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[00:00:25.649]>>The PGA TOUR proudly presents.

[00:00:29.049]>>The season-long race for the FedExCup.

[00:00:33.040]>>Now coverage of The American Express.

[00:00:36.619]>>And the PGA Tour's Opening Drive.

[00:00:46.139]>>This is stunning La Quinta, California, in the Coachella Valley of the western part of the United States.

[00:00:55.599]>>You're looking at the 16th green on Pete Dye's Stadium Course in La Quinta.

[00:01:01.479]>>One of the three courses that they will play this week in the desert in dome-like conditions, 71 °F right now with almost no wind.

[00:01:15.290]>>With Mark Immelman and Rob Lee, I'm Taylor Zarzer. Inci Mehmet is on the golf course for us this week.

[00:01:22.739]>>Mark, I mentioned the 3 courses that they're playing this week. This is the only time all year that the PGA TOUR will play 3 different courses. Indeed, and what a place to play on these 3 courses. Over 100 courses in this Palm Springs Coachella Valley area. And let's zoom in and see exactly where we are. The Stadium Course is right around this area right there.

[00:01:46.139]>>Tournament courses down in this area. So a very close proximity between these two, of course, the Santa Rosa mountains which flank this incredible place. And if you love golf and tennis, this is the place to be this time of the year. 100 golf courses in this area. It's known as the golf capital of the world.

[00:02:06.129]>>Across town, some 30 minutes drive or so, and you have a glorious little golf course in La Quinta Country Club. And of these, this one is my favorite. It's old school. You get that real Hollywood feeling over there with Frank Sinatra Boulevard and such in the area. This just reeks of the golden age of Hollywood around here. 59 by Adam Hadwin shot there a few years.

[00:02:28.404]>>Back and Rob, it's the 2nd event of the season, 54 hole cut made after Saturday. Yeah, and the way it plays out, uh, two courses are much easier than the big course which they will play the final round on Sunday, the Pete Dyer Stadium Course. Uh, no one really knows how it all pans out until everybody's played three loops, and we'll find that out on Saturday night.

[00:02:54.149]>>Over at La Quinta, this is the par 3 4th hole, usually demanding from back of the green Chan Kim. Oh yeah, that's how you do it.

[00:03:06.830]>>Jason Day

[00:03:09.839]>>Downhill for birdie here at 10 on the Stadium Course.

[00:03:15.979]>>Oh,

[00:03:18.130]>>Incredible role, always comes out to look into this area early and works on the game, the perfect conditions and he loves it around these parts.

[00:03:29.119]>>Back over to the Stadium Course and Denny McCarthy, just 136 yards.

[00:03:35.809]>>Some sort of comfy wedge for the Virginia native.

[00:03:40.770]>>Beautiful whole design this, you got this green that plays like an island, huge moat, the sand bunker all the way around it and that thing is to kick in range.

[00:03:52.000]>>158 for Davis Thompson at 15.

[00:03:59.440]>>Big levers

[00:04:02.630]>>Little under it when he hits it, so the flip over left would be easy for him, and that's almost in, what a shot. Kicking for 3 under.

[00:04:14.220]>>Gary Woodland now over at the 13th.

[00:04:17.940]>>This is for a birdie, we'll get him to -4, which would be pretty good on the Stadium Course, with a few holes to play as well. Give it a run.

[00:04:28.369]>>Yeah, well done.

[00:04:30.230]>>A rare 2

[00:04:32.220]>>It's ruined a few cards today already, despite there being not 1 mile an hour of wind. All of a sudden back to -4, good bounce back.

[00:04:42.510]>>Here's Scottie Scheffler playing his 3rd at the par 4 17th.

[00:04:48.329]>>Get this up-and-down, keep it clean.

[00:04:54.619]>>up-and-down Better than that, better than that.

[00:04:58.179]>>He moves to 9 under par.

[00:05:02.279]>>Over to the 12th, Max Homa hitting his 2nd from the fairway.

[00:05:10.209]>>A little nudge with some sort of wedge.

[00:05:14.709]>>And beautifully judged and executed. Max, he's kinda resembling the Max Homa of a few seasons ago.

[00:05:25.040]>>Ahead here to 15.

[00:05:27.420]>>Just a wedge for Gary Woodland. 4 under par, good day.

[00:05:32.640]>>What about birdie in the last 4 holes?

[00:05:37.390]>>This will be step one. Stiff this.

[00:05:42.739]>>Just like that. Well, he's listening to you.

[00:05:47.179]>>On the 12th, this is Max.

[00:05:51.179]>>And, Max is delivering.

[00:05:55.380]>>Now at 14, Jason Day playing his 3rd.

[00:06:00.459]>>Bow back in the stands, slightly down sloping line.

[00:06:06.179]>>Come on, Jason, my goodness.

[00:06:12.239]>>Uh, you said it. There, there might not be anyone better that stands over that shot in the game of golf.

[00:06:23.959]>>Inci at the 13th, it's Homa.

