

Production Transcript for **REWIND_26GENESIS_BRIDGEMAN**

[00:02:39.440]>>This looks pretty good. Yeah, it just needs to stretch. Oh, yeah. What a 2 there for McIlroy. Welcome back to the golf course.

[00:02:49.869]>>Here at the 11th.

[00:00:26.280]>>The PGA TOUR proudly presents.

[00:00:30.120]>>The season-long race for the FedExCup.

[00:00:34.130]>>Now coverage of the 2026 Genesis Invitational.

[00:00:40.520]>>Set against that backdrop of Hollywood, the PGA Tour's leading stars take to the stage at one of America's most iconic theaters in Riviera Country Club, although to this point.

[00:00:51.810]>>Uh, they've been swimming out there, a lot of rain has fallen, 3.5 inches since Monday, in fact, including today, and it did halt play at 10:13 AM Pacific time. But you've timed it just right.

[00:01:06.559]>>Because we are about to get back underway. Green staff doing their thing, and we can get back on with telling the story and finding out come Sunday who'll be the latest PGA TOUR star to have their name up in lights in Hollywood. Alongside me, Colin Swatton, Brendon de Jonge, Emilia Doran and Rich Beam on the course as we get ready to watch the best in the game player the trade once more and.

[00:01:31.370]>>Iconic venue nonetheless, Colin. Well, it certainly is, Nick. They've been playing this event since 1926. In fact, it's one of only 9 venues on the PGA TOUR schedule

that have hosted a PGA TOUR event for more than 50 years. It's in the foothills there at the Pacific Palisades, surrounded by residential estates, and every single player in this field has this golf course on their bucket list, top 5 in fact. 15 miles to the west of downtown, just 2 from the Pacific Ocean.

[00:02:01.370]>>It's a challenging opening day, we are getting back underway momentarily and so far with the golf that was played, the best of it from Bhatia, 3 under par through 6 holes. And then it's McIlroy, Morikawa, last week's winner, 7th time on the PGA TOUR, and a man very much in form in Ryan Gerard group under through 3. Fleetwood also 1 under through 3, early stages and still some of these players yet to tee off, including the world number 1.

[00:02:30.669]>>Scottie Scheffler, coming out of an early weather delay, Rory McIlroy with a 30 footer for birdie at the par 3/4.

[00:02:53.729]>>Now bogey back at the 10th, looked like a nice little wedge shot in here close. Try and get one back, and that is a beauty.

[00:03:05.350]>>Oh, he's got this thing opened up.

[00:03:08.309]>>I imagine it's going to be a very concise.

[00:03:11.679]>>Swing with lots of speed in it.

[00:03:15.710]>>Oh, a little crowd pleaser there. Look at this, absolutely awesome.

[00:03:25.470]>>That's pretty good, Beamer.

[00:03:28.589]>>Yeah, not bad. Johnny Vegas at the par 5 11th.

[00:03:33.990]>>Yeah, he got off to a pretty good start, turning in 34, 1 under. And there you go, a birdie at 11.

[00:03:42.059]>>Quickly getting it to 2.

[00:03:46.619]>>Be a nice time to take out a 9 iron and just kind of hit a nice little.

[00:03:51.169]>>A low shot in there, takes some of the spin off, but I don't think that's the case, I think that's a wedge.

[00:03:58.600]>>Oh oh, I think he got away with one there, that was an early call of go.

[00:04:06.300]>>Back to the 6th, Kevin Yu.

[00:04:08.649]>>Let's see if Kevin Yu can fly this one all the way back to this hole.

[00:04:13.149]>>See there 184 m today. Oh, this is gonna keep getting better and better.

[00:04:21.790]>>It will be a tap in too. It seems to just kind of almost an extra 22 or 3, really focusing on that line. Usually just kind of pops up and walks into the ball. He's just taking a little extra time.

[00:04:35.630]>>Well, it seems, it seems to be working as he jumps into the lead now, McIlroy 40 through his 1st 8.

[00:04:46.549]>>208 is all that remains, remember, Si Woo took driver off the tee.

[00:04:52.329]>>Couldn't imagine this would be much more than the 6 side.

[00:04:57.450]>>And just target golf, and you can start to see that pin at the first.

[00:05:02.869]>>This is a Bud Cauley now for.

[00:05:05.179]>>Little longer look at Eagle, has he? Yes he has.

[00:05:11.929]>>2024, the last time we were here was his best finish, uh, the uh river, the fourth place.

[00:05:20.829]>>There's been a lot of talk about this 4th hole, the, the addition of 50 extra yards, we're not using that today, playing 220 yards and oh, this could be really good. It catches that slope off the front of the green. This is gonna take a look at the hole.

[00:05:36.950]>>Took a really good look at the hole, one of the best we've seen there, the 4th from Ryo Hisatsune. Jacob Bridgeman in the left side of the 12th fairway, typically plays as the hardest hole here at Riviera. He starts on a wonderful line.

[00:05:52.549]>>That's a very good golf shot there right underneath the hole and

[00:05:56.910]>>Birdie putt here at the 9th, could do with it, a couple over par in the early stages. And he can remain aggressive with it, planting straight back up the hill. Hey, side door there for Adam Scott.

[00:06:08.660]>>Gotta make birdie, get to that 12 tee, 12 through 16, you're gonna be brutes today back in the breeze, which is picking up quite a bit.

[00:06:16.429]>>John.

