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[00:00:27] >> The PGA Tour is proud to bring you the season-long race for the FedExCup. Now, coverage of the 2025 Texas Children's Houston Open.

[00:00:51] >> Absolute delight to have your company folks here for the Texas Children's Houston Open at the Memorial Park Golf Course. This golf course is going to be tested today in terms of it can take the weather because there is plenty of it right now. There you can see 69 degrees Fahrenheit, winds east southeast at 14 miles per hour. And the humidity, well, right now, it might have to be at 100% because it is raining. And at times, raining rather heavy. But it is raining with a lot of birdies as well as you can see. Excellent play as yet across the top of the leaderboard. As you can imagine, players are taking dead aim.

[00:01:38] >> Let's take a look at what took place earlier today. Japan's Ryo Hisatsune.

[00:01:45] >> Second shot to 17.

[00:01:47] >> It is. Oh, and it's a beauty at that. That's his fifth hole of the day, Hisatsune. How about Min Woo Lee at the 16th, his third?

[00:01:59] >> Nice comfortable wedge, soft greens. And taking advantage of them, throwing it back.

[00:02:09] >> Kissing that right edge. Half an inch left, that might have found the bottom.

[00:02:13] >> That's his seventh hole of the day. That would result in a birdie, 2-under so far. Now, Gerard, this birdie opportunity at the 14th.

[00:02:24] >> Dialed on the greens today. Always helps. Beautiful surfaces out here.

[00:02:28] >> You just saw that he finished in 5-under, currently tied for the lead. We go back to Min Woo Lee at the 1st, turning his inward nine.

[00:02:36] >> Known for his driving distance off the tee, but able to match up with the flat stick as well. Off to a nice start for Min Woo Lee.

[00:02:45] >> Finish the day in 4-under, currently tied for third. Here's where we stand on the leaderboard as we speak. Tosti and Gerard leading the way both after rounds of 65. Four in pursuit, one shot adrift.

[00:03:02] >> A testament to the quality of scoring that we have seen. Eric Cole at the 4th.

[00:03:14] >> Pretty long par 4 here at the 4th, 460 on the card today.

[00:03:19] >> Cole makes birdie to get to 2-under.

[00:03:23] >> Victor Perez at the 11th.

[00:03:25] >> This from 41 feet. Traversing back towards this right cut pin location. Speed looks good.

[00:03:34] >> Very good. Well done. That's Rasmus Hojgaard at the 10th. James, it looks like a manageable rough.

[00:03:46] >> Yeah, not a lot of rough to work with out here at Memorial Park, but only 106 yards. Actually helped him. Use that a little bit to his advantage, controlling the spin.

[00:04:02] >> Rodgers at 18.

[00:04:05] >> Difficult par 4. He likes it. He's calling for it. Look out.

[00:04:11] >> Come on.

[00:04:12][Cheering and Applause]

[00:04:21] >> From 201 yards.

[00:04:24][Applause]

[00:04:32] >> Taylor now with his second at 10.

[00:04:35] >> Ninety-six yards. Trying to control the spin here. Throwing it behind it.

[00:04:45] >> All right. Second shot from Scottie Scheffler here at 13. Trey, this is a great look from both sides, the camera that we had behind the green and this one looking down the line, that shows the undulations and the shaping around many of these green complexes.

[00:05:03] >> There's not a single bunker on this hole. Only 21 on the entire course.

[00:05:12] >> From 86 yards. It's just tough to club down enough to where you're going to take off that spin and really control it.

[00:05:25] >> This is Scottie Scheffler at the 13th for birdie.

[00:05:29] >> Threw this ball past the hole, spun it back below it, and able to convert. That is his second birdie on the round. Moves him to 2-under for the day.

[00:05:38] >> Only three shots back.

[00:05:46] >> This is for birdie at the 12 from Wallace.

[00:05:49] >> Long range birdie attempt. Could he?

[00:05:52] >> Oh, he did.

[00:05:56] >> That stealing one.

[00:05:57] >> Well done. To the second hole we go, Alex Smalley.

[00:06:06] >> Below the surface here. Plenty of green to work with. Look out. This is on a great line. OK. Spicing it up here with Alex Smalley.

[00:06:20] >> Second for Scottie Scheffler at the 14th.

[00:06:24] >> Hundred and eighty-five yards left for Scheffler. Fading this one just right. Fairly nice shot from that range.

[00:06:33] >> Up at the 14th green with Scheffler putting for birdie at the par 4.

[00:06:49] >> Good read. Great read. Took advantage. Scheffler from long range. He's getting quite efficient with that club in his hand now.

