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[00:00:26] >> The PGA Tour is proud to bring you the season-long race for the FedExCup. Now, coverage of the 2025 Truist Championship.

[00:00:41] >> From Philadelphia known as the City of Brotherly Love in the United States, it opens its arms to the PGA Tour this week. The oldest country club in America sets the stage for a modern day showcase in professional golf. The Philadelphia Cricket Club is the backdrop for the sixth signature event of the season with an elite field of 72 men competing for purse of 20 million US dollars. Wonderful to have your company. I'm John Swantek. Pleasure to be alongside Billy Kratzert, Alison Whitaker this week. Gary Christian is our man on the ground. And Rickie Fowler in on a sponsor invite this week. Off to a blazing start. Six-under through his opening seven. One clear of this elite field of chasers here on Day 1, including Rory McIlroy, four times a champion of this event. All of those victories coming at Quail Hollow in Charlotte. So the Philadelphia Cricket Club pinch hitting for a week in advance of next week's PGA Championship in the Queen City of Charlotte. Good scoring, very receptive golf course here in the opening round. Players were sent off in groups of threes, off split tees earlier this morning in anticipation of some weather activity on the radar. Looks like we've got clear sailing for the rest of the day. And a little bit more of a concern for tomorrow's forecast. And we'll see if this century old A. W. Tillinghast gem stands up to the modern day player. From outside 50 feet, Adam Scott, birdie but on the way at 18. Great.

[00:02:26] >> Great for speed. Great for speed and line.

[00:02:32] >> Offsetting drop shots at 16 and 17. Scott makes the turn a level par 35.

[00:02:40] >> McCarthy having made the turn in 31, has a birdie look here at the second for a share of the lead.

[00:02:45] >> You give him a look from 12, 14 feet, I'm going to say he's 50/50.

[00:02:57] >> Good lie here for Justin. Beautiful.

[00:03:13] >> We'll take you back to 18. Keith Mitchell looking for one at the turn here.

[00:03:18] >> There you go.

[00:03:19] >> And looking to validate one of those four sponsor invites granted this week. And this 23-year-old has a great putting stroke. It has gone from a liability to a strength over the last season and plus.

[00:03:37] >> Yeah, we often talk about a method of recovery. He has found it and he makes another one. Love to watch the young man play.

[00:03:53] >> To 9. Last to go for birdie, Justin Thomas. Rock solid.

[00:04:05] >> He dropped back one.

[00:04:08] >> Well, odds on that Morikawa might throw this inside 20 feet. You never know. Up the hill here at the 9th.

[00:04:16] >> Iron in hand, short iron in hand. High probability.

[00:04:30] >> It is Denny McCarthy down there at 5.

[00:04:34] >> Well, right now, easiest hole on golf course, par 5.

[00:04:45] >> To the other par 5 on the golf course. And Sam Stevens, I'm not sure this is his second, probably his third, the par 5.

[00:04:53] >> Trying to ease it over that hill.

[00:05:02] >> Back to 5.

[00:05:04] >> For the solo lead, McCarthy. No trouble at all. Finds it at the par-5 15th. Stevens. You batch up. It's a loose term we use when we say he was in the hunt last week because --

[00:05:26] >> Yes.

[00:05:26] >> -- Scottie Scheffler was lapping the field.

[00:05:31] >> This is Cam Davis at 14.

[00:05:34] >> Yeah. Trying to control the wedge.

[00:05:41] >> I'd say he did exactly that.

[00:05:55] >> Turn to 7, McCarthy for another to move the mark to 8-under par.

[00:06:00] >> Odds are good.

[00:06:02] >> Odds are on. Look at that scorecard.

[00:06:14] >> You start looking at the PGA, and Morikawa with another birdie.

[00:06:19] >> It just gets to the point where you can't play them all.

[00:06:26] >> Birdie number six of the round for Morikawa.

[00:06:29] >> Brian Harman overshot the green at 18.

[00:06:37] >> Clever little shot right there. Where's it at?

[00:06:40] >> I mean, really nice.

[00:06:43] >> Classy finish. Three birdies over the final four.

[00:06:46] >> Sets up nicely the second shot here at 13.

[00:06:55] >> Look for this to be close.