[00:06:27.850]>>Yeah, 213 yards. I haven't seen many balls get close to this hole. I was just gonna say mid-flight, that's the best shot we've seen by a mile in here, and it's turning out to be the best shot we've seen. What a swing that was.

[00:06:46.290]>>Over on 12 ADDC is.

[00:06:50.410]>>Got some sort of wedge in hand from 132.

[00:07:00.329]>>And the players having their way with his back holer Gesing. 12 has been benevolence.

[00:07:08.130]>>Max Homa with his putt for birdie at the 13th.

[00:07:14.260]>>Yeah, well done.

[00:07:18.769]>>Continues to climb that leaderboard.

[00:07:25.209]>>And now the Belgian, just went up the hill to uh.

[00:07:29.239]>>A little bright spark in the scorecard. Thus far it's been uneventful.

[00:07:35.950]>>OK, strides it on down.

[00:07:39.149]>>That should change the mood a little.

[00:07:43.890]>>Well, Michael Kim.

[00:07:46.070]>>Barely on the dance floor.

[00:07:52.209]>>He's got a chance this if he gets it there. Oh, can you believe it? Could have been a 5, turned it into a 2. He's like, yeah, you get that for me, I'll, I'll get the pitch mark over here.

[00:08:04.290]>>Don't worry about the amateur partner. I've got the 2.

[00:08:10.750]>>Jason Day putting for birdie at 17.

[00:08:15.329]>>And he's a good reader of greens normally, Jason Day, this is, as we've seen all day long from a very popular spot, a little right to left.

[00:08:24.019]>>2 pars for 65, anything else, it's 64 or better.

[00:08:31.709]>>Mm, proud you come take it out.

[00:08:39.000]>>Net leader.

[00:08:40.570]>>8 under on the big course.

[00:08:47.210]>>Jayday

[00:08:49.510]>>He'll be looking in just one direction from here, that right hole location, setting up for that little baby draw.

[00:08:58.679]>>If this is the right distance, it is handsome. Oh.

[00:09:03.650]>>Handsome indeed. Almost unfortunate to hit the flagstick.

[00:09:08.590]>>I think you said it, uh, Rob. This is the guy you got to stay in front of.

[00:09:13.419]>>Day has this putt for a closing birdie.

[00:09:22.390]>>Ah, you knew he was gonna do it. 31, 32, 63 as the Australian pours this left to rightr in.

[00:09:36.099]>>Here's MacIntyre at the 9th. Yeah, it's for 63.

[00:09:40.080]>>It is a 63, well played Bob. Good week last week, coming into form right at the kickoff for a brand new season on the PGA TOUR.

[00:09:49.119]>>The boy's heart.

[00:09:53.599]>>Patrick Cantlay, he of the shuffle.

[00:09:57.359]>>2nd to 9.

[00:09:59.330]>>Having a good day, 8 under Patrick.

[00:10:03.130]>>It's just a wedge in his hand, this.

[00:10:06.390]>>But

[00:10:08.070]>>Vex me.

[00:10:10.909]>>Oh, it did do, and it did sit and it was excellent, and it could well be another 63.

[00:10:18.059]>>This is um

[00:10:19.599]>>A very short birdie putt after the brilliance of the Cantlay approach. Final shot of the day, surely. Yeah, well done, another 63. They're common or garden those, look at that mini leaderboard.

[00:10:34.659]>>A pair of opening 62s by Min Woo Lee and Pierceson Coody have them tied at top the leaderboard. Round 2 is next.

[00:10:51.140]>>From the stunning Coachella Valley area of the state of California.

[00:10:57.739]>>It is second round action featuring Pete Dye's Stadium Course in La Quinta and two other courses that also will be featured, the Nicholas Tournament course and La Quinta Country Club that make up this tournament that has been played here for over 60 years. Perfect conditions in the desert of California at 71 °F.

[00:11:22.739]>>With Mark Immelman, Rob Lee, and Inci Mehmet on the course, I'm Taylor Zarzer, proud to be broadcasting The American Express.

[00:11:33.809]>>Patrick Cantlay at the 10th, and he is over on the Stadium Course, 10 has been benevolent in round one, giving up 6 birdies. They say nice look, not too much movement down the hill.

[00:11:48.880]>>Yep, count that. Cantlay, 2 under. Eagle at the 8th, and that is his lone birdie so far today, currently 4 behind Scheffler.

[00:12:01.500]>>And now Scheffler

[00:12:04.250]>>Yeah, it's an eagle chip.

[00:12:06.179]>>To get to 18 under.

[00:12:08.119]>>Oh, he's played a low scudder along the ground.

[00:12:13.640]>>Nearly very good, nearly very good.

[00:12:17.219]>>This is, this is his 6th start, Rob, at The American Express. He was the 36 and 54 hole leader here in 2020.

[00:12:27.710]>>Here's a Hall of Famer, Adam Scott, a 45 year old.

[00:12:33.609]>>This is at the par 5 11th on the Stadium Course and South Africans, Spaniards, and Aussies are so good out of the sand.

[00:12:44.429]>>And now Scheffler for that birdie.

[00:12:47.349]>>To break out in front and get to 17 under, 2 holes to play after this, and it's more of the same for Scottie.

