Ballestero's hands and he pitches it up there about 5, 6 feet.

[00:13:37] >> Spieth would make birdie.

[00:13:44] >> Luke Clanton for birdie.

[00:13:46] >> Not happy with his wedge. Had a green light wedge dead center of the fairway with just a gap wedge and pushed it well to the right. Lucky it covered the bunker. He's got this fast putt straight down the hill.

[00:13:55] >> Yeah, a couple bad short irons for him on 11 and 12.

[00:14:02] >> Good effort there by the amateur.

[00:14:09] >> Fowler for birdie at 11.

[00:14:12] >> Yes, he did. That's a professional effort there From Rickie to 10-under par and just three back.

[00:14:31] >> Clanton now for his par.

[00:14:33] >> Did he? Oh, boy.

[00:14:38] >> My goodness.

[00:14:39] >> What moxie for this kid? Let him pointing. Fired up.

[00:14:45] >> Fired up, lots of confidence, tons of game. He's well on his way there.

[00:14:49] >> Tiger was like that at this age, wasn't he?

[00:14:52] >> At the 13th, Jordan Spieth.

[00:14:59] >> Boy, just 90 yards. He should just be licking his chops here.

[00:15:04] >> Yeah.

[00:15:06] >> Spieth with another birdie.

[00:15:14] >> Russell Henley with this shot from just beyond the green at 13.

[00:15:17] >> That ball well back in his stance. Going to clip it with ball first, taking dead aim.

[00:15:23] >> That's how you do it.

[00:15:27] >> I mean that's just a lesson in chipping right there.

[00:15:34] >> Clanton for birdie at 16.

[00:15:38] >> Say about 30 to 35 feet for birdie. Oh, did he do it?

[00:15:43] >> Oh, yes he did. Luke Clanton.

[00:15:45] >> Of course, he does. What else does this kid do?

[00:15:49] >> Remember this Friday cut line, we've been following it all day. Going to be right around that 4 or 5-under. He's just creating a cushion now for him.

[00:15:59] >> Del Solar for birdie at 11.

[00:16:07][Applause] To 18 with Clanton.

[00:16:19] >> What a special moment for him. And I hope he really takes it all in and really enjoys this moment.

[00:16:24] >> And friends and family are always out watching. You guys play every single week, walking the rope line, trying to be as supportive as possible. And you know how difficult it is for family to support you when it's tough and when you don't -- and when you fail so often in this game. But to have this moment at 18, what's that like seeing their family there?

[00:16:43] >> I mean, this reminds me of when I had a nice week here a couple years ago and my mom was here and a lot of my friends drove down. And, you know, it's just something that you'll never forget. It's my only win. It'll be Luke, you know, getting his Tour card. They're very similar emotions because it's what you look for.

[00:16:59] >> As I get older in this game, it's more about the experiences and the people that you're with and who's around you and the relationships you build. And this is just the first step for him and building all of this. And whether this goes in or not, like, what a special moment and --

[00:17:14] >> And we'll be talking about him for many, many, many years to come. And what a way to just cap it off.

[00:17:21] >> What a way do it.

[00:17:22] >> That is so cool.

[00:17:23] >> The Clanton family celebrating -- celebrate tonight. Luke Clanton, you have a PGA Tour card.

[00:17:30] >> What a way to do it too. It's not like he limped in. This guy's in the contingent of the golf tournament, which is also not shocking.

[00:17:39] >> Well, he was so close to doing it in Phoenix. And, you know, the next start, he wanted to take advantage of it. And he has done it here in a place that's familiar to him. And you can see how emotional he is right now.

[00:17:51] >> It's so much work from so many people, your family, your coaches, your friends. You're carrying a village with you. And he's feeling that right now.

[00:18:05] >> That was fun.

[00:18:08] >> You did it.

[00:18:09] >> Yeah. I didn't realize it was called the Bear Trap for reason until right now. That was freaking nerve-racking. Geez. Fun stuff.

[00:18:18] >> What'd you tell me on Monday? What happens next?

[00:18:21] >> We're going to win this damn event.

[00:18:24] >> Luke Clanton is officially a PGA Tour card holder. His Round 2 66 moves him inside the cut line, earning his 20th PGA Tour University accelerated point. Round 3 is next.

