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[00:00:27.549]>>The PGA TOUR proudly presents the season-long race for the FedExCup.

[00:00:35.729]>>Today it's live opening round coverage of the Puerto Rico Open.

[00:00:46.729]>>Oh, beautiful look down at the Grand Reserve Golf Club, Rio Grande, Puerto Rico, the host.

[00:00:55.990]>>And you don't always get the beautiful sunshiny days, but sometimes you do, and if you don't like what you have, just wait a minute because the weather will move on, the mountains cascading down toward the Caribbean Sea.

[00:01:10.000]>>80 degrees. The wind is always a factor. The golf course was built for it, and it is the defense.

[00:01:17.180]>>And yet the best players in the world will take it apart by the time we get finished with this week.

[00:01:26.620]>>Here's how things have gone so far today along with tour veterans Gary Christian.

[00:01:31.750]>>And Jay Townsend, I'm Brian Katrek. Peter Malnati. It's usually windy enough to where the bucket hat can be an issue. Birdie putt at the 16 for Malnati.

[00:01:42.839]>>That was, uh, one of his first holes of the day. He's still at 3 under par. This was Jeremy Paul over at the 13th.

[00:01:52.190]>>He would make that. Also starting on the back nine, made the turn at 4 under par.

[00:01:58.250]>>Rafael Campos, Puerto Rican native, has been a staple here at this event. 2nd shot at the 10th and that's.

[00:02:09.600]>>He would make that one. He is 3 under par now through 13. Chandler Blanchet having a day. Birdied the 18th hole, made the turn. He is 5 under par. He is leading right now and David Lipsky trying to keep up.

[00:02:25.940]>>This was his birdie effort at the 4th.

[00:02:30.100]>>Also started on the back, Lipsky at 3 under par and everybody trying to chase down Chandler Blanchet, young man from Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, where they will play THE PLAYERS Championship next week. The winner of this event gets in that event, and don't you know it is high on his list as he leads by 1 shot here, Jay, on a plus 3 Thursday afternoon. Well, it's gonna be fun playing in the wind.

[00:02:54.279]>>As you said, it's a pretty easy golf course, but the wind is going to kind of equalize things a little bit. So that was the easiest course on tour last year, but these guys are going to not be playing golf by numbers, just going to be dealing with the wind in different directions.

[00:03:07.750]>>Here's Dylan Wu out at the 15th.

[00:03:11.789]>>203 yards. We're looking for a little right to left.

[00:03:21.350]>>Wow, good thing the hole got in the way there.

[00:03:25.149]>>And you can hear the wind in the background. It is thumping out there.

[00:03:29.660]>>Brennan for Eagle at 14.

[00:03:33.259]>>Bin high, coming a little left to right off the bottom of a slope.

[00:03:42.610]>>Good effort. Greens are running just around 10, 10.5 on the stint meter because of the wind and the thickness of the grass. So you'll see a lot of players have some pretty aggressive strokes on relatively slow greens.

[00:03:56.279]>>Birdie for Brennan, 4 shots back.

[00:04:02.320]>>John Daly, still an amateur.

[00:04:05.449]>>After the long range eagle puck came up short.

[00:04:10.110]>>Winds hitting him in the back here, so it's a little bit tough putting, tough to keep your balance.

[00:04:17.570]>>And John Daly the 2nd with the birdie to move to 1 under. A moment ago at the 16th, Dylan Wu from long range.

[00:04:33.630]>>Yeah.

[00:04:35.929]>>OK, one under.

[00:04:39.239]>>The 14th eagle putt for Van Rooyen.

[00:04:43.440]>>Something definitely needs to happen for Eric, slow start today.

[00:04:48.510]>>Getting back one by one.

[00:04:51.269]>>This is a great opportunity this week for someone of the caliber of Erik who just again just kind of fallen off the map a little bit, needs to get things going again.

[00:05:04.239]>>Back to 12 and Bailey, left to right.

[00:05:13.269]>>Yeah, at that age it's fearless, just run them, run them in, no problem at all.

[00:05:18.160]>>And Camilo Villegas, flashy Colombian, also from Medellin, Colombia, that's where Nico Echavarria is from, the winner last week.

[00:05:30.750]>>He's been a great ambassador for Colombian golf and inspired that generation, the next generation, the Echevarrias of the world.

[00:05:38.380]>>Rasmus Højgaard here at 17 downwind right to left with a

[00:05:45.799]>>Or left to right, excuse me, with a right to left wind.

[00:05:54.440]>>Just poured it right in there. He pulled out the best of his life last fall where he picked up a couple of wins.

[00:06:02.640]>>Back to 15 and Camilo, not much break in this one. He needs it badly.

[00:06:08.440]>>Uh, back to one over, much needed.

[00:06:12.459]>>That might be. He's David Ford at the 13th, and that would be 4 in a row for David Ford. Great.

[00:06:26.019]>>John Daly the 2nd with his 2nd at 16.