[00:06:18.279]>>Oh, boy.

[00:06:21.519]>>What a gorgeous shot it was in there for Collin Morikawa.

[00:06:26.549]>>Been around a lot longer, Johnny Vegas.

[00:06:29.959]>>Under playing the last, the iconic finishing hole here, you hit your second shot back up towards that magnificent clubhouse.

[00:06:40.420]>>That's an excellent result there for Johnny Vegas, continuing to get better.

[00:06:50.179]>>Such a cool little hole here, a wonderful bunkering around the screen and a fine golf shot there from Jacob Bridgeman.

[00:07:00.290]>>Could be.

[00:07:02.000]>>Over to Ryan Fox at 11, this is his 4th. 0, that works.

[00:07:10.369]>>Actually had it going the wrong way, early going last week in the first of the signature events and,

[00:07:15.859]>> Potgieter for a birdie here at the 13th. And he would've had a bit of a peek there from Ryan Fox. Oh player too.

[00:07:25.660]>> Potgieter bolts up the leaderboard into a share for 3rd.

[00:07:30.929]>>Here Kim.

[00:07:34.649]>>Back uphill here.

[00:07:36.690]>>Here's Birdie putt.

[00:07:38.609]>>Oh, that one rolled nicely. Si Woo Kim, good clean scorecard, 3 under par.

[00:07:45.970]>>Tommy's going now, 2nd shot to the par 5.

[00:07:51.739]>>271 here.

[00:07:54.989]>>Uphill. Oh my goodness.

[00:08:00.820]>>Oh, that thing must have almost hit the flagstick as it went by, and now has that left for an eagle. Hovland at the 18th, not the greatest angle from this right side. It looked to be a good move though.

[00:08:17.149]>>Maybe a little better than just good. Outstanding shot there from the Norwegian.

[00:08:23.989]>>This one is holdable for McIlroy with his skill set.

[00:08:28.239]>>Sho move just a little left to right on the green.

[00:08:32.489]>>No, no, go, go.

[00:08:37.619]>>Eagle chance for Tommy Fleetwood. I saw that shot in here, and that to pay it off.

[00:08:45.289]>>And Fleetwood quickly moves from him.

[00:08:49.520]>>Even par to, under par.

[00:08:53.309]>>Good spot for Potgieter to the last.

[00:08:57.349]>>Oh, big drive, just 164 yards, should be no more than a 9 iron for him downwind.

[00:09:03.859]>>Here you go, lovely iron shot to finish.

[00:09:09.609]>>It's a chance to pull alongside Bridgeman and McIlroy. He can remain aggressive with this one back up the hill.

[00:09:16.690]>>And nicely done there for Aaron Rai.

[00:09:20.979]>>Made a lot easier the fact that that sun is now sunk below those trees.

[00:09:26.179]>>He's watching this one closely. Another high quality iron shot there.

[00:09:38.340]>> Potgieter trying to play pay off the wonderful iron shot and he does. Yeah, it's a good round of golf there for the young South African.

[00:09:47.750]>>Aaron Rai, he's choosing to putt. Yeah, to your point, I think that's why we're seeing Aaron Rai putt here, so he can feel like it's a normal start and, well, he's gonna be carrying a bunch of momentum into tomorrow.

[00:10:00.539]>>Aaron Rai gets to 60 through 16 as play is suspended due to darkness. Rory McIlroy and Jacob Bridgeman each complete a pair of 66s to trail by 1. Round 2 is next.

[00:10:16.780]>>Second round coverage of The Genesis Invitational as the PGA TOUR comes to Hollywood for this year's 2nd Signature Event and an all-star cast perform their trade on one of golf's most famed sets in Riviera Country Club.

[00:10:33.809]>>The rains have departed and the sunshine has arrived here for day two. Alongside me to take you through the story, Brendon de Jonge, Colin Swatton on the course, Emilia Doran, and Rich Bean. And what of the course, what sort of a stage have we got, Colin? Well, you said it best, it's gonna be a tale of two days here. Yesterday we saw rain, heavy rain, high winds, and not many players were able to get it under par, but today, sunshine and blue skies, Riviera Country Club is gonna be defensive.

[00:11:00.674]>>Birdies aplenty here on day 2, and many of them made by Xander Schauffele, now 6 under for his round through 12 holes, and that was after a strong finish to the holes needing completing when he came here for the round one conclusion here on day 2.

[00:11:17.039]>>We saw the 2nd shot from Marco Penge just through the back of the 12th green, now actually coming back up the hill from this angle. There you go, just catches the left side of the hole. Penge within 1 of the lead.

[00:11:31.150]>>Slide over to 6, McIlroy now.

[00:11:35.809]>>So that's.

[00:11:41.619]>>This is going to continue to get better and better. Lovely iron shot there from McIlroy.

[00:11:50.429]>>Didn't finished that far away from where he did yesterday. Very different pin position, a very different second will be played.

[00:11:58.299]>>And the only thing that's tough about this point is just going through the shadows a little bit. Sometimes it's hard to read the precise amount of brake.

[00:12:05.900]>>Just should be moving a little left to right. Kinda like that. Yeah, nice flow to that stroke right there, beautiful release and Marco with the clean card and continues the good play from last week. Yeah, this is where that childlike uh demeanor will come into play here. This has got a decent amount of turn from right to left.

