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[00:00:25.270]>>Rickie Fowler owns the island green.

[00:00:29.510]>>The first to win THE PLAYERS Championship back-to-back.

[00:00:35.619]>>And McIlroy's got another player's title. The PGA TOUR proudly presents the season-long race for the FedExCup.

[00:00:44.849]>>Now coverage of the 2026 PLAYERS Championship.

[00:00:51.750]>>TPC Sawgrass, the centerpiece of PGA TOUR's operations. That's the big clubhouse there. The headquarters is just behind the 17th tee, right behind this camera shot. We're glad to have you along with us on a day that's already had a very short stoppage. We had a little squall blow through just after 12:00 local time. 12:10, they blew the horn. They told players to hold in place, and sure enough, about 20 minutes later, they were back out there playing again.

[00:01:21.199]>>This is our team. Billy Kratzert, a 4-time PGA TOUR winner, Suzie Whaley, the former president of the PGA of America. Brendon de Jonge doing the holes for us. Mark Immelman and Gary Christian out on the course itself. I'm Brian Katrek. Here's some of the action from earlier today. Collin Morikawa gets started over at the 10th. He gets to the tee at the par 5, 11th, tender back, takes the 1 swing, something clicks, not good, and Brendon.

[00:01:49.470]>>That's it for Colin Morikawa, he withdraws. Yeah, he was on a very short list of favorites this week, so very disappointing there for Collin Morikawa. The action out on the golf course though was hot. Ludvig Åberg at the 17th. This is a tough hole location and he almost makes it.

[00:02:05.629]>>I'm gonna say it's probably the toughest hole location on the 17th hole.

[00:02:11.210]>>For those who have sat on that hole for years, sometimes that's the boring one. Åberg makes sure it was exciting this morning. The 18th, always exciting. Viktor Hovland throws it in there. Well, I think the conversation about the short game and the pitching the ball for Viktor Hovland.

[00:02:27.580]>>That's over. Tommy Fleetwood, slow start for the reigning FedExCup Champion, but he went all Craig Perks on us here. Yeah, that would quickly change there with a putt from off the green for Eagle there at 16 for Fleetwood.

[00:02:41.470]>>And then at the 17th, right in the middle of the slope, not sure how the ball stops here. Yeah, that's fortunate.

[00:02:48.639]>>And when you get a good little break like that, taking advantage of it.

[00:02:54.080]>>Key. Well, that's about as good as you can work through that stretch, and then why not one more at 18. How about 323 on the final 3.

[00:03:04.270]>>Pretty good stuff out of Tommy Fleetwood.

[00:03:12.070]>>Now Hovland at the 5th.

[00:03:14.589]>>Nice tee shot from Viktor just down the right side, beautiful angle to this left-hand hole location.

[00:03:22.630]>>And you're watching this one closely.

[00:03:26.380]>>For good reason. That would have been right over the top of the flagstick, draws it back and that's a nice one there from Hovland.

[00:03:36.850]>>Back over to the 6th now in Fleetwood.

[00:03:39.779]>>Another quick one from above the hole moving right.

[00:03:47.100]>>And now we've got 2 players tied to lead, Fleetwood in the top spot again.

[00:03:55.029]>>Back at 16 now, a chance to take the lead alone from McNeely. Well, you can take.

[00:04:01.669]>>A lot of the mystery out of this but.

[00:04:04.479]>>Just put a little pace behind it, so well done, 2 putt birdie. Nice scorecard, just the 1 bogey, -5.

[00:04:15.639]>>Now at the first, Sahith Theegala.

[00:04:18.540]>>Just getting things going this afternoon.

[00:04:21.399]>>It's been a nice start to the year for Theegala, almost the perfect start to his opening round.

[00:04:30.019]>>Well, Sepp Straka started strongly.

[00:04:33.220]>>This would be for 2 in a row.

[00:04:35.820]>>Look out, the Ryder Cupper from Austria, 2-0 through his 1st 2.

[00:04:43.079]>>Shane Lowry here at 4.

[00:04:46.609]>>Well, from the right-hand bunker to get to the hole location, you gotta go directly over the bunker and you're not gonna see.

[00:04:55.489]>>A much better bunker shot at the forward than what Shane Lowry just did there.

[00:05:02.679]>>But over at the 10th now, Corey Connors.

[00:05:07.970]>>Well, still looking for a little magic this year. You can see right there in the FedExCup, he's 97th start of the week, and that's gonna be a nice way to start this week.

[00:05:20.910]>>Here's SH Kim at the 10th.

[00:05:29.779]>>He possesses a really.

[00:05:32.670]>>Technically sound and rhythmic golf swing.

[00:05:36.869]>>Here's Chris Kirk over at 14.

[00:05:39.890]>>Yeah, it comes up a little short on the.

[00:05:43.649]>>Par 4, but again, going down the hill, perfectly judged.

[00:05:51.799]>>Susie, a ball overhanging the cup.

[00:05:55.230]>>We just had a wait of breath. It has its own set of rules. There we go.

[00:06:03.059]>>Rory at 6, he's got a clean lie. Royal Palm shouldn't be in his line of sight. At least he'll take this up over the top of them and that's a glorious strike.

[00:06:18.619]>>That's all.

[00:06:20.809]>>Oh, that really had a chance, Mark, just to tap in for him. What a shot for Rory McIlroy.