[00:18:41] >> And it's a beautiful sight, especially on a beautiful day like this in South Florida. For 19 straight years, it's been the staple of the Florida swing, and it signals the PGA Tour's move from West to the East Coast. First played more than 50 years ago, and it's seen dozens of greats win.

[00:18:59] >> Look at the stance for Jordan Spieth.

[00:19:04] >> Doesn't seem to be a problem for Jordan.

[00:19:05] >> But it is Jordan Spieth.

[00:19:06] >> He was lining that one up like a putt.

[00:19:14] >> Take it to the 8th.

[00:19:15] >> And this is for the outright lead to jump out of the pack at 13-under, Montgomery. Taylor Montgomery has already got four birdies on the day at another one.

[00:19:24][Applause]

[00:19:31] >> Sixth. This is Matthieu Pavon, two back. He's just kind of been lurking all week. He shot 64 yesterday, Kiz.

[00:19:39] >> This is Green Light Special, 158 downwind. Play that soft fade right in it at the stick.

[00:19:45] >> Had a good chance for Pavon.

[00:19:47] >> Pavon to 13-under.

[00:19:53] >> Taylor Montgomery out there in the fairway at the 9th. And Curt Byrum has joined these guys. Curt.

[00:19:58] >> What excellent opportunity right here, Terry. Only 122 yards to the hole with that helping breeze. This is just going to be a big sand wedge for him. Should take one hop to that top level and spin.

[00:20:12] >> Big divot, Curt. Oh, great call there. Control of the spin, Terry.

[00:20:20] >> Montgomery extends his lead.

[00:20:22] >> And this is a birdie attempt for the amateur, Luke Clanton, who wrapped up his PGA Tour card in an emotional round yesterday by making the cut, getting that final point to get it, and was presented shortly thereafter.

[00:20:47] >> Svensson's second at the 8th.

[00:20:57] >> And he's making this look pretty easy.

[00:21:06] >> He would make birdie from there.

[00:21:09] >> Good to see Jordan Spieth back. Says he's still not 100%, but he's getting close.

[00:21:15] >> See if it'll go left at the end. Yup, right in the middle.

[00:21:18] >> Spieth trying to play himself back into that Top 50 in the rankings. Sixty-seven for Spieth, 11 under, 4-under round, bogey-free.

[00:21:30] >> Hoffman for birdie at 16.

[00:21:40] >> What a putt. Hoffman to 7-under.

[00:21:44][Cheering and Applause]

[00:21:53] >> The 14th, Dahmen hitting a fairway bunker. So he was scrambling, but no problem for Dahmen, who's showing some real signs of playing some really good golf.

[00:22:04] >> And so, Svensson set up to tie Montgomery at the top.

[00:22:12] >> Should break right just to his right here at the very end. Oh, yeah. Yes for Svensson, 28-year-old from Sweden. Bogey-free round going today. Seventeen.

[00:22:23] >> One of the past champs in the field, 2022, Sepp Straka. Yup. With authority.

[00:22:39] >> This is Michael Kim over at the 10th, who is having himself quite the week in the second to last group.

[00:22:46] >> He would make the comeback and move to 14-under.

[00:22:51] >> And back for Fowler's birdie attempt to tie Jack. When he gets this putter rolling, it's magic. To the 11th.

[00:23:10] >> All right. Knapp still very much in the mix here.

[00:23:14] >> But we haven't seen many shots up to this top level. And a lot of players not reading enough. Break early, like Bones said.

[00:23:23] >> Jake Knapp. Take me back to Day 1.

[00:23:29][Applause]

[00:23:39] >> Now, he faces this.

[00:23:42] >> Brad, how daunting as you start this series of holes.

[00:23:46] >> Well, it gets more daunting from Thursday to Sunday later in the day. But today, this is the least daunting you're going to see this hole. It's really only 163 yards. You've got tons of green to the left of this flag here. Downwind as well.

[00:24:27] >> Trying to get that wind direction right. It's helping a little bit from the left. He had 9-iron out, but I think he's thinking if I miss it or I push it at all, that's a long carry for a 9.

