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[00:00:24.969]>>The PGA TOUR is proud to bring you the season-long race for the FedExCup.

[00:00:30.870]>>Now coverage of the 2026 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard. You find us here at the beautiful Bay Hill Club and Lodge. Absolutely picture perfect day in the heart of the winter, but in the heart of Central Florida and Orlando, it's pretty much perfect as you can see looking down upon it, and the players are taking advantage of it indeed at this golf course that is.

[00:00:57.055]>>So distinctive, 85 °F, that's about 29 °C. Dame Laura Davies is sitting next to me, and, and this is a golf course that Laura asks a lot of questions of the players. It very much does. I mean there's a lot of dog legs right to left, left to right. Demands that the players hit shots, that they've got to shape it, if they want to hit the fairways, these greens generally as the week goes on, get firmer and firmer, so hitting fairways is an absolute key, and it's, it's an absolute milest.

[00:01:23.239]>>To be 7,466 yards this week and a pleasure. That's why you get such a strong feel. The guys want to come and play here and be tested at Arnold's place. Alongside of Laura, I am Matt Adams, 2002 players' champion Craig Perks out on the golf course. We have Wayne Radar Riley and Emilia Doran calling the shots for us. And Craig, this is a very unique place and it is one of the distinctive signature events.

[00:01:49.425]>>On the PGA TOUR. Yeah, Short field too, just 72 players, 700 points, \$20 million purse, the third Signature Event of the season. All top 10 in the world are here, 19 of the top 20. It's such a special event, so much history, tradition, the spirit, the legacy of Mr. Palmer. To me, Matt, this week isn't just another 4 rounds of competitive golf on the PGA TOUR, it's a celebration of life of Arnold Palmer.

[00:02:15.880]>>Still tinkering, messing with the, the inserts of the face.

[00:02:20.339]>>Cause these greens are so fast he tried to get an insert that would deaden it a little bit coming off the face. What a finish from Morikawa, 40 in his last 3 and shoots 66.

[00:02:35.419]>>This is officially the season debut for Justin Thomas coming back off of injury. This was just a moment ago at the fourth. Yeah, 266 is the par 5. Good to see Justin Thomas back after that microdiscectomy surgery. It wasn't the back, it was actually numbness and.

[00:02:52.889]>>Fatigue in the right leg.

[00:02:57.550]>>This is the 6, Echavarria with his 2nd at the par 5. Yeah, we'll get the heart rate up from 241 over the water. Try and get something to land softly.

[00:03:08.869]>>Well that's fortuitous. Oh, and again.

[00:03:14.339]>>Tremendous breaks. And down one of those chipping areas and a lot of green with which to work. Wow. These greens are nice and firm, the lie is absolutely perfect, just trying to release it all the way up to this flag position, pretty straightforward.

[00:03:42.949]>>Yeah, beautifully judged, radar and gonna set up a pretty easy birdie.

[00:03:49.380]>> Echavarria on the tee at the 7th.

[00:03:53.300]>>He draws the perfect shot, middle of the green, turn it towards his back left pin.

[00:03:57.979]>>22 on, and that is absolutely textbook, and who's to say he's not gonna go for 4 on the trot.

[00:04:05.669]>> Hideki. Obviously, the disappointment in Phoenix, but

[00:04:11.000]>>4 top

[00:04:12.860]>>15s to go along with that playoff second and.

[00:04:17.059]>>That's very nice.

[00:04:19.829]>>Well, you've heard us say it, Echavarria for birdie many times today. 5 in a row.

[00:04:26.480]>>As I said it, and that's right, I mentioned you can play this with some pace. Don't give the hole away. Good 4.

[00:04:36.769]>>Hovland's on the tee at 7.

[00:04:39.489]>>Just kicked up a little at his back, on a banging line.

[00:04:54.390]>>At the 9th with Hideki.

[00:04:57.790]>>Yeah

[00:04:59.290]>>Is he gonna dare to take this pin on or just take the.

[00:05:02.399]>>20 footer from the left side, looks like he might have tugged it a bit, you never know with Hideki though. He's one of those players, there you go, and he's absolutely at it, I'm glad I didn't say he pulled that in the end.

[00:05:14.089]>>Remembered who I was watching, what a shot.

[00:05:17.059]>>Chris Gotterup at the 10th has found his tee shot nestled in this overseeded rough you were talking about, Greg. Yeah, you see a lot of the golf ball, 118, not the best of angles.

[00:05:33.609]>>I like the way that this guy's played, he plays quickly, decisively, hits it hard, swings his swing, swing your own swing, which is one of Mr. Palmer's sayings.

[00:05:45.350]>>Somewhere between that marker and the hole.

[00:05:48.440]>>So sometimes a marker.

[00:05:51.079]>>Can come in handy.

[00:05:55.179]>>Boom.

[00:05:57.299]>>Textbook hole there from Rory, beautiful drive, perfect wedge.

[00:06:02.160]>>And right in the middle, so he's just cruising along.

[00:06:08.359]>>Talked about the issues with the, the swing.

[00:06:12.209]>>He's not really found the form that he had prior to his knee operation, has he? No, that's a, it's a very good point.

[00:06:20.179]>>Get in there. There you go. Double bounce back.

[00:06:31.750]>>If Sanjay can finish with a birdie. Currently 5 over on his round.