[00:12:30.549]>>Couple 2's on this opening 9 holes for Rory McIlroy, looking very, very comfortable out there. Quick one across 14 here for Spieth.

[00:12:39.719]>>Seemed like a a lengthy period in his career where he made more of these than anybody else. Down the hill going left to right, there you go. Jordan Spieth of old.

[00:12:50.409]>>Putter well last week as well, wasn't all there for him across the game, but the putter was better.

[00:12:57.390]>>Penge at 14.

[00:13:01.289]>>170 m today, should be no more than just a 7 iron for Marco stops on a lovely line.

[00:13:08.969]>>Another very high quality iron shot.

[00:13:12.549]>>Great chance for a 2 here for Penge.

[00:13:17.659]>>And that is 3 in a row there for Penge.

[00:13:23.080]>>Has he got enough room for the backswing? I think so, looks like he should be clear, just trying to bounce something up there.

[00:13:31.010]>>No, this is excellent, this is wonderful.

[00:13:37.590]>>Full imagination on display there.

[00:13:42.260]>>There is your leader, Marco Penge on the 16th tee.

[00:13:47.219]>>Sort of follow through trying to flight something down back into that breeze, watching it closely again, just time after time dealing these iron shots.

[00:13:57.880]>>Now, a beautiful approach to 15, this is for the 3. Yeah, back down the hill, quick one.

[00:14:03.820]>>Mm, nicely done for Min Woo Lee, plenty of circles on the scorecard and making a move here.

[00:14:11.500]>>Hopefully, right in the middle.

[00:14:16.099]>> Marco Penge continues on his merry way, 4 birdies in his last 5 holes.

[00:14:22.280]>> Wyndham Clark with his 2nd at the 17th.

[00:14:27.690]>>Good.

[00:14:29.590]>>Putting together a decent day at the office. Definitely got the firepower to get it there in 2, and how about inside 10 ft for Wyndham Clark with a good look at eagle.

[00:14:39.859]>>World number 1 Scottie Scheffler on 18. This for par.

[00:14:44.969]>>To make his sixty-eighth straight cut on the number.

[00:14:50.119]>>And he knew it. Little fist pump there, just hung in, caught the right side of the hole, battled hard all day.

[00:15:01.190]>>Matti Schmid across this 14th green, Long putt, short backswing, quick one. Yeah, in a similar position, Matti Schmid at plus 1, this is very quick down that hill, this looks pretty good. This looks more than pretty good, this looks excellent. Little bonus there for the German.

[00:15:18.340]>>Was runner-up at the Charles Schwab last year, in the end to Ben Griffin.

[00:15:25.289]>>Look at where he has.

[00:15:29.250]>>The sandy miles open, Shortsighted here, above the hole is always a quick one.

[00:15:35.979]>>Penge would knock that in for birdie to get to 12 under par.

[00:15:40.239]>>Roy McIlroy flew this one a mile down there, beamer. He's got a little backstopped on the right hand side. I'd be a little surprised if he doesn't get a little aggressive with this second shot here. Oh, he's going, oh, it's all over it.

[00:15:53.010]>>00, they liked it here at 11, and so do we.

[00:16:00.000]>>It's the eagle chance for Clark, stunning approach to the par 5 17th.

[00:16:06.969]>>And Wyndham Clark.

[00:16:09.159]>>With a double circle at 17.

[00:16:13.719]>>Well, after two splendid shots in here at the par 5 11, McIlroy for Eagle, and he quickly.

[00:16:21.479]>>Gets it to double digits.

[00:16:25.289]>>Adam Scott here at.

[00:16:28.960]>>The 11th, 2nd shot on its way.

[00:16:33.539]>>Just that driving iron in play here for Adam Scott, and this will get better, it'll come down that little slope.

[00:16:40.909]>>Wyndham's got an eagle chance here. Yeah, just inside 17 ft working down the slope to his right, it continues.

[00:16:51.219]>>To go in the direction.

[00:16:53.570]>>Homa here, uh, 3rd at the par 5, a little bit of an angle and softness which makes it a little easier. Yeah, this would be a challenging shot, especially in firmer conditions, but Max Homa, even from the rough you can see there, able to create enough spin.

[00:17:07.540]>>Scott here.

[00:17:09.680]>>Starts at the middle of the green, drifting back towards that right-hand hole location.

[00:17:15.020]>>Lovely golf shot there, one of the best we've seen all day at 12.

[00:17:20.219]>>Jacob Bridgeman on the 16th tee typically moves everything right to left. Tricky flag for him to get close to, but he starts on a nice line.

[00:17:31.239]>>Another very good golf shot.

[00:17:35.849]>>You saw the approach from Adam Scott right underneath the hole here.

[00:17:40.439]>>But inside right and firm, he continues his assault on this back nine at Riviera.

[00:17:48.699]>>16th hole playing just under its par of 3 and oh that's gonna be helping that. Beautiful 2 there for Bridgeman.

[00:17:59.089]>>Scott in the perfect place, he is on a heater. He's from 155, I'd expect to see him fly this all the way back to the bucket.

[00:18:08.180]>>Scott would hold that for birdie to get to 10 under par.

[00:18:13.829]>>And Tommy trying to save his par here and prevent from going back-to-back bogeys.

[00:18:20.930]>>And he certainly can rich, clutch. That was clutch.

[00:18:25.719]>>Made a bit of a mess at the 14th, made a bit of a mess here at 15, but hey, 4 is on the scorecard.

