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[00:00:26] >> The PGA Tour is proud to bring you the season long race for the FedEx Cup. Now coverage of the 2025 Zurich Classic of New Orleans. It's the Crescent City, as it's referred to in the United States. TPC, Louisiana the host course, just a few miles away from downtown New Orleans. There it is in the background, the Superdome, a massive indoor arena that hosts all kinds of different sporting events. You got to take at least one bridge to get over here from there. This golf course is located below sea level, as is the city in the bayou. Temperature up into the mid-80s, already a nice breeze blowing. And there is the postage stamp of property that is the Pete Dye design TPC, Louisiana, along with tour veterans Paul Gow, Rob Lee, and David Howell on the golf course. I'm Brian Katrek. Hello, world. The only team event on the PGA Tour schedule. This is the 77th playing of the Zurich Classic of New Orleans. It's the 8th as a team event. And our leaderboard as it stands, we have seen record scoring today. The Hojgaard twins getting in with 59. That was a scoring record, but it seems like that one's going to fall also, because Isaiah Salinda and Kevin Velo are on the par-5 18th and they're already 1 in front. Two different formats in this day. We are playing the four ball format, which is the better scoring, and it is definitely showing here on Thursday at the Zurich Classic. How about our leaders? Kevin Velo on the tee at the 3rd.

[00:02:23] >> Do it. Do it.

[00:02:25] >> Yeah. It didn't need much of a bounce. Then over at the 9th for birdie. Kevin Velo, the 27-year-old that played at San Jose State. His partner Isaiah Salinda makes that one at 13. This team turned in 26. Here's Salinda again. This over at 16. The Stanford University product, he's taking runs at Tiger's records there. Knew they had a day going, and they shoot 14-under par. Let's go back to the 5th. Robert McIntyre with his second.

[00:03:18] >> Lob wedge, spin, just like that.

[00:03:31] >> At the 14th now, Nico Echavarria for birdie.

[00:03:37] >> No tap in there for Nico, that's for sure.

[00:03:46] >> And we'll check in on Sangmoon Bae over at 14.

[00:03:50] >> The par 3, 229 yards, 29 iron and fired from the left. He might get a camber off the left-hand side here, very nice.

[00:04:03] >> Well, hang on now. Yeah.

[00:04:06] >> That's a tap in.

[00:04:15] >> Here's Griffin at 9.

[00:04:17] >> Got a hump to get over and then trying to arrest the progress of the ball like that with the hole and the flag and put me down for a two.

[00:04:29] >> Taylor Moore scrambling here at 12.

[00:04:32] >> This is impossible. This is such an awkward spot. The knoll that he's coming over is so broad. He's got to bang it into the slope, and he's got to try and judge the roll. Oh, he's done this. I can't tell you how. I know it's my job to tell you how good this is. Oh, I can't believe it. I'm going home.

[00:04:50][Applause]

[00:04:55] >> Not trying to hold it.

[00:04:58] >> A crack at it from some distance. Taylor Moore played his college golf up in Arkansas, which you can get to by going up the river. Probably not how you would choose your first option, but you could. The river walk, downtown New Orleans, beautiful spot. Our defending champions were out there earlier this morning, and you wonder how you're going to start the week. We've missed the fairway. We've missed the green. Shane Lowry, doesn't matter, how about 1 under through 1.

[00:05:32] >> And in black.

[00:05:34] >> They wore these outfits last year too. They matched Lowry and McIlroy with the matching outfits. This is 11th hole. Lowry at it again.

[00:05:43] >> His short game around these edges of these greens. Green or no green, the hands are sensational from the big man. Clipping one off here on 13.

[00:05:56] >> Rory was leaning on Shane during the exchanges.

[00:06:01] >> Yeah. He would make that one also, 3 under through their first four. And then there's another guy in on this team, but it's all Shane Lowry for the first nine. Lips that out to tap in birdie. The team turns it at 32. Here's Rory and his black outfit over at the 1st. Why not?

[00:06:24] >> About time he chimed in. He's been -- call him Willie Shoemaker. He's been carried by the big fella.

[00:06:32] >> Par-5 2nd, very few better in the game with the long irons than Rory McIlroy.

[00:06:37] >> Wasn't even a long iron, 7-iron.

[00:06:40] >> That's a good point. How long does the hole have to be for him to hit a long iron? And then this for eagle.