[00:06:37.399]>>And that can be very helpful, good one there.

[00:06:46.579]>>Keegan Bradley at the 18th for birdie. Chance shoots 71 for the captain, nice way to finish for Keegan. He's not played very well this year.

[00:07:05.369]>>So quick, 24 ft.

[00:07:08.959]>>That's a one-putt from that range though they show any one putts? Maybe it's the first of the day.

[00:07:14.920]>>66 in the afternoon. Wonderful round of golf.

[00:07:21.750]>>Hideki Matsuyama for birdie.

[00:07:24.839]>>What a great attitude that was from that Echavarria. It was amazing, man.

[00:07:29.309]>>And uh was that great part there from Max on the boy. There you go, get to the house correctly.

[00:07:38.299]>>He knows how difficult that'll be. Rickie Fowler for birdie, one hole behind.

[00:07:45.920]>>Has he won it? Right, he has. Finally we see someone get that putt right, and there he is. 3 under par, it's been a superb round of golf.

[00:07:56.190]>>Daniel Berger, it was earlier in the day, but it was so impressive. A 9 under 63, only 1 shot off the course record. Round two is next.

[00:08:14.799]>>2nd round coverage of the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard.

[00:08:22.329]>>Absolute delight to welcome you to the Bay Hill Club and Lodge in Orlando, Florida, and as you can see, the conditions are pretty much perfect for the playing of this game. Scoring conditions were stout on day one. We will see what day two has in store. Current weather 86 °F. Call it about 26 °C.

[00:08:49.979]>>Winds as yet moderate by the standards of Central Florida at this time of year.

[00:08:57.640]>>Matt Adams alongside of 2002 players champion, Craig Perks, and World Golf Hall of Fame member, four-time major champion too, Dame Laura Davies.

[00:09:09.460]>>Third hole, Scottie Scheffler 153 yards from the fairway bunker. A bit of sand, but it's normally lethal yard, it's an absolute killer.

[00:09:21.700]>>There you go, 2 great shots, expect a lot from that group today.

[00:09:28.489]>>You've just gotta be so precise, um, disciplined. This is a front hole location, these greens are extremely firm and fast. They laid back far enough from 150 yards.

[00:09:42.390]>>Talked to the PGA TOUR agronomist this morning, Bland Cooper, he said these greens were nearly 14 on the stint meter.

[00:09:49.570]>>Akshay Bhatia at the 5th for birdie.

[00:09:52.960]>>Yeah, fairly good chance. Just inside left, and as he hit it he has. Gets him to 4 under par, so.

[00:10:00.830]>>Really good start from Akshay, 2 under. Tied for 8th currently.

[00:10:05.809]>>At 16, we find Rickie Fowler.

[00:10:08.849]>>Well, he's made a few more birdies today.

[00:10:11.599]>>Brilliant 69 yesterday.

[00:10:14.340]>>It's the 4th birdie today.

[00:10:16.799]>>Over to 16, Sahith Theegala with a birdie from 14 ft.

[00:10:26.690]>> Sahith makes that at 16, the par 5.

[00:10:32.190]>>Yeah, good to see him paint better.

[00:10:34.919]>>At 16, the South African amateur Daniel Bennett, yeah, a huge tee shot, just 198.

[00:10:42.450]>>He's a college sophomore at the University of Texas and uh one of the best you'll see at the par 5.

[00:10:51.510]>> Bhatia

[00:10:54.330]>>Birdie down the hill.

[00:10:56.609]>>He was last in the field yesterday in strokes going off the tee, first in the field in putting.

[00:11:03.510]>>This is for Eagle at 16 for the amateur.

[00:11:08.450]>>Very timely, wonderful 2nd.

[00:11:11.789]>>Up at the green, Scottie Scheffler has this for birdie.

[00:11:16.580]>>Little out of the right, might just want to straighten up their whole side.

[00:11:21.719]>>Just inside of 40 ft.

[00:11:30.119]>>Just inside of 40 ft and it never seemed like a doubt.

[00:11:36.169]>>Scottie Scheffler reaching down for a birdie putt from downtown Orlando. Well done.

[00:11:44.179]>>Alex Noren

[00:11:48.940]>>Man, walking in there, the 43-year-old, what an end to the last season with those two victories. Theegala, this is for par at 18.

[00:12:00.299]>>Chance to shoot 67, this will be a wonderful up-and-down and a wonderful round of golf, guy that's regaining some form. Couple of top 10s this season.

[00:12:14.659]>>And he's playing a lot easier today, this front left pin, barely accessible.

[00:12:20.380]>>Oh, is he quick this one left, and left normally means long as well.

[00:12:25.169]>>Oh, he did well, he got a really good break there, he thought that was in the bunker all day long. Now he's got himself a little 7 ft birdie putt.

[00:12:34.210]>>Tia at 8. This is for Birdie.

[00:12:37.669]>>Well, he's made them.

[00:12:40.080]>>We've made a lot of them so far through 7 holes. Can he drip another one in? Oh yes he can, how about that?

[00:12:47.859]>>4 under through 8 holes, he's 6 under and currently in the tie for 4th.

[00:12:56.359]>>As we're looking at our leader Daniel Berger, this is at the par 4 13th, 6 ft 8 inches away to try to get to 12 under.