[00:06:34.980]>>Slashing it from that left side.

[00:06:38.119]>>They're now gonna have a slope between here and the hole. I think it's gonna run away from him.

[00:06:44.230]>>We could depend on the lie there.

[00:06:46.880]>>At the 18th, Luke Clanton chipping from behind the green.

[00:07:02.359]>>That is a great chip shot.

[00:07:05.000]>>That's a great finish by Clanton. He's gonna finish 3 under par. That's exactly what he needs for his confidence.

[00:07:14.609]>>There's John Daly.

[00:07:17.760]>>OK, so slid the club under there beautifully, oh look at this, made it look easy, what a shot. Left off the tee, right on the 2nd shot, straight in the hole.

[00:07:27.750]>>Danny Willett down here in Puerto Rico, chance for birdie.

[00:07:37.299]>>Well they're trying to resurrect the career. Good putt there, good birdie. It's down he gets it into the red numbers.

[00:07:45.869]>>And Gordon Sargent's on the tee at 17.

[00:07:50.369]>>Gave that the full business. Good ball striking today, only missed 4 greens in these windy conditions.

[00:07:57.779]>>And that one's gonna feed in even closer. Great shot from Sargent. Sargent will have an opportunity to get to 8 under.

[00:08:08.790]>>We go back a couple to Norlander for birdie.

[00:08:15.450]>>There you go, birdie at 15, and just like that, he's 4 back.

[00:08:21.380]>>Gordon Sargent has done a great job of keeping up with Chandler Blanchet, and he's got still a hole left to play.

[00:08:30.420]>>Make that 2 players now at 8 under par.

[00:08:38.400]>> Matthieu Pavon, back here at 14, just getting the round started. OK, just a little cleanup work.

[00:08:47.489]>>Straight up the hill, just gonna take advantage of these par fives, get some easy birdies on the card.

[00:08:54.820]>>And that's achieved that, yeah. Now at 12, it's Marty Dou.

[00:09:04.260]>>Put it close to the green after 2, a little out of position for the tee shot.

[00:09:22.960]>>It's gonna salvage apart, maybe better, maybe better. Never in doubt, what a birdie there for Marty Dou.

[00:09:33.479]>>Ricky Castillo here for birdie at 13.

[00:09:37.780]>>Well done for Rickie.

[00:09:43.020]>>Eric Cole at 15.

[00:09:48.320]>>Beautifully done for the guy that just plays golf every single week. If he's not playing a tour event, he's at home playing golf.

[00:09:57.780]>>Now Paul Waring for birdie at 13, there you go.

[00:10:03.030]>>Over at the 17th, Aaron Wise.

[00:10:06.739]>>Straight up the hill into the wind.

[00:10:09.590]>>Well done, W. Anytime you make it 2 and 17 this week. It's a good birdie.

[00:10:20.070]>>The question is, is anybody gonna catch Chandler Blanchet? Is anybody gonna catch Gordon Sargent? Probably not in these windy conditions. I think the players

that played this morning had the best of it, but it'll be the other way around tomorrow. These guys that are playing in the afternoon will have the best of it in the 2nd round.

[00:10:37.049]>>You're gonna have the exact same situation maybe that we had last week with a couple of guys way out in front. You don't see that very often.

[00:10:45.150]>>Well, we said that, but apparently you do. Beautiful scenes in Puerto Rico. Puerto Rico Open. Round 2 is next.

[00:10:58.479]>>Today it's live 2nd round coverage of the Puerto Rico Open.

[00:11:04.650]>>What a spot. We look just off the coast of the Grand Reserve Golf Club, Rio Grande, Puerto Rico. It is magnificent, and we are glad to have you along with us. Two PGA TOUR events this week, the Signature Event in Orlando, and these guys, not exactly relaxing here, but there's some relaxing that can be done. The wind is gonna be up again. It always is, 83 degrees. It's just a beautiful forecast.

[00:11:34.299]>>So here's how things are. Chandler Blanchet ran out to 8 under par. He and Gordon Sargent were well clear of the field. Sargent was 3 clear of 2nd or 3rd place when they finished. Blanchet 4 clear of everybody else, but they play this afternoon. This morning group has come out and started to close the gap.

[00:11:58.000]>>And that's always the case. It's amazing.

[00:12:01.119]>>Gary, you go out and you play late on, or you play early on a Thursday and you shoot a good score, maybe you're a leader or something like that, and you can tee off in the afternoon on Friday and you're not even on the first page of the leaderboard. Yeah, I mean, it's just, uh, you know, it's a reset, but the mental grind of having played so well yesterday, no, man, I've gotta do it all again just to maintain my position. It's, uh, it's always the challenge.

[00:12:26.000]>>And here's how we got where we are on the leaderboard. Earlier today, Zach Blair for birdie at the 16th started on the back.

[00:12:35.299]>>That got him to 4 under par in the round. He's not done.