[00:18:32.390]>>And Adam Scott over here at the 15, this is his 3rd, came up a little shy out of the rough left.

[00:18:39.140]>>I

[00:18:40.430]>>Oh.

[00:18:42.729]>>The Aussies do like the beach, as does Adam Scott.

[00:18:46.599]>>Jacob Bridgeman in another fairway here at 18.

[00:18:50.560]>>Nice angle from the right side, he is a long way back though.

[00:18:56.689]>>It's a solid strike with a mid-iron towards the middle of the green and excellent result. How are some of these shots down the stretch from Bridgeman?

[00:19:08.189]>>Akshay Bhatia trying to turn something around these trees from the far right side here. Gotta get it shaping good 10 to 15 yards.

[00:19:18.410]>>That is wonderful, best we've seen by miles into 18.

[00:19:25.160]>>Bridgeman for a closing birdie and one that will see him alongside Penge at the top.

[00:19:33.140]>>There you go, Jacob Bridgeman hanging around. That's a fine round of 64.

[00:19:40.319]>>Another brilliant day on the greens as well, the best putter out there, boss of the moss.

[00:19:46.920]>>Back 1 to 16, Scott down the hill.

[00:19:52.069]>>Trying to keep a bogey off the scorecard, and again, leans on that putter and it stands up.

[00:20:00.000]>>Well, the lie looks good here, Rich, how about the shot? It's, it's exceptional. Well, fluid on the green.

[00:20:07.349]>>Oh nicely done there from McIlroy.

[00:20:10.989]>>Rory McIlroy would birdie 17 to get to 11 under, putting him 1 behind Marco Pene and Jacob Bridgemand, both seeking their first career PGA TOUR wins and co-leading at the halfway mark. Round 3 is up next.

[00:20:32.250]>>Third round coverage of The Genesis Invitational, and we've got quite the script heading into the weekend this week with Marco Penge and Jacob Bridgman, two rising stars, bidding to deliver a breakout performance in La La Land. Couple of major players looking to land another lead role in Shuffle and Scott and a Hollywood icon in Rory McIlroy in search of the spotlight once again.

[00:20:57.829]>>In one of the game's great theaters, drama guaranteed, rain behind us, sunshine.

[00:21:05.780]>>And birdies to come. 100 years we've been coming to riv. and the story continues. Alongside me to take you through it, Colin Swat and Brendan de Jong on the course, Emilia Doran and Rich Beam. Little while to go until we get to those final few groups. In 2 balls, 51 players making it through the cup. There's a cut at all of the hosted signature events that are Jack's, Arnie's, and Tiger's.

[00:21:32.439]>>Aaron Rai back at the first, his putt for Eagle.

[00:21:38.790]>>Go on.

[00:21:42.449]>>And that is a nice way to start your round, double circle at the 1st. 87 yards for Viktor here. Pin location all the way in the back left, it's up on this little tier, incredibly difficult to get it there.

[00:21:55.760]>> Viktor Hovland, absolute beauty, great spin control. Get back a couple of holes here on the 14th tee, Robert MacIntyre.

[00:22:06.630]>>Just trying to hold that one off a little bit, try and get it shaping from right to left.

[00:22:13.420]>>Wonderful shot there.

[00:22:18.670]>>15, just as you say, so much movement in every section of that green. Just watch the second half of this putt, there it is, over the spine that cuts this back third of the green. Oh, has he?

[00:22:33.479]>>That will be the 1st eagle at the 11th today.

[00:22:40.589]>>Sugar Shane Lowry.

[00:22:43.849]>> Potgieter at the first, a little more svelte too looking.

[00:22:48.849]>>Says he's lost

[00:22:51.209]>>About 30 pounds or so.

[00:22:58.099]>>There's a beauty at the first for Potgieter.

[00:23:07.420]>>3rd shot here at the 1st for Tommy Fleetwood.

[00:23:10.800]>>Oh, what a beauty it is. Started showing form last week, but I almost feel like he hits this just to his shadow.

[00:23:23.910]>>Oh.

[00:23:25.819]>>Continuing, adding to that tally.

[00:23:29.410]>>Of Eagles at the first. Otherwise not good. Rory actually had to look at it to identify his ball, came through with a lot of speed. That was phenomenal, phenomenal. So you can see there Rory McIlroy almost green side high here, that just gives you an indication of how far he hit it.

[00:23:47.000]>>Good time to pop one in

[00:23:53.579]>>Oh.

[00:23:54.910]>>Huge putt there for Marco. That really is very, very important, that'll help settle the nerves. Back to the 3rd, it's Bridgeman up 1st.

[00:24:04.869]>>Well above his feet ever so slightly from 122 in downwind, just a nice sandwich here, nice and full.

[00:24:14.400]>>Full it is. Bridgeman would make that for Birdie.

[00:24:19.140]>>Ahead to the par 3 4th playing 262 yards.

[00:24:24.339]>>That's a 2 hybrid that he's trying to roast back there.

[00:24:30.359]>>Wow, goodness me, what a shot from Bridgeman. What a start. 142 for McIlroy, this is a gap wedge.

[00:24:40.260]>>Where that flag's located, it's just 8 yards wide.

[00:24:45.619]>>Oh, come on.

[00:24:48.229]>>I thought that one might come down a little bit there for McIlroy.

[00:24:52.089]>>For the 2.