[00:07:05] >> Keith Mitchell at 16 for eagle. This is to be a co-leader.

[00:07:10] >> Downhill right to left.

[00:07:12] >> Yeah.

[00:07:13] >> Got it.

[00:07:14] >> Wow.

[00:07:16] >> Second eagle of the day here at 16.

[00:07:21] >> That's Taylor Pendrith, second at 13.

[00:07:32] >> Pendrith makes verdict to get to 5-under.

[00:07:36] >> This is for birdie at 13. This is for a share of the lead. Get in.

[00:07:44] >> Five way tie.

[00:07:52] >> Hoey at the par-3 15th.

[00:07:55] >> One-forty-five, driving this in low. Needs to go just a little bit.

[00:08:03] >> Hoey makes birdie to get to 1-under.

[00:08:06] >> Let's take a look at the leaderboard and get you guys up to speed on where we stand right now. Taylor Pendrith, he has a par putt at 16 to remain on 5-under. Jackson Suber, however, has a birdie opportunity awaiting him at 14, and he is yet to play the par-5 16th. Could we see him ascend to the top of this leaderboard alone, perhaps by more than one stroke? That lies in store. What we do know for certain is that the scoring has been excellent today. And it has been great entertainment to see the way so many players have handled the conditions, have handled the golf course and the opportunities that were put before them.

[00:08:49] >> Round 2 is next.

[00:09:06] >> Scottie Scheffler earlier today, this is for birdie at 10.

[00:09:13] >> Putting beautifully. Second in the field this week. That's a Scottie we have come to know over the last couple months.

[00:09:20] >> Also the Scottie that would make a birdie one hole. Here he is at the very next, the 11th.

[00:09:24] >> There was not a lot to this putt. Just a little bit from right to left and starting to fill it up.

[00:09:30] >> Certainly looks like he has regained confidence on the green, splitting the hole in two. Here he is at the 16th, his third.

[00:09:38] >> There's a portion of his game in Round one 1 where he was more like over spinning a lot of shots. But this, taking the spin off a little bit, and perfection. Hole high for Scheffler.

[00:09:51] >> Par-4 17th, his second.

[00:09:54] >> Definitely doesn't take a lot for a player of his caliber to just go to the range a little bit after the round, redial in his numbers. And he did just that today, controlling his spin nicely. You don't see it ripping back quite as much as you did yesterday, James.

[00:10:10] >> At the 2nd, another birdie opportunity.

[00:10:14] >> The amount of this size of putt that he has made in the first two rounds, it is impressive.

[00:10:24] >> Impressive too how each one of his drives seem to be finding the middle of the fairway, at least on these highlights, second at the 5th.

[00:10:30] >> Driving it nicely, finding fairways, and when he can find the short grass, whenever he can get a wedge in his hand, he's going to be lethal. And leaving himself putts like this all day, Matt, he's going to have a lot of opportunities.

[00:10:41] >> Here he is at 7.

[00:10:43] >> Downhill, left to right.

[00:10:46] >> Straightens up. He had it going in from everywhere.

[00:10:52] >> Very impressive at 8th for birdie, which he made there. You can see his card goes out 31, comes back at 31. That adds up to a 62, folks. Nine of 13 fairways, 17 of 18 greens, only 27 putts, which underscores exactly what these two professionals were telling us about Scottie Scheffler. Players to shoot 62 here. Scheffler did it, of course, earlier today. Tony Finau did it in Round 2 last year. Pretty impressive there you can see in 22 and 21. They also had the measure of the golf course.

[00:11:29] >> Yes. Scottie Scheffler just wanted to even out Finau in the amount of times they've shot 62. So both two times. And I wonder who's going to do it for the third time, Andres.

[00:11:39] >> Yeah, hitting 17 greens today, he's giving himself a lot of birdie looks. And he took advantage of that today, making over 112 feet of putts. If you can hit that many greens, that's a lot of birdie looks.

[00:11:52] >> Some more highlights from earlier in the day. And we start with Stephan Jaeger. Here he is with his second half the 12th.

[00:11:59] >> Kind of an awkward hole location over on the right. Loves it out here in Memorial Park. And that is just nicely done.

[00:12:08] >> Indeed. Our defending champion, a 6-under 64, currently tied for eighth on 6-under overall. Rasmus Hojgaard on the tee at the 2nd.

[00:12:17] >> Playing alongside his brother, Nicolai Hojgaard, and taking dead aim at the second hole. Very accessible pin today on that front location. A little bit of a sideboard. You're going to see a lot of close shots there.