[00:13:02.030]>>Chatfield over at the 10th, 0, a little trickle from greenside and buries it. 3 the unlikely way, it moves to 7 under.

[00:13:12.359]>>Here's our first look at Blades Brown playing his 3rd at the par 5 4th.

[00:13:18.539]>>That ball way back in the stands. Downhill there, trying to put something on the ground.

[00:13:25.000]>>Oh boy, that's a touch of class.

[00:13:32.710]>>And it's Robert MacIntyre on the Stadium Course Mark Bravehearts.

[00:13:37.270]>>Dressed in the colors of his beloved Scotland.rasm

[00:13:42.619]>>Let him in

[00:13:44.039]>>Charge. MacIntyre really coming into his own on the world stage.

[00:13:53.419]>> Rasmus Højgaard, after a really poor chip can make up for it with a good putt, that's always possible, and he has, how about that? 1 out of 10 for the chip, 10 out of 10 for the putt.

[00:14:07.570]>>And now Clark just off of the first cut of rough.

[00:14:14.700]>>Well, it's a little jumpy line, 162, it's a wedge.

[00:14:20.150]>>Oh, that's as good as you can play from there. No kidding, what a beautiful sound to that strike.

[00:14:29.900]>>Blades Brown, 59, as we keep, keep saying, it's very gettable here, this is the birdie putt. Go on, in you go, yeah, fantastic.

[00:14:38.869]>>He's 2 birdies away from breaking 60.

[00:14:42.820]>>What a run for the youngster, hey, fantastic.

[00:14:49.090]>>Right, here's your swing, market Rasmus Højgaard, uh, uh, uh, I would describe him as a kind of a, a, a more powerful Faldo-ish swing.

[00:14:58.650]>>Absolutely. Just elegant speed through contact and hits it so high.

[00:15:03.869]>>They come down from way up in the air. Oh, come on, in you come.

[00:15:08.630]>>Oh, what a shot.

[00:15:10.729]>>I

[00:15:17.270]>>Over on the 10th hole.

[00:15:21.919]>>Kensei Hirada, 4 under par, he's gotta get his skates on a little bit, playing alongside.

[00:15:32.739]>>Clanton and neighbor sort of struggling for some momentum, so a 2nd on the way and that's gonna help the cause a little bit.

[00:15:41.989]>>Here's Tony Finau trying to find his form in 2026.

[00:15:48.960]>>2nd to the 9th on the necklace.

[00:15:52.140]>>6 under par, that's a perfect approach, even more perfect, how about that, he's now 8 under par.

[00:15:59.429]>>Yeah it's in Tony.

[00:16:01.890]>>Well, that's what I was aiming at.

[00:16:05.669]>>His hands are so low because his arms are so long, incredible, yeah.

[00:16:12.539]>>As was that shot. And he's got some massive hands as well. Palmer baseball with those mitts.

[00:16:23.070]>>Here's a chance for 17 under for Brown. Find it. You go.

[00:16:30.210]>>Now he's gotta be

[00:16:32.020]>>He's got to think about birding the last 3 holes and just.

[00:16:35.570]>>Posting a really silly number. Well, it's one more to break 60 and a couple more for truly rarefied air. If he pars in, he has the course record at the Nicholas course. We're not talking about that. We're talking about get past Furyk's 58.

[00:16:53.250]>>As we go over to Si Woo Kim here, you guys need to settle down a bit. The pros say it's one shot at a time.

[00:17:00.679]>>Si Woo with a 2nd to the 18th. He's 2 back of Scottie and that's gonna work out fine. Tee shot way down the fairway, got some sort of wedge in hand and he cozies it up to kicking range.

[00:17:15.390]>>Over 17.

[00:17:18.020]>>Not having the best of days today, John Perry. He's had a really good start in his PGA TOUR adventure, come on, yeah, that helps, that helps.

[00:17:33.189]>>Over on the 18th, woo.

[00:17:36.540]>>No problems.

[00:17:39.819]>>Kim to 16 under tip of the cap, that's two good days' work.

[00:17:47.660]>>And now MacIntyre.

[00:17:50.790]>>This will be awkward, this is for birdie, just through that fringe approach, once it crests the hill, it's fast on the green.

[00:17:59.030]>>Oh yeah, Bobby Mac.

[00:18:01.770]>>Played solidly last week in Hawaii.

[00:18:04.760]>>Up to the usual tricks for the Scotsman.

[00:18:10.469]>>Playing alongside Hogeie is Eric Cole.

[00:18:14.699]>>When aggressive off the tee, only 140 yards left.

[00:18:18.780]>>So it's a green light and he takes advantage.

[00:18:25.339]>>It said they can't lay at 15. Yeah, just under 160 yards. It's a tweener.

[00:18:33.130]>>If he thinks it's gonna jump, it's a wedge.

[00:18:39.459]>>Oh, he's got that absolutely on a string. He's hit the ball in the button every single time.

[00:18:46.520]>>Blades Brown now at the 9th. Well, up-and-down for 59.and wedge, he's given that full beans, just be the right distance.