[00:12:38.840]>>As you saw, he's pushed all the way up to 6-under today, 7-under for the week. Vince Whaley, same hole.

[00:12:49.359]>>And that got him to 5 under on the round. Vince playing well. Jesper Svensson is also out there.

[00:12:57.599]>>Made that one. Gasper 20, that's where he sits right now. We just saw Ricky Castillo. This is Ricky at the 8th.

[00:13:07.130]>>Knock that in. We'll be keeping an eye on him all afternoon here. 3 birdies in a row for Castillo. And then one of the 6 amateurs in the field, Kehai Akina shot 68 yesterday.

[00:13:23.409]>>Stuffs that one at 16, he would make that.

[00:13:27.210]>>We go out to Sudarshan Yellamaraju trying to get to 3 under par.

[00:13:35.099]>>Yes,

[00:13:38.840]>>Oh, at 14, Davis Thompson, a chance to get to 3 under.

[00:13:43.510]>>So the purity of the roll there.

[00:13:47.330]>>Up at 16, Willett for birdie.

[00:13:53.239]>>I done.

[00:13:54.849]>>Let's talk about rolling one in, running it in right there, but as you say, it's the not fearing the three footer coming back.

[00:14:03.229]>>Marty Dou here at 12.

[00:14:12.460]>>Very aggressive through the ball, should have a lot of spin on it.

[00:14:16.859]>>Nicely done.

[00:14:19.739]>>This is Rasmus Højgaard, we think.

[00:14:23.609]>>It could be Nicolai, but that's an eagle.

[00:14:28.260]>>Back over to 12 from Marty Dou, stable, the lower body is, something to watch at home. That's stable, let the half do with the work.

[00:14:49.539]>>Well, crept in, well done. Doe moves to 5 under.

[00:14:56.950]>>Davis Riley on the tee at 17, currently at 2 under par.

[00:15:20.190]>>There's been a Willett at the 18th.

[00:15:25.570]>>Yeah, really good 2 rounds of work for Danny.

[00:15:29.760]>>We go back to 17 with Riley for birdie.

[00:15:48.859]>>Let's see if Davis can get this correct and not overread it.

[00:15:54.179]>>Of course, he hasn't had the benefit of watching others miss right.

[00:16:02.340]>>And he does great birdie too at 17.

[00:16:07.820]>>Over to the 16th now and Bezuidenhout.

[00:16:15.770]>>Should be comfortable on these greens, enough of these in South Africa. And that is right in the middle.

[00:16:22.299]>>And we'll go over to the 9th, Ben Kohles.

[00:16:25.979]>>Nicely done there. Coles gets to 6 under par, only 2 shots out of the lead.

[00:16:32.450]>>This is Chan Kim, the 14th. Well done to get to 4 under par.

[00:16:40.190]>>We go to Dou at 15 for par.

[00:16:49.330]>>Not the most fluid motion through the ball, is it? It's almost like helping it, helping it up there, and that may be because the hands are behind the ball.

[00:16:57.210]>>Rafael Campos for birdie at 11.

[00:17:04.770]>>No.

[00:17:08.609]>>Well, he'll hear a lot of Vamos if Rafa is there over the weekend, with possession.

[00:17:18.078]>>Well, yes, Svensson for birdie at 6.

[00:17:21.938]>>That was with a little authority there. Tim Svensson moves to 7 under 1 off the lead.

[00:17:32.239]>>Now Akina moves it to 6 under par. This is a very impressive amateur.

[00:17:38.130]>>It's a great storyline developing.

[00:17:43.410]>>Back over to the 12th, playing with Campos, Rasmus Negaard Peterson. He took the flight down there, downwind right to left and controlled it beautifully.

[00:17:55.430]>> Peterson for a birdie. He is one shot outside the cut line and it somehow, despite the wind is creeping.

[00:18:04.469]>>Better, it's not, it's not getting closer to him, that's gonna help. We'll just pop that.

[00:18:10.869]>>Jimmy Stanger is over at the 9th.

[00:18:17.239]>>A lot of green to work with. That is a nice touch for Stanger.

[00:18:22.770]>>He is one of.

[00:18:25.160]>>7 children. This guy's trying a different kind of solo shot. Here's Blanchet decided to hit this twice at the 3rd.

[00:18:34.329]>>Eagle opportunity for Hardy at 14.

[00:18:41.640]>>Very nicely played.

[00:18:44.390]>>Our leader, Chandler Blanchet to extend the lead at the 3rd, and he's up to 10 under.

[00:18:52.140]>>Eagle opportunity here for Zach Bauchou.

[00:18:56.619]>>Going uphill at first, then downhill left to right.

[00:19:03.319]>>OK.

[00:19:16.609]>>Well, Zach, 68 today, 6 under, very much in this.

[00:19:24.250]>>Back over to 14 and Campos.

[00:19:27.839]>>OK, well outside the hole. I really like to get a few birdies under his belt early, just get the excitement with the spectators and the fans. At times, that is the difference.