[00:12:29] >> With that birdie, he'd shoot a 2-under 67. He is tied for fourth. Jackson Suber at 17 for birdie.

[00:12:36] >> Second hardest hole on the course in Round 2. Made to look pretty easy when you make a putt of that length.

[00:12:42] >> Very well done. Four-under today. He is 8-under overall. Taylor Pendrith on the second tee.

[00:12:49] >> Had a nice round today. Put back to back 65s on the card. And this is that accessible pin location.

[00:12:56] >> Beautifully played indeed. That back to back 65 that Trey just told you about is good enough for a solo second. Currently Keith Mitchell at the 9th for birdie.

[00:13:06] >> Mitchell rolling it on the greens this week. Pair that with him off the tee, and you'll find him around the lead.

[00:13:12] >> He is 2-under today and 7-under overall. Min Woo Lee at the 2nd.

[00:13:20] >> Again, at the second hole. There's just a backstop all behind this hole. You're going to see a lot of guys coming in with short irons, able to control the spin. And he does just that, as does everybody else in his group.

[00:13:31] >> Min Woo Lee is currently 7-under, 3-under today. He's only six holes into his round. Charles Reiter at the 8th. This is for eagle, and it's a big putt.

[00:13:40] >> Second last hole of his round. And this would be to get him inside the cut line for the Monday qualifier.

[00:13:48] >> So huge. He finishes on three 3-under, and he will be here for the weekend.

[00:13:58] >> Let's take a look the leaderboards of where we stand right now. As we mentioned, Scottie Scheffler with a remarkable round today. That's 62 to stand alone atop the leaderboard. And then, we see Min Woo Lee, Trey, right there on 7-under, only six holes into his round.

[00:14:16] >> Yeah. Has four birdies and one bogey through his first six holes. Will be interesting to see what this weather delay does for him. Kind of may slow down his momentum, but if he can come out birdie his first hole on that 7th, who knows how low he can go today?

[00:14:32] >> And there you can see as you look at these leaderboards flash before you on your screen, that many players are going low today. And James, I guess the prospect is how long will our delay be, how much rain will fall, how much on an already soft golf course will it make the greens even more receptive, potentially providing for more scoring opportunities?

[00:14:52] >> A little bit unfortunate for the guys that are being stopped through this delay, considering the course played slightly over par in Round 1, and today, it's nearly two and a half shots easier. Everyone is picking it apart with a lot of birdies. So these players would be eager to get back out there and take advantage of these kind of benign hole locations.

[00:15:09] >> I'm sure many of you from around the world are studying these leaderboards to see where your favorites are relative to the cut line. And currently, it's on 2-under. So you can see Rory McIlroy just outside that line. That's correct. He's 1-under through seven holes, although as the horn was blown, he wasn't a par 5 in 2. So we'll see how he picks up from there. So you can see many players who are currently on the outside looking in, some with still time to get inside the number.

[00:15:38] >> Matt, weather has been dying down just a little bit as far as the breeze goes. And I think that's going to be something that we pay attention to moving forward on whether or not guys are going to have to work shots into the wind, ride the wind. But if the greens stay like this, the wind stays down, I think we're just going to see more of the same. I don't see that number moving from 2-under to 2 -- to 1-over -- 1under.

[00:16:02] >> Andres, after this cell, it is predicted, but you are no weatherman and, you know, all I can do is read what I see.

[00:16:09] >> What?

[00:16:09] >> But it is predicted wind gusts of 28 miles per hour. So we'll have to see what comes after the storm. And you never know. It could be, like we said before, a bad break for these guys having to go back out there in those conditions.

[00:16:23] >> James Nitties, the bearer of bad news. Yesterday, we saw the trousers that are billowy to the wind.

[00:16:29] >> All right, so we are getting the report that they have just blown the horn. Let's go to Emilia Doran.

[00:16:37] >> Thank you, Matt. Yeah, just blew the horn. It was a single horn. And it looks like the players that are just putting their tees down. So there's no rain at the moment. It's just the lightning in the air that they're worried about.

[00:16:49] >> OK. So we will try to get you more information as soon as it becomes evident as to how long this delay is expected to be. Ben Kohles doesn't look like he wants any part of this rain coming in.

[00:17:05] >> There was a sense of urgency in that shot. Danny Willett is not put off by it. And here you can see what lurks on the horizon, James. And it's looking ominous and close.

[00:17:17] >> Hopefully this cell moves through rather quickly. But whenever it's within 15 miles, they get the players off the course.