[00:24:55.420]>>Flawless execution from our leader going in, and he stretches 3 clear at the top, could easily have birdied all 4.

[00:25:05.130]>>He is flying now, Aaron Rai at the 9th.

[00:25:09.479]>>Catching it across the shoulder there. Oh come on.

[00:25:16.250]>>3 on the scorecard, and what a way to bounce back after the bogey there at 8.

[00:25:23.609]>>Adam Scott could use this one for birdie here at 6. There we go, nice bounce back after missing the 22 inch Putt back at the 5th hole.

[00:25:35.199]>>Potgitta here at the 9th, good drive.

[00:25:39.020]>>Well, he's on a little bit of a heater, but he's at 67.

[00:25:43.790]>>Ooh, and a nice look here at 9.

[00:25:55.140]>>This looks pretty good, looks really good.

[00:25:58.790]>>McIlroy to 2 under and within 2 of the Bridgeman lead.

[00:26:05.250]>>Adam Scott in the middle of the 7th fairway.

[00:26:11.839]>>Oh, this is gonna be perfect for weight, that's gonna catch a slope and continue to get a little bit better.

[00:26:27.199]>> Potgieter on the 9th green, course a shot in here, pays it off beautifully.

[00:26:33.630]>>And that's an eagle at 1, Birdie's at 67, and 9, as you can see. And then we go over to Adam Scott at the 7th for Birdie.

[00:26:43.770]>>Full on Scottie.

[00:26:46.900]>>He's in that logjam now.

[00:26:51.339]>>Ahead to 10 Potgieter for birdie here.

[00:26:54.849]>>Up the hill, a little right to left, does get quick off the hole.

[00:26:59.089]>>We'll never get to see that cos that drops right in the middle.

[00:27:08.609]>>Beautiful line if it's the yardage.

[00:27:11.280]>>Oh, come on now, this will get better. Using the backstop beautifully, Xander Schoffle. How about those last two iron shots for Xander Schauffele?

[00:27:21.900]>>No doubt spurring each other on. Two hot starters to the season. Grazermann, his tee shot at 10 trying to follow suit with Adam Scott. He too likes this one, starts on a great line, come on.

[00:27:34.349]>>Oh.

[00:27:38.689]>>What a golf shot that is.

[00:27:44.640]>>Head to 12, Potgieter for birdie, didn't birdie the par 5 11th.

[00:27:50.780]>>Oh, there you go, just swallows it up in the left side of the hole.

[00:28:03.829]>>Got this one set up just inside the hole on the right.

[00:28:08.239]>>Just taps it, and that's nicely done there.

[00:28:12.319]>>Hardworking 3 there for Xander Schauffele.

[00:28:16.550]>>Aggressive tee shot at 14 from Ryan Fox, just through the back of the green. Oh this looks good. There you go, that one does jam into the flagstick and drop in. Cunning Mr. Fox.

[00:28:31.359]>>Uh, good news, you got it on top of that false front, so it makes this putt just a slight bit easier.

[00:28:40.489]>>Continues to dazzle with the flat stick, that was not easy by any means.

[00:28:45.670]>>Back over to 11, Frank, 7 wood now for Bridgeman.

[00:28:50.719]>>This is peeling back nicely. Same club he stopped on 4, Frank.

[00:28:55.959]>>Look out

[00:28:57.930]>>What a shot.

[00:29:06.729]>>Wow, just those two holes, 15. Here's Potgieter out of position. Tough hole location here in the right corner. Oh, look at that.

[00:29:21.390]>>A little slippery coming down the slope and

[00:29:24.550]>>He's starting to dye the putts just a little bit more and dye it right in the hole, why don't you?

[00:29:33.939]>>Oh, there you go.

[00:29:42.010]>>Oh.

[00:29:43.810]>>And just takes enough of that slope at the end and keeps the card clean.

[00:29:51.319]>>A really good save from Xander Schauffele.

[00:29:56.609]>>There are you? Yeah, this little kid kind of, kind of poking through the gallery.

[00:30:02.430]>>Bridgeman to get to 19 under, right in the heart.

[00:30:10.359]>>After dropping a shot on 15 ahead to 17 with Bridgeman, his 3rd into the par 5.

[00:30:18.910]>>And he has control over the spin. Great break that was for Bridgeman, landing it in the fringe, getting it to hop up.

[00:30:29.790]>>Wait.

[00:30:31.599]>>Perfectly placed down the center of the fairway, 181, and this is on a gorgeous line.

[00:30:37.469]>>My oh my, and punctuating what has been an epic day.

[00:30:44.180]>>Can't be a whole lot of break.

[00:30:53.800]>>No.

[00:30:56.380]>>And we have not seen much of that, just a slight pull off the putter face and.

[00:31:03.489]>>Indeed it is, and he's tapping it into.

[00:31:06.680]>>Finish it off, and there you have it.

[00:31:10.959]>>Jacob Bridgeman shoots the round of the day with a 7 under 64, taking a 6 shot lead after 54 holes with a chance to win his first PGA TOUR title at historic Riviera Country Club. The final round is next.

[00:31:29.380]>>We are here and we are playing for history and we're playing for the players that came before us.

[00:31:35.189]>>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.