[00:06:56] >> Especially from Collin Morikawa.

[00:07:11] >> Just inside 20 feet for McIlroy.

[00:07:13] >> Just coming -- wandering left, then goes a little right at the end.

[00:07:27] >> Bingo.

[00:07:27] >> Morikawa to get within one.

[00:07:34] >> How about that scorecard?

[00:07:35] >> Jump over to 7. Cashmere Keith Mitchell second on the way. Beautifully out there in the first round. Can add this to the pack.

[00:07:51] >> Yeah. That had a soft feel to it.

[00:07:54][Applause]

[00:08:03] >> Two good shots to hear for Viktor Hovland. Right in the heart of it for eagle at 15. You betcha.

[00:08:09][Applause]

[00:08:14] >> For me, he's the most amazing story on tour this year.

[00:08:23] >> How about three at the last for Fowler? This for 63.

[00:08:27] >> A good look here, Swanee.

[00:08:28] >> Oh, yes. What a capper to a terrific opening round from Rickie Fowler. Keith Mitchell touch 9-under. He'd be the first to get there.

[00:08:46] >> Straight in from here. There you go.

[00:08:50] >> Six birdies and eight holes since the turn.

[00:08:58] >> Justin Thomas trying to grind one out here.

[00:09:02] >> Yes. Hard working four to close. So Thomas begins the week with 66 in his bid to win back to back signature events. Something Scottie Scheffler did a year ago.

[00:09:15] >> Fun to follow these three from start to finish today, along with the big crowd that was sneaking along with them.

[00:09:29] >> Back to 9, Lowry.

[00:09:31] >> Rush it in. There you go.

[00:09:36] >> Confidently done. Blemish free.

[00:09:44] >> Go to 16. And one of the winners from earlier this season, Brian Campbell. Took the Mexico Open, snatched it from the young South African Aldrich Potgieter that week. And how about that little run across the second nine? Four in a row. Boy, his life has changed.

[00:10:12] >> There you go.

[00:10:14] >> It's always a three, wasn't it, for Akshay Bhatia? Ends the day with a 63.

[00:10:21] >> Seventy-two players gathered here today, the sixth signature event of the season. Some big names and big money with a lot of FedExCup points on the line. The very best from all corners of the globe put on a show, but Keith Mitchell ended the day on top at 9-under par. Second round coverage of the Truist Championship is next.

[00:10:47] >> The PGA Tour proudly presents live second round coverage of the Truist Championship. Day 2 in Philadelphia, America's sixth largest city, hosting the biggest names in professional golf this week. We welcome you back to the Philadelphia Cricket Club, the second round of this signature event on the PGA Tour, with 20 million US dollars on offer. Tee times pushed up 3 hours earlier today in advance of some heavy rains expected later in the day. But we're off and running. Keith Mitchell opened with a career best 61 to set the pace yesterday. He's through 11 holes of the second round. And we'll catch up on some early highlights from today's second round as Mitchell looked to build on what he constructed yesterday with that 61, and got it started quickly here with a birdie at the 3rd to get to 9-under par. Putter has been very cooperative for Mitchell this week. Not the case over the last couple of seasons however.

[00:11:46] >> This was a really important stretch. I think it was, you know, a little nervy out of the gate, par bogie start, but then really caught fire. So the birdie at 3, the birdie at 4 as well. There's another that came to hole later at 5.

[00:11:59] >> Now, Sepp Straka at the 3rd. Beautiful putt there from 25 feet.

[00:12:08] >> Got him to 9-under par. Then Morikawa had a bogey 363 yesterday, nudged that one in to move to minus-8 through five holes earlier today.

[00:12:19] >> And this at the 8th for Shane Lowry. Location kind of midway up the right-hand side. Calling for a good bounce. Guess what he got? A great bounce.

[00:12:39] >> Now, Rory. Again, right at about 30 feet. And that's what I like right there. The greens just slowed down just enough. He can be a little more aggressive. That moves him to 6-under.

[00:12:51] >> The rough is going to be a handful today with all the rain that's fallen. It was a squishy lie over there at the 9 for Sepp Straka, but beautiful job of extracting that one and controlling the distance from the big man. Winner in the California desert earlier this season. First third victory on the PGA Tour. Straka very much in the heat of things here. Just a shot off the lead, it's Keith Mitchell and Shane Lowry at the top at 10-under par right now, with Mitchell having just caught one up at the 11th moments ago.