[00:17:26] >> Play has resumed after the weather delay with Hall at the 15th hitting his tee shot.

[00:17:37] >> Just got a cover over that front section in the corner there, or use that slope.

[00:17:46] >> Echavarria at 8. This is for eagle.

[00:17:50] >> Four birdies in his first seven holes in this Round 2.

[00:17:53] >> Boom. Back to the par-3 15th, England's Harry Hall. This is for birdie.

[00:18:00] >> Very nice shot into this par 3. Trying to convert. One of the best putters on the PGA Tour, the Englishman.

[00:18:11] >> Ryan Fox saw the tee at 7.

[00:18:13] >> One hundred and ninety-one yards to this front left pin location, guarded by a bunker. And that's where you would expect to see it. Probably a perfect shot in his eye. Fat part of the green, pin high.

[00:18:25] >> This is Lee Hodges at the 18th, his second.

[00:18:29] >> Hundred and seventy-one yards. A lot of players having a kind of ball below their feet, even finding the Fairway here at 18. And to this front left hole location, it is difficult.

[00:18:47] >> Go just a little. Go just a little.

[00:18:48] >> Not for Lee Hodges.

[00:18:49] >> Just the right amount.

[00:18:51] >> Good job.

[00:18:52] >> Thank you.

[00:18:54] >> Ryan Fox at the 7th for birdie. There you go.

[00:18:59] >> Never a doubt there. Pretty straight putt. Tried to leak right at the end, but caught it.

[00:19:07] >> Back up to 18. This is Lee Hodges with the birdie effort.

[00:19:11] >> Exactly where you want to putt from at 18, straight up the four line. Would have seen Nick Hardy's putt being a little slower than he thought, so.

[00:19:28] >> Great stroke there.

[00:19:29] >> Love his setup. Just a little forward shaft lean and keeps that angle the entire way through.

[00:19:40] >> That is Zach Johnson at 17.

[00:19:42] >> From long distance. Would love to make birdie, but just wants to tap it in.

[00:19:49] >> Get in the hole.

[00:19:51] >> Come on.

[00:19:54] >> First look at Charley Hoffman for birdie at the 12th.

[00:19:59] >> Long range. OK, that's a bonus for Hoffman.

[00:20:02] >> Well, it was a start, and then stop day. And then, we restarted again and the weather in the restart has been perfect. That's what's underway right now. They're going to get in as many holes as they possibly can. Scottie Scheffler got in all 18 today. And it only took him 62 total strokes, 27 of which were putts to land atop the leaderboard on the mark of 11-under par. He has a one shot lead over Taylor Pendrith, although there are plenty of players playing very, very well. So the prospect of the weekend is that this is going to be a very, very exciting competition. There is little doubt about that.

[00:20:49] >> The third round is next.

[00:20:58] >> Let's do some highlights for you here, folks. This is from earlier today. We start with Rory McIlroy at the 11th, rallied to make the cut.

[00:21:06] >> Needs to pop well if he's going to chase down Scottie Scheffler. And this will go a long way.

[00:21:11] >> That would get him to 5-under for this championship. Ryo Hisatsune at the first hole of the day. This is the 10th with this approach.

[00:21:28] >> Beautiful effort.

[00:21:30] >> It was indeed. That birdie would get him to 5-under. Jesper Svensson with his approach here at 12. Birdied his first hole the day, the 10th. This opportunity awaits him.

[00:21:41] >> The Swede dialed in early and flirting with back edge to get it close here. Wonderful effort.

[00:21:49] >> Indeed. That would result in a birdie.

[00:21:52] >> At the second tee, Davis Thompson after a birdie at the 1st.

[00:22:02] >> Taking a peek.

[00:22:05] >> Birdie at the 1st, little tap in at the 2nd.

[00:22:08] >> That would get him to 6-under overall. Back to Rory McIlroy at the 14.

[00:22:12] >> Out of position, right rough. But no worries for Rory McIlroy. Draws it in there perfectly.

[00:22:21] >> That birdie would get him to 2-under for the day. Back to Davis Thompson on the seventh tee. Birdies at 1, 2, 3,, 5 and then, this tee shot.

[00:22:32] >> Accessible pin on the middle right portion of this green. And making it look very much that way.

[00:22:40] >> Five-under for the day, 9-under overall.

[00:22:46] >> That's Ryan Fox at the 4th.

[00:22:49] >> The New Zealander at the long par 4. Has great hands. Oh, yes. Shows it here.