[00:32:02.569]>>It is a catch me if you can story here, as Jacob Bridgeman bids for a maiden title on the PGA TOUR with a 6 shot lead over a Hollywood icon in Rory McIlroy. And it is in Bridgeman's hands with a 6 stroke lead, but many players in with a chance. And should it be a Sunday for the ages, perhaps for Potgieter, he would go ahead and win and in doing so be the youngest winner since the Englishman Harry Cooper won the inaugural event 100 years ago.

[00:32:33.229]>>World number 2, Rory McIlroy has a great opportunity to pick up his 30th PGA TOUR win, but in order to do so, he's gonna have to equal his largest come from behind deficit of 6 strokes.

[00:32:46.900]>>And for this man, Jacob Bridgeman, chasing his first win on the PGA TOUR, holds a 6 shot lead over the world number 2, Rory McIlroy. And what would it mean? The 700 FedExCup points, the \$4 million the 3 year exemption that goes with winning the title. Needless to say, he would take that top position on the FedExCup list.

[00:33:10.209]>>It's a huge day ahead and probably not on the back of a particularly great night's sleep, it's in his hands.

[00:33:18.489]>>Bhatia here with his 2nd at the 1st, pinned just over there on the right side, just to the right of that green side trap at the front.

[00:33:30.109]>>Mm.

[00:33:31.609]>>And the theme continues here at the first.

[00:33:35.520]>>Now Akshay Bhatia from just inside 7 ft, birdied it every day, today, an eagle.

[00:33:44.900]>>Over to Matt Fitzpatrick at the par 4 5th from 123 yards.

[00:33:53.949]>>Oh look at this, he flew it all the way to the back edge of the green, that is an aggressive play.

[00:33:59.410]>>Yeah.

[00:34:00.689]>>Birdie chance to bounce straight back here for Matt Fitzpatrick after bogey in the 4th.

[00:34:07.329]>>And he does.

[00:34:14.010]>>And Ryan Fox over here at the first hole.

[00:34:17.510]>>179 yards.

[00:34:20.270]>>It's all for him, begging for it to get down and it did. In fact, it'll roll back onto the surface. He's booted this hole every day as you'd expect, with his power and now a great look at 3.

[00:34:38.398]>>Ryan Fox lands the eagle at the first hole, just the start he was looking for, and to be fair he got off to a fly yesterday and he just slowed his roll a bit late on which has given him, well this mountain to climb today.

[00:34:50.750]>>Matt Fitzpatrick with his 2nd at the par 4 7th.

[00:35:00.959]>>Lands it just past the cup and spins it back inside 6 ft to set up a good look at Birdie.

[00:35:09.399]>>Adam.

[00:35:10.449]>>He struggled from short range, let's see if it's different from length. There you go.

[00:35:19.780]>>Makes up for not birding the forest.

[00:35:22.800]>>Back to Fitzpatrick to pay off his birdie look at 7.

[00:35:27.780]>>And he rolls it in to get to 6 under for the tournament.

[00:35:38.120]>>Trackman Tracing in partnership with Rolex, Jake Knapp, 2nd on the way here.

[00:35:43.360]>>No

[00:35:45.080]>>Chuckling. Pretty man.

[00:35:48.989]>>And Scheffler

[00:35:51.639]>>Took this one down that left fairway, just a wedge up here into 8.

[00:35:56.790]>>Saddle

[00:35:59.149]>>OK, good spot there.

[00:36:03.260]>>So the 2nd shot of Scheffler spinning back to this position right here.

[00:36:07.870]>>There we go, just swallows into that right side of the hole.

[00:36:14.800]>>Into red figures for the day.

[00:36:19.629]>>Yeah, Kitayama left rough, way over on the 2nd tee almost pitched to this point, this for birdie down the hill.

[00:36:28.570]>>No, there's no comments column on the scorecard. Thankfully.

[00:36:35.040]>>It

[00:36:38.159]>>And Potgieter here with his 2 from just 183.

[00:36:43.879]>>And this one will get a little bit fatter. It'll come down, it won't get all the way down.

[00:36:50.979]>>Head on the 4th hole, this is Jake Knapp.

[00:36:55.719]>>Just a little buttery cut in there.

[00:36:59.419]>>Oh, this could be good. This could be really good.

[00:37:04.530]>>Uh, he cannot see the green surface, but he's gonna be pleasantly surprised when he gets up there.

[00:37:14.830]>> Potgieter back here at the first.

[00:37:18.270]>>Trying to make a lengthy one downhill, this one fast.

[00:37:23.500]>>Oh, not if the hole gets in there, gets in its way, an eagle for Potgieter, couldn't ask for a better start, and he quickly moves into that outright second at 14 under par.

[00:37:36.360]>>Ryan Fox on the 4th tee here, long enough to get there with a long iron, shaping something from right to left.

[00:37:45.919]>>And this too is gonna be excellent. It's maybe even better than Jake Knapp. What a golf shot. Bridgeman has played the first hole 5 under par. That's from 195. Small section of the right portion of the screen.

[00:38:02.679]>>Oh come on now, this may get a little better.

[00:38:06.239]>>Oh boy, it's trying hard.

[00:38:09.399]>>And Jake Knapp has the opposite of Scottie Scheffler has absolutely loved his entire West Coast and loving this week as well, and loving the start that he's off to. Kitayama.

[00:38:22.219]>>Transfer 3

[00:38:24.750]>>Was able to squeak out a birdie at the 1st, now for 2 in a row.

[00:38:29.479]>>Just enough.

[00:38:45.520]>>And the hand goes out quickly.