[00:06:49] >> And there [inaudible], he's going to chime in on definitely with his accuracy and his length.

[00:06:59] >> Up to 7-under par on the round, McIlroy gives way to Lowry back at the 4th. Shane takes over, gets the team to 8-under par. They would actually make a best ball bogey at the 6th. Rory trying to get it all back here for eagle at the 7th and just that close. But an easy tap in birdie to get the team back to 8-under par. That's how they would finish. 8 under seemed really good, until Isaiah Salinda and Kevin Velo shot 14 under, but the defending champion is trying to do something no one's ever done. Check in on Adam

Schenk. This at the 7th. He and Tyler Duncan playing together. And Adam Schenk put something together for us there. That is a hole out albatross.

[00:08:14] >> The young guns, Isaiah Salinda and Kevin Velo shoot 58 and set a new 18-hole four ball record at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans. The second round is next. From TPC, Louisiana, just outside of the Crescent City of New Orleans, down in the southern portion of the United States, the mouth of the Mississippi River, where it empties into the Gulf, Avondale, Louisiana, to be specific. It's just across that bridge from New Orleans. The wind is going to blow a little bit later this afternoon, a little bit harder than it has this morning. That's exactly what happened yesterday. The best players in the world taking advantage in a team format, the only team format on the PGA Tour's FedEx Cup schedule. Here's our team with David Howell out on the golf course. Rob Lee and Paul Gow in here with me. I'm Brian Katrek, and we're glad to have you along with us watching this team format. We had four balls in play yesterday. Today, we go to the foursomes, the alternate shot format, and our defending champions alternating nicely out the par-5 2nd. Rory drove it here. Shane Lowry from the middle of the fairway with a beauty.

[00:09:28] >> He's one player with these long lines, it's exceptional and it's very [inaudible] chance at eagle.

[00:09:36] >> And they're wearing matching outfits again, and they're getting to write down the same score. And in this case, it's going to be a 3. That's an eagle for Rory McIlroy. Team McIl-Lowry gets up to 10-under par, 2 under through their first two. This is a tough format though. They would bogie the very next hole, then birdie the 4th. You're going to see all kinds of volatility today. So, a split tee start. We have 80 teams in the field, and we're going to cut it down to the low 33 teams and ties at the end of this round. And they're doing it in the tougher of the two formats. We will also play this format on Sunday. Here's what we're doing here, 80 teams started. We are playing the four ball, four bat yesterday and again tomorrow. Much tougher scoring in the foursomes format, 33 and ties to make the cut. Each player gets 400 FedEx Cup points and an official PGA Tour win. It counts for your total.

[00:10:38] >> Put a win down for me. I take it. Thank you very much. We'll see a lot of the defending champions today, which is going to be fun.

[00:10:44] >> Yeah, they -- no team has ever defended winning twice in a row. So, Rory and Shane trying to do that as we take a look down from above at TPC, Louisiana. Pete Dye with several player consultants on this, including Australian Steve Elkington. Didn't have the sand base that you have in some of the great golf courses of the world, Paul Gow, but they did pretty good.

[00:11:07] >> They did a great job. I remember Elkington saying, this was a Pete Dye golf course on steroids with the power greens, Bermuda grass. It's a fun track to play.

[00:11:17] >> So, here's some of the other stuff that happened this morning. On Friday, Jacob Bridgeman on the tee at 17.

[00:11:26] >> One of the hardest holes in the golf course today, and he's made that look very easy and pedestrian. It's not.

[00:11:34] >> Chandler Vilips would get the putt from there. These guys were not leading when they started the day. Ben Griffin for birdie at the 3rd.

[00:11:43] >> Finding their range yet again. Great day yesterday in the afternoon conditions. It wasn't flat calm this morning. There was a bit of breeze.

[00:11:50] >> He and Andrew Novak would shoot 66 today. They have taken the lead. The all-Canadian team of Nick Taylor and Adam Hadwin, Hadwin pours in in a 2.

[00:11:59] >> Careful of the Canadians. These two room together. They have dinner together.

[00:12:05] >> Try not to say sorry to your partner. Not sure what David Lipsky said to Dylan Wu when he hit it to there at 17. But Dylan gets to say, nice work.

[00:12:12] >> After the tee shot, it was never a 2.