[00:13:27] >> To the 12th. And we can just see the top of the ball there for Mitchell.

[00:13:32] >> That's actually a really good lie. And again, you know, the ball just kind of digs in.

[00:13:44] >> Go to 11. This for a share, but an unlikely one for Lowry.

[00:13:50] >> Oh, look at that.

[00:13:52] >> I mean, take the back of the cup out and look at the reaction, Alison. I mean --

[00:14:01] >> I think, right now, what we're seeing with Keith Mitchell and the putter is the consistency of the pace that he strokes the golf ball with. I mean, there's no rushed movement. No hurry. Just solid. I mean, it is solid. It is like a metronome right now.

[00:14:30] >> See how the story ends at 11 for Sepp Straka?

[00:14:34] >> That ridge right there.

[00:14:35] >> In the hole. Yeah.

[00:14:37] >> I mean, he negotiated it perfectly, but the putter absolutely bailed him out after the 3rd.

[00:14:44] >> Stays at minus-9 somehow.

[00:14:51] >> Soft delivery for Justin Thomas back here at 4.

[00:14:53] >> I don't think there's anything more fun than watching Justin Thomas.

[00:15:03] >> To the 12th, as the rain intensifies just a little bit.

[00:15:06] >> Here's Russell Henley at the par 4.

[00:15:07] >> What a year it's been able to win the API in Orlando, Florida. Look at this, Swanee. Got action.

[00:15:27] >> The leader has reached the 14.

[00:15:38] >> Spin it.

[00:15:41] >> The man is locked in at the moment. He was asked what he enjoyed about the golf course yesterday. He had just shot 61 and he said everything. Sam Burns up near the face of that bunker at 16.

[00:15:55] >> Seems to be just on the upslope. He needs all the help he can get from here. That is very well done. I've seen couple make it easy. It's anything but.

[00:16:09] >> Another beautiful delivery for Keith Mitchell into the 14th. He led the field in proximity to the hole yesterday. His iron play was sublime. Setting him up with a lot of quality looks.

[00:16:21] >> Yeah. Straight up the hill. Watch the head. Very quiet. Very nice.

[00:16:34] >> Back at 6.

[00:16:34] >> You still got to pitch it pretty close to pin high. Another good line here, Billy.

[00:16:42] >> Certainly is. And stay there. Cut the distance in half.

[00:16:51] >> Next chance at 6 will come for McIlroy.

[00:16:54] >> Just sort of chugging along, isn't he? Hasn't run anything spectacular yet.

[00:17:03] >> There you go.

[00:17:04] >> Chugging along.

[00:17:04] >> All you have to do is just give these guys a little bit of information, just a little bit, and they take advantage of it.

[00:17:15] >> Justin Thomas looking to follow suit.

[00:17:18] >> You kind of get the feeling that he's going to back up that birdie on the previous hole with one right here.

[00:17:30] >> That man was 174th in strokes gained a year ago on the greens, 20th this season.

[00:17:36] >> Amazing change, isn't it? Lowry. Oh, stop it, Shane.

[00:17:41] >> You know, he has his own unique way of playing bunker shots. A lot of times, he'll just drop it in this sand and that's how he can impart so much spin on the golf ball.

[00:17:52] >> It's a great point. It's all looked very within his range, hasn't it? It's iron play. See if Mitchell can make up and down from over the back here at 17. What up and in. Nearly short change the guy.

[00:18:07] >> Well, I think this is makeable.

[00:18:17] >> Wasn't far away from it.

[00:18:26] >> Third into the 18th for Lowry.

[00:18:31] >> How about it?

[00:18:31] >> Got to slam the brakes on late there.

[00:18:43] >> Nice up and down by Lowry there.

[00:18:55] >> Fourteen.

[00:18:55] >> Little flick for Adam Hadwin here.

[00:18:58] >> How about that? That was smooth.

[00:19:00] >> And skids in there to a foot.

[00:19:13] >> Adam Hadwin's countryman, Corey Connors, is alongside.