[00:18:57.310]>>Oh.

[00:18:59.250]>>He's got a shot.

[00:19:01.260]>>How about this?

[00:19:03.250]>>It's such a classic number 59, because you don't get many chances in your professional life to shoot it, and you better take it when it comes along.

[00:19:12.579]>>I hope he holds it.

[00:19:15.500]>>Great opportunity to shoot 59 here. He already is going to have the course record, just two putts needed for that, but a putt here for 59 and also for the outright lead through 36 holes.

[00:19:34.239]>>For 59 for Brown and it just slides by. Oh my gosh.

[00:19:47.619]>>What a shame.

[00:19:50.630]>>Half an hour ago, that was in the bag, 59.

[00:19:54.079]>>It was over. It did look like a slight push there. The backstroke looked a little longer than normal, but who am I to go? It's still the course record. It's a 60 for Brown.

[00:20:08.500]>>You see, he's got a bit of disappointment as he smiles and.

[00:20:12.959]>>Hugs everyone that played with him today, but still, what an accomplishment for the 18-year-old from Nashville, Tennessee, matched with the top player in the sport through 36 holes. He might say later on in his career, when I was 18, I had a putt for a 59 on the PGA TOUR and never had one ever again.

[00:20:40.910]>>And was Bezuidenhout just about hung onto the green, but this is for 2.

[00:20:48.560]>>Go on, yes, so that gets him to 9 under par. Believe it or not, that's the cut mark going into day 3.

[00:20:59.520]>>And it's Min Woo Lee's turn at the par 3 17th.

[00:21:03.449]>>Well, when the crowd get loud, there could be a little bit of a rumble, but in actual fact there was a real life rumble, a little mini earthquake about 10 minutes ago. Just over 2.5 on the, what's it called? Richter scale. The magnitude, Richter scale, you, you got it. So.

[00:21:20.420]>>Hopefully that can wriggle this part into the hole, very subtle, like I said, this part of the green, very little in it.

[00:21:32.280]>>Well done, well done, Min Woo Lee. Birdie, birdie at just the right time to just put the brakes on what was a slide away into the abyss on day two, with the scoring as it is. That's commendable.

[00:21:46.150]>>Blades Brown course record 60 moves him into a tie with Scottie Scheffler for the lead. Round 3 is next.

[00:22:02.630]>>From the Coachella Valley region of California in the United States of America, this is the Pete Dye Stadium Course in La Quinta.

[00:22:13.810]>>One of 3 courses featured this week. Scottie Scheffler is playing it today, and the leaders will be playing it tomorrow in perfect conditions. The wind is up a bit from what we saw yesterday and on Thursday. Just delightful given what most of the United States is facing with snow and ice, with Mark Immelman, Rob Lee, and Inci Mehmet on the course. I'm Taylor Zarzer.

[00:22:43.829]>>La Quinta and Si Woo.

[00:22:46.660]>>Shortish parfour straightaway.

[00:22:50.989]>>Some sort of scoring iron in the hand for Kim.

[00:22:55.729]>>And him taking advantage there, that's a good look up the hill for another birdie.

[00:23:03.310]>>Scottie Scheffler just resetting here. Overall this putt is breaking right to left. At least a cup or so, maybe a little bit more.

[00:23:15.079]>>That's on the green and the slow, beautiful read, Scottie.

[00:23:19.449]>>Overcomes the ball in the divot hole in the fairway and vaults into a tie for the lead.

[00:23:24.800]>>3 birdies in the last 4 holes, and this, the longest one of the day.

[00:23:33.420]>>Up the hill for a tie, Si Woo Kim.

[00:23:40.329]>>Oh, bounces right back from the short, miss back in the 1st. That's how you'd do it, Si Woo. And now 3 players tied for the lead, Scheffler, Siwu, Kim, and Eric Cole, and Wyndham Clark could be the 4th.

[00:23:55.329]>>At the 9th then

[00:23:56.900]>>Another player at -20, could be.

[00:24:00.349]>>Yeah, no doubt.

[00:24:02.449]>>But it's only when you get to the Saturday, when everyone has played the three courses in rotation, that you can finally take a look at what the lead looks like, and we've got 4 at -20.

[00:24:14.439]>>Let's head up to the 16th.

[00:24:17.069]>>Little more awkward than this appears, Blades Brown. Got to traverse that slope that's right about there.

[00:24:25.219]>>Oh,

[00:24:26.670]>>Wizardry with a wedge.

[00:24:30.859]>>He moves to 19 under.

[00:24:33.420]>>Over to Scottie Scheffler now playing his 3rd shot at the par 5 11th on the Pete Dye Stadium Course.

[00:24:50.660]>>I would say that's very proficient from there. So good, and he's unafraid of really sticking that leading edge of the lofted wedge into the ground. Find a weakness as he turns, no, you can't find a weakness.

[00:25:03.599]>>Well, Blades Brown, thankfully his tee shot pulled up after he smashed a wedge on this hole that's just a shade under 175 yards from an elevated tee box. Now this is a putt he could definitely hole. He birdied 16, trying to finish with 3 on the bounce to maybe play with Scheffler on the final day.