[00:12:15] >> It was never a 2 until it was. Bailed them out. And then our leaders, they were leading already when they got to the 9th. And Andrew Novak, how about this one?

[00:12:27] >> That is a sensational shot to a front left in water just a couple of yards from where the hole is. Brilliant.

[00:12:34] >> They would make that, post 16 under. Come and get me, boys. Adam had one there, finishing hole with Nick Taylor. Pours that one in, and we appreciate the effort, by the way, for the matching shirts. And now Lowry.

[00:13:04] >> How about Rory clapping, by the way, Rory clapping that pitch?

[00:13:14] >> This is up on the green, Michael Thorbjornsen for birdie, and they get it up and down. we go back to Rory here at 12.

[00:13:36] >> He's got that one right in the last one, hit it through the break. That one, absolute perfect speed.

[00:13:42] >> Back at 13, Tom Hoge's second.

[00:13:55] >> Just a little punch forward with a sand wedge and spin.

[00:14:06] >> Hojgaard just made a long one for par there. This is Rasmus, the man that made it at the 14th.

[00:14:11] >> Tossing this one way up into the air, and that's a beautiful shot. Trying to get things back on track for his team.

[00:14:21] >> Over to the 16th and Christiaan Bezuidenhout for birdie.

[00:14:26] >> Terrible slope. Putt this one. Not for him. Perfect speed, perfect line. The South Africans moving along nicely.

[00:14:37] >> That was the birdie, I believe, that moved that cut line. That team gets to 10 under. So, this is Rasmus who gets to try it again. They got it.

[00:14:54] >> A half in 2. A half in 2 on that hole.

[00:15:05] >> Here's Adam Svenson over at 9.

[00:15:08] >> Oh, just spin and be good. Spin and be good. Get in.

[00:15:19] >> Back over to 9, Russell Knox and Peter Malnati, they are too far back to make this cut.

[00:15:27] >> There's Vincent and Davis, Kim Davis, they doubled 7 and then bogeyed the 2nd. They're two fantastic shots.

[00:15:38] >> Salinda and Velo still hold a 1-shot lead, but Andrew Novak and Ben Griffin have climbed up the board into solo second, both looking for their first PGA Tour victory. The 3rd round is next.

[00:15:56] >> Beautiful look at the Crescent City from high above TPC, Louisiana, a few miles away, and across that bridge on the other side of the Mississippi River. And there it is, beautiful Pete Dye design that's hosting this tournament now for the 77th year in this city. We haven't been here that long, an English turn and a couple other places before that. Eighth time, though, as a team event, and all of those have been right here in Avondale, Louisiana. The wind down at this point, temperature up. Alongside tour veterans David Howell, Rob Lee, and Paul Gow, I'm Brian Katrek, and we're glad to have you along with us on moving day at the Zurich Classic, the PGA Tour's only team event that they play for FedEx Cup points. Now we've got Ryder cups and presidents cups, and we're playing some similar formats. A couple of rookies at the top of this leaderboard. Taylor Dickson and Trace Crowe making the most of this team event, and they're doing it in the easier of the two formats, but all eyes are on our defending champions, Rory McIlroy and Shane Lowry. They won it last year at the very 1st hole. We're playing four ball, so Rory birdies it all on his own, and then we're at the 2nd. They would birdie the 2nd as well. At the 5th, it's Shane Lowry's turn.

[00:17:20] >> Get in!

[00:17:21] >> And 3 under through the first five, trying to track down the lead, starting an hour and a half or so before the final group. At the 7th for eagle, Lowry with the wedge, and that's just pure magic.

[00:17:35] >> Good Shane Lowry. Big move that time.

[00:17:39] >> And then a birdie at the 8th, and they make the turn 6-under par. As we mentioned, it is the four ball format. Tomorrow and yesterday as well, they play foursomes, the alternate shot. Back to 11, Rory's third, David.

[00:17:57] >> Yeah, from about the 140 mark, it's a wedge. So, the wind is just puffing in from the left. This pin 20 on 4 from the left. There is one of these runoffs. They're

everywhere on this course, just to the left of this pin location. He has to be a little cautious here with Lowry, a long way away in 3,

[00:18:13] >> Rory's got a little mannerism. When he -- when he follows through, there's just a little re-grip of the right hand when he really likes it.

[00:18:27] >> Over at the 5th, the Hojgaard twins. This is Rasmus.