[00:19:17] >> Guy makes a lot of ones.

[00:19:18] >> Ones are good. Come on back. Almost banked one in off the post.

[00:19:32] >> And Fowler in for his par.

[00:19:35] >> This day all adds up to 71. Six back to start the weekend.

[00:19:50] >> And he will be joined by Woodland on that 6-under par number here.

[00:20:01] >> Emotionally draining day to battle through the elements and make it to the end of the line here. So two days in the books and got all 72 players around here today.

[00:20:17] >> You see that 68 Day 1 for Woodland and 66 today. You know, there is an opportunity, more so even on a day like today to really bump your way of that leaderboard. Fair play to him.

[00:20:31] >> A 67 for Keith Mitchell. He's been fast out of the gates this year. Three 18-hole leads. He has the 36 hole lead as well in his bid to win for the first time on the PGA Tour in 6 years. The third round of the Truist Championship is next.

[00:20:53] >> Today, live third round coverage of the Truist Championship, steaming into Saturday outside of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. We welcome you back to the Philadelphia Cricket Club. Catch up on some highlights from earlier. Cognizant Classic winner along the Florida swing earlier this spring, Joe Highsmith at the 3rd.

[00:21:15] >> Dialing it in nicely there at the par 3 just to tap in. Picked up two shots in the first three holes out there today. Quick start.

[00:21:22] >> Then you look at Jordan Spieth from the front of the green at number 3. And -

[00:21:28] >> What you want to take note of right here is the wind continues to push that golf ball down the hill into the hole.

[00:21:36] >> Nice birdie.

[00:21:38] >> Winds gusting at 30 miles per hour. And Hideki Matsuyama had to manage that here at the 1st.

[00:21:43] >> From 94 yards out. Dialed it in pretty nicely. He too with a very quick start here in Round 3. They're there to be had a couple of short par 4s to begin the round.

[00:21:57] >> And a little short par-3 14th, 127 yards today. Nice birdie by Gerard.

[00:22:04] >> And Hideki would pick up another here. Trying to mount an early charge to start the weekend. That one got him to 5-under par.

[00:22:12] >> He's playing beautifully today. No mistakes yet. Another birdie to his name at 6 as well.

[00:22:19] >> Third career 36-hole lead for Keith Mitchell. He turned one of those into victory. That was at PGA National in South Florida for his only win on the tour back in 2019. They'll have the company of the Irishman Shane Lowry in the final pairing of the day.

[00:22:40] >> It's down at the first hole.

[00:22:40] >> See how close you have to land that to the fringe. That is remarkable.

[00:22:48] >> Starting with one of the best shots he's going to hit all day long there, Shane Lowry.

[00:23:01] >> Justin Thomas is at the 2nd.

[00:23:06] >> You called it, Mr. Kratzert. And a good chance of holing that one. And it just wandered on by.

[00:23:14] >> Quickly back to the 1st for a share of the lead at 1, Shane Lowry. Was never going anywhere else. Keith Mitchell has company.

[00:23:26] >> Hideki looking to grab another one here. Move to 9-under and take a share of fourth place.

[00:23:33] >> He's looking for this to move a little bit to his right. There you go.

[00:23:50] >> Lowry in the hay here, Gary.

[00:23:53] >> Keep it on the green. Will be really impressive. Got it coming out really soft. That is so good. What a shot.

[00:24:03] >> That's better than good. That's better than good, Gary.

[00:24:21] >> How about that start? Birdies at 1 and 2. And there's your leader.

[00:24:27] >> So an early statement. Every player in the field teeing off is thinking what Lowry just did. They're thinking birdie, birdie start.

[00:24:35] >> There's a couple of pars for Rory on those two holes.

[00:24:39] >> Pretty good here, though, Swanee.

[00:24:43][Cheering and Applause]

[00:24:49] >> Get to the birdie putt of Rory McIlroy here at 5.

[00:24:54] >> Just two par 5s on the golf course. Got to take advantage. There you go. Take advantage of it.

[00:25:03] >> Back to back birdies for Rory.

[00:25:11] >> McIlroy back at 6.

[00:25:13] >> Yeah, right at the beginning. You kind of go down the hill. Now, just -- I mean, it just rips to the left.