[00:06:29.630]>>Over to 2, 3rd shot for Tom Hoge.

[00:06:36.350]>>Oh, so well done.

[00:06:39.040]>>I mean, better than well done, Brennan. Uh, yeah, that, uh, makes up for a lot of what happened back there at 18.

[00:06:49.160]>>Now to the 10th, Matsuyama.

[00:06:53.260]>>136 yards, Brennan. Need to be a little careful if you get beyond this hole location, it will go downhill, but nothing to worry about there, he leaves it in the perfect spot up right underneath the hole.

[00:07:07.609]>>Up here at the 12th

[00:07:11.619]>>Beautifully positioned and oh, how about that little kick right there and down.

[00:07:23.350]>>Yes.

[00:07:25.369]>> Sahith Theegala started the day with 3 birdies in a row, made the turn at 2 under, and just like that he's won off the lead.

[00:07:38.459]>>Yeah, you take a little move out to the left, try to get a better look. Still have to ask the question, did he go in?

[00:07:45.970]>>99 yard hole out for Sahith Theegala.

[00:07:51.640]>>Now we've had 934 tee shots since the last ace at 17.

[00:07:58.000]>>Well, maybe Adam will do it for us. It looks so calm out there now, so different than earlier today.

[00:08:07.709]>>Whoa, that was magnificent.

[00:08:13.230]>>Wow.

[00:08:18.559]>>Held, this little pitch out for striker, I, I mean, basically, you can just dump it on to the fringe, and it'll release all the way there.

[00:08:30.500]>>They go in

[00:08:34.059]>>And he's tied for the lead. That was amazing.

[00:08:41.630]>>Sahith trying to join the party at 5 under. It needs to stay up and it does.

[00:08:47.020]>>Oh, good stroke, well done. Well, you said it earlier, Susie, these guys playing in this afternoon wave got a wonderful break and we're starting to see it now with some good scores out there.

[00:08:58.380]>>Now up to 18 and Straka with his 3rd.

[00:09:02.440]>>Yeah, we'll see if he uses that slope.

[00:09:05.989]>>Oh, beautiful, majestic.

[00:09:12.599]>>Now, Smotherman to tie again.

[00:09:26.219]>>He did.

[00:09:27.830]>>Play a little more break. Smotherman with a little read takes advantage. Right back into a tie for the lead.

[00:09:37.450]>>Austria's Sepp Straka sits atop the leaderboard in a 5-way tie for first place after an opening round 67. Round two is next.

[00:09:54.729]>>They are off and running now in round 2. TPC Sawgrass, the centerpiece event for the PGA TOUR. And if you look close enough in that picture, you can see PGA TOUR headquarters. You can also see the Atlantic Ocean alongside tour veterans, Brendon de Jonge and Bill Kratzert with Susie Whaley joining us. We've got Gary Christian and Mark Immelman on the golf course. I'm Brian Katrek. This is some of the action from earlier today. Jordan Spieth out at the 2nd from long range, yeah, our front fringe and.

[00:10:24.039]>>Absolutely perfect speed.

[00:10:27.400]>>That was 5 birdies in a row for Jordan Spieth, 6 birdies on the day. Sepp Straka making his own move today. Always very good with the irons and oh, that putter has been cooperating so far through a round and a half.

[00:10:43.409]>>Very steady. Sepp Straka, one of the guys bogey-free so far. How about Xander Schauffele at the 4th? Yeah, we're starting to see the version of Xander Schauffele that we did see in 2024. Things are starting to kind of blend together, ball striking and.

[00:11:01.315]>>The best shot of the day so far came over at the 9th. Corey Connors had to lay up, so it means you can't make eagle, right? Wrong. Connors holds it. A shot so good Nico Echavarria is gonna throw grass at him to celebrate. That's apparently a thing.

[00:11:21.630]>>Let's go to 8, Alex Noren. Now, very quick putt here, everything goes to that left back left fringe. Coming right to left.

[00:11:30.010]>>That's good speed right there, that is really good speed.

[00:11:35.039]>>Whoa,

[00:11:36.919]>>That'll make up for a couple of the short misses right there.

[00:11:45.450]>>Now Åberg, over at the first.

[00:11:48.580]>>Good opening round for Ludvig Åberg. Clean card.

[00:11:53.330]>>Yeah, what a start at number one.

[00:11:59.280]>>Now Conner's at 16.

[00:12:05.450]>>That

[00:12:06.669]>>Looks awesome.

[00:12:10.280]>>In fact,

[00:12:12.140]>>It is awesome.

[00:12:16.429]>>Corey Conners, chance to get it to double digits. He would be the first of the week. Look at this, I mean, it's perfectly flighted.

[00:12:27.729]>>Lands 15 yards short of the green, just a kind little release up the fairway. Now 6.5 ft for Eagle.

[00:12:38.039]>>Here's Fowler at 9.

[00:12:41.330]>>Back down the hill, a little right to left, looks good, looks really good, just catches the left side of the hole. Nice finish there for Rickie Fowler. A birdie at the last to shoot even par, he will cruise into the weekend.

[00:12:58.200]>>Back over to 16. Corey Conners has this to get to 10 under. What a golf shot he hit, just a little to the right. Oh, just a fraction more speed. We knew how quick it was, so it had to move in that direction. Conners now tied with Schauffele.