[00:24:54] >> Curt, I think you feel a lot better over this. Hit a good iron on the last hole.

[00:24:59] >> Yeah, he coming up heavy there. But again, you know, we talked about this a lot. The target has to be left here. The wind is helping left to right. You cannot lose this to the right.

[00:25:09] >> You see the graphic, the wind's helping just a little bit. That's the tough part about figuring out if it's helping a little or just across.

[00:25:16] >> He didn't like this.

[00:25:19] >> Wow.

[00:25:19] >> No commitment there at all.

[00:25:22] >> Oh, man.

[00:25:22] >> They took a long time to hit that shot. That was crazy. That's reminiscent of Charley Hoffman's shank yesterday on 17.

[00:25:30] >> Watch the contacts here. Watch this.

[00:25:39] >> Third coming up for Taylor.

[00:25:40] >> Yeah. It's about 100 yards, but it's still a tough little shot. This is in that front right corner. No room to work with really.

[00:25:48] >> See how he could manage the spin. That was -- see how deep that was. Or it's in the rocks.

[00:25:56] >> Oh my gosh.

[00:25:57] >> It stayed right there somehow.

[00:25:59] >> It's wedged between those rocks. There's no way he'll be able to play that.

[00:26:04] >> He drops four shots at the par-3 15th. Now, Johnson from the drop area.

[00:26:12] >> Sounded clean contact there.

[00:26:17] >> Wow, man.

[00:26:19] >> Go, Zach.

[00:26:20] >> How bold was that?

[00:26:21] >> It was right of the flag, spinning left.

[00:26:27] >> Thirteen, Svensson. This to get to 14-under. Obviously having no idea what's happening with the leader right now.

[00:26:37] >> Also Henley coming across here for birdie at 17.

[00:26:42] >> That's the safe spot to hit it. Hole high too. Should break to the right at the end.

[00:26:52] >> Lengthy one, but this for birdie.

[00:26:55] >> He's quietly staying right there. Big grouping there with pairing with Fowler. Flagstick in this green. Quick. Looks good.

[00:27:03] >> Get there. Yes.

[00:27:06][Cheering and Applause]

[00:27:14] >> This for three in a row to finish out his third round.

[00:27:24] >> And a good finish. Only player to birdie the final three holes today.

[00:27:34] >> This was a 6-iron.

[00:27:37] >> Stands pretty tall to it. Gets the shaft pretty high vertical. Hit that draw. Building it in the setup.

[00:27:44] >> Toughest hole in the course, 14. So that's a beautiful shot by Kim.

[00:27:52] >> Up to the green.

[00:27:55] >> Leaving the flagstick in here. See if he can rattle one home.

[00:28:00] >> There's your answer. Michael Kim pops right up on top of everybody with his fourth birdie. Again, only player in the field without a bogey all week. He is humming, but he's got the Bear Trap, Terry, where the last two guys to lead the tournament have just not handled it.

[00:28:22] >> Matthieu going 9-iron.

[00:28:25] >> It's very hard, very high, cutting. Just left the flag.

[00:28:30] >> Beauty.

[00:28:31] >> Nice looking swing there.

[00:28:33] >> Pavon gets to 11-under.

[00:28:39] >> Back at 17, the second for Michael Kim.

[00:28:42] >> He's second in the field and scrambling this week nine out of 10. And this isn't too difficult to shot.

[00:28:47] >> Yup.

[00:28:47] >> Yeah, the only one was in the mud at 15.

[00:28:58] >> Little curler right to left. You can see the green starting to get browned out. I hope we get some wind tomorrow and get these things crusty.

[00:29:04] >> Looking good. And he just knew it right away. And Knapp, who at one point today again was at least three back, is now crawled back to the top by himself.

[00:29:20] >> Pavon for birdie at the last to shoot 71.

[00:29:40] >> So that gets him up to 12-under.

[00:29:50] >> Knapp now. Short range to grab the lead by himself.

[00:29:55] >> I got this read, Bones. Straight in.

[00:29:58] >> Love it.

[00:30:03] >> And that thus ends a crazy day here in South Florida. Look at that stretch, 59, 70, 68.

[00:30:18] >> Knapp maintains his slim one shot lead looking for his second career PGA Tour victory. But it's a jammed leaderboard in Palm Beach. The final round is next.