[00:25:20] >> How about that little hop?

[00:25:21] >> Right in the middle?

[00:25:21] >> Well, that was a bonus.

[00:25:25] >> It took a hard turn, about three quarters of its journey down there. And that's three straight to get it to 10.

[00:25:32] >> Matsuyama, long and left to the green here at 18.

[00:25:41] >> That's tough up and down here, but he played it very well. Oh, how about just in, King?

[00:25:47] >> How about nine birdies for Hideki? Thirty-one coming in for 63.

[00:25:55] >> Back to 7, Morikawa. He's three.

[00:26:04] >> Down the hill, carrying some speed. That's what you need.

[00:26:10][Cheering and Applause]

[00:26:19] >> Inside 90 yards here for Mitchell.

[00:26:22] >> You can see just how much he was trying to spin that little left to right, bring it down the hill.

[00:26:28] >> Chance for his third birdie and the chance to get it back to 13-under par.

[00:26:37] >> Up at 7. Thomas, can he grab one here?

[00:26:41] >> This would be a good one to get. I mean the errant tee shot, the recovery with the iron, and then drain it from 18 feet. Finally gets it under par. And dead center for Mitchell. So back to back birdies after the two bogeys.

[00:27:10] >> Straka trying to keep pace here.

[00:27:14] >> He does.

[00:27:18] >> We're finding the bucket out there, aren't we?

[00:27:24] >> Look and tell what to do at 9. Straka about 12, 15 feet.

[00:27:31] >> I love that delivery right there. Nothing rushed. Perfectly played.

[00:27:44] >> So this means this is for the outright lead. All of a sudden how quickly that's happened for Sepp Straka up ahead on the green. It was never going anywhere else. Three-under for the front nine, 13- under and in front. Mitchell now. How will he respond after what happened at the last? Pretty darn well. Snake a right to left for Lowry. Always forgiven.

[00:28:20] >> Very good.

[00:28:24] >> He's backing a share of it. Sepp Straka for company. So we have two. Will there be three at 13-under par? It comes down to this for Mitchell.

[00:28:39] >> Another opportunity to show that resilience here. Just coming a little left. Well done.

[00:28:46][Applause]

[00:28:51] >> Back to 14, and Fowler for two.

[00:28:54] >> Yeah, he's just kind of been at that 6-under number pretty much the whole day. There you go.

[00:29:05] >> Just got to 7-under. Been a while since the last birdie back at the 2nd for Rickie.

[00:29:12] >> This would be a great birdie from that position. There you go.

[00:29:19] >> For the lead.

[00:29:29] >> Coming up from short for Thomas.

[00:29:35] >> It seems like we're going in spurts. We see the guys hit the edges, crease the edges, and then all of a sudden, we shot fire. Finding guys just making it from everywhere.

[00:29:45] >> Down 13. See if Morikawa can match pace and line here. Down the hill, up ahead at the green. You betcha.

[00:29:55][Cheering and Applause] Below the hole somehow for birdie. Thomas.

[00:30:06] >> Fancy.

[00:30:08] >> Great three. Well executed from start to finish.

[00:30:13] >> We'll take you back to 18. Dare we say a birdie at 18? Can Sungjae Im produce one? How about it? Why not? A three at 18. That's an aberration this week.

[00:30:31] >> All right. Over to 17 for the outright lead for Straka. Should he?

[00:30:39] >> Go, go, go.

[00:30:40] >> Gone. Huge birdie at 17 for Sepp Straka to take the lead on his own. Shane Lowry.

[00:31:00] >> I think he's hit it. I think he's hit it. This could be really good here.

[00:31:03] >> It's going to get better. For my money, he's been the most solid today.

[00:31:10] >> To leave 17 back to 18.

[00:31:18] >> And for the Thomas birdie putt here. Looking good.

[00:31:27] >> Looking good. How about a three at the last? Justin Thomas. Sixty-six with two bogeys on the par 5s on the card today.

[00:31:41] >> Badly needed that.

[00:31:44] >> That was big.

[00:31:46] >> Straka for four at the last. Yes.

[00:31:48] >> Just crash it a couple.

[00:31:50] >> Even bigger.

[00:31:53] >> Matching the 66 of Thomas.