[00:13:18.130]>>Over to 9, Xander's 3rd.

[00:13:21.969]>>Little bit of height, put it into that false front, and he made it look even simpler. Xander with birdie to get to 10 under.

[00:13:32.630]>>Over to 17 now, Cam Young for birdie.

[00:13:37.330]>>And we've got a really good leaderboard forming right now, as this one just falls in that left side from Cam Young.

[00:13:44.919]>>Back to within one of that softly lead.

[00:13:51.500]>>Then Åberg underneath the hole up the hill.

[00:13:56.330]>>3.

[00:13:58.789]>>I don't know if we have a more elegant player in the game when he's going well, and what a start there for Åberg.

[00:14:08.070]>>Now, out at the 4th, we check in on Johnny Vegas.

[00:14:13.400]>>121 yards to the hole, and this hole location, right there in the honey pot.

[00:14:24.460]>>Åberg at the 3rd.

[00:14:27.390]>>Quickly trying to get within 3 of the lead and oh.

[00:14:30.940]>>Doesn't get any better than that.

[00:14:33.169]>>332, and the hole's in a really good spot at 4.

[00:14:38.900]>>Here's Chris Gotterup playing his 3rd at the par 5 9th.

[00:14:47.400]>>Well that will help for Chris Gotterup, that will certainly help. Gets him back to even par, will be around for the weekend.

[00:14:58.030]>>About this one at the 4th.

[00:15:01.400]>>Another one

[00:15:05.489]>>Of course he did.

[00:15:08.950]>>We had the right guy for the job, landed it in the little sand mark, and hold it.

[00:15:22.710]>>Back to the 3rd. Viktor had a nice day yesterday. You know, he talked so much about his ball striking, what he likes. Beautiful. Let's talk about his putting. Forget about the ball striking, Viktor. Well done.

[00:15:37.900]>>Now Fleetwood

[00:15:41.979]>>That is 9 wood, and this has some promise. Cocktails on Tommy. Oh, it's got some height. Reed, come on.

[00:15:52.390]>>And that's how you make a 236 yard par 3.

[00:15:58.570]>>Easier

[00:16:01.210]>>Uh, we'll go back to the 7th. Viktor Hovland, his 4th. Yeah, a little trouble for Hovland, just trying to get this up-and-down, minimize the damage. The short game has been very tidy this week. Oh, come on.

[00:16:16.409]>>Was 10 for 10 yesterday, getting the ball up-and-down.

[00:16:21.309]>>And that has continued into today.

[00:16:26.349]>>OK,

[00:16:27.849]>>We saw a tough low shot.

[00:16:29.869]>>Back at the 4th.

[00:16:32.070]>>By the way, you hold it.

[00:16:35.359]>>Kind of the same flavor of shot on this one.

[00:16:43.989]>>Uh, that is a special 9 holes right there. That is 2 for 2.

[00:16:50.260]>>For that shot.

[00:16:52.059]>>Did it at 4. He's done it at 9.

[00:16:56.820]>>He is now tied for the lead.

[00:17:02.409]>>Let's go to 18.

[00:17:04.790]>>Yeah, off the paint straw.

[00:17:09.328]>>You know, when you get a player looking at it and chattering and bringing it to a halt quick, I mean, I'm gonna say that's a one of 20 shot.

[00:17:20.130]>>Back to that 11th and Justin Thomas.

[00:17:23.849]>>Playing a little ride of the flag is not a bad option.

[00:17:31.390]>>Or that is a 10 out of 10.

[00:17:35.689]>>You can just bank it off the flagstick.

[00:17:39.479]>>That is a 10 out of 10.

[00:17:47.530]>>Let's go back to 16 and Åberg, uh, really quick.

[00:17:53.229]>>From just short of the green here at 16, it will pick up some speed.

[00:18:03.300]>>Yeah, may not have liked it all that much.

[00:18:08.109]>>But I thought it was pretty good.

[00:18:10.810]>>I'm gonna say a well played hole. Yeah, just back to -11, back to the 1 shot lead.

[00:18:23.910]>>Nicely done, back to 16.

[00:18:27.130]>>Traveling forward to here.

[00:18:30.670]>>Action, action.

[00:18:33.229]>>Eagle for Tommy Fleetwood.

[00:18:37.250]>>We have seen a lot of shots hauled from off the green today.

[00:18:42.550]>>Ahead to the 18th, Ludvig has this putt for a closing birdie.

[00:18:53.270]>>63. All I can tell you is that's a lot of birdies and a couple of eagles. That was the course record here for a long time till Tom Hoge broke it in 2023. 1 of the best rounds in the history of TPC Sawgrass right there came from Ludvig Åberg today.

[00:19:16.780]>>Sweden's Ludvig Åberg surges out to a two-shot lead with his 63. Round 3 is next.

[00:19:33.619]>>We have reached moving day at THE PLAYERS Championship for 2026. TPC Sawgrass, and a happy welcome to all of you watching all around the world. 52nd edition, Rory McIlroy, our defending champion, he's made it to the weekend, which the weather today is gonna be nice. Rory's got some ground to make up.

[00:19:56.760]>>So far today, here's what's going on out on the golf course. Robert MacIntyre with his 3rd shot at the 2nd. Yeah, I love this little shot right here by Robert. Uh, you can see well back with the back foot. What a great piece of judgment there.