[00:25:23.099]>>Let's see if he gives this one a run.

[00:25:29.339]>>Well he has, get a bit of that.

[00:25:33.729]>>Unbelievable.

[00:25:35.890]>>Unbelievable what we're watching.

[00:25:39.719]>>He's not afraid of the spotlight, is he?

[00:25:42.459]>>Come on, finish on 21 under. Scheffler and Brown.

[00:25:46.969]>>Final round.

[00:25:51.810]>>And of course there's this man.

[00:25:54.750]>>Right, well, Scottie saw this one drift past the cup with that excellent chip shot he played. This is to get to -21.

[00:26:02.390]>>There's not too much movement in this.

[00:26:08.380]>>Yeah, all the way.

[00:26:11.410]>>Beautiful drive, hit a snorkel 3 with just short of the green and a, a chip in a Putt.

[00:26:22.140]>>Si Woo were over at La Quinta.

[00:26:24.689]>>Bit of a seagoer here, not too much movement on these greens.

[00:26:28.780]>>Tumbles on in, Si Woo Kim.

[00:26:34.619]>>Let's head to the 18th green Blades Brown, a long birdie attempt to join Scottie Scheffler on 21 under par. Birdies at 16 and 17. Can he make one more?

[00:26:49.750]>>It'll be hard work, a couple of humps and hollows to deal with on this long ranger.

[00:26:55.300]>>Overall moving to his right.

[00:26:58.819]>>Watch out, watch out. Oh my goodness. Blades Brown is tied for the lead.

[00:27:06.329]>>Birdies the last 3 holes and the 18-year-old backs up a 60 with a 68 on the Stadium Course.

[00:27:16.189]>>David Ford

[00:27:18.239]>>Cheerleader over there for his good buddy. Well, Rob Lee said it before the putt on 16. He would have to birdie out to have any chance of playing with Scottie Scheffler tomorrow. Si Woo Kim is still out there and could have something to say about this, but.

[00:27:34.189]>>Blades has done his part.

[00:27:37.329]>>Let's head back to the 5th where Si Woo Kim has this putt for eagle.

[00:27:49.239]>>He'll move to 21 under.

[00:27:53.000]>>Scottie Scheffler, just off the green, so he can't line it up. Amateur will be going first.

[00:28:00.000]>>Time left obviously here at the 13th, but.

[00:28:03.969]>>If Scheffler's unable to make that, he would fall back to the 20 unders and

[00:28:08.930]>>It has been confirmed by

[00:28:11.290]>>Our rules analyst Rico Pearson, they will be playing in split tees in threes tomorrow.

[00:28:18.689]>>And so at this moment, Blades Brown, Scottie Scheffler, and Si Woo Kim would be grouped together, but we'll see how that shakes out here in the last hour and a half of the 3rd round.

[00:28:49.050]>>It's a bogey, all caused by the tee shot that he didn't commit to. Only the 2nd bogey of his tournament went bogeyfree for the 1st 2 rounds.

[00:29:00.689]>>Here's the best round of the day on the Stadium Course, Hao Tong Li at the 15th.

[00:29:07.319]>>It's a bender from left to right.

[00:29:10.410]>>Gotta be just careful of this one.

[00:29:18.089]>>And this pace is pretty good, that's pretty good, ding dong in it goes for Hao Tong.

[00:29:23.739]>>You see the gesture there when that crest the slope, he had his hand out going uh settle down, settle down, settle down.

[00:29:30.000]>>It did right at the bottom of the hole.

[00:29:35.739]>>Si Woo Kim makes this mark. He's the leader.

[00:29:40.089]>>Not his best bunker shot for the 3rd, so this long ranger for the conversion.

[00:29:46.739]>>He didn't. No, he did.

[00:29:48.760]>>He's missed from 3 ft straight up the hill and now he's buried 2 bombs from long range. Look at that, 3 straight for Si Woo. He was being strategic with that bunker play, yeah.

[00:30:00.219]>>Well, this will be some eagle. I can't imagine there'd be many eagles on this whole the week, in fact, not just today. Today there has been one eagle made so far. Is that right?

[00:30:12.390]>>Well, this potentially to make it 2, just breaking off the left for Scottie Scheffler just outside the edge.

[00:30:22.839]>>This for the co-lead.

[00:30:32.319]>>That was wiggling all over the show. Yeah, there you go.

[00:30:37.640]>>I thought he had it, then it just hit something and straightened out.

[00:30:40.810]>>Still only one eagle made there, not only for the day Mark, for the week.

[00:30:48.439]>>Well, that was a disappointing miss for Scottie Scheffler, but still, it's just what he was after when he was standing back on the tee. 2 putts for a 4. Not many par 5s that you say 4's a really good score. Mhm, this one's yeah, absolutely.

[00:31:04.449]>>Safely in. He's back in that final group.

[00:31:11.099]>>We jump ahead to Scheffler on the 18th, who has this putt for par.

[00:31:16.949]>>Now, Scottie Scheffler, to get into that golden group, the Hollywood Group of golf.