[00:38:48.659]>>Such a fast putt down the hill there, it's so hard to be aggressive, but yet,

[00:38:53.919]>>Conservative enough, but staying with that aggressive nature, he's comeback is.

[00:39:00.909]>>And hit with authority

[00:39:03.459]>>Confidently done, and the ideal start for the leader.

[00:39:08.209]>>Kitayama birdied 1 and 2, trying to add another one here at 4. Hang in there, oh and it does, comes back right at the end and beautiful read from Kitayama.

[00:39:20.860]>>This is a pitching wedge from 139. It's 1:32 to cover the bunker in line with the flag.

[00:39:29.979]>>Oh, aggressive by nature on the greens and aggressive here at the 3rd for Bridgeman.

[00:39:38.939]>>in the hole. Oh, Bridgeman, what a start this has been.

[00:39:44.800]>>Exactly what the doctor ordered. You've got the lead, make it bigger. Kitayama here at 5. They're coming back down the hill, it's a quick one.

[00:39:57.070]>>Oh, go on, he's off to a quick start.

[00:40:00.459]>>Back to Scottie Scheffler at the 13th. Looking for a long range birdie here.

[00:40:08.330]>>Scottie Scheffler on a bit of a tear. He's, he's tied 14th right now.

[00:40:18.860]>>Slightly awkward, slightly below his stance, so the 3rd here at the 11th.

[00:40:25.070]>>That is a gorgeous, gorgeous little pitch, out of position, no green to work with for Scott.

[00:40:32.149]>>Scheffler caught by the bunker here on 15.

[00:40:36.840]>>Since they last.

[00:40:41.520]>>Wow, that is an impressive shot from Scheffler. In fact, only 1 out of 14 players to go in that bunker at 15 have got it on the green surface. We slide over to Adam Scott, gorgeous approach in here, and he's playing a hot hand at the moment. Nicely done.

[00:40:59.870]>>He shot that 8 under 63 back to Scottie Scheffler after his beautiful approach from the fairway bunker at 15. This for birdie.

[00:41:11.280]>>And he drains it 10 under for the tournament. We'll be back with the conclusion of the final round from Riviera.

[00:41:21.189]>>Kitty, I'm off to the favorable bounce with the tee shot. This is right where you want to be in. This is gonna be great.

[00:41:30.149]>>Excellent result.

[00:41:35.090]>>Kitayama now to finish up his birdie at the par 410.

[00:41:40.100]>>He does it, moving to 14 under.

[00:41:44.199]>>This is the penultimate one and Potgieter approached. Just 2:36, he's definitely got the firepower.

[00:41:50.810]>>Miles in the air.

[00:41:54.689]>>Two ways to stop it, spin and altitude. That is a sensational shot there from Potgieter.

[00:42:03.550]>>And he could be shortly be joining Kitayama, Adam Scott now.

[00:42:07.949]>>Trying to move one closer to that lead, needs to break hard right, and it does, breaks into the middle of the hole.

[00:42:14.620]>>What a beautiful putt for Adam Scott.

[00:42:17.669]>> Potgieter, this is a wonderful opportunity to join the party at 15 under par with Kitayama. Oh, nicely done.

[00:42:26.760]>>An eagle.

[00:42:29.429]>>And Tommy Fleetwood with his 2nd, little sawn-off abbreviated follow through for Fleetwood.

[00:42:37.639]>>Oh yes

[00:42:41.030]>>How do you like them apples?

[00:42:45.850]>>The 15th has only given up 5 birdies all day, tough pin position to get to, but not for Tommy Fleetwood. Fist bump there from caddie Finnis.

[00:42:57.610]>>Johnny the body, Limani, and Adam Scott. Look at him, Adam Scott looks happier than Fleetwood.

[00:43:07.489]>>He had 1 hole, Max Greyserman in here at 14. This looks excellent, right online.

[00:43:15.110]>>Oh, in you go, in you go for Greyserman.

[00:43:22.129]>>Good.

[00:43:29.350]>>for.

[00:43:31.530]>>Wow, what a moment. And it comes with a prize, Max.

[00:43:39.189]>>All right, clean line here for Rory, just a long way to go. Good news is he's got, knows he's got absolutely hammer this.

[00:43:46.989]>>Come on. Oh boy, it's all happening guys, it's all happening now.

[00:43:53.419]>>He can't make a putt, he may as well go and make a difficult bunker shot. There has been none better from that than that man.

[00:44:03.439]>>With sand saves all week and at the biggest moment in time.

[00:44:09.000]>>Ryan Fox here at the 16th now. He likes it.

[00:44:18.360]>>And as he should, we've just seen an absolute host of great shots.

[00:44:26.199]>>Adam Scott with a towering iron shot, this one's straight at it, maybe just leaking a little right.

[00:44:33.850]>>Uh, it will stay there.

[00:44:36.659]>> Kitayama here at the 16th.

[00:44:41.639]>>Can he have a fast finish?

[00:44:44.750]>>Watching this one closely.

[00:44:51.459]>>Plain the slope perfectly. Beautiful golf shot.

[00:44:56.820]>>Scott's gonna run out of time here, but potentially Potgieter certainly Kitayama and Marco, someone's gotta find a fast finish. Here is Aldrich to the 15th. Yeah, 170. Turing it in. Oh, and there's a beauty for Potgieter.

[00:45:12.800]>>That'll be a great look for him if it's short.