[00:31:04] >> Well, just when you think this course might be a little more tame, it jumps up and grabs the competitors and the contenders. We've never really seen anything like we saw yesterday. Guys would get to the lead, and then they would take that first leg of the Trap, 15, 16, and 17, and then just crumble. So, with the pressure of the golf tournament on

the line and guys with some opportunities here, it's going to be an interesting day, to say the least.

[00:31:31] >> Spieth for birdie at the 12th.

[00:31:37] >> This is when Jordan starts to feel it. This is his range to start making them.

[00:31:41] >> There we go.

[00:31:43][Cheering and Applause]

[00:31:49] >> Jake Knapp from off the green.

[00:31:52] >> Sitting in a browned out area. Kim played in front of him and pitched something up to 4 feet.

[00:31:59] >> Ball back. This should be a low shot here. He'll come a little back inside here and almost hit like a little draw looking shot.

[00:32:05] >> This needs to tumble.

[00:32:07] >> That's nice.

[00:32:10] >> He would save par.

[00:32:13] >> Highsmith here at the 9th, his second from 137.

[00:32:16] >> Yeah. This dog leg left here. And if you get in the fairway like that little uphill line, it's on a little shelf, but it's tight to the left side of the green.

[00:32:25] >> Oh, right at it.

[00:32:28] >> Highsmith moves to 15-under.

[00:32:30] >> To 11. Par 4, Daniel Berger setting up from the fairway.

[00:32:34] >> Some par 4. But like 10, like Kiz just said, it's a little downwind.

[00:32:38] >> He's got a long shot here, 181 yards. Water right, water short.

[00:32:43] >> Berger would make birdie.

[00:32:49] >> The third for Bridgeman.

[00:32:54] >> Looked like he was aimed pretty far left. He's going to try to ride the wind into this back right hole location. He did. What a beauty.

[00:33:00] >> So the best he could post is 17-under.

[00:33:04] >> We move up to the green.

[00:33:09] >> Bridgeman, speaking of trying to finish it off to get to 17-under. Wow. Jacob Bridgeman, who began the day in a tie for 24th, six back, has zoomed up the leaderboard with a 64.

[00:33:25] >> To 9.

[00:33:26] >> And Griffin trying to stay at 15-under.

[00:33:29] >> Well, Griffin would have got a little look at Henley's putt going down there. Remember, he bunkered his second, his approach, and that's a heck of an up and down.

[00:33:40] >> I just want something I can hit more aggressive than something I have to like really chip. I just worried it would like wouldn't spin as much and cut as much.

[00:33:50] >> OK.

[00:33:56] >> Chip in six putt. You like that?

[00:33:58] >> I do. I like that a lot.

[00:34:00] >> Good.

[00:34:00] >> Yeah.

[00:34:00] >> He's either going to have to hit a pronounced cut or a pronounced draw.

[00:34:08] >> You got to put the factor into the equation. Where's the best place for this ball to miss? Because it's not going to be easy to get anywhere near this hole. He's going for a cut, Bones.

[00:34:16] >> Yeah. And he's got 7-iron, which is a lot of clubs. So this should really have a lot of bend on it.

[00:34:20] >> Yeah. He said he wants to hit it easy.

[00:34:30] >> Soft swing. It's harder.

[00:34:33] >> Needs to get up just a touch.

[00:34:34] >> Oh, dead. Excellent.

[00:34:37][Applause]

[00:34:46] >> Berger.

[00:34:48] >> He's trying to make a charge as well. And that'll get him to 14-under. And he could make something happen down the stretch. Two birdies in a row for him. Rickie Fowler said he didn't feel good about the round yesterday. Was happy the way he shot 68. Just hasn't been able to dial it into this final round either. But --

[00:35:05] >> Got a good read from Doug Ghim there. Reported in the middle

[00:35:10] >> How about this? To share the lead at 11, Highsmith.

[00:35:18] >> There it is.

[00:35:19] >> Beautiful putt.

[00:35:24] >> Henley playing his third at the 10th. This looks good. An easy tap in at the par 5.

[00:35:51] >> He gets to 17-under. Ben Griffin now for birdie at the 10th.