[00:19:39.369]>>Pull something spectacular out of the week.

[00:19:42.339]>>Good.

[00:19:46.099]>>Alejandro Tosti, it's over at 13 for birdie.

[00:19:52.109]>>And long range birdie putt just trying to get it close, but it goes in.

[00:19:57.270]>> Eugenio Chacarra just making his 8th career PGA TOUR start this from Ernie at the 12th, and he gets a little closer to the cut line.

[00:20:07.709]>>Miles Russell out here at 12.

[00:20:12.869]>>I think what he's seen from Akina today will certainly inspire him. The guys are competitive, they don't want one other amateur to be the story.

[00:20:21.300]>>Erik van Rooyen here at 16, a little bit closer.

[00:20:29.939]>>Russell, the 17 year old, birdie the 12th.

[00:20:36.310]>>Blanchet currently up by 2, plenty of golf left. Round 3 coming up.

[00:20:47.699]>>Today, live 3rd round coverage of the Puerto Rico Open.

[00:20:55.089]>>Beautiful day now at the Grand Reserve Golf Club, Rio Grande, Puerto Rico had a slight delay this morning. Some storms ran through, a very rare 10 minute delay to the tee times. You don't see that very often. Not a big deal. And now it is picture perfect. That rain was moved over to the mountains, and it is beautiful everywhere you look.

[00:21:19.359]>>We go out to Bezuidenhout for birdie at 14.

[00:21:23.839]>>Well done

[00:21:28.089]>>Now back at 8 with our co-leader Chandler Blanchet for birdie.

[00:21:38.859]>>One at a time, Brian, you you you can't lose patience, especially in this, these conditions, and start pushing and, you know, maybe taking too many risks, but he's gotta stay patient, you're playing great for the week, just keep it up.

[00:21:53.500]>>Matti Schmid for birdie here at 10.

[00:21:57.780]>>Would be nice this one, very impressive.

[00:22:03.599]>>Out to the 14th, Pontus Nyholm's gonna putt this.

[00:22:08.439]>>This is a curious.

[00:22:11.510]>>Play, it's a lot of thick grass to get through, but he has judged that incredibly well.

[00:22:18.800]>>Now Jimmy Stanger over here at 10. Well, a pretty easy pop from that side of the hole.

[00:22:24.329]>>All right, now back over at 14. It's technically just a one-putt for Nyholm.

[00:22:29.719]>>It'll be a pretty impressive one, Pat, through the rough. Well done there, to a graduate from last year, Long hit in Sweden.

[00:22:37.810]>>OK, so just stayed out the bunker, so fairly simple pitch up here for David.

[00:22:43.910]>>Start doing a lot of short game work with Josh Gregory that kind of he really felt that gave a little bit of discipline, a little bit of routine and regimented feel to get him better.

[00:23:01.989]>>And there's Luke Clinton. He was one of the youthful stories of the last two years. Birdie at the 18th for Luke Clanton, 69 today.

[00:23:13.010]>>Now David Skinns trying to save the par here.

[00:23:17.050]>>Hm, looked like he had it lined up there, Jake. He did, it just looked like a little bit of a pull. I love his setup.

[00:23:23.969]>>Now, this is gonna be the 4th shot here, Joe, and that ball is sitting down, a little bit of an upslope, you're gonna land in that downslope, it's gonna want to break from his right to left once it starts losing pace around the hole.

[00:23:42.239]>>It wasn't that hard of a shot. Like he kind of chucked down at it rather than swung with the slope up through it, which would have given the elevation.

[00:23:51.449]>>Eagle putt for Matti Schmid at 11.

[00:23:58.040]>>That's a good pace. Long putter, windy conditions.

[00:24:02.579]>>It's very easy to get blown around and not hit it solid and have problems with distance control. No problem there for Schmidt.

[00:24:10.410]>>This hole was the easiest hole last year, top 10 easiest holes on the PGA TOUR.

[00:24:15.869]>>Got to feel like you've gotta take advantage.

[00:24:21.910]>>And Blanchet with his 4th bogey of the round now.

[00:24:27.300]>>Yeah, that's on a par 5. That is just unforgivable trying to win a tournament.

[00:24:32.459]>>Now Gordon Sargent.

[00:24:35.079]>>Boy did he need that.

[00:24:38.339]>>John Parry, lots of experience on his resume.

[00:24:44.869]>>But he leaves it short, and that was a par putt, so we'll take one of the 10 unders and put him at 9 under.

[00:24:53.109]>>Over to 17 and David Skinns, going with the putter from the closely mown area.

[00:25:00.079]>>And rattles it in there. Nicely done for the Englishman.

[00:25:04.959]>>We go to the tea at 17, the Bezuidenhout.

[00:25:20.089]>>Oh wow, what a shot.

[00:25:23.900]>>18-year-old Blades Brown at 11.