[00:22:58] >> At the 6th with Lee playing his third from just off the green of the par 4.

[00:23:08] >> Oh, yeah.

[00:23:11] >> Wow. Back into a share of the lead.

[00:23:14] >> Who needs to hit the green?

[00:23:18] >> Here we go. Keith Mitchell.

[00:23:19] >> Hundred and twenty-four yards.

[00:23:25] >> I love his action.

[00:23:26] >> He's great from this yardage.

[00:23:27] >> If he can convert that one, he'll get to 10-under.

[00:23:33] >> The beautiful and challenging par-3 9th, our leader, Min Woo Lee.

[00:23:48] >> Tucked hole location on this left side, 182 yards. This is a 9-iron for Min Woo. You have to make sure you have enough to cover that left bunker.

[00:24:07] >> Starting at this at the center. Trying to draw it back. Maybe.

[00:24:18] >> Mitchell at 10.

[00:24:20] >> After that beautiful iron shot from the fairway, Mitchell converts. That's three birdies in his last three holes.

[00:24:29] >> Pendrith at the par-3 9th.

[00:24:32] >> He's just been treading water today. Even par on his round.

[00:24:43] >> Beautiful shot there.

[00:24:53] >> OK. So Pendrith to get to 11-under.

[00:24:57] >> It's going to want to see one fall just to build some confidence and maintain pace. It's a nice way to finish your outward nine.

[00:25:09] >> McIlroy at the 8th with his third.

[00:25:16] >> Trying to make this, McIlroy.

[00:25:19] >> How do you keep doing that?

[00:25:26] >> Well, he's playing aggressive. He's trying to chase the guys at the top. And it's a part of his game that he's improved this year.

[00:25:32] >> Well done, Rory. That gets him to 9-under. All of a sudden, Rory McIlroy is only five shots off the lead. At 15, Ryan Fox.

[00:25:45] >> One-twenty-two. Everybody has been taking a little more club, taking some off of it. Controlling the spin. Just like that.

[00:26:00] >> Alejandro for birdie at 13. Oh, this is for eagle. He has it. He has it. He gets to 12-under.

[00:26:10] >> Just been hanging around, hasn't he?

[00:26:14] >> Lee playing his second from the fairway at the par-4 12th.

[00:26:18] >> It's not enough though, is it? Which is 115.

[00:26:20] >> Which is 115.

[00:26:21] >> It's close.

[00:26:22] >> It's very close. I don't mind that, man. Pitch that in slope.

[00:26:25] >> OK, yeah.

[00:26:25] >> All right. Straight at it.

[00:26:30] >> Want to land this just a couple paces short, but still get it over that knob in front of the flag.

[00:26:39] >> Another big drive, 143 left. Loves it. Oh, beautiful from Min Woo Lee.

[00:26:57] >> Ryan Fox for birdie at 15. Great wedge shot in here. Control his spin. Finding the bottom. That will get him to 10-under par.

[00:27:05] >> Watch out for the big hitting New Zealander. Gets that club in his hand moving, he'll be a factor come Sunday.

[00:27:17] >> Back to our leader, Min Woo Lee.

[00:27:22] >> Well, this is just an amazing look, inside of 5 feet. Besides the 12-footer for birdie on the 10th hole, the other four birdies Min Woo Lee has made have been inside of 5 feet. Just shows how premium the iron play is right now. Just a little right to left in this one.

[00:27:47] >> Wow. Min Woo Lee in search of his first win on the PGA Tour is now four clear.

[00:28:03] >> Jesper Svensson, the Swede, second at the par-5 8th. This is his 17th hole of the day.

[00:28:09] >> High fade. This was a moment ago. And what an effort.

[00:28:15] >> Svensson in there tight.

[00:28:17] >> See if he could pay it off here with an eagle.

[00:28:23] >> This would get him six back. Little sneak attack from the opposite side of the course.

[00:28:31] >> Svensson at the 9th.

[00:28:35] >> One hundred and seventy-five yards, his back left pin. Five paces short of it to cover the bunker. Guarding.

[00:28:43] >> Currently tied for fifth.

[00:28:53] >> Throw it beyond and use that slope. Getting better, Matt.

[00:29:02] >> The Swedish Svensson, Jesper, this is for birdie.

[00:29:07] >> Svensson gets to 11-under.

[00:29:10] >> Our leader, Min Woo Lee.

[00:29:13] >> Just a touch out of the left. Yeah, very little though.

[00:29:16] >> Just 161 yards for Min Woo Lee. Trying to cut something into this right hole location. Doing just that.