[00:18:33] >> Confirmed with a slightly scraggly hair at the back, sticking out the back of the cap. And that from there is unbelievable.

[00:18:49] >> Par-3 14 now, Nico Echavarria for birdie. Okay. That is three in a row now for Echavarria and Max Greyserman. Things are tightening up at the top of this leaderboard.

[00:19:09] >> Let's go to the 5th. Rasmus after that amazing escape shot, this time he holds the puck.

[00:19:21] >> Now Lowry at 13.

[00:19:24] >> The magic wedge player on this occasion is magical once again.

[00:19:39] >> Albertson for birdie at 17. That is wonderful right there. Rory at 15 with his 2nd.

[00:19:55] >> It's a gap wedge.

[00:19:57] >> Go left!

[00:19:59] >> Is it turning? Perfect distance.

[00:20:12] >> Back over to seven now, eagle putt for Nicolai Hojgaard. Back over now to 15. Rory McIlroy with this putt to tie for the lead.

[00:20:27] >> Difficult putt because it's really not a clear read. I had a good look at it. Couldn't quite work out whether it was going to go either way. Maybe it's just straight and a bit downhill. Like that.

[00:20:42] >> Straight again. It worked at 10. It works here at 15, and Rory McIlroy puts his team to 21 under, and they're the top team right now.

[00:20:55] >> Back over at the 9th, Ryo Hisatsune.

[00:21:05] >> Tigerish line and releasing out to the hole with a bit of cut spin at the end. That's a beautiful shot. Fifth hardest hole in the golf course. The ninth par 3s are excellent around here.

[00:21:22] >> We have three sets of brothers in this field and two sets of identical twins, and these are the Hojgaards. This is Nicolai Hojgaard at the 8th.

[00:21:38] >> And he got it. He didn't putt well yesterday, hadn't started that well today, but that might [inaudible] them into this round.

[00:21:50] >> Our final group is back here at 8, Kevin Velo, Velo and the low five to Isaiah Selinda, who is fired up. Velo and Selinda.

[00:22:09] >> Into the 10th, Ryo Hisatsune, and that team with another birdie. They're now 1 shot off the lead. Back to the 18th now, McIlroy going for the green and 2.

[00:22:27] >> He launched this way up in the air, 260 to go. Anything right of this pin and he'll just take it straight at it. That must have gone up into the moon. Now down to McIlroy.

[00:22:52] >> So, we saw how dialed in Kim Davis was, got to spend the whole break, once you got the range opened up, dialing in that number. Putting green here is pretty big. Not a lot of slope in it though. I don't know how closely Rory could simulate this one.

[00:23:12] >> With a bit of speed straight off the ball and then it goes into a valley and then it goes up to where the hole is. They're telling me only a 7% chance here from 30 feet. He likes the stage moving from his left to right.

[00:23:41] >> What a finish.

[00:23:43] >> And that's why Lowry come back out, to see his good mate, pop one in for a 3, forget about the bogey on 17.

[00:23:54][Applause and Cheering]

[00:23:58] >> An eagle at the last from McIlroy, and they leapfrog into a tie for the lead.

[00:24:07] >> I bet Shane was glad he came back out to watch that, because he was a pure passenger. From here, it was never missing. Good time to hit a putt. Thinking about it -- he'd have been thinking about it. Try and do something here and force our hand. Two putts, in all honesty, would have been good, and I think he would have taken two putts, gave himself every chance. But when you're a late athlete like this, you just cherish the moment. They do. They seem to be able to stand up. And Lowry [inaudible] all the way to the 18th hole. There's nothing in life that those guys can do that can give them that buzz. There is nothing. You know?

[00:25:02] >> Yeah, super second shot, actually, because he was buried in the Bermuda down the left-hand side. It was an awful angle, gouges out to here. I see this is just outside the right edge. Be a great birdie from where he was if he can knock it in.

[00:25:20] >> Well, there you go, just when you thought it was the Andrew Novak show, Ben Griffin contributes with a birdie at 10, and they get to 23 under anyway. McIntyre for birdie at 17. There you go, birdie for the Scotsman.

[00:25:46] >> Novak, his 3rd shot here. His playing partner up onto the green, so that's what you do.

[00:25:55] >> Oh, wow. Back at 11 now, Salinda for birdie. Yeah. It's fine. They're coming.