[00:13:06.010]>>And of course it does. There you go. Extends the lead.

[00:13:11.690]>>Amazing.

[00:13:13.289]>>This is the 8th. This is Collin Morikawa's 3rd, just a moment ago.

[00:13:19.549]>>They drove it in the rough, but at a good number for Morikawa.

[00:13:24.440]>>And excellent. I'm about to sneak out of here with a par. Now sometimes you McIlroy talked about the, the momentum saving putt, so good save there after the errant tee shot.

[00:13:40.059]>>Back to the 8th

[00:13:50.500]>>He's made some improvements in his putting with the help of Phil Kenyon, and there you go for our defending champion, last time, last guy to win back-to-back, Matt Avery.

[00:14:02.460]>>Back to Noren, this is at 15. Driving it forward. Oh, he's done really well. I think that was the only real option. Can't hit it high out of that stuff, you can easily dump it.

[00:14:17.900]>>This is at the 9th with Scheffler.

[00:14:21.390]>>Of course he makes it, of course he does. That's absurd. In the bunker, poor sec, well not a poor 2, but a misjudged 2, not a great chip, par, thank you.

[00:14:33.679]>>Seth Strack at 14. The win would help that. This one's been a tough one to read, but not for Seb, beautifully done, caught right in the middle.

[00:14:41.909]>>Here's a guy that has elevated his status in the professional game.

[00:14:47.619]>> Min Woo Lee is 2nd there, at the reachable par 5, stumbled on this back nine, Bogey's at 12 and 14.

[00:14:55.039]>>That's from 194 yards.

[00:14:59.320]>>Beautiful shot, perfection really, that's exactly where he was. I love Min Woo 's game, just fun to watch.

[00:15:08.099]>>Akshay at 13, this is for Birdie. This will get him in a tie for 2nd, and he's just putting so well this week, that's another one from a decent distance.

[00:15:20.210]>>At 18 now, Daniel Berger for par to shoot 68.

[00:15:28.729]>>A 6 shot lead.

[00:15:36.700]>>At the 14th tee, that is Akshay Bhatia.

[00:15:41.489]>>Do not miss it right, though.

[00:15:44.520]>>Oh, I'll give him that one as well. Excellent shot.

[00:15:50.020]>>This is Shane Lowry at 12. This is his 3rd at the par 5. He's got a marvelous short game.

[00:15:57.590]>>He sort of has this casual cavalier attitude, a little hook spin tries to make them all.

[00:16:03.969]>>Do it. There you go.

[00:16:06.989]>>Doubled the last, bounced back, double bounce back. Well done, Shank.

[00:16:14.229]>>At 15, this is MacIntyre for Birdie. Yeah, straight up the hill.

[00:16:21.349]>>Feel like you're stealing one here at 15, 1 of the toughest holes on the golf course today.

[00:16:33.450]>>That is Adam Scott. He's on the 11th.

[00:16:38.000]>>Yeah, make it 3 here.

[00:16:40.559]>>Run to the 12th, see him continuing to play well, he's got when he tees it up at Augusta National, that will be his 98th consecutive major championship, got a chance to play 100. This is at the 15th, 3 from Brian Harman. Oh that was nifty. Oh, thank you very much. Lovely hand dash in there, that was amazing, really swiped across it from such a short distance.

[00:17:06.630]>>And now Henley

[00:17:09.300]>>Ball below his feet, so trying to trail something out, can he get it up to it? Oh certainly can, lovely shot.

[00:17:20.849]>>The wind's sort of out of the left-hand side, so it's a tricky shot today with the flag over there, right.

[00:17:27.800]>>So this one down the hill, down grain, down everything, out of his left.

[00:17:36.180]>>Gently and straight into the hole. Oh man, I didn't see that, he did. 3 in a row. Yeah, that part of the game has really improved with the work with Phil Kenyon.

[00:17:48.640]>>Now Scottie Scheffler is 4th at the 15th.

[00:17:52.540]>>Thinking one thing.

[00:17:56.979]>>Well that was 20 ft by if that doesn't hit the bin.

[00:18:00.000]>>He knows he's dodged a massive bullet there. Amazing.

[00:18:05.069]>>There's just no quitting this guy.

[00:18:09.650]>>Adam Scott's 2nd at 15.

[00:18:16.609]>>Well, he's got a good look at this back pin. He likes it, and absolutely superb. This afternoon he is by far playing some of the best stuff.

[00:18:30.400]>>Keith Mitchell had 15 for birdie.

[00:18:33.359]>>A Long, long birdie chance.

[00:18:36.329]>>He's at one under, so OK at the moment.

[00:18:41.790]>>Go on, why not, why not? He's at 2 under now, there you go, cheeky little par 5 coming up as well, so he could vault himself into that top 10 with an eagle at the next.

[00:18:54.579]>>We are through 36 holes here at the Arnold Palmer Invitational. Daniel Berger has emphatically established himself atop the leaderboard. Can he hold on to that edge with so much golf still before him? Round 3 is up next.

[00:19:13.589]>>3rd round coverage of the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard.

[00:19:21.000]>>We are surrounded by the magic that is Orlando, Florida.

[00:19:26.689]>>But that magic is destined to take place right here at the Bay Hill Club and Lodge.