[00:20:13.719]>>Well, he wasn't done. He would make that one.

[00:20:16.819]>>Over at the 4th.

[00:20:18.910]>>Devilish hole location today on that front little section there at 4. You've got to play from the fairway. That's nicely done there from MacIntyre.

[00:20:28.479]>>That actually hit the pitch mark and took a little speed off.

[00:20:32.810]>>That's total control right there. He would make that and try it again at the 6th. O, the 6th, back right hole location, working it in there.

[00:20:44.560]>>Robert MacIntyre, absolutely on fire right now.

[00:20:50.180]>>A bogey at the 7th, but gonna get it right back here at 9.

[00:20:54.719]>>Two shots just short right of the green, good spot to play from today, lots of green to work with. They made that look very easy. Taps it in to make the turn in 33. 5 under through 12, he would bogey 13, but one more look here at 15. Yeah, and it's a good one.

[00:21:15.420]>>The Greens appear to be just a little bit quicker.

[00:21:23.439]>>He would also birdie 16, and then this just moments ago back at 17. Well, it is definitely a birdie hole location, just trying to fly it into the slope, somewhere right about there, this is gonna continue to get better.

[00:21:39.469]>>And better

[00:21:42.890]>>Excellent golf shot.

[00:21:44.790]>>MacIntyre would birdie to reach 7 under par.

[00:21:53.569]>>Uh, so Sepp struck a 2nd shot here at number 3. This is pretty basic, and hey, here we go.

[00:22:00.540]>>Birdie, the unconventional way for Seth.

[00:22:04.959]>>And now back to 4. Now, how much of a chance is Ludvig Åberg gonna give him here, Mark?

[00:22:12.369]>>Not sure, but this one up the hill, you get the sense that it is really, really important, even though it's for bogey.

[00:22:21.819]>>That's a good.

[00:22:23.770]>>In the grand scheme of things, that's a big part. With all the trouble going on around him, just a bogey for Åberg, the lead is still 2.

[00:22:35.150]>>Over to 9, Jacob Bridgeman now for Birdie. And here's another man that's been rolling it very nicely, quick one down the hill, left to right, oh yeah, well done, Jacob Bridgeman, just like that within 1 of the lead.

[00:22:50.489]>>To the 11th.

[00:22:52.459]>>Here's a man that has had some of his best stuff, a beautiful tee shot down that left side, just hoisting a long iron, and this looks good.

[00:23:01.000]>>This looks great.

[00:23:04.150]>>In fact

[00:23:06.229]>>That is top shelf right there.

[00:23:10.989]>>Now, up to the green at 9.

[00:23:13.979]>>Quick one down the hill, looking very solid with that blade in his hands.

[00:23:24.150]>>Oh, Thorbjornsen, this for Eagle and look.

[00:23:28.900]>>At that.

[00:23:30.949]>>Quickly to double digits and now just one out of the lead for Thorbjornsen.

[00:23:38.239]>>Now Ludvig.

[00:23:39.880]>>With 3 wooden hands.

[00:23:42.689]>>And that is laced just up that left side.

[00:23:50.969]>>Settled.

[00:23:53.810]>>Just gonna get down into that bunker, the light is good though, that was so close to being exceptional there.

[00:24:01.819]>>Ahead to the 12th, Thorbjornsen is looking to save his par.

[00:24:12.760]>>Well, it does not pay it off.

[00:24:15.900]>>So it becomes bogey for Thorbjornsen, still tied for 2nd.

[00:24:23.550]>>At 9

[00:24:25.670]>>Little win assist Marky.

[00:24:28.089]>>Not much.

[00:24:30.969]>>And that's about up to expectation I would say. Yeah, that's gonna be just outside of that 5 ft, nicely done, good opportunity there to pick up one for Åberg.

[00:24:41.760]>>Par putt for Bridgeman at 11.

[00:24:44.689]>>Not much to this one, very straight.

[00:24:47.750]>>Yeah, it's a good save, missed opportunity not to pick one up at 11, but still keep that momentum going.

[00:24:54.290]>>This man has manufactured a birdie putt here at 9.

[00:25:01.089]>>Again, the speed absolutely perfect there Kratz, you could see that one just fall into the middle of the hole.

[00:25:07.989]>>Maybe that's just what he needs, get him going into this back nine.

[00:25:13.969]>>Up to the green now and Cam Young.

[00:25:17.880]>>Pretty basic bunker shot, great lie, oh.

[00:25:21.209]>>Young would birdie to get to 10 under.

[00:25:25.369]>>Ludvig has 238 total, that makes it about 230-ish to the front and 5 iron.

[00:25:34.319]>>Yeah, certainly enough wind behind him here that it could be the right club.

[00:25:40.189]>>Oh, it's even better than that. It is exactly the right club, Mark.

[00:25:46.170]>>He has found his groove. I mean it is on point right now.

[00:25:54.310]>>To 17

[00:25:58.040]>>See if we can get one today. Come on, I haven't seen it yet. Let's do it.

[00:26:06.560]>>Well, that was almost it. That was almost it.

[00:26:11.849]>>Almost on the fly.

[00:26:14.359]>>The Englishman would birdie to join Young at 10 under.