[00:31:24.579]>>This is predominantly breaking off his right most of the way and it straightens out right at the very end.

[00:31:33.219]>>No

[00:31:35.420]>>Scheffler. How about that save? And we do get the dream trio in the final round of the AMEX.

[00:31:45.750]>>With his closing par, Scottie Scheffler joins leader Si Woo Kim and 18-year-old Blades Brown in the final group. Round 4 is next.

[00:32:02.400]>>We are here and we are playing for history and we're playing for the players that came before us.

[00:32:08.209]>>I've worked since I was 2 or 3 years old to have a chance to play professional golf for a living. The, the guys that win the most, they're in contention so much, they're up there all the time. That's where I want to be.

[00:32:40.750]>>The PGA TOUR proudly presents the season-long race for the FedExCup. Today, it's live, final round coverage of The American Express.

[00:32:54.170]>>And the PGA Tour's Opening Drive.

[00:32:58.479]>>The second event of the 2026 season from stunning La Quinta, California.

[00:33:08.520]>>It's the 2nd event of the year, it's the 1st event of the season for the #1 player in the game, and he's the leader by 1 as he plays the par 4 9th. Scottie Scheffler looking for his 20th victory on the PGA TOUR.

[00:33:27.489]>>And let's go straight to the highlights. It, it began at the 1st Mark Immelman. He was 1 back of Si Woo Kim when he played the shot. Just a handshake par 4,

tee shot down the left and the approach cut the rye overseed, but with a wedge in hand in the back hole location, Scottie Scheffler, just an opening statement. He would make that, he would make bogey at 2 and par at the 3rd, and he came to the par 3, 4th tee, 1 back. 170 yards for Scottie Scheffler, eyeing this one up-and-down.

[00:33:58.040]>>And his 2nd birdie of the day was not far away.

[00:34:02.719]>>Inches

[00:34:04.430]>>And then another one at the 5th on the par 5, 1st par 5 on the golf course, it's a sort of double dog leg, 2 strikes to the back left of the green. And how's the length of these 3 birdie attempts he's had, cumulatively about 2 ft. After a par at the 6th, he was in the fairway at 7. I know it's another Scottie Scheffler wedge, look for pin high.

[00:34:28.138]>>It's what he does, time and time and time again, another tap in. Told nothing.

[00:34:34.888]>>It's insane. And just a moment ago before we came on the air, this one for the outright lead. Another par 5, green side pitch to here and buries the 10 footer. That was a trend liner. Yeah, that's the longest putt he's made today.

[00:34:50.040]>>One of the hot chasers today is Ryan Gerard at 12. Got off to a really sedate start, round one with 72 on this golf course, but since then he has been on fire. Just 3 back right now, making a charge. The Russ bus, Russell Henley on the short par 4, the 12th, slightly down sloping line. He excels with wedges in hand, this man.

[00:35:16.820]>>Oh, indeed, perfect. That's just a little bit of work left to get to 19 under. This man still has a chance. Well, it was an unbelievably good shot at 13, dare he make it for the 2, he does, just hangs on.

[00:35:32.879]>>To 14, Rickie Fowler.

[00:35:35.939]>>Having a nice week, dressed in the customary orange on the final day.

[00:35:41.419]>>And Rickie bringing some form, that is dandy Rickie Fowler.

[00:35:48.239]>>Up to the 12th.

[00:35:51.830]>>That ball tracking end over end for Sam Stevens.

[00:35:56.770]>>Wait a second, he's joined the chats.

[00:36:01.949]>>Well, you can make up for a poor chip with a really good putt, this is a 20 footer for Putnam to close to within one.

[00:36:09.310]>>And he loves that shortest club in his bag, like you can't believe it, how about that?

[00:36:16.830]>>Hao Tong Li is about 40 yards further left in his tee shot yesterday, he's found the edge of the green at 13. Just trying to to putt this if he can, it's quick.

[00:36:26.770]>>Going.

[00:36:27.989]>>No, not a 2 putt, it's a 1 putt, of course it was. He was screaming bike when it was clearing the hill there, that's a bonus.

[00:36:41.669]>>Jason Day, fast finish for the Australian would be very handy, give this one a go.

[00:36:48.439]>>Trying to get there, trying to get there. Oh, pick it out, why don't you?

[00:36:53.939]>>Huge putt to hole, he's got 3 left, make it eagles 16, birdie 17 and 18. Post a number.

[00:37:02.439]>>Here's where everything will unfold later this afternoon, Taylor, the 18th.

[00:37:08.949]>>Finishing birdie for Sahith Theegala. That's 65 today for the California native.

[00:37:18.020]>>Battled in an oblique injury last year. It's a good start for him in 2026.

[00:37:24.679]>>Arguably the toughest shot out of the 3 chip shots coming up right now on a slight downhill slope.

[00:37:31.050]>>Expecting a bit of a trappy strike with this one, very easy to come up short with water.

[00:37:44.610]>>It's the low skidder with a bit of drag and just not going in for the eagle.

[00:37:51.409]>>What a shot by Scheffler.