[00:19:33.140]>>This was the pride and joy of Arnold Palmer, and everywhere you turn here, you feel the presence of the man.

[00:19:41.969]>>83 degrees. That's about 28 °C here today. You can see the winds have ticked up just a little bit more than yesterday at this hour, and they tend to get more stout as the day progresses. Dame Laura Davies, with everything that this golf course has in store, uh, certainly the wind kicking up at all is going to make it even more challenging.

[00:20:04.390]>>And we greet you with breaking news. Rory McIlroy has withdrawn from this 3rd round of the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard. Dame Laura Davies, the word we're getting is due to pain in his lower back.

[00:20:23.979]>>That is Alex Noren at 12. This is his 3rd shot at this difficult par 4.

[00:20:30.449]>>Straight down the hill, everything's gonna collect down there.

[00:20:33.890]>>Of course, of course.

[00:20:36.560]>>Well, there you go. Birdie, the 11th, eagle the 12th.

[00:20:43.079]>>Ryan Fox at the 3rd, he was due to play alongside of Rory before he withdrew.

[00:20:49.160]>>He plays incredibly quickly, so he's gonna have a funny old day unless he's out there with a marker, but if he hits shots like that, he won't care at all. We'll give you that one, Mr. Fox. To 4 under there on his own.

[00:21:02.459]>>Rickie Fowler's approach at the first.

[00:21:05.439]>>Yeah, ideal, a perfect tee shot.

[00:21:09.359]>>Pretty much take dead aim, we just saw Henley do it.

[00:21:14.000]>>Well, almost identical.

[00:21:17.660]>>Lovely start for Ricky.

[00:21:20.189]>>At 13, this is the 2nd from Victor Hovland.

[00:21:24.140]>>Tight pin to the water, this one you've gotta, sometimes, well he won't be erring on the side of caution, he's 9 back, he'll be going at it.

[00:21:37.709]>>Yeah, nice. He's feeling it, he's found that the swing today.

[00:21:48.689]>>This is the amateur Bennett at 8.

[00:21:52.839]>>Uh, how about that?

[00:21:55.500]>>Young lamb, young South African playing collegiately at the University of Texas.

[00:22:01.469]>>as a pro, Adam Scott for the birdie.

[00:22:06.369]>>At the 8th hole, he started his 3rd round with 7 straight pars.

[00:22:14.199]>>The, the elegance of the Australian has been around for more than 2 decades now.

[00:22:20.310]>> Straka at 7. After his terrific start, this is a pin he can certainly get to. Ah, excellent stuff. He'll have that to go 4 under. Åberg on the 1st had a short yardage in, missed it long, just very hard to judge the landing spot.

[00:22:40.819]>>Nicely compressed there.

[00:22:45.449]>>Brilliant.

[00:22:48.189]>>Two superb shots, they just don't seem to worry about that, huge lake down the left-hand side.

[00:22:54.569]>>Yeah, drop, this will be take 3.

[00:23:03.680]>>He has stiffed it, you'd almost give him that if it wasn't for the Bay Hill Greens, how difficult they are, but that is a terrific comeback.

[00:23:11.349]>>Daniel Berger with his 3rd.

[00:23:15.359]>>Am I surprised he isn't chipping it? Yes. But I get it, playing the percentages.

[00:23:22.099]>>Oh, well, he played them to perfection.

[00:23:28.239]>>Yeah, he's only missed 10 greens all, all week and uh I think he just,

[00:23:32.890]>>You try and reduce or remove stress and putting from there, I think if he was trailing he might have tried to pitch that in and uh with a with some sort of wedge, but here just two-putt move on. At 9 Min Woo Lee.

[00:23:47.589]>>Good angle here, down the right half of this fairway.

[00:23:51.520]>>So

[00:23:53.390]>>So, big bounce.

[00:23:55.839]>>Big bounce. Oh lovely shot.

[00:24:00.010]>>Yes, Caddy's right, that is alright, bro, that won't hurt you. This is Sepp Straka, who's currently on 7 under, 4 under on his round today.

[00:24:08.979]>>They laid it up 91 yards to that hole location in that back left corner. Not the best of angles, but ball still releasing and just magnificent judgment there.

[00:24:23.819]>>2nd from Scottie at 14. 1 he can pitch in.

[00:24:27.520]>>He's 4 in a row. Get in, 4 in a row.

[00:24:33.469]>>He's lethal around the green, you would say.

[00:24:37.510]>>Over to 13 Cameron Young for birdie.

[00:24:41.819]>>Go on, stay there, lovely. Didn't they work that one out well? Like the run, and he moves into 2nd place, just the 4 back, as close as we've had it all day, pretty much. Satany on the tee at 17, he's been playing very well of late.

[00:25:01.050]>>6th hardest hole through the first two rounds, and 17th.

[00:25:06.839]>>Ah, what a lovely shot this is and it should just stop before the fringe. Yeah.

[00:25:13.810]>>This is Min Woo Lee at 13 for birdie. Ss to get a tie for 3rd place. Yeah, Min Woo rolls another one in.

[00:25:23.229]>>Oh, I had that horrible start, bogey, but then 4 birdies he's reeled off since.

[00:25:28.739]>>Akshay Bhatia at 9, wedge in hand.

[00:25:36.510]>>And there you go, thinking it, one thing, doing it's another, he's done it. Very nice, after those two bogeys.