[00:26:15] >> Coming back to back 9.

[00:26:18] >> Sahith Theegala at 15.

[00:26:21] >> He's [inaudible] -- oh, look at that, pin was out. [Inaudible] corrected it.

[00:26:27] >> Ben Griffin just tapping it in, getting his team to 24 under now and in the lead by 2.

[00:26:40] >> Novak and Griffin lead by 3 heading into the final round. Can they keep the magic going and convert their first PGA Tour win? The final round is next.

[00:27:29] >> And the teams are scrambling into position here for the final round at TPC, Louisiana. Just a little bit southwest of downtown New Orleans, one of the big, great food cities in the world, the mouth of the Mississippi River as it empties down into the gulf, water everywhere, great fishing everywhere, and that is the case on the golf course also. Eighty-four degrees, just hot enough to get under your collar. Not much of a wind blowing here on championship Sunday either. David Howell is out on the golf course in that two Ryder cups under his belt. Rob Lee, Paul Gow, and I'm Brian Katrek, and we're glad to have you along with us as we have moved on to the final format of the week. It's going to be alternate shot, the foursomes. That's our defending champions, Rory McIlroy and Shane Lowry. And since we've gone to the team format eight years ago, no one has ever gone back to back. Can they be the first? How about the identical twin brothers, Rasmus and Nicolai Hojgaard, looking to become the first PGA Tour winners from Denmark, and it would be the first career PGA Tour win for both of them. Alternate shot, do they have the brotherly advantage? And then last week, it was Andrew Novak losing in a playoff. He is knocking on the door again. These are our leaders, Ben Griffin and Andrew Novak. They're both looking for their first career PGA Tour win. Novak one week after coming so close in the signature event at the RBC Heritage. So, we started with 80 teams. We played four ball on Thursday and then again on Saturday. Alternate shot foursomes format in the second round, and then here today, 33 and ties made the cut. It turned into 36 teams. As we mentioned, the winning team, each player gets 400 FedEx Cup points and an official PGA Tour win. So, the stage is set with Novak and Griffin birdieing their way to a 3-shot lead in the closing stretch, and that may be what they need in the pressure of championship Sunday here.

[00:29:38] Rob, this is a good looking leader board.

[00:29:40] >> It is, and the thing that's the imponderable is, how will the scoring go, the stroke play on a Sunday when it's foursomes? It's such a difficult format. But in the words of Roy McIlroy and Shane Lowry, they're playing their Joker today. They say that's their strongest suit. We'll see.

[00:29:56] >> This format was seven shots harder than the opening round format between Thursday and Friday, as we watched Chad Ramey for eagle at 2. And they're filling it up today though.

[00:30:17] >> Just outside the left edge, I think.

[00:30:26] >> Oh, that was a good read. Rob, what a great read to start the dat.

[00:30:31] >> Vilips a winner in Puerto Rico earlier this season, the first win for Tiger's clothing brand, which he's got there on the shirt. Taylor Dickson had a similar shot to this back at the 2nd. Here he is again at 3.

[00:30:50] >> Quite a brisk chipping action, over the top of the hill, rain down towards the cup, and oh, how about that? How about that? Awesome.

[00:30:59] >> Practice makes perfect for Taylor Dickson.

[00:31:08] >> Takumi Kanaya at the 1st.

[00:31:10] >> Stop! Stop!

[00:31:10] >> It's on lie. Another dud.

[00:31:20] >> Up to the green.

[00:31:21] >> Now, he's missed a few of these this week, Nicolai. Well done.

[00:31:31] >> Well done. Three lovely shots from the twins.

[00:31:41] >> Over the 10th now, Danny Walker for birdie.

[00:31:47] >> This guy's been filling it up all day. Why would this be any different from 30 odd feet right edge? Thank you very much.

[00:31:56][Applause] He's aimed at as left to right there, and he is right. Maybe he's got it right today.

[00:32:21] >> Ryo Hisatsune, Takumi Kenaya all of a sudden now 2 back, but they could move back into a tie for second here.

[00:32:29] >> You see his caddy there. He has the sip of water before he goes in to hit the putts, which is part of the routine. If you're going to do that, then we're giving you a lot of time.

[00:32:46] >> Go over to Adam Hadwin here at the 13th.

[00:32:50] >> Yeah, second for the Canadian, and that's judged unbelievably well.