[00:36:01] >> Griffin dialing that one in. And he is right there. Two nice putts back to back.

[00:36:14] >> Try and get a 7-iron up in the air here. Wind really picking up right now at his back and out of the right. Way up in the air and hung well to the right. This could fly into the spectators.

[00:36:32] >> It does hit the stands on the fly, Bones. Looks like they're pointing to it. It stayed in the stands. To 13.

[00:36:45] >> J.J. Spaun to get it to 16.

[00:36:47] >> We made a big putt last hole on 12. Good stroke here. That's that left to righter that Perez made.

[00:36:54][Applause]

[00:37:00] >> To 11.

[00:37:01] >> Two-o-seven with an 8-iron, Griffin.

[00:37:04] >> A little conservative off the tee. Makes this shot harder. Asking for it to go.

[00:37:09] >> It did.

[00:37:10] >> Two-hundred yard, 8-iron, over water.

[00:37:15] >> Well, Highsmith is on a roll. Curt Byrum, you've joined the group.

[00:37:18] >> I have. This was a pitching wedge from the fairway bunker to here. Downhill the first quarter here, then pretty flat after that.

[00:37:26] >> His mom told me in player dining she had to leave at 3:30 unless he got hot on the front. I'm assuming that she didn't leave and missed her flight.

[00:37:34] >> Yeah. What was that, about a 3:00 o'clocker? And I think -- I don't think she's going anywhere. Joe Highsmith and Joe LaCava, the Joe team doing a great job today, staying in at --

[00:37:49] >> Four tied at the top.

[00:37:53] >> Knapp playing his third after the free drop from the stands. We stay with Knapp for his birdie try.

[00:38:16] >> So you got Knapp lower right. You got Henley at 11 trying to save par. So Henley is going to drop out of the 17-under pack. And here's Knapp now trying to get to 18-under and prove Kiz a soothsayer.

[00:38:31] >> Got it.

[00:38:32] >> So he hits it in the stands and gets the drop and still makes a birdie out of it.

[00:38:48] >> Spoke with him about the line that he took. He said I took a club that I felt like if I push it, it could get there. It. It did. And now, a great attempt coming up for him just outside the hole right.

[00:39:06][Applause]

[00:39:10] >> Highsmith, the tie.

[00:39:13] >> It's at a wrap.

[00:39:16] >> Yeah.

[00:39:16] >> Wow.

[00:39:17] >> With authority.

[00:39:18] >> Went down quickly there.

[00:39:20] >> Back to the 11th, and Jake Knapp's second.

[00:39:24] >> Yeah. From a buck 55. He's got wedge in hand. And let's see how aggressive he gets. I think 15, 20 feet behind it would be a very good result.

[00:39:40] >> This needs to get up. I think he whiffed it.

[00:39:42] >> He did.

[00:39:43] >> Didn't look like it covered the line either, Brad.

[00:39:47] >> It didn't cover the line. I wonder if there's going to be any sight of that ball where he could go in and try and play it. But he knew right away, you know, he looked like he hit it past that area that overseed where it was a little bit drier.

[00:40:00] >> Up to the green with the final group.

[00:40:12] >> Oh my gosh.

[00:40:14] >> You can still see it though, can't you?

[00:40:16] >> Yup.

[00:40:16] >> More of it is available.

[00:40:24] >> He's got no choice now.

[00:40:28] >> Fourth.

[00:40:36] >> Did it --

[00:40:37] >> Oh, it stayed there at least.

[00:40:38] >> That's still in the penalty area.

[00:40:48] >> It's hard when you're over a putt like this to not be thinking about what you've just done. Crushing.

[00:41:07] >> Bogey attempt for Henley to drop just one. Highsmith for par.

[00:41:22] >> Guy's just been making everything. Dream-like week with the putter. Made the cut on the number. But now, he's got the Bear Trap.

[00:41:45] >> Leading the way is Highsmith. Up by one at 18-under. But now, that challenge of the Bear Trap. It starts right here, the par-3 15th.

[00:41:54] >> Got it back in his stance here a little bit. Try to flight this back into this wind. Almost dead straight in their face.

[00:42:00] >> Curt, I think being a lefty here could be helpful.