[00:37:59.820]>>Wyndham Clark with a 2nd on the way to the 12th.

[00:38:03.580]>>And that's more like it has swung the club beautifully here during this American Express, but today has been pedestrian. Just the one birdie and a double bogey on a par 5. And Scheffler now to increase his lead.

[00:38:16.610]>>Another birdie, 26.

[00:38:23.090]>>And I think he was at 21 after two holes, and look what he's done since.

[00:38:32.810]>>Wyndham for his 2nd birdie of the day, this one's sneaking to his left-hand side.

[00:38:40.840]>>Finally.

[00:38:43.449]>>Finally.

[00:38:50.310]>>This is Day for birdie up at 16.

[00:38:57.729]>>Suddenly tied for 3rd.

[00:39:01.919]>>Blind shot for the approach and see.

[00:39:05.389]>>Yeah, there's a couple of mounds about 40 yards just shy of this green which blocks your view, but.

[00:39:11.820]>>I don't think it matters for Scheffler. It's golf by numbers, my dear, it's golf by numbers. Just enjoy watching the best in the world, folks.

[00:39:22.889]>>To extend the lead to 4.

[00:39:31.830]>>He's relentless.

[00:39:33.520]>>Absolutely relentless, bogey on the 2nd, since then, 6 birdies on the scorecard.

[00:39:40.649]>>Wyndham Clark found the target with his tee shot from 208 at 13, so this will break out of the pack at -20 with style, by the way, with style, cause that was not for slowing down. Someone opened the spigot, all of a sudden, two birdies on the card.

[00:39:58.120]>>Scottie Scheffler is playing his own tournament, Inci. This is really interesting. Go against what most coaches would say. As soon as he hit that tee shot, pulled out the 60, which is his most loved club, and he's going to try and keep this low now.

[00:40:12.010]>>Ride it, right to left.

[00:40:15.510]>>Yeah, I wouldn't argue with him.

[00:40:17.899]>>To 2. I wouldn't argue with him, honestly.

[00:40:26.110]>>84 yards for Brown.

[00:40:28.389]>>You can attack this with the flag right at the back. You've got plenty of room.

[00:40:38.340]>>Oh, nicely played, a lot of sizzle on that one, this par 4 is playing.

[00:40:43.050]>>A whisker under par, it's been quite benign and that's a beautiful wedge for Blades Brown.

[00:40:50.600]>>Looking for the same sort of shot, 2 bounces and that they better a grab once again.

[00:40:56.629]>>This is loaded with spin.

[00:41:01.229]>>So good.

[00:41:03.379]>>It's just a clinic. It's a masterclass right now for Scottie Scheffler. I mean, that green is down grain is silting away from you and he gets the thing to sizzle to a halt.

[00:41:14.010]>>I would give it outside of the right edge. It's gotta marry that pay and line.

[00:41:21.250]>>Right. Really big, going from a tie for 10th to 5th.

[00:41:28.010]>>In his quest to play on the PGA TOUR again next week, must stay in the top 10 in order to do that.

[00:41:38.510]>>Scottie, to increase that lead.

[00:41:51.179]>>No problems.

[00:41:55.649]>>Scottie Scheffler is leading by 5 at The American Express. We'll be right back with the conclusion of the final round.

[00:42:14.659]>>Just a little bit downhill for Scottie Scheffler, another birdie chance, a hint of right to left in this.

[00:42:28.409]>>It is.

[00:42:33.320]>>Man, he had that in the middle, didn't he?

[00:42:37.070]>>Sure did. Well, he's just ticking them away now, 3 from home.

[00:42:49.179]>>Right. Trying to get it to turn from the right, a little wide of the mark.

[00:42:57.020]>>But a nice start to the season for Sam Stevens.

[00:43:02.540]>>He'll play in Torrey Pines next week. We finished runner-up last year. Four straight rounds in the 60s, 22 under and you only 6 back of the lead.

[00:43:16.540]>>At the par 5 16th, for birdie Matt McCarty.

[00:43:22.219]>>Just hasn't made the putts required over the 2nd 9, but he struck the ball very well. He's 1 back of 2nd.

[00:43:29.570]>>This is pretty straightforward for Scottie Scheffler. He's looking to land this about 15, maybe 21. And it will be breaking off the right ever so slightly.

[00:43:39.320]>>Very makeable for a man of his caliber.

[00:43:50.080]>>Perfection, absolute perfection.

[00:43:56.300]>>And Scottie for another birdie.

[00:44:02.469]>>Not just in, center cut. 29 under par. He's matched the scoring record.

[00:44:13.639]>>He's got an 8 iron in his hand. Perfect location here is pin high left, that's the heart of the green.

[00:44:21.060]>>Daunting this island green.

[00:44:23.459]>>That's daunting where he's hit that, that's double daunting.

[00:44:29.209]>>Just when you thought he was gonna canter to the finish line.

[00:44:33.500]>>Ahead to the 18th, and McCarty, he needs Birdie to join that group for 2nd. He's taking dead aim, turning that off the water.

[00:44:44.389]>>Oh, brave.