[00:25:46.800]>>At the par 5, 3rd from Chris Gotterup. Can he regain the momentum after the double on the previous hole?

[00:25:56.180]>>75 yard shot and just beautifully. Well done.

[00:26:01.410]>>To 15, Sepp Straka, this is for par after missing the green right.

[00:26:08.099]>>Yeah, remember I missed the last screen, didn't get it up-and-down. That's timely. Well done.

[00:26:16.260]>>Min Woo 2nd at 15. This is a pitching wedge from 178. Wanna be able to hit something full to take some spin off.

[00:26:24.739]>>Or to produce spin rather.

[00:26:29.760]>>He you come, oh, well done.

[00:26:33.270]>>Another good shot from Min Woo.

[00:26:37.439]>>At 12, 2nd at the par 5, risky and able to get up over that lip. That's an accomplishment in itself, and my goodness.

[00:26:51.790]>>Wonderful.

[00:26:54.869]>>16. This is the 2nd from Min Woo Lee at the par 5. Well, it's an awful lie. He's going for it though. This is an 8 iron from 194.

[00:27:04.880]>>Looks like a good strike. Oh my gosh, it wedged on the previous hole from 175, now 89 from 194. The, the speed is really the advantage coming out of the rough.

[00:27:17.020]>>3rd from Daniel Berger at 12. Just a stud one down.

[00:27:23.300]>>Really fast it is, not up against the collar.

[00:27:28.640]>>No

[00:27:30.979]>>Yeah man, great touch, he showed that at the 10th with a little bit of an awkward lie. Yeah, it's a little premature, but we'll give it to him anyway. There you go, 1 under, 14 under.

[00:27:52.079]>>Steady, steady.

[00:27:55.319]>>Oh, he's got lucky.

[00:28:00.000]>>Hey, you don't want to make a mistake with a wedge from the center of the fairway and make 5 here.

[00:28:06.680]>>Oh, that looked like a bit of a pull, didn't it? Just an impact.

[00:28:11.180]>>Yeah, he'll be frustrated with that because he knows the sensible shot, what he's been doing left of that pin would have been just fine. Ludvig Åberg at 14, haven't heard much from him today.

[00:28:23.550]>>Yeah, he was 3 through 10.

[00:28:26.680]>>Well, look at that, 3 straight birdies now even par on his round.

[00:28:30.930]>>He's snuck back inside the top 10.

[00:28:36.359]>>At 16, Collin Morikawa with his second from 192 m. Yeah, last iron shot of the day, make it a good one, center of the green, cut it towards that flag.

[00:28:48.160]>>Oh, so unlucky, hit right into that, the shelf and killed it, that was on a beautiful line.

[00:29:02.290]>>Moving to his right.

[00:29:05.020]>>And good up-and-down for the birdie.

[00:29:11.160]>>And I'm very surprised he's putting it. I mean, this is begging to be chipped as well, the lie is just.

[00:29:17.589]>>So good.

[00:29:22.140]>>Or maybe not.

[00:29:25.030]>>That was a better decision. I think he used the appropriate club.

[00:29:32.229]>>2nd from Theegala at 16. Yeah, 209 yards from the center of the fairway.

[00:29:38.780]>>As I mentioned a little earlier, 5 bogeys today for the American, but maybe an eagle.

[00:29:47.400]>>What a sensational shot. He can shape it both ways, but.

[00:29:52.800]>>And maybe from this angle, from out of the first cut, you maybe just take 8 iron here and just try and hit it pretty straight.

[00:30:00.660]>>They've gone back to little cut 7 then.

[00:30:03.839]>>And that's marvelous. See if he can show off again on the upslope really helps, great lie and get that sound, that that that acoustics of the, the getting the club.

[00:30:16.969]>>Impacting the sand very close to the ball and,

[00:30:21.750]>>Beautiful. Yes, it was.

[00:30:24.760]>>Daniel Berger's just gonna decide to not part.

[00:30:29.420]>>But it was good up-and-down from Bhatia. Yeah, absolutely, I mean, it's a big part, he can extend his lead to 5 if he can hold that eagle part they're gonna go and mow the greens, they're gonna be just in perfect condition, roll the greens, so that was a really good decision. As we say goodnight on this Saturday night and get ready for championship

Sunday. There you see the leaderboard, Daniel Berger, a level par effort today to keep him in 13 under. The final round is up next.

[00:31:00.410]>>We are here and we are playing for history and we're playing for the players that came before us.

[00:31:06.219]>>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.

[00:31:30.359]>>OK

[00:31:33.290]>>Final round coverage of the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard.

[00:31:40.979]>>Uh, the stage is set.

[00:31:44.250]>>For the drama that will play out right here, Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club and Lodge, the magic of Orlando surrounds us, and it has been a magical week here at Bay Hill.

[00:31:58.790]>>80 °F and that's about 27 °C.

[00:32:05.160]>>Chance of weather coming through after what should be the conclusion of tournament proper today. Remember, we had about an hour delay yesterday. I am Matt Adams. I'm alongside of 2002 players champion, Craig Perks, World Golf Hall of Fame member and four-time major champion Dame Laura Davies. On course, Wayne Radar Riley, a multiple-time winner on the DP World Tour, and Emilia Doran with her distinguished amateur career contributing as well.