[00:42:03] >> I agree, especially if he can turn this over. And it is. Boy, saw a really good line.

[00:42:08] >> What a good looking flight.

[00:42:10] >> All the way back there, Terry. Past the hole location, confident swing. Nobody lately has gotten it back there near the hole.

[00:42:21] >> At 13.

[00:42:21] >> Griffin's third.

[00:42:23] >> Sometimes, that lie in the rough helps you because you can roll it out. You can predict that a little bit better.

[00:42:34] >> Highsmith for birdie.

[00:42:36] >> Yeah, I just don't -- Fax, I don't see a lot of break wise here. He's putting straight downwind and down grain. He has to pay attention to the speed.

[00:42:43] >> Well, he's doing something right on the greens. He was first by a mile yesterday. The amount of putts he made, having a great putting round today. Teased it again.

[00:42:54] >> This is Knapp. Now, looking for birdie.

[00:42:59] >> We've seen this putt going a couple times today, J.J. Spaun, Jordan Spieth. Knapp could use it.

[00:43:07] >> And here is Highsmith and Joe LaCava going over numbers.

[00:43:14] >> I don't hate 90. That doesn't kill you. You got room behind it. Exactly that. Same 6-iron. Yeah.

[00:43:22] >> Cognizant right and left. Middle back there.

[00:43:24] >> You got it.

[00:43:26] >> They've been very decisive on the club and the selection, the type of shot they're trying to hit. He's got 167 to cover the bunker in line with the hole, 172 hole. This is a 6-iron.

[00:43:37] >> Said he was going to hit the same shot he hit back on 15. So it's nice to have that in your, in your head that you just struck one.

[00:43:48] >> Started out to the left, turning over. You're right, Kiz.

[00:43:52] >> Right over the stick.

[00:44:01] >> Ben Griffin's got this with his third at the 14th.

[00:44:09] >> Trying to stay within two, and he should be able to pull that off. Short putt for par.

[00:44:18] >> Henley to save par at 14. He remains 15-under. Knapp for birdie at 13. He'll settle for par.

[00:44:44] >> And Highsmith from more than 35 feet, Curt. The way he's been putting, it wouldn't be a shocker if this falls in.

[00:44:55] >> Pretty good --

[00:44:57] >> Speed by Highsmith. Almost.

[00:45:05] >> J.J. Spaun looking to take over the lead in the clubhouse if this falls.

[00:45:10] >> With Highsmith now at 17.

[00:45:24] >> Kind of high and soft the way he's cutting kind of into the wind.

[00:45:26] >> Yeah, exactly.

[00:45:27] >> Takes a little steam off.

[00:45:28] >> That's right. He's looking middle of back bunk.

[00:45:31] >> Yeah, exactly. Right there, right there. That's good.

[00:45:34] >> So they checked the wind one more time. They didn't like the 8-iron. Went back to the bag. This is a 7-iron. Let's see if he sticks to that draw.

[00:45:42] >> He said high cut, Curt, which is unbelievable. Holding into the wind. I don't like that.

[00:45:46] >> He said two beautiful draws right before this.

[00:45:47] >> This is out to the left and drawing just right at a flag, if it's the right club. Great shot.

[00:45:55] >> Up to 18.

[00:45:56] >> All right, little left for Spaun here to tie Bridgeman with a lead in the clubhouse, 17-under. He's won once, came at the Valero, and is now hoping for some help from Highsmith and the rest of the guys to keep his hopes alive of a second win.

[00:46:23] >> Pure right in the middle, tied clubhouse lead. Now, it's all up to see what Highsmith does.

[00:46:28][Applause]

[00:46:35] >> Big putt For Griffin at 15 for par.

[00:46:38] >> Should come a little bit this way. Michael Kim here at 14, Bones.

[00:46:49] >> With some 15 feet for par after hitting a terrible shot from the center of the fairway into the greenside bunker. And a poor play from there leaves this now for four.

[00:46:58] >> So he's trying to stay alive in this tournament.

[00:47:07] >> So Highsmith lining up this birdie try at 17. He's been so much better this week with the putter.

[00:47:11] >> Unbelievable. And Curt, you know, Bones said he made a 5-footer on 18 on Friday. This to make the cut. He started this season ranked 175th in putting. This week, he's eighth in strokes gain. So he found something on the green. He looks very athletic to me.

[00:47:28] >> He doesn't waste any time either. Once he does his read, he takes those little practice strokes like that, and then he's ready to go.

[00:47:39] >> Makeable putt for sure.

[00:47:41] >> He got it. What a time for that.

[00:47:45] >> Highsmith, two shot lead now playing the 18th.

[00:47:51] >> And three. Just incredibly good iron shots.

[00:47:56] >> Not done yet, but that goes a long way.

[00:48:00] >> Just outside the right edge with some pace. Buries it.

[00:48:08] >> Just incredible what he's done through the Bear Trap.

[00:48:19] >> Knapp for birdie at 14.

[00:48:21] >> He hit a good one in here. Putting straight back up the hill. Ran out of speed.

[00:48:25] >> It looked like it hit that old ball mark halfway there and just nudged it a little to the left.

[00:48:35] >> McGreevy for his birdie. And so, they take care of the 18th with a couple of birdies.

[00:48:51] >> Griffin's at 16 for birdie.

[00:48:54] >> And we're going to need some magic here from Ben Griffin from distance. Uphill putt, moving left to right. He gave it a hit.

[00:49:05] >> Got a break. Yeah.

[00:49:07] >> Heck of a punt there. Right when you needed it, Smylie.

[00:49:09] >> Yeah, man.

[00:49:11] >> That's what he was looking for.

[00:49:13] >> Too much wind for this.

[00:49:13] >> No. So, you had the right number in your head. It's the same one you were hitting yesterday. Remember like that chip 30?

[00:49:27] >> Well, 30.

[00:49:27] >> Joe Highsmith trying to bring it home here. Third shot, par-5 18th with a two shot lead.

[00:49:38] >> Well out to the left.

[00:49:44] >> Good smart play right there, Curt.

[00:49:49] >> We stay with Highsmith.

[00:49:50] >> You want to make sure you at least get down in two here. You just don't want to come off that 19 and under number and give the guys a little more hope.

[00:50:01] >> This putt is a little speedy. It's downhill, downwind.

[00:50:12] >> Just one more nice little lag. Kind of like that. So excellent pace coming down there with all that he has on the line. So really impressive how he's played these last five, six, seven holes.

[00:50:23] >> And it is rare, Kiz, for a guy to make the cut on the number and win. Seventeen.

[00:50:31] >> Griffin for birdie, Smylie.

[00:50:33] >> And just a little bit of left to right is all I read in this putt. Coming off a long make, and we know he needs another.

[00:50:40] >> He knows he needs another. Doesn't move.

[00:50:48] >> Straight in, couple short practice strokes and knock it in the bag.

[00:50:54] >> Good call by mom not to take off.

[00:50:57] >> Yeah, that was a great call. Hope she's right there to greet him as he walks off the 18th.

[00:51:03] >> That is the second straight 64 on the weekend for Highsmith as the low round each day. And it's the lowest 36-hole finish in the 53-year history of this tournament, 128 total.

[00:51:20] >> And went to the tee yesterday with the worst warm up he's ever had, he said, and shoot 64, 64 on the weekend.

[00:51:27] >> Crazy.

[00:51:28][Applause]

[00:51:42] >> Back to 17.

[00:51:42] >> Again, theoretically speaking, birdie albatross. Or else it's Highsmith officially.

[00:51:49] >> Knapp.

[00:51:50] >> Yeah. I mean, you know.

[00:51:52] >> Anybody deserves. It's Jake Knapp. New putter he pulled out of the bag on Wednesday, midday.

[00:52:10] >> Did give us a thrill on Thursday, didn't he?

[00:52:11] >> Yeah, he sure did. And, you know, you take that triple bogey out of the way, and he's right there.

[00:52:17] >> Sign the scorecards. Now, signing autographs. And that man is the winner here, the 53rd edition of the Cognizant Classic, Joe Highsmith.

[00:52:27] >> Good night from the Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches. We've got another breakthrough winner on Tour in Joe Highsmith.

[00:52:36] >> This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of the Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches from PGA National in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.