[00:29:36] >> Oh, everything is working for Min Woo Lee. That's not what you hear when you hear no, go.

[00:29:45] >> Yeah.

[00:29:47] >> Up to the 14th green with Lee putting for birdie.

[00:29:56] >> He's just been in attack mode all day long.

[00:30:02] >> For the speed has also been so good on these putts. They're just rolling right in the middle. He's been walking them in.

[00:30:12] >> Min Woo Lee gets to 17-under.

[00:30:14] >> That was the first one that didn't go in the dead center.

[00:30:17] >> Well, that's his 22nd birdie of the week so far.

[00:30:26] >> All right, Min Woo, 63 today. What a performance you put on for this crowd in Houston. How are you able to get it done?

[00:30:32] >> Yeah, just some solid golf. Still been playing really good the last few days. And just keep my head down. You know, I've learned from past experiences and obviously playing with Scottie the last few years in the final group in a couple tournaments. And, yeah, I mean the crowd's massive, and yeah, hopefully tomorrow is a good day.

[00:30:52] >> Yeah. Speaking of Scottie, you're going to have him on your heels tomorrow as you try to get your first win on the PGA Tour. You've got a four shot lead, but what is it going to take to get it done?

[00:30:59] >> Yeah. I mean, I think same similar golf, you know, just got to play pretty steady off the tee. It was kind of a couple shaky drives at the end, but yeah, kind of regrouped and, you know, made it happen. I think just keeping my head down again and one shot at a time.

[00:31:17] >> The final round is next.

[00:31:57] >> All right. Sami Valimaki has it working early on. Here he is at the 1st for birdie.

[00:32:02] >> Always nice to hole one to start your day, especially when you need as many as you can.

[00:32:07] >> That would get him to 10-under par. Now, his second at the 3rd.

[00:32:16] >> Long hole at the 3rd, .574, giving it a go in two.

[00:32:22] >> And that is useful there, James.

[00:32:27] >> Giving it more than a go. Getting inside 15 feet.

[00:32:30] >> Now, for eagle.

[00:32:32] >> Look at this. Straight in the left side, 3-under through three. The Big Fin is chasing.

[00:32:40] >> Gary Woodland at the 2nd.

[00:32:43] >> Right at around 20 feet for Woodland. Good start.

[00:32:50] >> McIlroy playing his second at the 5th from the right rough. He'll have a look for birdie from there. The third now, Scottie Scheffler.

[00:33:08] >> That's just stuck in the ground, James. That was not a very good strike.

[00:33:12] >> It's a tricky shot as well.

[00:33:16] >> Rory McIlroy for birdie at the 5th.

[00:33:22] >> One-under on his round today. No, 2-under par on his round. That moves him to 10-under for the championship.

[00:33:33] >> Scheffler putting for birdie at the par-5 3rd.

[00:33:48] >> He's got to see some of these go in.

[00:33:54] >> That takes him to 13-under.

[00:34:00] >> OK, third from Min Woo Lee.

[00:34:03] >> He's really good around the green so far this week. Like, he just kind of slipped under that ball a little bit. Didn't fly it quite as far as he would have liked.

[00:34:14] >> At the 3rd with Lee putting for birdie.

[00:34:32] >> He's been solid on the greens all week.

[00:34:39] >> Rory at 6th.

[00:34:42] >> Another one of those wedge shots. Can he control the spin here? Easy now. And it's a part of his game he said he's worked on diligently this season. And that's a poor effort from him.

[00:34:59] >> McIlroy has this for birdie at the 6th.

[00:35:02] >> Uphill left to right. Keep the pace up. Oh, McIlroy.

[00:35:08] >> How about that?

[00:35:10] >> He's made a couple of length today.

[00:35:11] >> Yeah.

[00:35:15] >> Gary Woodland for birdie at 5.

[00:35:19] >> Gary Woodland alone in second, Matt.

[00:35:21] >> Yeah. All of a sudden, look at that. Only four shots back.

[00:35:27] >> Sami Valimaki at the 10th.

[00:35:31] >> Just a wedge here for the Big Fin. One hundred and forty yards, front left hole location. Can take dead aim. Oh, he has.

[00:35:39] >> At the 10th. This is Wyndham Clark's approach.

[00:35:46] >> Perfect angle for Clark. Right side of the fairway to this left hole location. Spin it back.

[00:35:54] >> Like it's on a string.

[00:35:56] >> He said, I see you, Sami Valimaki.

[00:36:01] >> Rory McIlroy with his second at the par 5.