[00:32:35.410]>>So earlier today, Laura, watch this from Bhatia. Yeah, very misty, heavy conditions when they got out there at 8 a.m. this morning, and he's just thinking, give me a chance, and that's a beautiful shot, gives himself a chance.

[00:32:52.569]>>So a birdie putt awaits him. Yeah, about 15 ft down the hill. Birdied 16 before play concluded yesterday.

[00:33:03.109]>>Good things come to those that.

[00:33:10.319]>>Wait.

[00:33:13.400]>>Oh, the birdie drops. Birdie at the last set was A plus. He began the 3rd round 5 shots from the lead, that's 68, got within 1 shot.

[00:33:25.359]>>Here's where we stand on the leaderboard. Daniel Berger with a bogey at the last Akshay Bhatia, as you just saw that dramatic birdie. The net result is that we're down to 1 stroke.

[00:33:40.089]>>The last hole these two played this morning to finish up the 3rd round was a 2-shot swing with a bogey from Berger and a birdie from Akshay.

[00:33:50.439]>>Opportunity for the opposite here.

[00:33:57.089]>>Well, all in all, I'd say he'll walk off there with a.

[00:34:00.599]>>Bit of a sigh of relief, because that hole got out of control very quickly.

[00:34:06.300]>>Berger left center.

[00:34:10.520]>>What's.

[00:34:13.189]>>That's the way to do it. 1 shot lead becomes a 3, yeah, 3 shot lead off the bat now. He's got the target on his back again.

[00:34:23.250]>>Morikawa for birdie at 3. Yeah, good chance this, little uphill, right to left.

[00:34:29.870]>>It is

[00:34:31.110]>>And that's what he's been doing, he's hit good parts, a good part again, not quite reading them if anything.

[00:34:37.949]>>Sepp Straka at the 2nd for par.

[00:34:42.928]>>Yeah, that tidies up.

[00:34:49.020]>>Saw a lot go in early and gain confidence with it.

[00:34:55.120]>>Oh

[00:35:00.000]>>Well, that's unfortunate.

[00:35:03.830]>>Birdie at the 1st, a bogey at the 2nd, Bhatia with a bogey at the 1st, and a par at the 2nd. The lead is down to 2.

[00:35:13.810]>>3rd shot from Sepp Straka at the 4th. Show off the short game again. Shortsighted, chipping from these, one of these closely mown areas. He would make that for birdie.

[00:35:26.189]>>I don't know.

[00:35:28.219]>>Cam Young for birdie.

[00:35:30.370]>>Just needs to keep up the pace. His last few birdie attempts have been short. That was beautiful.

[00:35:36.080]>>Indeed it was. It gets him to 10 under.

[00:35:41.340]>>This is for eagle.

[00:35:44.100]>>I don't think you can leave it short, it's so quick coming down the hill.

[00:35:50.090]>>But another mystery.

[00:35:52.219]>>Ludvig would clean up for birdie.

[00:35:57.889]>>Back out to 4.

[00:36:02.000]>>You would think from here he should get some release up the green. Oh.

[00:36:09.989]>>Scott.

[00:36:17.270]>>As we go back to our leader at the par 5, this is for Birdie.

[00:36:21.989]>>Fairly flat putt, isn't upper, nor is it down, slightly out of his left.

[00:36:31.050]>>And birdies for Berger, barbecues, beers and birdies up on 4. What a birdie after the drive in the penalty area.

[00:36:42.060]>>Now can Akshay answer.

[00:36:50.639]>>Brilliant birdie after the wayward tee shot as well, but needs to find some fairways.

[00:36:56.860]>>At the 7th, Ludvig. Fresh off that nice birdie on 6. This one just right of the pin. Oh, lovely bounce. Well you couldn't walk up and place it in, that's the easiest part, that's probably the only easy part to this pin position today.

[00:37:13.090]>> Morikawa was 3rd at the 6th. Well, he has to pitch it and rather classy there, it's not gonna stop.

[00:37:19.899]>>Really no chance to put his spin on it.

[00:37:24.310]>>This is for Birdie.

[00:37:28.379]>>And in to 11 under par goes Åberg, he is within 3 as the chasing pack is getting hungry.

[00:37:39.580]>>This is Morikawa for birdie at 60 yeah. Hm, another fist pump. He also in the mix, 3 back.

[00:37:49.070]>>The tear finally hit a fairway radar.

[00:37:52.899]>>How much fade can he get?

[00:37:55.250]>>Oh this is stalling, that, that's wet, it's too much. Triple twist and pike. Yeah, that, that was uh a lazy cut right there at an inopportune time.

[00:38:07.870]>>At the 9th, Russell Henley.

[00:38:11.080]>>He's awkward, back on the downhill, it's gonna release on him, Hit the pin, oh, there you go. How many times has he chipped in today? It's gotta be 3. Well from off the green.

[00:38:24.320]>>Back to Bhatia, who has 3 ft 4 inches for bogey.

[00:38:32.449]>>I can't see any of the players out here, one of them getting away. I think it's going to be a logjam at every chance of a playoff.

[00:38:41.449]>>Opportunity for Ludvig. Keep it inside the hole.

[00:38:46.689]>>Yes, indeed. Well, well, well.