[00:31:58] >> Number 1 in strokes gained on the greens today, Straka.

[00:32:06] >> But does he have company? Sure does. In the form of Shane Lowry, who joins him. That pair three clear of the rest.

[00:32:21] >> And you can see right where Mitchell is right now.

[00:32:25] >> The ball just above his feet to make it an awkward stance. What a shot.

[00:32:33] >> What a shot indeed. Touch of glass right there.

[00:32:38][Applause]

[00:32:45] >> Totally agree.

[00:32:46] >> This is very holeable here. Great lie.

[00:32:48] >> Yeah. That's pretty simple shot there. I mean, the fact that he got it that far, that deep, kind of flag high, made that shot so much easier.

[00:33:02] >> Little uphill slope to use between he and the flag.

[00:33:09] >> Bogeys at 7 and 12, the only missteps along the way with really solid, very productive round of 60. And it's going to be Lowry and Straka in the final pairing tomorrow.

[00:33:26] >> Best of the field strokes gained approaching the green this week. Mitchell, 68th out of 72 players in putting today after leading the field in that category through the first couple of rounds. But he's in at 11-under. Certainly felt much worse than what he will ultimately sign for, but still right in the heart of it after a 71.

[00:33:52] >> He and Justin Thomas will start on the same mark, both three back tomorrow, both with a mission.

[00:34:01] >> So a number of interesting storylines bubbling up. We'll see how Mitchell responds after a less than stellar day, but still right in the thick of it. Can Hideki Matsuyama build on what he was able to do? Lowry and Straka look like two guys who aren't going to give an inch on Sunday. The final round of the Truist Championship is next.

[00:34:58] >> The PGA Tour proudly presents final round coverage of the Truist Championship. Championship Sunday outside of downtown Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the northeastern part of the United States. It's where the Philadelphia Cricket Club lies. Established back in the 1850s, the Wissahickon Golf Course, designed by the great A. W. Tillinghast, opened for play 1922, more than a century ago. And it was defenseless the first couple of rounds. But it fought back yesterday on a brisk windy Saturday. And it has set us up for a Sunday showdown to determine the sixth signature event champion of this PGA

Tour season. Wonderful to have your company. John Swantek, alongside Billy Kratzert, Alison Whitaker, Gary Christian. Roy McIlroy and defending his title, he won four times at Quail Hollow. Got to make up a six shot deficit going into the final round. However, Justin Thomas won the most recent signature event of the season at Harbour Town last month. He chases PGA Tour win number 17 this afternoon. Shane Lowry had the 54-hole lead the year that he secured the Claret Jug at Royal Portrush in 2019. He will be in the final pairing of the day. He will have the company with Sepp Straka, trying to join Rory McIlroy as the only multiple winners on the PGA Tour this season. The Irishman and the Austrian tied at 14-under par.

[00:36:29] >> To the 1st. And Shane Lowry take the lead on his own.

[00:36:34] >> Good speed. Absolutely.

[00:36:41] >> So the one key point he wanted to do today was to allow himself to be himself and have fun under pressure. Got to 7. Cantlay for birdie.

[00:37:00] >> That's got to dig. That's got to dig.

[00:37:02] >> Dug in the end. Hot hand out on the golf course. Patrick Cantlay, five deep through seven today.

[00:37:11] >> Much longer birdie putt than Lowry had in mind here. I'm going to say 60 feet, maybe 65 feet to the hole.

[00:37:19] >> Exactly. He's got to get it, you know, up on that little ledge right on the front third of the green. So certainly not easy. The slope and the grain and back into the wind as well.

[00:37:36] >> Well done.

[00:37:36] >> Birdie at the 1st. Looks like it'll be four here.

[00:37:44] >> Up ahead here. This will be the third now for Thomas.

[00:37:49] >> Now, he's certainly in that elite category with the wedges.

[00:37:52] >> Pretty good shot. Drove it in the bunker. Chance to escape, but no damage done to the scorecard.

[00:38:02][Applause]

[00:38:10] >> Take you back to 14. Look in on Collin Morikawa here.

[00:38:13] >> Well, he figured it out. He's the first player to kind of figure it out.

[00:38:18] >> Yes. That brings the third birdie of the round.