[00:36:06] >> Two-eighty-seven. Plenty of firepower for McIlroy. This is a shot right here.

[00:36:17][Applause]

[00:36:23] >> Clark for birdie at 10.

[00:36:26] >> Pay off that wedge shot. OK.

[00:36:32] >> Valimaki now at 10. And this is for birdie. This could see him grab a share of second and 14-under. There you go.

[00:36:47] >> He's been around the mix before, finishing second to Jake Knapp in May, Mexico last season.

[00:36:52] >> The 8th now. McIlroy putting for eagle at the par 5.

[00:37:13] >> Oh, my. Split the hole in two on that one.

[00:37:18] >> Look out now McIlroy on a bit of a run.

[00:37:23] >> Gary Woodland at the 8th with his approach.

[00:37:25] >> Long iron in hand. Back left hole location. Don't want to go long left.

[00:37:35] >> Hold on.

[00:37:36] >> Right there.

[00:37:36] >> Hold on. That's not going to be terrible, though. He's still going to be on an upslope.

[00:37:44] >> That's Wyndham Clark at the 12th.

[00:37:55] >> Clark gets to 13-under.

[00:37:59] >> At the 8th, Gary Woodland. If this drops, it will be an eagle.

[00:38:04] >> Trying to play a little cutter in here. Just carried it probably 3 feet too far for Woodland.

[00:38:12] >> Back to Rory.

[00:38:14] >> Hundred and fifteen yards. Everyone hitting it close here. Not too bad for Rory. Running out of holes.

[00:38:32] >> OK, remember, this is the par-5 8th where Gary Woodland has what's left for birdie, which would see him get to 15-under, the only other player in the field to reach that mark other than our leader, Min Woo Lee, who hit and surpassed it. But this would get Woodland within three.

[00:38:56] >> Really taking his time over this putt right here. He knows what's at stake. He can't let opportunities like this pass by.

[00:39:04] >> Well, they're reading this putt a long way, outside left edge. Now, committing to more of inside the hole. Beautiful.

[00:39:19] >> Rory McIlroy, birdie opportunity.

[00:39:22] >> To get within four.

[00:39:26] >> Yes.

[00:39:27] >> Here he comes.

[00:39:33] >> Scottie Scheffler, this is his second at the par-5 8th. Two hundred and ninety six yards left for Scottie Scheffler with his second into the par 5.

[00:39:47] >> Plenty of power for Scheffler. Flies it into the middle of the green. Can go left if it just goes a little further. Nice effort.

[00:40:00] >> On the tee at the par-5 8th with our leader.

[00:40:05] >> Look out.

[00:40:09] >> That is a boundary fence over there, James.

[00:40:17] >> Scottie Scheffler for eagle at the 8th.

[00:40:20] >> Can Scottie do something special? Make one from long range. He cannot. Hasn't seen the ball drop for quite some time.

[00:40:38] >> OK. So, Emilia, this is where the drive ended for Min Woo Lee. What is the situation?

[00:40:46] >> It is a difficult situation, that's for sure. We're fortunate to have found the ball. His golf ball ended up right near some cables. So currently taking relief.

[00:42:27] >> This whole thing is making me nervous, James.

[00:42:50] >> Min Woo wants to hit this shot. This is a contrast of an experienced caddie and a social media superstar.

[00:43:09] >> It just feels too risky, James.

[00:43:11] >> This is for birdie for Scottie Scheffler. He does not know of the drama taking place behind him.

[00:43:21] >> And Scheffler, a couple under for the day and really hasn't had his best stuff.

[00:43:28] >> To 13 we go with Wyndham Clark for birdie.

[00:43:31] >> Tee moved up on this hole today, only 309.

[00:43:35] >> He gets to 14-under. There's starting to be some pretty big names lurking.

[00:43:41] >> Clark, one of the hottest rounds on the course.

[00:43:47] >> This is Valimaki for birdie. This would tie him for second and 15-under. Come on in.

[00:43:55] >> Six-under for the day.

[00:43:57] >> OK, Emilia, bring us up to speed.

[00:44:03] >> It was a smart play for Min Woo to take the unplayable. Just way too risky under the bush. The key with this shot is being smart with your advancement. You don't want to get too risky with this. Put it back in play. The reason why you took a penalty was taking double out of play. You can still make par from this position. Just want to have good tempo and keep this low.

[00:44:38] >> Looking left of the tree trunk here.

[00:44:44] >> Sounded heavy.

[00:44:46] >> There's more that --

[00:44:48] >> In the fairway. All he needed to do there.

[00:44:53] >> Big shot here from Min Woo Lee, 86 yards away.

[00:44:56] >> Trying to get this up and down to save par. Oh, sublime shot. Good recovery from Min Woo.

[00:45:05] >> Gary Woodland at the 10th.

[00:45:09] >> All below his feet here. Awkward left hole location.

[00:45:16] >> Tough to commit over there, but that is still just fine.

[00:45:26] >> Just outside the right here. A big par putt.

[00:45:32] >> Wow. Speaking of Gary Woodland.

[00:45:36] >> Can he get it to 6-under for his round?

[00:45:37] >> Our leader at the 9th.

[00:45:57] >> Wow.

[00:45:57] >> All right. Scottie Scheffler, one of the chasers, second at the 10th.

[00:46:07] >> Out of the rough here, 131 yards. But it's Scottie Scheffler. He knows exactly where to land it every time.

[00:46:20] >> This is Scottie Scheffler at the 10th. This putt for birdie could see him settle to 15-under. He will be three shots back currently because Min Wu has a birdie putt coming up at the 9th.

[00:46:40] >> Scheffler gets to 15-under. We jump back to the 9th with Lee putting for birdie at the par 3.

[00:47:10] >> Beautiful birdie. Really impressive.

[00:47:16] >> This was Min Woo making that putt, almost that confident walk.

[00:47:19] >> And it just seems like it's his tournament to lose, right? But he's playing smart golf, making good decisions, and just not putting himself out of position. Two birdies on his front nine and he turns it 2-under. So he's forcing everybody in the field to come catch him.

[00:47:39] >> To 15 with Scottie Scheffler.

[00:47:43] >> One-forty-seven, guarded by a bunker short. There is a slight bank just long right of this pin. But anything left will fall off. Can he dial in yet another yardage?

[00:48:04] >> Scheffler gets to 18-under.

[00:48:07] >> Gary Woodland at the par-5 16th, his second.

[00:48:14] >> Great angle here. Trying to cut it back into that breeze. Great shot there. Right where he was looking.

[00:48:28] >> We go to 16. This is for eagle for Gary Woodland.

[00:48:32] >> Pretty good line here.

[00:48:34] >> Go in.

[00:48:35] >> Hello, Gary.

[00:48:36] >> How about we get it to 7-under for the day and 18-under for the tournament? Only three back, Gary Woodland. What a final round.

[00:48:49] >> Gary Woodland's second at the last.

[00:48:56] >> Way right off the tee.

[00:49:00] >> Going to go up and over those trees. He loves it. Oh, and he should.

[00:49:09] >> What a shot.

[00:49:10] >> Wow. Out of position, out of the rough, and one of the best shots we've seen all day to this difficult hole location. What a swing by Gary Woodland.

[00:49:23] >> Birdie for Gary Woodland at the last. He's now 19-under. He's now tied in the course record books for the 62 today.

[00:49:36] >> What a closing stretch for Woodland to challenge for this tournament. Birdie at 15, eagle at 16, and birdie at the difficult 18th.

[00:50:18] >> Hundred and fifty-five yards with this wind out of the right to finish left. You can aim at this flag.

[00:50:24] >> Ideally, anything in the middle of the green just don't come up short.

[00:50:37] >> Well, it's not over yet, James.

[00:50:43] >> If you're going to err on the correct side, it's the back of the green. Everything uphill to that hole location, 50 degree wedge, maybe a little bit of a flyer, maybe the adrenaline.

[00:50:54] >> At 18 now with Lee putting his third from off the green.

[00:51:01] >> It's pretty sharp. This hill on the right side is relatively steep. So it's important for him to find that apex in the putt where everything starts to turn. This is where breathing is really important, making sure that you have the same exact routine as you would if it were the sixth hole today.

[00:51:32] >> What a putt. Come on indeed.

[00:51:37] >> How about that?

[00:51:39] >> To this point of his career, that is likely the most important putt he has ever hit in his life.

[00:51:46] >> Aussie, Aussie, Aussie.

[00:51:48] >> And now, a putt very much historic proportions, and why not, for this event. Seventy-seven years on in the PGA Tour and for his first win, Min Woo Lee has done it. If he didn't already have global star status in the game of golf, he just earned it there. Holding his edge as some of the best players in the world threw their best at him. The Texas Children's Houston Open at the Memorial Park Golf Course. Young and old were out here to see all of the action. Plenty of birdies was had by all, as you saw on the leaderboard.

[00:52:37] >> This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of the Texas Children's Houston Open from Houston, Texas.