[00:32:55] >> They would make birdie.

[00:33:01] >> This is going to bring the flight down a little, So, you've got to be careful it doesn't come up short here. I'd be aiming this 2 or 3 yards left. Just play it like a stroke play moment. Don't be too aggressive, because short would be a mistake. Or you could do that. Or you could do that.

[00:33:18] >> Very good. Spot on though, Dave. Just enough.

[00:33:21] >> Yep.

[00:33:24] >> Isaiah Salinda with a golden opportunity, all pars to start for these guys and their first birdie look right here.

[00:33:32] >> Yeah. He putted the best out of that team yesterday. The second day, they hauled every putt they looked at, and this is the tie. What do you know? Stay head to head.

[00:33:52] >> Back at 8, the leaders to stay 3 clear. And his last start at Augusta, missed some as well. He could use this one.

[00:34:16] >> Change of green, it's right to left to start with, and then it might ease up to the right as it's losing pace.

[00:34:29] >> Birdie putt here. Oh, somebody called it, Salinda buries it here at 11, 3 back. Novak for par at 9. Oh no. Vilips and Thorbjornsen at 13.

[00:35:15] >> Yeah, this to get a 25, only a couple off the lead.

[00:35:23] >> 4 under today now, 2 back.

[00:35:26] >> And this is a very difficult shot.

[00:35:32] >> Well, they're starting to run out of time now. They certainly cannot drop a shot here. He's been playing this sort of low, scooty shot here, where he might try and lead it somewhere in here, take a bit off it. Or he's trying to -- no, he's got the club face way open.

[00:35:57] >> Way open.

[00:35:58] >> He's trying to spin it.

[00:35:59] >> Well, he's got to get it down into here somewhere for that to happen and keep the speed up through the ball here with his arms and club face. He's done that beautifully.

[00:36:27] >> The Hojgaards, Rasmus putting for birdie here at 11.

[00:36:40] >> Well, this doesn't do too much. Yeah, well done. Well holes. Good fight back.

[00:36:54] >> So, the atmosphere has tightened up in the final round of the Zurich Classic of New Orleans. The Hojgaards are backing up and maybe not anymore. The Hojgaards make a birdie at 15. Let's go back to our final group. Ben Griffin at 12.

[00:37:36] >> Yeah, making that look really easy there, Griffin.

[00:37:38] >> Now the par putt for Novak.

[00:37:56] >> And successfully done.

[00:38:05] >> Now, at 14, Nicolai Hojgaard for birdie.

[00:38:10] >> This one's tracking. Yes. They are doing some putts, these boys. Watch out. Long time coming. Three bogeys today. They're packing up a couple of birdies in a row.

[00:38:24] >> McIlroy and Lowry in this position, this is for par. Now the Hojgaards are now just 1 shot back. This was the very 1st hole. Rasmus Hojgaard from the center of the fairway.

[00:38:50] >> Lovely tee shot, lovely approach, and a lovely putt. Easy 3 to start with.

[00:38:56] >> They would make that. Then at the 2nd, Nicolai and the two of them worked on this read together. So, that's back to back birdies. They would add a birdie and a bogey to close out the front nine, turn in 34. They would bogey the 10th after working on that read together, and then Rasmus for birdie at 11.

[00:39:17] >> Very important that you birdie the par 5s if you're going to be a winner, and that was key.

[00:39:23] >> Now this for birdie at 13.

[00:39:25] >> Never left the middle of the cup, and it's about now that they started to feel a little bit of wind in their sail.

[00:39:34] >> Yeah, they had bogeyed the 12th, and you don't expect these to go in very often.

[00:39:39] >> Well, they haven't this week for them, have they? But this one, absolutely perfect on 14, the first and only birdie there all day.

[00:39:46] >> And the 24-year-old Hojgaard twins are 26 under. They are the closest team that isn't leading. They're just 1 shot back. The final group is back on 13. They're -- both teams are in play. Novak and Griffin have led the whole way, but they have company now. Starting the day with a 3-shot lead, and here come the Hojgaards. Vilips and Thorbjornsen made a hard push, but hit it in the water at 17, and that turns into a double. Taylor Dickson over here at 18.

[00:40:48] >> Oh, that is a tremendous shot.

[00:40:52] >> Wow, and they've had a good week. To the 18th birdie putt here for Karl Vilips.