[00:38:29] >> Hard working four at hand here for Thomas.

[00:38:31] >> In the hole.

[00:38:32] >> He's got it.

[00:38:33] >> Those are big and they're trying to stay in the chase.

[00:38:50] >> Fleetwood, can he find one here at 7th tracking?

[00:38:55] >> Yes, he can.

[00:38:57] >> Third of the round too.

[00:38:58] >> A little smile.

[00:39:04] >> That's just a little bit earlier. Jordan Spieth at 16

[00:39:08] >> Are you kidding?

[00:39:08] >> Not many players, Billy. Just you can have the audacity to try to pull that shot off, much less do it.

[00:39:18] >> That was a 10 out of 10. Yeah.

[00:39:27] >> Even by Jordan's own exceedingly high standards, that was pretty special.

[00:39:31] >> Yeah.

[00:39:32] >> Man, is he fun to watch do his thing around the greens?

[00:39:39] >> Quickly to 5. And Lowry.

[00:39:41] >> Well, that ball was sitting up like a coconut. There was a perfect lie and he took advantage.

[00:39:47] >> Don't need to be giving Shane Lowry good lies around this place with his short game this season in particular. That was special from over there. It's a certain birdie now. And for now, the lead is two.

[00:40:15] >> Straka with a handsome look for an eagle coming up here.

[00:40:19] >> To join Lowry at the top at 16-under.

[00:40:26] >> Boom.

[00:40:29] >> Sepp Straka strikes there at 5. What a way to hunt down Shane Lowry who is creeping ahead. Jump over to Patrick Cantlay. Second shot here at 11.

[00:40:51] >> Underneath the hole.

[00:40:59] >> And now, Thomas from just above the hole here at 6. He made one from about this length on the previous hole.

[00:41:05] >> Well, this one has plenty of movement to the left.

[00:41:14][Applause]

[00:41:20] >> Excellent second. Only counts if you make the next though for Cantlay to get to 12. He's joined Justin Thomas on that number. So he's within three.

[00:41:45] >> At least it's been kind of quiet this round right here, 4-under.

[00:41:53] >> For now. Tommy Fleetwood.

[00:42:04] >> At the 8th with Justin Thomas. Can he climb within two here?

[00:42:10] >> Yeah.

[00:42:10] >> He can.

[00:42:11] >> Absolutely.

[00:42:12] >> What a feisty performance. Thomas really digging in. That's three of the last four.

[00:42:24] >> Sungjae Im at the 10th here from some range.

[00:42:29] >> Yeah.

[00:42:30] >> Hello.

[00:42:30] >> Very nice.

[00:42:32] >> Looks a little disheveled, but that was pretty tidy. Second birdie of the round.

[00:42:37] >> Back at the 8th here, Straka, just about 15 feet.

[00:42:42] >> Just come over a tiny little subtle spine. So a little bit uphill, then downhill to the left. So one that you kind of see that picture quite clearly. So it's just feed it up there and let it fall down.

[00:42:58] >> Big sweeper. Here it comes. Down it goes.

[00:43:01] >> He has been so good all week long with in his hands.

[00:43:10] >> To 13, Fowler.

[00:43:16] >> There you go, Rick.

[00:43:18][Applause]

[00:43:24] >> Quickly back to 9 for birdie, Straka.

[00:43:28] >> Little bit of pace to this one.

[00:43:34] >> Huge moments at 8 and 9 for Sepp Straka. Back to back birdies and two clear for now. Things are heating up. The Truist Championship. Don't go anywhere. Straka in front by two. He's on song right now.

[00:43:58] >> Now, for McIlroy at 13.

[00:44:01] >> Yeah, we saw this ball drift down to this position. And hello. Finally. It had been a minute.

[00:44:13] >> Rory from range. It's dropped at 15 for Patrick Cantlay. Great up and down from that right-hand bunker. He's to 13-under par up. Now, the equal putt for foul up. To springboard his day.

[00:44:39] >> Make up for it, Rick. There you go.

[00:44:47] >> Give the people what they came to see. He's just outside the Top 10.

[00:44:58] >> Tony Finau has the tee at 16.

[00:45:02] >> That looks to be on a very nice line.

[00:45:07] >> Very few have flown it that deep into the green to where they could benefit from that -- all that tilt.