[00:45:19.340]>>As we find Adam Scott here at 18, trying to get one closer, and doing so.

[00:45:26.409]>>What a great round of golf for the Australian. Rolling back the years, 45-year-old Carter 63 and sets the bar in the clubhouse.

[00:45:37.300]>> Potgieter.

[00:45:40.229]>>And Potgieter here at the 15th for birdie.

[00:45:46.419]>>And he pours that one in.

[00:45:51.989]>>Adam Scott already in at 16 under, this is Kurt Kitayama to equal that mark.

[00:45:59.030]>>Quick one, just tapping it. Nicely done.

[00:46:02.870]>>Kitayama within 3. Scott's not getting any better. Kitayama has chances to come, par 5 up next for the American. Just out of the first cut of rough here from 276 yards. You gotta feel that he's gotta have something special happen here.

[00:46:20.219]>>Oh, will it kick forward for him, it does.

[00:46:24.209]>>And that's gotta be within 30 ft.

[00:46:27.159]>>And an outside chance at eagle.

[00:46:35.889]>>Leaking right

[00:46:38.709]>>There you go. That was not his best strike there, got that one groove low.

[00:46:45.370]>>Yep, he's looking right. That gives him a little more width than the backswing.

[00:46:49.409]>>That was the only play you could do there.

[00:46:52.459]>>Well, he did what he had to, but that's not gonna be an easy two-putt. That's very, very fast down the hill with a lot of break around that hole.

[00:47:01.860]>>Eagle chance for Kitayama.

[00:47:04.260]>>Oh this would be a roar that would be heard now at 16.

[00:47:09.320]>>Uh, not to be, but Kitayama putting an exhibition on.

[00:47:13.669]>>Go ahead and tap that in, he'll be 7 under on his round, and that'll get him.

[00:47:19.399]>>A step closer. Well, within 2 of Bridgeman, but remember he, he's putting from just shy of 40 ft for his par uh at 16.

[00:47:33.209]>>Looks good, looks really good.

[00:47:37.479]>>But.

[00:47:39.159]>>That too wanders on a little bit, not dead yet.

[00:47:44.050]>>Now Rory McIlroy for birdie at 16.

[00:47:52.919]>>And he leaves it just short. Story of the day for McIlroy, who just cannot get the putts to drop. He remains at 15 under, 3 back with 2 to play. Bridgeman to clean up his bogey at 16. He holds it 1 stroke ahead of Kitayama heading to the par 5 17th.

[00:48:13.010]>>Kitayama looking for one more magic moment at 80.

[00:48:18.409]>>Such an important shot here for Kurt, and he doesn't like it, this one going left.

[00:48:24.600]>>Uh, not what he was hoping for, does hang on to the back left corner of the 18th green.

[00:48:30.360]>> Kitayama.

[00:48:31.889]>>Can he find the birdie at the last to tie the lead? Hoping for some magic of his own, downhill breaking left to right.

[00:48:42.179]>>A fine attempt.

[00:48:46.709]>>That will be the new clubhouse leader there at -17 when he goes ahead and taps that one in.

[00:48:55.820]>>And a Sunday 64 goes a long way.

[00:49:00.000]>>Just gave himself a little too much to do there, didn't hit the iron shot that he was hoping for in 18, but a fine round of golf.

[00:49:08.469]>>Two time PGA TOUR winner.

[00:49:12.340]>>Might not be done yet, just gonna tidy this up.

[00:49:17.419]>>And sets a new bar.

[00:49:19.260]>>It's now 17 under par. And he will sit and wait. Couple of 64s on the week, great playing from Kurt Kitayama.

[00:49:30.169]>>What a time to stand up there and hit that shot down the left side of the fairway.

[00:49:37.850]>>He will play in first into the 18th green. There's more to do, but hopefully breathing a little sigh of relief. That's a stunning tee shot, not the last for the leader.

[00:49:49.620]>>Put gear up ahead on the green, hoping this is his final shot, and it is.

[00:49:55.169]>>Great week for the young South African.

[00:50:02.370]>>7 iron on the way.

[00:50:07.199]>>What a golf shot. Exactly where he was trying to hit it. Beautiful swing. Cometh the hour, cometh the man.

[00:50:16.840]>>It's not an easy one. Quick down the hill, right to left early, then back left to right as it gets to the hole. Oh this looks good.

[00:50:25.139]>>This looks great.

[00:50:30.979]>>Well you knew it was coming. It's golf after all.

[00:50:35.600]>>And game recognizing game right there.

[00:50:39.550]>>From Belfast to LA.

[00:50:42.149]>>It is a Hollywood story, but the wait for a win at Riv goes on for McIlroy.

[00:51:00.000]>>Well, well, well.

[00:51:13.370]>>3 ft 5 inches short.

[00:51:40.979]>>It's this to win for Bridgeman.

[00:52:10.979]>>A star is born here in Hollywood, as Jacob Bridgeman wins The Genesis Invitational.

[00:52:17.689]>>It came down to the wire. Close, a little too close for comfort.

[00:52:23.360]>>It was never gonna be easy and it wasn't. Jacob Bridgeman finishes the tournament at 18 under, holding on for his first win of his PGA TOUR career, outlasting the likes of McIlroy, Kitayama, Scott, and Potgieter to win a Tiger's event. This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of The Genesis Invitational from Pacific Palisades, California.