[00:38:52.860]>>Just a wedge from here, just left of it.

[00:38:56.610]>>Just trying to hit that familiar fade.

[00:38:59.489]>>With a big divot.

[00:39:02.850]>>Oh, he likes it, and certainly Josh Cassell, his caddie likes it and that's why he is dialed in. It's uh it's good to watch, it really is.

[00:39:16.379]>>Question is, can and who from the chasing pack will start to emerge.

[00:39:22.899]>>Might it be the Swede?

[00:39:28.580]>>Like so many before, no one gets it high enough on this one. There's 2 or 3 putts out here today that they're all hitting exactly the same.

[00:39:37.270]>>It's not a mistake, it's they're reading what they see and it's just more than they think.

[00:39:42.939]>>Daniel Berger has this for Birdie.

[00:39:45.959]>>Left lip.

[00:39:54.139]>>Steady, the lead now at 4.

[00:39:57.949]>>Quality, quality stuff.

[00:40:03.949]>>We pick up Akshay Bhatia with this long birdie chance at the 11th.

[00:40:09.610]>>

[00:40:14.810]>>Well, would you believe it? Wild off the tee, didn't really get the second right, but my goodness, what was it, 57' 5 inches or something? What a partner this time.

[00:40:28.209]>>Car. Oh my goodness.

[00:40:31.659]>>Nothing really gone right all day and then uh it was a well played hole in the previous birdie.

[00:40:37.510]>>And then

[00:40:40.520]>>Miracle right here, and he's got a par 5 coming up.

[00:40:45.719]>>So this is a birdie chance for Cam Young. This could carry him into sole possession of 2nd, 2 shots back.

[00:40:55.479]>>12 under, good spot.

[00:40:59.969]>>At 12, 3rd from Akshay. If he bumps it, it could skid, you knock it 7 past. Could dig its toes in and you come up 7 shy.

[00:41:11.350]>>Yeah, it did skid a little bit, uh, he's the best in the field, not only scrambling, strokes going around the green, putting.

[00:41:19.949]>>Down in a little bowl.

[00:41:22.449]>>It's left to right, up out of the bowl.

[00:41:25.810]>>And it's actually gently downhill, so this is.

[00:41:29.250]>>Very difficult

[00:41:32.679]>>Uh, he's done well. It was a grain change also.

[00:41:38.979]>>Needs to get this up-and-down, he was in perfect shape off the tee, you don't wanna go.

[00:41:44.229]>>And paring par fives, the par threes and the par-fives coming in are going to have a big say.

[00:41:53.179]>>That's a wonderful up-and-down, that's 3 consecutive birdies after the bogey at the 9th.

[00:42:02.459]>>Now for Daniel to answer.

[00:42:05.790]>>Just inside 4 ft, get out in front by 3.

[00:42:10.149]>>Rock solid.

[00:42:16.120]>>Hold onto your hat, especially if Akshay can hit one in closer it'll ramp the pressure up even more.

[00:42:25.520]>>Or maybe pin high. Oh, what do we have brewing here? A lot. I wouldn't put the hazard play this way. Ahead to Berger in the bunker at 13, playing his 3rd. This decision could decide the golf tournament. Absolutely. I can. Absolutely, oh yes. Even before the execution of it.

[00:42:46.969]>>It's a great club face, just a little pop. How much release is it gonna have? Not too much, I hope.

[00:42:53.229]>>What that that is unbelievable. Crazy shot, hey, that's a crazy shot, mate, I'm with you. I mean, I just, uh, you've just chipped it towards the rough. That's brought double into plate, to be fair, this is not easy radar.

[00:43:09.500]>>Came out a little hot and moved along a little, did it check up.

[00:43:15.719]>>But still bring your putter.

[00:43:18.219]>>That's a pretty good shot under the circumstances.

[00:43:23.399]>>So Akshay now with an opportunity for birdie.

[00:43:27.530]>>At 13, this could be huge.

[00:43:34.790]>>And in she goes. He's 5 behind not all that long ago, he's gonna be at worst, 1 behind.

[00:43:48.919]>>Yeah, well done, what an up-and-down. What an up-and-down after that break.

[00:43:53.879]>>All right, but the leaderboard has changed dramatically because the divide is now but one shot at the top of the leaderboard. After bogeying the 15th, we jump ahead to Bhatia in the fairway at the 16th, 2 shots behind Berger.

[00:44:15.469]>>Oh man, this is bang on for line.

[00:44:18.820]>>Oh my goodness, what a off shot, what a moment.

[00:44:24.239]>>Nelly, the albatross.

[00:44:28.429]>>Man, does that impart some pressure? That would guarantee him get the 15.

[00:44:33.379]>>What a strike to take this flagstick on.

[00:44:38.330]>>He's not interested in 2nd, is he? No, my goodness.

[00:44:43.780]>>Might have been the shot of his life.

[00:44:48.409]>>This would be huge with Bhatia stuffing in there to, to stand up there on top of him and make the 3.

[00:44:56.820]>>This could propel him to victory right here.

[00:45:03.449]>>Uh, good effort, wonderfully played hole. Still in complete command.

[00:45:08.469]>>Of his emotions and his golf game, and I like this, finish.

[00:45:14.979]>>Move on.

[00:45:20.500]>>These boys are putting on a show.

[00:45:26.169]>>Akshay Bhatia now for his eagle.

[00:45:31.590]>>Eagle at 16. Akshay Bhatia pulls back to within 1 stroke of Daniel Berger, with two very, very challenging holes before them.

[00:45:45.260]>>To the tea at 17 with Akshay Bhatia.

[00:45:49.510]>>That's from 184 yards.

[00:45:53.000]>>With an 8 iron.

[00:45:56.699]>>Beautiful shot, now that's ramped up the pressure, cause that's an outside chance for the best batter in the field. Hm.

[00:46:05.139]>>So just aim it at Bhatia 's ball and let it leak.

[00:46:14.149]>>It's a spectacular line if it's enough. Oh, it's plenty, it's a brilliant reply.

[00:46:21.000]>>Even going through the green, that's not bad at all.

[00:46:26.229]>>32 ft 5 inches left for Daniel Berger for this, for birdie at 17, he has a one-shot lead.

[00:46:40.790]>>How about that, he hasn't been headed all week or even drawn alongside. And there's two putts here that could make that happen.

[00:46:49.520]>>Akshay Bhatia now just outside of 18 ft for birdie.

[00:47:01.439]>>Well, we've seen everyone miss it low, but that's the closest we've seen to anyone holding it, what a good effort.

[00:47:08.500]>>All square, even if he doesn't manage to coax this one in.

[00:47:13.169]>>Daniel Berger to maintain a one stroke margin heading to the last.

[00:47:19.550]>>get off.

[00:47:22.560]>>Well, I have now.

[00:47:26.810]>>Who'd have thunk it after they walked off the 15th green, it looked like it had swayed back in his favor, now all of a sudden.

[00:47:35.179]>>It's all to a foot.

[00:47:38.770]>>OK, he's got himself an 89, but.

[00:47:42.469]>>He's got a bailout way left, you can't take this flag on. He doesn't, he talked with Josh, he thought it was gonna take a 6 on. There's no chance to stop that. Laura mentioned it, just make a 4. For Pia to make the birdie. You don't want to give it to him.

[00:47:58.870]>>I think this just shows us all what happens when you're front running and when you play somewhat conservatively.

[00:48:06.689]>>They can just hunt you down.

[00:48:12.040]>>Oh my goodness. Oh, that is, that is hard to believe. You think it's hard to win a tournament. Jake, that just sums it up. That's the easiest shot he'll ever have, and he's nearly put it in the drink. Oh.

[00:48:30.750]>>Which would have made Berger's decision just even, even better, uh, that you're right, just with the lefty hooking it in there, using everything to your advantage to come up short was the only thing you couldn't do.

[00:48:45.639]>>Berger now with his 3rd.

[00:48:51.600]>>Not getting sidetracked from there.

[00:48:54.719]>>It's not that much anyway. It's a good shot though, it really is under the, the situation, the circumstances, adrenaline pump and nerves, so much at stake.

[00:49:06.159]>>So what about a chippy? Yeah, come home in 30 to win the biggest event of his career.

[00:49:16.780]>>That's spectacular back nine.

[00:49:20.800]>>Berger has a putt for par from 13 ft 8 inches and radar, this one has some movement to it.

[00:49:27.969]>>It certainly does, out of the left-hand side.

[00:49:30.879]>>And gently downhill.

[00:49:36.179]>>Brilliant.

[00:49:38.919]>>Are you not entertained?

[00:49:48.479]>>There has not been a playoff in this event since 1999.

[00:49:58.459]>>And we are now going to have one.

[00:50:01.260]>>It had been the longest active playoff drought on the PGA TOUR.

[00:50:09.489]>>To the first playoff hole, Berger playing his 2nd. 212, he's got about 198 to cover the water.

[00:50:18.540]>>What's

[00:50:25.239]>>Right there, yeah, he's done brilliantly. That is an exquisite shot from 212 yards out of the raft to even get it on the putting surface.

[00:50:36.100]>>Very little space in front or behind the flag. Gotta control your adrenaline.

[00:50:50.610]>>That's a brilliant shot, it's exactly where he needed to, to hit it, to apply a lot of pressure to Daniel Berger.

[00:50:59.540]>>Try and get it inside 6 or 8 ft.

[00:51:03.149]>>Get it to a point where you feel like.

[00:51:06.320]>>Bhatia has to make.

[00:51:15.090]>>All things considered, pretty damn good.

[00:51:21.989]>>Akshay Bhatia stepping in. This is for a birdie.

[00:51:33.820]>>A wonderful effort.

[00:51:36.350]>>They the hole the stew there.

[00:51:39.239]>>Berger, brilliant putt in regulation. Can't he make this one?

[00:51:48.189]>>That is a bogey for Daniel Berger.

[00:51:51.580]>>Now Akshay.

[00:51:53.969]>>It's actually 3 ft exactly Emilia left.

[00:52:02.760]>>He's done it

[00:52:04.489]>>First playoff hole.

[00:52:09.260]>>Akshay Bhatia has fought his way back on this championship Sunday.

[00:52:18.110]>>Long will it be remembered the eagle that he made at 16.

[00:52:23.060]>>Now a 3 time winner on the PGA TOUR at 24 years old. So gratifying to finally get it done.

[00:52:33.719]>>This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard from Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club and Lodge in Orlando, Florida.