[00:41:01] >> Starting to get nice and slippery around this hole for Vilips, and he pours that one in. A lot to learn for this young man, already won on tour this year. He's done it the hard way. That hits you bigger in the hip pocket. [Inaudible] from his birdie and a couple of good birdies on the 18th.

[00:41:34] >> Rory laid it up, and now here we are at 18. Lowry didn't lay it up. This is Rory with the third.

[00:41:41] >> Good angle, bad lie. Can't control it. Coming away from him towards the water. They've struggled today. This pairing out of the Bermuda just needs to hang on.

[00:41:54] >> Good bag.

[00:41:55] >> Good job.

[00:41:56] >> [Inaudible] there.

[00:41:59] >> 1 over for the day. They've got that to shoot even par. It won't be enough for a title defense, but you're absolutely right, a great week to resurface.

[00:42:21] >> [Inaudible] don't see these greens, a little bit shinier. They haven't holed one of these all day, but when you least expect it. And the care factor's low, they go in.

[00:42:36] >> The round is 17. The tournament hangs in the balance there. The Hojgaards are playing the role of pursuers. It'll be Rasmus on the tee here at 18.

[00:42:44] >> Yeah. This just requires a little bit left to right of that target line, water right. Just one good, big, long swing, give your brother a chance and an iron into this hole. It's a perfect finishing hole.

[00:43:00] >> Let's go!

[00:43:01] >> That one had a lot of lift. He hasn't hit one like that all day.

[00:43:06] >> Boy. Oh, that is out of bounds over there. The TV compound is over there, and that is out of bounds. Don't know that the ball is out of bounds, but there is out of bounds over there.

[00:43:21] >> It didn't look good.

[00:43:22] >> Would have to imagine that is a reload.

[00:43:27] >> Now, if somehow it's in bounds, you're going to get relief from just about everything. But step one, that ball's got to be in play.

[00:43:37] >> I could see nothing over this ridge that could stop it.

[00:43:41] >> Now there's a cart path over there also.

[00:43:44] >> Yeah, that hit that cart path at speed.

[00:43:54] >> Yeah, 183, it's quite clever. Course setup is shorter, tempting you to be more aggressive to this left-hand pin. But you just can't be, can you? It's looking -- it's asking you to hit a nice little push draw from the center of the green, just turn in a yard or two. That would be the aggressive play. 183, it's coming off the right-hand side. Seven's plenty.

[00:44:17] >> I tell you what [inaudible], the two wagers they hit the previous hole is not going to fill them full of confidence here now, to say the least.

[00:44:26] >> Yeah, for sure. They weren't their best, were they? But you know what? They were dry, and there weren't many chances in the end.

[00:44:34] >> Nicolai Hojgaard going forward to find the ball. He may have left his brother back on the tee, and they will have gotten signaled as to what that ball is sitting in. And there's one of the CBS spotters, and you notice there's no red line. There are the white stakes. Hard to imagine that's still in play. Back to the tee at 17 and Capan.

[00:45:05] >> I think this is 8 time. He said he had hit a 7-iron 185 to -90. He's got 183 here. Bring an infinite ride on the wind. If he wants to hammer an 8, he wouldn't be far off.

[00:45:17] >> He's been fidgety all day too.

[00:45:20] >> This is trouble.

[00:45:23] >> Crocodile ball.

[00:45:26] >> Wow.

[00:45:27] >> That took him a minute 40 to hit that shot. That's a nervous shot when you're trying to win your first golf tournament.

[00:45:35] >> Same swing as the second for the hole before, but with a longer club.

[00:45:41] >> Put that down to, Rob, the club face just shutting down, too steep.

[00:45:45] >> He's looked nervous to me all day, Capan.

[00:45:49] >> Oh, now there's good news, because that is the ball of Rasmus Hojgaard, and that appears to be in bounds. And you can see that there it is. There's the stake. So, great camera work. He's in, and you see he's now going to get relief.

[00:46:01] >> This is an unbelievable break, [inaudible] especially what's happening here.

[00:46:07] >> Novak at 17.

[00:46:09] >> Should be aiming at the 17. It's way right on this hole. That's what he's done, and he's swinging it towards the flag.

[00:46:18] >> Sit. And it did.

[00:46:24] >> He's not trying to hit it there. I could promise you that. He's not trying to go anywhere near where that ball's finished, not even close.