[00:25:29.890]>>Yeah, it's really just a short irony of this par 5 when

[00:25:34.229]>>Helping from the left, right there, a little bit of an uphill leg, that is one you're looking to chip in.

[00:25:41.520]>>Back 1 at 10 Blanchet from the fairway.

[00:25:58.680]>>Really well done, what a shot.

[00:26:01.699]>>Back over to 17, Bezuidenhout.

[00:26:15.939]>>And Christiaan Bezuidenhout, didn't throw him off, he makes birdie.

[00:26:21.069]>>Here's the chip intable one for Blades Brown at 11. Ball slightly above his feet, tight lie. Oh, that was a great try. That was a really good shot, and yeah, he would have been taking dead aim. That was as easy as a putt from that distance, had the putt been on the green.

[00:26:45.040]>>Nice birdie 4.

[00:26:48.479]>>Blanchet now at 10 for sole possession of the league.

[00:27:12.560]>>OK, so, hopefully normal service has resumed.

[00:27:17.390]>>Check back in on David Skinns. Little right to left putt here, on a little high level.

[00:27:24.369]>>Oh, what a finish, back-to-back, great putts. David Skinns will have a chance to win his first PGA TOUR event tomorrow.

[00:27:35.849]>>This is Silverman to close things out.

[00:27:39.560]>>Well, let's put him in the same group. Why not? It's catch him.

[00:27:45.160]>>Ricky Castillo is now a co-leader.

[00:27:50.089]>>good.

[00:27:52.699]>>One of those players who won his first ever start as a pro. Came out of college, went on the Korn Ferry Tour.

[00:28:00.800]>>They're very, very talented.

[00:28:16.750]>>A little left to right here on this eagle putt, very makeable.

[00:28:22.310]>>Get there and he made it.

[00:28:24.079]>>Oh yeah,

[00:28:27.229]>>Moments ago at the 12th.

[00:28:32.030]>>Okey dokey. Castillo, top of the leaderboard now, what a chip.

[00:28:39.000]>> Matti Schmid, he's gonna putt through all this stuff. And how is it, oh, it just jumping off there.

[00:28:48.319]>>John Parry going over the trees at 16.

[00:28:55.599]>>Oh, what a shot. OK.

[00:28:59.489]>>Now Matti Schmid for birdie.

[00:29:03.140]>>And that gets him to one back.

[00:29:07.489]>>Moments ago at 16, John Parry.

[00:29:12.810]>>Oh a magnificent birdie up and over the palm trees, so Parry gets the double figures.

[00:29:19.760]>>Moments ago at 14, Blades Brown for Eagle.

[00:29:24.010]>>Oh,

[00:29:28.089]>>We go up to 18 and John Parry.

[00:29:39.520]>>Yeah, really solid, really good look from Birdie there.

[00:29:43.319]>>Now, Parry.

[00:29:46.020]>>Keep going.

[00:29:48.189]>>That's that little potential momentum boost coming into tomorrow, Birdie the last hole.

[00:29:55.229]>>Back to 14. What a day for Chandler Blanchet. Yet if we could somehow get this up-and-down, you're gonna be leading alone.

[00:30:09.910]>>Really solid chip that should lead to par. Daly now, it's rainy down here.

[00:30:20.380]>>Hm, that was that one at the last minute, we did not want to have that coming back to our feet.

[00:30:26.369]>>All right, we're back here now at 14. Chandler Blanchet roller coaster today, but still at 12 under.

[00:30:36.540]>>Oh my goodness. Oh dear.

[00:30:39.650]>>Another short miss at 14, this time it's for par.

[00:30:45.349]>>Now Daly, this would be a whale of a par save.

[00:31:02.209]>>Such a great park.

[00:31:05.199]>>Heartbreak.

[00:31:07.250]>>For JD still gonna be 2 under par, 70.

[00:31:13.469]>>He's 9 under, he's only 3 back.

[00:31:23.630]>>Back 1 to 17 with Sargent for Birdie.

[00:31:28.400]>>Uphill into the wind.

[00:31:31.219]>>Very difficult to.

[00:31:33.479]>>Get it all the way to the hole.

[00:31:37.449]>>Those dark clouds have been over those mountains all day long, kind of a rainforest up there.

[00:31:44.430]>>They're getting a little closer, but they're certainly in no hurry. No.

[00:31:54.839]>>That's a very good pt that Laura Love. It's not a gimme coming back, but.

[00:32:00.000]>>I like the aggression. He gave it a chance. Yeah, absolutely.

[00:32:05.280]>>Now Castillo 18.

[00:32:11.500]>>Play it towards the middle of the green, let the wind drift it over.

[00:32:17.510]>>Yeah

[00:32:19.189]>>steady.

[00:32:21.579]>>Well short back at 17, Sargent for par.

[00:32:29.880]>>We got nerves on full display here in this final group. I did not see that. The thing broke across the hole.