[00:45:22] >> Sensational.

[00:45:23] >> Fleetwood at 18 here. How about it?

[00:45:28] >> How about it? Tommy Fleetwood.

[00:45:31] >> Just the six birdie of the final round at the 18th, producing a 65 for the Englishman.

[00:45:40] >> Quickly back to Lowry at 15, his third ahead.

[00:45:44] >> In the hole.

[00:45:52] >> Heartbreakingly close for Shane Lowry, the third shot at the par 5. One roll shy.

[00:46:04] >> That was fabulous.

[00:46:08] >> Now, Straka's turn to respond.

[00:46:15] >> That one straight up in the air as well. Also well played.

[00:46:23] >> Not a kick in but a good chance.

[00:46:29] >> He'll need that to match Lowry and join him at 16-under.

[00:46:32] >> And the title defense will draw to a close with a four at the last. Four sub 70 rounds for Rory, and return his attention to Quail Hollow.

[00:46:47] >> To keep in touch here to tie the lead.

[00:46:56] >> Just hangs in there for Sepp Straka. And it's matching birdies at the par 5 for the two leaders.

[00:47:11] >> Sungjae Im trying to can one at the last. Hello.

[00:47:17] >> Oh my goodness. The 18th hole. So it's card down. Three birdies in the last three groups.

[00:47:23] >> Straka has picked up 8.5 shots on the field with his putting this week. This would be massive if you could get it to go down.

[00:47:38] >> Good look here. Up the hill. Trying to move right.

[00:47:42] >> He will throw a coin on that one. And we'll see the Lowry par attempt first here.

[00:47:57] >> So much of what you're trying to do. Sixteen, 17, and 18 is just not give shots to the other guy. Hope he's back to the tee shot there.

[00:48:07] >> Did about as good as you could have done with the 2nd as well. But it's a four in the end for Lowry. And Straka a will stride to 17 tee with the lead.

[00:48:21] >> To 17. Last ditch effort really from Justin Thomas. This for birdie.

[00:48:27] >> Yeah. He just make this one and then capture one on the final hole.

[00:48:31] >> Talk about digging deep.

[00:48:36][Cheering and Applause] Quickly back to Lowry for birdie to tie the lead. And it hangs out to the right. He hit the putty wanted, Billy. Just didn't move. Not the putt he needed.

[00:49:10] >> Yeah. I mean it was the perfect speed.

[00:49:14] >> Straka needs to tighten up for his par. And does. And will head to the 72nd hole with a one stroke lead.

[00:49:30] >> Thomas with a absolute must make for any glimmer of hope here.

[00:49:42] >> In the hole.

[00:49:43] >> Got it.

[00:49:44] >> He is really dug in down the stretch. This is work done for the day.

[00:50:00] >> In the hole.

[00:50:02] >> Look like a contact.

[00:50:04] >> It's a great line as well.

[00:50:05] >> What a delivery.

[00:50:13] >> It's going to race past the hole, but that is more than acceptable.

[00:50:26] >> Well played. Very smart. Very smart.

[00:50:30] >> Well, he's given himself a fine chance, hasn't he? Two massive putts upcoming.

[00:50:43] >> Sepp did a good job to get it far enough into the green where he doesn't have to come over the little crease that comes in off this left bunker.

[00:50:49] >> That would have closed it out right there had that gone down.

[00:50:55] >> That will clear the stage for the Irishman here. That one races by the hole as well. So heart pumping, blood rushing for both players there.

[00:51:25] >> Three putts at the last and a stinging bogey to close the week. That's a shame. He hits such a wonderful iron shot from the left hand rough. Just a simple case where you have to take the sweet with the sour.

[00:51:54] >> And a chance to apply pressure. Instead, he took it off.

[00:52:04] >> So that will leave Straka with the comfort level of knowing he's got two from here if he needs them.

[00:52:13] >> Just the anguish as Lowry laments what could have been.

[00:52:22] >> Straka strikes again. Victory number 4, the second of this PGA Tour season. A signature takedown in Philadelphia. Sepp Straka, the champion of the Truist Championship.

[00:52:38] >> This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of the Truist Championship from the Philadelphia Cricket Club in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.