[00:46:31] >> Nervy moments down the stretch here.

[00:46:34] >> Yeah, winning for the first time is difficult.

[00:46:37] >> He just went through it a week ago.

[00:46:40] >> That's a heart attack.

[00:46:42] >> He's going to get away with that.

[00:46:46] >> [Inaudible], yeah.

[00:46:47] >> [Inaudible] point of relief from the swing.

[00:46:48] >> The good news is still have another 40 minutes until sunset.

[00:46:51] >> This is not easy, by the way.

[00:46:54] >> Seventy-five [inaudible]?

[00:46:56] >> Correct.

[00:47:03] >> Third shot for Jake Knapp and Frankie Capan at 17. David, can they make it?

[00:47:10] >> Anything's possible. Anything's possible. They could get this up and down there. They were lucky to be able to drop here. Jake Knapp was happy to drop all the way back near the tee. Tried to take no advantage. Watch the weather. And this one's come out hot and left. A little cushioning, you never know. Maybe a 4 is still in order.

[00:47:36] >> Meanwhile, back at 17, Griffin for birdie.

[00:47:42] >> Yeah, just trying to lay this dead, give his partner no stress. It goes down, then it comes back up at the end.

[00:47:59] >> Oh my goodness.

[00:48:02] >> What a moment. Ben Griffin, up to the challenge at 17. He gets to 28 under.

[00:48:07] >> When that ball was in midair, they were never walking off this green with a 2.

[00:48:14] >> Not a chance. Not a chance, and look at this.

[00:48:20][Applause and Cheering]

[00:48:25] >> He is just trying to roll this down stone dead. That's all he's trying to do.

[00:48:29] >> Just the 3rd birdie of the day on the 17th, and it comes in the final group.

[00:48:38] >> What a break. What a break. Finishing line in sight.

[00:48:44] >> Twenty-eight years old, he won on the McKenzie Tour back in 2018. He's been doing everything he can to stay exempt up here on the PGA Tour,. His teammate lost to the playoff last week.

[00:49:06] >> Amazing. That's an amazing bogey.

[00:49:08] >> See you out there.

[00:49:10] >> Yep.

[00:49:19] >> These brothers have played exceptionally well. It's going their way.

[00:49:21] >> Knapp and Capan are back at 26 also, but Novak and Griffin will have them in front of them.

[00:49:29] >> Playing this iron about 10-15 feet, let it trundle down. Pretty good effort right here. Man, it's getting quite nasty around that hole quick.

[00:49:49] >> Nicolai Hojgaard to cap off the chip from his brother.

[00:49:55] >> And that's a good week from the Hojgaard brothers.

[00:49:58] >> [Inaudible], Nicolai!

[00:50:03] >> We're with the leaders on 18. Griffin playing his 3rd shot for the squad.

[00:50:10] >> Just get it close and he can put one hand on the trophy.

[00:50:18] >> Get up!

[00:50:22] >> Just getting it over enough. That was a little nervy. Only carried that bunker by a few feet. Little short back swing there, but he's done his job.

[00:50:38] >> Same two stops, Harbor Town and then here. And Andrew Novak can do it right here with this one, and the next one will do it as well.

[00:50:50] >> I think he can do it. I think he'll cozy this one down nice and close.

[00:50:57] >> Two putts to win.

[00:51:03] >> That'll be enough. Well deserved.

[00:51:10] >> Oh, and Ben Griffin is going to wait. Well, you dream your whole life about being able to mark that one footer. The caddies now have a bit of a dilemma. Who gets the flag?

[00:51:24] >> One takes 9 and one takes 18, I guess.

[00:51:29] >> Some seven days he's had he. Loses a playoff and then win the next week.

[00:51:34] >> Bank manager's happy.

[00:51:45] >> It's all celebration time now. They have done enough.

[00:51:51] >> Well, this is a big putt too for staying outright 3rd, lest they go with a tie for 4th with one, two, three, four others. Big money putt right here.

[00:52:10] >> The disappointment came at the very end there at 17, but they were right in it the whole rest of the way. Final round 70 and now Ben Griffin 6 inches away from his first career PGA Tour win, and it comes in the team event. Ben Griffin and Andrew Novak win the Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

[00:52:37] >> This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of the Zurich Classic of New Orleans from TPC, Louisiana in Avondale, Louisiana.