[00:32:38.869]>>That was an interesting, uh, putt. That was, that really got a good look and he tries to keep the putter square back and square through to his target line rather than square to his path. There's a lot of mani manipulation in that style of putting.

[00:32:55.709]>>Up at 18, Castillo with his 3rd.

[00:33:02.250]>>Hm.

[00:33:04.829]>>That's a little bit clumsy there.

[00:33:08.619]>>And when you look at what's on offer, that 2 year exemption as well is such an important thing. You play the rest of this year, then you get 2 more 4 years, it allows you maybe a mediocre year or it allows you to make some improvements without the pressure of losing your car. There's a lot of good things that come from that. A lot of job security.

[00:33:29.390]>>Now Castillo, par putt to take at least a share of the lead.

[00:33:38.800]>>And he's gonna do it.

[00:33:42.900]>>It is his grandmother who pronounced the last name, the family last name, Castillo. There are a lot of folks watching that are thinking we, we mispronounced that and we've been guilty on many occasions, but not in this case. Grandma said Castillo, Ricky says Castillo, and he wears the puka beads. We'll always stick with grandma. She, she knew best.

[00:34:05.569]>>Jay, there's not a lot of experience up at the top of this leaderboard. No, somebody's gonna have to do something they haven't done yet.

[00:34:12.530]>>And, uh, it could be the amateur. John Daly, he, you know, he has less pressure on him because, you know, he's in college, you know, he's going back to school next week. The other guys, they're feeling a little bit. Blanchet probably had his bad round today, pressure built, and he'll probably go out a little bit more relaxed tomorrow, but it's gonna be a great story because someone is gonna win their first event on the PGA TOUR and that person's gonna get to play the players next week. The spot is available. One last spot.

[00:34:41.918]>>The PGA Tour's Signature Event, the big one, TPC Sawgrass. Robert Streb's kind of lurking, a two-time winner, maybe a little too far back. It's gonna be windy again tomorrow. It always is. Can somebody come from way back like Davis Thompson did, 7-under, but, he's still 2 shots off the lead. These events, these opposite field events are,

[00:35:06.860]>>All about opportunity. They are providing a tremendous opportunity here this week. The final round is next.

[00:35:17.399]>>We are here and we are playing for history and we're playing for the players that came before us.

[00:35:23.219]>>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.

[00:35:50.750]>>Today, live final round coverage of the Puerto Rico Open.

[00:35:59.610]>>The Grand Reserve Golf Club, Rio Grande, Puerto Rico, and a great day for spectating. The crowds are out. They want to see the trophy get handed out here. It is the 18th play of this wonderful event. They played 12 before that, but then there was a break before we got back to Puerto Rico. Why would we ever leave the trophy, the beach, the blue water, whatever those guys are doing, there's something for everybody.

[00:36:27.659]>>It's an additional event this week on the PGA TOUR. All these guys wanted to play at the Arnold Palmer Invitational for lots of reasons, but they're here with lots of opportunities to boost their careers. A lot of this first page on the leaderboard looking for their first career PGA TOUR win.

[00:36:46.280]>> Ricky Castillo among them. John Daly Jr is in this field also. Blades Brown also in this field. Daly is 22 years old. Blades Brown, 18. Beautiful shot there at the 6th.

[00:37:03.159]>>Now Ricky Castillo, trying to make a final round charge, knocks it in from off the green at the 6th. Are you kidding me? He chipped one in for Eagle yesterday.

[00:37:12.810]>> Castillo makes a big jump with that. Blades Brown up at the 7th.

[00:37:18.500]>>Trying to keep up.

[00:37:20.840]>>Gets that one to go, gets him up to 14 under par, but not to be outdone. Same hole. Castillo, there's your answer, and that's where we stand right now.

[00:37:34.199]>>Man has been there, done that. Yeah, multiple winner in the DP World Tour. This is his rookie season after finishing top 10 last year. It's his pathway.

[00:37:44.179]>>And nicely done. And Parry is the guy that just keep chipping away. He's not going to beat you with distance. He's just going to beat you with his tenaciousness.

[00:37:53.320]>>Blades Brown now with his 3rd at 9. I mean, I think we can. I mean, I think we're just trying to land it.

[00:38:01.189]>>I, I like, what do you think? You think it's gonna be too spinny ball above his feet coming in from the right to back right hole location. This is not a great angle. landing on the downslope. You like that 65 hole coming down right on it. Good for this to be left.

[00:38:17.780]>>Not very far left, that's a really good shot from a bad spot. By a bad spot, I mean bad angle.

[00:38:25.010]>>Up at 18, Bauchou with his par.

[00:38:35.129]>>Brown at 9 for a tie of the lead.

[00:38:38.750]>>And the young man does it.

[00:38:43.270]>>The way to weather

[00:38:46.179]>>Now Paul Peterson for birdie at 18 to post 13 under.

[00:38:52.250]>>First event this season, he's taken advantage of his start.