[00:26:20.619]>>Now Ludvig Åberg to take control of this golf tournament.

[00:26:26.699]>>Get

[00:26:30.329]>>Oh.

[00:26:31.500]>>Oh, here we go.

[00:26:34.290]>>He made 2 eagles yesterday, and now he's got a big lead.

[00:26:42.060]>>Back to 17.

[00:26:44.030]>>Prob going from the right side of that tee, trying to get a little bit of an assist with the win. Watching this one closely, he likes it. Oh yeah.

[00:26:54.520]>>Come on.

[00:26:59.010]>>It's not done. I think that ball's still moving. Yeah, don't give up on it yet. It was definitely not done. I mean it was an aggressive golf swing.

[00:27:09.630]>>We knew it would have a little spin on it.

[00:27:13.650]>>All right. It took, took a while to get there, but it got to its destination. Viktor gets to 8 under par.

[00:27:22.609]>>And back at 13 now, Cam Young.

[00:27:25.969]>>That's an outside chance here, but it's to grab Solo 2.

[00:27:32.170]>>Yeah

[00:27:34.819]>>Hang on, hang on.

[00:27:37.849]>>I think I found something.

[00:27:40.569]>>Sometimes it just doesn't make sense. That didn't make sense at all, but good for him.

[00:27:50.560]>>So Fitzpatrick has this now for bogey, and you'd hate to let a good round come apart, oh no.

[00:27:58.800]>>It was the round of the day, or at least the round of the afternoon.

[00:28:03.130]>>Fitzpatrick would make double bogey to end his day at 8 under on the tournament.

[00:28:09.020]>>Over to 17.

[00:28:11.069]>>Big slice putt here for Michael Thorbjornsen.

[00:28:15.219]>>Oh, Mary's line and speed perfectly.

[00:28:18.489]>>Nice bounce back after the boogey back at 15, a couple of birdies, and Michael Thorbjornsen back within 4.

[00:28:25.900]>>Greens continue to firm up.

[00:28:29.770]>>JT has this birdie to get to 8 under.

[00:28:34.410]>>In the hall

[00:28:36.410]>>How about that read?

[00:28:38.589]>>How about that read? Got the opportunity to use all of his imagination, and he does so nicely, continues to battle hard.

[00:28:50.739]>>Cam's best wedge play warming up was just a tiny little fade.

[00:28:55.520]>>And he's hit some pretty poor wedge shots today.

[00:29:02.689]>>Not this one though. I was gonna say that was pretty good right there. That's gonna be a kick in. Much better. Hit it to a foot.

[00:29:16.760]>>This would be a wonderful finish.

[00:29:20.780]>>To JT's round and he would shoot.

[00:29:24.890]>>Under par, if he makes it.

[00:29:33.030]>>Cameron Young back on the tee at 18.

[00:29:43.239]>>Is that gonna hang on, Gary? No, what's up?

[00:29:47.479]>>All that hard work, kind of unraveled with one swing there wasn't it?

[00:29:56.209]>>Back to 18 now and Corey Conners, Gary.

[00:30:02.119]>>Up the hill in dead center and Corey Conners. Nice little fight back there.

[00:30:10.449]>>Well, this at 18 for Cam Young, this is for double.

[00:30:17.260]>>Well, it's a tough way to finish.

[00:30:23.560]>>Now we move ahead to Oberg's birdie try on the 18th.

[00:30:27.439]>>For a chance to end his day with a 5 shot lead.

[00:30:37.920]>>Oh, careful.

[00:30:42.359]>>But now

[00:30:44.859]>>You have work to do to stay at -14.

[00:30:48.650]>>Åberg to put the finishing touches on a master class in perseverance today.

[00:30:56.160]>>Oh

[00:31:00.630]>>We go again.

[00:31:03.069]>>Someone in the crowd says, we got a game tomorrow. It could have been a 5 shot lead. Instead it's 3. Well, it's a head scratcher.

[00:31:13.310]>>Åberg with a 71 to lead by 3 with Matt Fitzpatrick, Viktor Hovland, and Corey Connors all within striking distance at 8 under par. The final round is next.

[00:31:30.369]>>We are here and we are playing for history and we're playing for the players that came before us.

[00:31:36.180]>>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.

[00:32:02.949]>>Championship Sunday is upon us at THE PLAYERS Championship from TPC Sawgrass, the TOUR's headquarters, and its crowning jewel event, and the trophy is on the line today.

[00:32:16.199]>>A cast of characters lined up, looking to take home the players' championship. Will it be Ludvig Åberg?

[00:32:24.040]>>It would be the biggest win of his career. He's won twice. Some say that's not enough. He's answered those critics with a 3-shot lead heading into this final round.

[00:32:37.069]>>And if not Ludvig Åberg, there's Michael Thorbjornsen who's looking for his first win as a professional anywhere. Cameron Young is right there, and so is everybody else on day 4.

[00:32:49.430]>>Over here to 13, exciting hole location. This is Chad Ramey. You mentioned 20 ft right of the hole at 4 Billy, something very similar here. Take it out there, 2025 ft right of the hole, use that slope.

[00:33:01.839]>>And here's a sign of things that can happen.

[00:33:07.010]>>Oh wow.

[00:33:09.060]>>Oh boy.

[00:33:12.099]>>An ace for Chad Ramey.

[00:33:18.119]>>Shale.

[00:33:20.420]>>The 3rd at 20, how about that golf shot right there? That was harder than what he made it look.

[00:33:28.920]>>Jacob Bridgeman

[00:33:31.290]>>You're not looking at the flag. You're looking 15 ft right at the flag.

[00:33:41.020]>>And another one of the feeder pins that Brendan and I are talking about.

[00:33:46.989]>>Now it to Xander. Well, he got off to a slow start yesterday, missed some putts. Took him a while to make a birdie, but, uh, good start today.

[00:33:58.219]>>Taylor Moore is ready here at 17.

[00:34:02.609]>>Taking dead aim

[00:34:09.090]>>Oh.

[00:34:10.330]>>Oh.

[00:34:12.320]>>That was awesome. Right where you aimed it.

[00:34:16.148]>>Now, Bridgeman.

[00:34:19.770]>>Another birdie

[00:34:21.739]>>Kind of go

[00:34:23.878]>>Birdie bogey birdie.

[00:34:25.939]>>Now over to Englishman Matt Fitzpatrick with his 2nd at the 1st. Lovely sandy, dry shower come up after he hit that.

[00:34:34.398]>>Great looking start, aggressive shot there to fly it all the way back to that hole location.

[00:34:40.830]>>Now Cam Young, just far enough back to be able to get it over those trees. How about the fact that he didn't move the camera.

[00:34:51.840]>>Take a seat right there. Yeah, that's, that's really good right there.

[00:34:57.340]>>Up to the green now and Cam Young. Great opportunity to lay down a marker here, right to left, downhill.

[00:35:04.850]>>Ooh, I like this.

[00:35:06.909]>>Oh what a 3 that is, missed off the tee in that left pine straw, Drew a lie, gets it up-and-down, great start, Kemin Young.

[00:35:14.719]>>Over to the 9th, eagle putt for Maverick McNeely. Now down the hill, going a little right to left. Oh, yeah, just catches the left side of the hole.

[00:35:29.199]>>Back to the first now and Fitzpatrick.

[00:35:32.330]>>What a similar looking result.

[00:35:35.120]>>What a start, man. How about that start for that twosome right there.

[00:35:39.860]>>Over to the 4th, MacIntyre 1st. 0, this is a great opportunity. Chance to get the 9 under par.

[00:35:48.870]>>Oh, maybe get to 10 under par. Go ahead, Robert.

[00:35:54.209]>>At the green at the 2nd, Viktor Hovland's 3rd. Well, we've had a heavy dose of players being in this situation, but it's Viktor Hovland that comes up the biggest.

[00:36:05.550]>>An eagle.

[00:36:11.719]>>JT at number 4.

[00:36:16.469]>>Oh, look at this for Justin Thomas at 4 from that right-hand rough on the up slow. Yeah. Bring it on down there, Justin.

[00:36:27.070]>>That is significant body language.

[00:36:29.929]>>It worked.

[00:36:35.120]>>Back to 2, Fitzpatrick.

[00:36:39.169]>>Very nice.

[00:36:41.909]>>Nice control.

[00:36:46.159]>>This should look so good to the eye of Tommy Fleetwood, loves to hit that little draw.

[00:36:52.510]>>And he's gonna love this result. Are we gonna see another one? No, but we'll go ahead and give him that one, BK.

[00:37:01.030]>>Now back to 2 now, Fitzpatrick. It would certainly be the dream start, wouldn't it? You knew you had to get off to a fast start.

[00:37:08.129]>>Dead straight from here, well done.

[00:37:11.709]>>Over to Michael Thorbjornsen for his 2nd shot from the fairway at the par 5 2nd.

[00:37:17.370]>>That is well struck on a handsome looking line.

[00:37:23.669]>>You know,

[00:37:25.000]>>Good result as well, Mark.

[00:37:28.909]>>Uh, over to the 4th now, JT.

[00:37:34.199]>>How about that birdie right there?

[00:37:39.000]>>Up at the 10th moments ago, Alex Smalley.

[00:37:42.979]>>Well, you wanna try to stay a little left of this hole location, a little bit to the left, but of course you can just go right at it, crash it into the flag.

[00:37:52.750]>>The leader by 3, Åberg with his 3rd shot from the rough. No, that needs to scuttle. Oh, it was plenty of air underneath it, but you cannot play it much better than that, Mark.

[00:38:06.679]>>Wow

[00:38:08.709]>>Now, Thorbjornsen for birdie.

[00:38:12.500]>>Well, a little nerve check, Mark, and, um, he's kind of passed the test, the first two holes.

[00:38:18.590]>>But he's just keeping pace here because of the magnificent 3rd from Åberg. Well, that was such a well-played shot.

[00:38:33.810]>>Now Sudarnshan Yellamaraju at the 9th.

[00:38:37.699]>>His 9th hole playing downwind today, he's in range for all the players.

[00:38:45.530]>>Over the 4th, what does Matt Fitzpatrick have for us? It just inside 90 yards. Took a little off a sandwich there.

[00:38:56.570]>>You know, I'm pretty sure that with this whole location, they're just knocking the paint off this flag.

[00:39:03.340]>>Move ahead a couple of holes. Alexander with this now for par, this 6th hole has been a mess.

[00:39:09.709]>>And we're just trying to ease it down there and if it goes in, great.

[00:39:15.189]>>Wow, but that.

[00:39:18.709]>>Is an unexpected par.

[00:39:21.669]>>Almost in somebody's backyard, back to 4, Fitzpatrick for birdie.

[00:39:26.620]>>Oh.

[00:39:27.860]>>Well played. Fairway, tidy wedge shot.

[00:39:32.790]>>Cap it off for the putt.

[00:39:35.030]>>Michael Thorbjornsen now with his 3rd shot after having to punch out of the thick rough on the par 44.

[00:39:43.649]>>Oh, no.

[00:39:46.639]>>Cardinal sin.

[00:39:51.889]>>The 5th

[00:39:53.520]>>Bill, we walked past a distraught little Michael Thorbjornsen fan who looked up and said, does he have to start over now?

[00:40:01.959]>>Back at 4, this is Thorbjornsen for double.

[00:40:09.409]>>Åberg opens the door and Thorbjornsen cannot walk through it. That's gonna be a quad.

[00:40:18.110]>>Let's back up to the 8th. Now, this putt midway, there's a little bit of a shoulder off the back of the green, and it's gonna start moving down to the right, but.

[00:40:29.610]>>It's nice that it caught the hole because that would have been a minimum.

[00:40:35.469]>>Of 8 deep by.

[00:40:38.350]>>Here's Justin Rose at 11.

[00:40:41.800]>>Uh, this is not an easy one here for Rosie, but oh, come on. Ah, there we have it.

[00:40:48.229]>>Well, I mean, it's so easy to cheer for him.

[00:40:55.580]>>Up to 7 and Cam Young.

[00:41:00.810]>>There's a little backstop behind it. Oh, there we go.

[00:41:05.540]>>Beautiful golf shot there from Cameron Young and Gary talked about it earlier, the offs speeded wedges have been great for Cameron Young.

[00:41:19.090]>>Another man to double digits.

[00:41:21.560]>>Well played hole for Cameron.

[00:41:24.659]>>Now to the back nine where Scottie Scheffler is chipping his 3rd shot, just short left of the green at 16. That was nifty, put a little spin on it. How good is this? Go in, go in. I mean that was incredible. That really was, that was absolutely amazing.

[00:41:39.860]>>This is Brian Harman with his 3rd chart here at 9, just trying to pop it out on the green surface, straight down the hill.

[00:41:47.139]>>Oh there you go. Hey, there you go. Brian Harman throws his name right into the mix.

[00:41:54.580]>>MacIntyre at 11. Got some options, yeah. Yeah, it looks like he's going with that low option.

[00:42:03.370]>>And I would say he chose wisely. Yes, indeed.

[00:42:13.510]>>I love shoe for birdie. There you go, another one, and you can see a little fist punk there. Yeah, I like it.

[00:42:23.060]>>Cam Young, currently at 10 under the system, move it to 11 and move within 2.

[00:42:32.649]>>We'll be back with the conclusion of the players from TPC Sawgrass.

[00:42:39.550]>>Set something off at the left side of the green.

[00:42:42.179]>>Let the wind peel it

[00:42:45.260]>>It's kind of leaking right.

[00:42:48.709]>>It is a big mess. That was not even close there.

[00:42:55.129]>>Back to 12, Fitzpatrick.

[00:42:59.449]>>This is aggressive, oh, it's a good looking shot. I was, yeah, I was just about to say, Gary, that was an aggressive strike with that wedge.

[00:43:07.590]>>Back to 11. Åberg trying not to blink here as Fitzpatrick makes it at 12.

[00:43:16.310]>>He gets to 12 under and now.

[00:43:20.050]>>Åberg trying to stay off of 12 under.

[00:43:31.560]>>Unable to do so.

[00:43:34.370]>>It's gonna be at best a bogey 6 for Ludvig Åberg it is.

[00:43:43.239]>>Yep. Cowell says he likes it. Yeah, very comfortable.

[00:43:48.800]>>It's gonna continue to get better and better.

[00:43:51.760]>>Club choice of majority of the field had been 8, there was just a little 7 there for Fitzpatrick.

[00:43:59.600]>>How do we like this play here at 12 from Åberg playing the aggressor, 340 to the front, and that is turning left, dangerously so.

[00:44:10.250]>>Oh, wow.

[00:44:13.070]>>The bubble has burst.

[00:44:16.679]>>Cam Young now at 13.

[00:44:19.590]>>This is the 8.

[00:44:21.459]>>Oh this is coming right to left, this could be better than Fitzpatrick's. He will have no idea what's going on behind him. Cam Young, Matt Fitzpatrick.

[00:44:31.959]>>Two great looks there at 13.

[00:44:36.750]>>Matt has hit the shots required to win a players' championship in the final round.

[00:44:43.479]>>No doubt, Fitzpatrick jumps ahead of Ludvig Åberg.

[00:44:48.760]>>Cam Young to follow up Fitzpatrick with a birdie of his own at 13.

[00:44:54.419]>>That gets him to 12 under to remain 1 back of Fitzpatrick and now tied with O Burra.

[00:45:02.540]>>He knows it's slipping away. This for boogey now.

[00:45:06.419]>>Must have if you're Ludvig.

[00:45:10.459]>>Oh my goodness, this final group, we had a quadruple bogey for Michael Thorbjornsen, now bogey double for Ludvig Åberg. Back to Fitzpatrick after a 3 putt bogey, dropping back into a tie for the lead, his approach at 15. Yeah, I was gonna say contact was good, Gary.

[00:45:31.169]>>It's a pretty good look at the 15th.

[00:45:35.870]>>15 and Fitzpatrick to lead alone.

[00:45:41.129]>>Oh, he's done it.

[00:45:44.449]>>Perfect tee shot, iron shot underneath the hole, good putt.

[00:45:49.570]>>That's the way you bounce back from a 3 putt on the previous hole.

[00:45:55.590]>>Or we'll go over to the 18th and Xander.

[00:45:59.129]>>This putt right here has plenty of importance.

[00:46:03.139]>>You get to 11.

[00:46:05.750]>>Young's in trouble, plugged, 17 and 18 to play.

[00:46:14.000]>>Well, well, well.

[00:46:17.510]>>How many 2nd place finishes does he have here? 2?

[00:46:24.300]>>And this walk.

[00:46:26.520]>>It has been scrutinized, it's been talked about, these guys get asked about it a lot. That man's doing it, there's the glance, you can't help but sneak it. You guys have both made this walk, he's doing it with a one shot lead. And he, he's put himself in this sort of position in some big tournaments. The Open Championship, the PGA Championship, and now, well, this is as big as any.

[00:46:52.590]>>So went after it hard again.

[00:46:59.379]>>That's a job well done there, you could see he left nothing in the bag, picked the club that he could hit hard and gets it on the correct level.

[00:47:14.000]>>On a very similar line, oh this is good, this is gonna get better. This is gonna get a little bit better and a little bit better.

[00:47:26.320]>>And that is a little right to left of Brendan, and I love the commitment there, Kratz got in there, knew exactly what he wanted to do and executed perfectly.

[00:47:40.320]>>So easy to hit this Putt 4 ft by.

[00:47:45.949]>>This one carrying some speed. Do we make it? No.

[00:47:50.250]>>That's a pretty good lag from there, Gary.

[00:47:54.860]>>The put on 14 was big that he made, but this is massively big.

[00:48:07.479]>>What a time to step up there for Cameron Young, 2 at 17, tied for the lead.

[00:48:17.110]>>Now this to stay tied, and he's up to the challenge again.

[00:48:21.560]>>Two massive tee shots coming up at the 18th for Fitzpatrick, and this man.

[00:48:31.600]>>I

[00:48:33.570]>>Cam Young had to answer all the questions.

[00:48:36.760]>>All those runner-up finishes, all those top tens without a win, when are you gonna win?

[00:48:43.939]>>Well, he's won now.

[00:48:47.030]>>Matt Fitzpatrick came over to the States, went to college in suburban Chicago, won the US Amateur, left college cos he said, I know what I want. I wanna be a professional golfer, I may as well start now.

[00:49:02.830]>>And here they are

[00:49:04.870]>>Battling

[00:49:06.350]>>Shoulder to shoulder.

[00:49:16.909]>>Oh my.

[00:49:26.280]>>That

[00:49:27.989]>>was gutsy right there, and I mean just absolutely stamped out the best drive of the day.

[00:49:38.879]>>Oh, what a response.

[00:49:44.199]>>Well, he's made a bogey and a double on this 18th hole this week, and that is trouble.

[00:49:53.090]>>There is a window for Matt Fitzpatrick here at 18, that's a fortunate break for him, Gary.

[00:50:02.290]>>safe, baby.

[00:50:06.030]>>Very smart

[00:50:09.500]>>Didn't push the envelope, rely on your short game.

[00:50:27.060]>>Oh, what a golf shot.

[00:50:29.889]>>What a golf shot by Cameron Young to put it all the way back there, that back hole location, knowing that if you go over.

[00:50:37.639]>>It could be a tough up-and-down.

[00:50:42.330]>>So sand wedge instead of a lob wedge play that little low one, very similar to the one we saw at 9 over the back of the green.

[00:50:49.250]>>Oh, that's going on.

[00:50:54.840]>>Well, it's not gonna be too long.

[00:50:57.780]>>It's actually very, very good.

[00:51:08.070]>>That would have put it away.

[00:51:11.030]>>And yeah, an interesting decision here for Cam Young. We're gonna wait. No, I think that's, I think that's very much a courtesy.

[00:51:21.000]>>Uh, of the through line.

[00:51:23.939]>>Fitzpatrick to force extra holes. Oh!

[00:51:34.840]>>A bogey at the last.

[00:51:38.239]>>Gives Cameron Young the opportunity of a lifetime.

[00:51:51.739]>>It's just a formality. Cameron Young taps it in.

[00:51:56.899]>>4 under par, 68, and a come from behind Viktory to win his first PLAYERS Championship.

[00:52:09.530]>>He won a professional golf tournament as an amateur turned down a \$15,000 check and said, you know what, I hope the next one is bigger. This one was \$4.5 million. He won last year at the end of the season, and Cam Young is now the PLAYERS Champion.

[00:52:28.439]>>Young comes from behind on Sunday, finishing at 13 under, beating the likes of Fitzpatrick, Schauffele, MacIntyre, and Åberg to claim his second win of his PGA TOUR career. This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of THE PLAYERS Championship from TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.