[00:44:51.850]>>We've seen people through the week here get too cute, it's just fat of the green, 2 putt, move on.

[00:45:11.290]>>Si Woo Kim now on the par 3 17th. He has 46 ft for birdie from here.

[00:45:24.639]>>Huge putt, huge putt for all the, the poor putts that he's hit today, he pulls out a blockbuster on 17.

[00:45:35.500]>>McCarty meanwhile to join that group in 2nd.

[00:45:40.750]>>Yes, he's catching the edge at 68 today.

[00:45:48.550]>>Bogey putt for Scottie Scheffler.

[00:45:52.070]>>And it will be that double.

[00:45:56.340]>>But he's done all the work, he's put this tournament to bed.

[00:46:01.010]>>A luxurious double bogey on the seventy-first hole.

[00:46:17.270]>>And Putnam now to stay in 2nd.

[00:46:23.780]>>That is his 5th, 2nd place finish on the PGA TOUR. Puts him in terrific position too in the AON swing 5.

[00:46:36.939]>>And the man of the moment.

[00:46:40.070]>>One more good swing. He's got a tee down, he's looking for that low fairway finder.

[00:46:47.659]>>Woo

[00:46:50.840]>>It's drifting right

[00:46:54.070]>>First cut.

[00:46:56.360]>>Scheffler, minutes away from his 20th win on the PGA TOUR.

[00:47:02.139]>>for par to finish in a tie for 13th.

[00:47:08.030]>>He's got the right color putter for the WM livery. He really does.

[00:47:14.949]>>188 yards for Scottie Scheffler, leaning on an 8 iron, or a little bit below his feet.

[00:47:31.550]>>Friendly kick off the backside of that shoulder that guards the front right hand side of the green, and that's no damage done. Just gotta get the ship back into the port and get your 20th win of your PGA TOUR career. And Scheffler missing the green here but putting himself in a good position.

[00:47:49.879]>>For his 3rd shot. Remember yesterday, he had to get up-and-down and make a long putt just to get into the final group. It's been spectacular with these clubs around the green today.

[00:48:02.659]>>You got it all.

[00:48:08.149]>>And another.

[00:48:10.639]>>Incredible skills around the greens.

[00:48:22.219]>>Folks from this angle have rolled the ball at the hole. It isn't a speed that wants to get away from you too badly.

[00:48:29.459]>>It's just picking the pure land.

[00:48:34.820]>>That's a pure stroke.

[00:48:37.729]>>But not to be for the 2021 American-Express champion. Turning pro.

[00:48:48.719]>>Before this tournament last year, he played one PGA TOUR event as an amateur two years ago and made the cut there in Myrtle Beach, and has made now 14 starts on the Korn Ferry Tour, including 2 this season, including 1 this week.

[00:49:07.409]>>And he has made a ton of fans along the way in these 8 straight days.

[00:49:13.510]>>Of competitive play

[00:49:29.560]>>Well, you can bet you will see Blades Brown again on the PGA TOUR.

[00:49:40.260]>>So it's Panama or an invite.

[00:49:44.209]>>I'm going with a letter.

[00:49:51.129]>>

[00:49:56.419]>>You know, Kim.

[00:49:58.439]>>And clear out of the way here.

[00:50:01.310]>>This is for a tie for 6th.

[00:50:09.229]>>The 2021 American Express champion with a great week.

[00:50:19.669]>>You wondered at the beginning of the week just how dominant the best player in the game would be in his first start of the season.

[00:50:44.060]>>In his season debut, the beat goes on.

[00:50:48.489]>>Scottie Scheffler's historic run continues, winning The American Express.

[00:50:55.139]>>too.

[00:50:59.389]>>20 wins and a lifetime exemption on the PGA TOUR.

[00:51:04.560]>>What an achievement.

[00:51:07.199]>>Amazing. When you said the beat goes on, do you mean the beating of everybody that plays golf goes on? It does, yeah.

[00:51:14.639]>>Yeah, week one, win one. And on we go.

[00:51:19.639]>>Been a great tournament. It was, and it's highly competitive. Scheffler was always right there.

[00:51:29.290]>>But it had a bunch of other storylines each and every day.

[00:51:35.120]>>13 of the top 30 players in the world, 19 rookies in the field.

[00:51:40.939]>>And a little bit of everything you'd want. You know, everybody associated with The American Express and the PGA TOUR thrilled with how this turned out. You wait here.

[00:51:53.429]>>I think Bennett wants to go play in the bunker. Yeah, he wasn't interested in the golf club. Did he say 5:15 for breakfast? Yeah, when he's the last out. That's mighty early. But he's committed to his routine and I was gonna say that I, I suspect there's a lot more stretching, gym work and everything else that goes on than, than you would ordinarily think.

[00:52:19.370]>>Final results here, Scottie Scheffler winning by 4 over a quartet of players, including Australia's Jason Day, who finishes tied for second in his 2026 debut. 21 champ Si Woo Kim finishes tied for sixth at 21 under.

[00:52:37.840]>>This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of The American Express at PGA West in La Quinta, California.