[00:38:57.360]>>So 66 for Peterson, great effort there.

[00:39:10.959]>>12 under doesn't seem like it's going to be enough. It may hang around in the top 10 though.

[00:39:27.969]>>Get back there, go, go, go, go.

[00:39:30.719]>>Not all but don't think this was a one of those holes you would expect to have a really good look at Birdie and now you're gonna trick a little 2 up for his path.

[00:39:43.139]>>Now daily for his par.

[00:39:46.419]>>So up this ridge.

[00:39:52.879]>>He would go on to make bogey.

[00:39:55.419]>>Our final group's at 9. This is for par for Parry. Yeah, up and over a mound and downhill right to left. Hard to get the pace right with a little moisture on the green.

[00:40:12.550]>>Blades Brown up at 11.

[00:40:22.800]>>Sit, sit.

[00:40:28.199]>>Great shot. That's why you, he probably aimed, ended up a little right where he aimed. You give yourself that margin for error. If you aim right at the hole, you miss it right. I just wanted to make sure that we weren't John Parry for birdie, curls that in.

[00:40:46.659]>>At the 11th green, Blades Brown for eagle.

[00:40:53.459]>>This putt shouldn't have much break to it. If I was going to guess anything, I would say it's going to.

[00:41:01.159]>>Maybe come a little bit from his right.

[00:41:07.629]>>If I could whisper in his ear, I'd say, this is a chance for happy hour. Oh, he's not old enough for happy hour, but the chance for happy hour, happy hour is a 2 for 1.

[00:41:17.770]>>All right, he has to pick up 2 shots on the field right here.

[00:41:23.000]>>Make it count.

[00:41:25.050]>>Don't leave it short. That's what I'm saying. Don't leave it short.

[00:41:32.689]>>Now at the 18th, Christiaan Bezuidenhout.

[00:41:37.530]>>Brill under for the day today. Make that 4 under.

[00:41:41.989]>>Sorry, 3 under for total.

[00:41:45.330]>>Blades in the bunker at 13. Nice firm lie. Shouldn't have been a tough shot, but I think he caught a little bit of sand first.

[00:41:54.110]>>Yeah, that sounded bad and it looks worse. You cannot miss it right.

[00:42:00.520]>>We didn't see a splash, but.

[00:42:02.739]>>Wow.

[00:42:05.780]>>Ahead to 14

[00:42:09.040]>>I feel like he's got to make birdie here, that's going left.

[00:42:13.469]>>Gonna catch a bit of the green. Yeah, it did. Good shot, so, eagle putt.

[00:42:20.290]>>3rd shot, the play's crown.

[00:42:23.070]>>No, that's not right. 4th shot for Blades Brown. Yeah, this is a par 4, as you can see up in the graphic. He's got a pretty good lie. Wind helping from the left.

[00:42:37.959]>>Holes cut in the back portion of the green, not close to the fringe. I, the only trouble is going along here.

[00:42:45.530]>>Just a wedge. I think you've got to take dead aim and try and hit it close.

[00:42:50.120]>>Hold on, that's going to go down that bank. Now he's adding insult to injury. He's made a physical mistake. Now he's made a mental mistake by short sighting himself over the green.

[00:43:01.929]>>Let's wait.

[00:43:04.060]>>Well, Blanchet is already on a number that's going to be leading, we would assume.

[00:43:14.909]>>And he's not done yet.

[00:43:19.729]>>Well, how about this blanche to get to 15 under.

[00:43:25.600]>>Back at 13, Blades Brown with his 5th shot. Great look here, good line, a little bit of grass underneath. You can see how far below the level of green he is, and there's a false front to the green where he's coming from. He landed into that slope.

[00:43:40.250]>>You had to either go lower or carry it further depending on

[00:43:44.840]>>The way you wanted to play it. He went with the high one, landed it into the upslope tun of short. That's for a double bogey.

[00:43:51.679]>>So that putt to get him to 14 under.

[00:43:55.580]>>So Blanchet and Castillo will be leading here as soon as Blades finishes the hole. Question is how far back is Blades gonna be?

[00:44:07.159]>>He's got a reachable par 5 coming up.

[00:44:11.939]>>18 years old, head's gotta be spinning.

[00:44:18.969]>>Mother, a professional athlete.

[00:44:23.149]>>The whole family, very competitive.

[00:44:27.320]>>We've been waiting for this now for a long time. You mentioned no collegiate career for Blades Brown. He'd be a very early in it right now at 18. It's a beautiful close up, isn't it? See, you know, that face looks focused, it looks calm, it doesn't look like the eyes are darting around and he looks like.

[00:44:44.899]>>You know, it's the end of the world, so.

[00:44:47.360]>>The job here is to refocus, do your absolute best on this putt, hopefully make it, and then take advantage of the reachable par 5 coming up. Well, this is a huge momentum Putt, OK, now this is a, a double bogey putt.

[00:45:01.209]>>But to hole a nice putt like this.

[00:45:05.409]>>would just give him a much better feeling going to the next tee.

[00:45:10.469]>>Such a strange look from being brought up when I was brought up of touching the line, touching the line.

[00:45:17.139]>>Yeah, you know, I mean, you're only supposed to touch, you're only supposed to touch the line to tap down spike marks.

[00:45:23.649]>>I'll leave it at that.

[00:45:25.159]>>Well, you just can't repair aeration holes or you can't deroute anything, but you can do anything else.

[00:45:33.979]>>That rule has been clarified a couple of times.

[00:45:36.929]>>Since it was changed in 2019, but this is a huge putt for Blades Brown.

[00:45:44.699]>>I like that. Kind of got up there, wasn't really comfortable, go back, start over.

[00:45:51.919]>>This is a big pot.

[00:45:55.370]>>Dancer style putter.

[00:46:02.199]>>Well, triple.

[00:46:04.500]>>He's all the way back to 13 under, from a fairway bunker into the water. Blades Brown is now 2 off the lead.

[00:46:14.409]>>Harry at 13 in the fairway.

[00:46:23.909]>>No. I like that with the 99 little punchy type of shot. You, you take a little air out of it, you tend to hit it straighter.

[00:46:31.820]>>Now Castillo.

[00:46:39.590]>>Sit down, sit down, then get down again.

[00:46:44.810]>>No, that's fine. Good shot. shot, dude. Final group at 13. Uh, this one for Parry is uphill to begin with and goes over just a gentle little slope about 2/3 of the way to the hole.

[00:47:05.139]>>No, that's, that's just feeble.

[00:47:09.719]>>Davis Thompson is a PGA TOUR winner.

[00:47:12.649]>>He's been through this.

[00:47:15.139]>>Can't line it up here at 15.

[00:47:19.209]>>All right, back over to 13, Castillo.

[00:47:28.550]>>No, that's a big putt right there. Breaks out of that tie for the lead, leads by one on his own.

[00:47:36.149]>>Parry's still there.

[00:47:38.389]>>She can't throw this away.

[00:47:41.750]>>No, this is just inside of 6 ft, I mean.

[00:47:45.199]>>He, he has no, if he misses this, he's out of it. He'll go to 4 back.

[00:47:50.949]>>With 5 to play, no chance.

[00:47:57.709]>>And that's short.

[00:48:01.129]>> Castillo at 14.

[00:48:07.550]>>Got sit right up on top of the grass, gotta sit. OK, plenty of spin on it, so good look for birdie.

[00:48:16.330]>>Castillo for birdie now at the par 5 14th.

[00:48:23.949]>>Oh boy.

[00:48:25.750]>>He builds the lead, a two-shot lead now for Ricky Castillo.

[00:48:32.520]>>Now the reality

[00:48:35.080]>>John Parry has this for birdie, just to hang in there.

[00:48:49.850]>>Well done.

[00:48:53.689]>>At 15, John Parry for par.

[00:49:10.139]>>Kind of like sharing dessert.

[00:49:13.399]>>You only do it because you have to. You don't really want to.

[00:49:17.399]>>He's gonna be sharing lots of points now.

[00:49:20.520]>>The group tied for 6th rather than tied for 3rd.

[00:49:36.739]>>This is Chandler Blanchet now at the 18th.

[00:49:53.050]>>He likes it.

[00:49:56.580]>>He loves it.

[00:49:58.760]>>Terrific iron shot straight over the flag.

[00:50:09.129]>>And we're looking at 18 and a huge putt for Chandler Blanchet.

[00:50:19.209]>>What a finish for Chandler Blanchet, 67.

[00:50:26.679]>>With his 2nd at 18, Parry.

[00:50:38.800]>>I think he likes it. Oh, right on line. He would make bogey. Castillo would take one right next to it.

[00:50:47.570]>>Hasn't made a bogey since the 2nd hole on Friday.

[00:50:57.790]>>Sit, sit, sit, sit, sit, sit. It's not hot cold wind ate it up once it got up there.

[00:51:10.770]>>John Parry, I would have put him up into a tie for 5th instead.

[00:51:17.540]>>Just not to be today for the veteran Englishman.

[00:51:23.739]>>2 putts for his first career win.

[00:51:38.870]>>That'll do. Ricky Castillo in just his 35th career start, taps in for victory, 5 under par in the final round, and he has won the Puerto Rico Open.

[00:51:56.030]>>Yeah, he now knows that he can play anytime he wants. What a difference it is for Castillo.

[00:52:01.860]>>Huge, gets in next week, the players' flagship event, PGA TOUR. I mean that was life-changing for Ricky because he didn't have full status this year. Missed out by the slimmest of margins on the last hole of the season last year, makes up for it, and then some. He's into a whole different category now. He is a winner on the PGA TOUR.

[00:52:29.919]>>This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of the Puerto Rico Open from Grand Reserve Golf Club in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico.