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[00:00:25.559]>>The PGA TOUR proudly presents.

[00:00:28.940]>>The season-long race for the FedExCup.

[00:00:32.939]>>Now coverage of the 2026 Valero Texas Open.

[00:00:40.520]>>Long-running PGA TOUR stop dating back more than a century. You've got to go back to 1922 for the first playing here. It is the third oldest non-major championship going on the PGA TOUR and the longest running tour event to be held in the same city its entire existence, and it's been contested right here at TPC San Antonio since 2010.

[00:01:03.319]>>The 8th different venue to host here through the years. 81 degrees right now. Winds always a factor around these parts. I'm John Swantek. So good to have your company along with Andrew Coltart, Daniel Chopra. We've heard from Rich Beem who's with the Spieth Group.

[00:01:19.209]>>And some highlights from earlier in today's opening round. There was a ninety-minute weather delay with some dangerous activity. The course was saturated. Preferred lies are in effect for the opening round.

[00:01:32.589]>>No preferred lies required for Austin Smotherman at 13, however.

[00:01:39.529]>>First career ace of the PGA TOUR for Smotherman who jumped quickly to -5.

[00:01:48.410]>>S.H. Kim just a little while ago, down there at the 8th looking for birdie to get to -4.

[00:02:00.000]>>OK.

[00:02:00.819]>>And within a couple of shots of the lead, and right now there are 17 players within 2. Ryo Hisatsune at 14, very nice recovery.

[00:02:14.220]>>Had a couple of strong finishes in signature events earlier this season at Pebble Beach and Riviera, that moved him to -3.

[00:02:23.429]>>Tommy Fleetwood, last year's FedEx Cup Champion.

[00:02:27.289]>>One of the headliners in the field, tee shot into 16, the iconic par 3 here on the Oaks Course with that bunker right in the middle of putting surface. And Fleetwood with a cracking shot there, he would move to -2, and he was just getting going because a little bit later in the round, this birdie at the 8th would push the Englishman to -5, and he is right in the thick of things.

[00:02:57.979]>>Seen a lot of this guy.

[00:03:00.000]>>This year, Rico Hoey does make a lot of birdies, but this one's for eagle, that'll do.

[00:03:07.669]>>Even better than a birdie, and a man not known for wielding.

[00:03:12.039]>>The flat stick with much success, but does so here at 18, looking to become the first man from the Philippines to ever win on the PGA TOUR.

[00:03:23.050]>>Be a left to right on this one for Åberg.

[00:03:30.720]>>Just singing, it's just beautiful.

[00:03:34.889]>>A host of players at -4 share 9th place, just a couple of shots off the lead, including Marco Penge in his first full season out here on the PGA TOUR. This was a birdie at the 12th, his 3rd hole of the day.

[00:03:51.800]>>And he would peel off 4 birdies in the opening 7 holes, including this one at 15.

[00:04:06.820]>>One of the top players off the DP World Tour a season ago to earn his PGA TOUR privileges. Penge was a port its day. That one just ripped in at 16, the par 3, a highly energized atmosphere around that part of the golf course. Made the turn, came to the 1st here.

[00:04:33.540]>>That was after a 351 yard drive, by the way.

[00:04:38.380]>>Number one on the DP World Tour and driving distance a year ago, he's got some club head speed, that boy, goodness me.

[00:04:45.480]>>Fourth at the Valspar Championship a couple of weeks ago, and Penge gets him around in 68 today.

[00:04:55.760]>>Yeah, from 170, I think he tried to think about hitting the 7 iron, but this is an 8. Nice little low roasting shot, looks good. With MacIntyre, I mean he's, he's moving the ball right to left, left to right, he's in total control.

[00:05:10.369]>>England's John Parry.

[00:05:12.410]>>He's enjoying himself.

[00:05:14.489]>>On the PGA TOUR, 2nd at the par 5.

[00:05:19.920]>>Yeah.

[00:05:21.399]>>Oh, it's got over the ridge and now trickling on down. And the Englishman will have a putt for Eagle to get to 3 under.

[00:05:31.609]>>Eagle try off the right.

[00:05:34.609]>>That's sensational.

[00:05:39.440]>>Just drifted into the hole and buried at 3 under.

[00:05:44.959]>>Yeah, really not much in this putt for Robert, maybe.

[00:05:49.809]>>Maybe just left center inside the left if he's just gonna be.

[00:05:53.679]>>Dribbling in there

[00:05:55.890]>>Still one you gotta give just a little respect to. I don't wanna get too careless with this one. Sensational 2 shot must be said for him, just controlled the trajectory and the spin so perfectly with that 8 iron. A beauty to watch.

[00:06:12.809]>>Bobby Mac rolls that one in.

[00:06:18.299]>>Well, let's show you how Tony Finau got to the round in 66 to start his week here in San Antonio. Remember, needs to win. He's not in the Masters field yet.

[00:06:29.380]>>Putter goes a long way in determining how this man goes.

[00:06:34.119]>>Yeah, over the last couple of weeks.

[00:06:37.839]>>Trying to pick up a bit of confidence with it.

[00:06:41.070]>>a productive week in Houston, and faded a little bit on the final day, but that was a course that he had won on in the past, trying to carry the good play into San Antonio. How about an eagle at 14? That helped the card considerably today.

[00:07:00.630]>>And part of the back 9 31 for Finau.

[00:07:04.500]>>Such a wonderful man as well, so proud of his Samoan heritage.

[00:07:09.869]>>Anybody who watches the Netflix show Full Swing will fall in love with this man's personality. And what a shot here at 17.

[00:07:21.380]>>Great touch

[00:07:23.690]>>Touch is a skill you cannot teach. Ah, you have to be born with it, that was wonderful.

[00:07:32.880]>>Well, if he putts like this the rest of the week, it's gonna be a factor, and he will not go away. 4th best putter in the field today, and that was uh the birdie at 18, part of that uh opening 9 and 31 under the raindrops, then made the turn.

[00:07:46.920]>>Birdies at 2 and 6, the last one of the day, helping to total 110 ft of putts converted in the opening round for Finau. 6-time winner on the tour, but, uh, it's been a minute, nearly 3 full seasons since the Mexico Open at Vedanta 2023.

[00:08:08.579]>>No, this is a rollercoaster for Mackenzie.

[00:08:11.859]>>Over onto the left hand side, he's a, he's he's done really well here.

[00:08:19.739]>>Outstanding. Oh, better than that. A plus. Oh God.

[00:08:27.459]>>How about that?

[00:08:34.250]>>Right, some dangerous weather early this morning. Heavy rains fell briefly, and a ninety-minute delay to the start of the opening round. Windy conditions for much of the day.

[00:08:50.840]>>Scotland's Robert MacIntyre fires a 6 under 66 and sits one behind Mark Hubbard after round one with a leaderboard that includes plenty of international players.

[00:09:02.940]>>Including England's Tommy Fleetwood and Sweden's Ludvig Åberg, two off the pace.

[00:09:10.359]>>The 2nd round is next.

[00:09:21.130]>>Back in San Anton for day two. It's coverage of the Valero Texas Open from the Oaks Course at TPC San Antonio. We lost 90 minutes yesterday with some dangerous early morning weather, so the opening round spilled into earlier today and was buttoned

up. Round 2 began on time as scheduled. And some highlights from the action earlier today here on this Greg Norman design.

[00:09:49.010]>>And we'll pick it up with what was the shot of the day. This was at the 6th, 2nd shot from Ludvig Åberg, 120 yards away, and watch it disappear in a hurry. Jumped to 11 under par. Had a fabulous Florida swing and he's in the hunt again, playing in a group with Robert MacIntyre, the first couple of days, 2nd on the way into 14, the par 5 for the Scott.

[00:10:16.429]>>Oh, sensational to a tight hole location there, within 12 ft, and an eagle would follow for MacIntyre, and he would move quickly to 9 under par. Zooming up the Friday leaderboard.

[00:10:30.799]>>And came to the 9th at 13 under.

[00:10:36.679]>>Looking very much the part through the first couple of days here in his pursuit of a third PGA TOUR crown. And that moved him to 14 under, which is where he would land at day's end after a sizzling 64. So it's MacIntyre, Canadian and Scottish Open champion two years ago, 4 clear of the 26-year-old Swede Ludvig Åberg, who signed for 67 today.

[00:11:08.080]>>At the 7th now with Penge hitting his tee shot at the par 3.

[00:11:24.030]>>Just a wonderful golf swing and has immense power.

[00:11:34.919]>>That would get him to 3 under par.

[00:11:43.000]>>OK, off we go to 16, Ryo Hisatsune, 6 under par a week going.

[00:11:49.880]>>Make it 7 under.

[00:11:51.539]>>And what a season he's having.

[00:11:59.929]>>That's Alex Noren looking for Ernie from some range here and finding it. He gets sent to 5 under and the Swede.

[00:12:10.539]>>Making a move late here on his opening 9. Started at the 10th.

[00:12:17.760]>>Uh, you know, I, I, I, honestly, I think that the lack of wind probably threw him off a little bit. I think he wanted a, he wanted a little bit more wind right there. Tommy's drawn a great line in this bunker. Just an awkward number, just, just under 90 yards on a little upslope walk.

[00:12:37.020]>>Sounded wonderful.

[00:12:41.049]>>Sounded and looks even better.

[00:12:46.739]>>How about that shot?

[00:13:01.210]>>Fleetwood just kind of steadily plotting his way up the board here, just to get to -8 into a share of 4th.

[00:13:10.580]>>Now, what a 3 that was.

[00:13:16.309]>>3 birdies in his last 5 holes. Well, I think Hideki's first to play, balls sitting down just a little bit.

[00:13:25.979]>>The good news is, is that.

[00:13:28.289]>>Going back, going, uh, going back in the breeze, not gonna get the golf ball very high out of here, but he's to carry it. It's like a good 210 yards get it over those cross bunkers there. So you're actually fading in between them pretty nice. Yeah, that's, that's, that's very, very good indeed. I was gonna say.

[00:13:46.090]>>Oh, that's brilliant. That is brilliant.

[00:13:48.820]>>As it is, he's getting it for a nice little eagle 3.

[00:13:55.809]>>Michael Penge at 12.

[00:13:59.010]>>Pretty tidy on the greens, he only hit 3 fairways yesterday.

[00:14:05.429]>>If you could sort that out, that's a great return after those 2 dropped shots, 2, 36, 4 birdies from there, that's brilliant work.

[00:14:15.070]>>This would be spectacular eagle 3 right here, just down the hill ever so slightly.

[00:14:23.150]>>Pours it in. Matsuyama to 5 under.

[00:14:27.479]>>What an incredible 2nd shot that was to set up the eagle putt.

[00:14:36.219]>>Hideki

[00:14:37.570]>>Yeah, 156, actually trying to hit a gap wedge back there after watching Tommy.

[00:14:50.080]>>

[00:14:55.609]>>To 15 and the birdie putt of Matsuyama.

[00:15:02.109]>>Oh yes, up the hill, Matsuyama to 7 under. Well, with a quick finish, could potentially be alongside his countrymen for the weekend.

[00:15:13.650]>>I'll be on.

[00:15:16.929]>>Right at the green here at the par 3.

[00:15:20.349]>>Oh, beautiful, beautiful.

[00:15:23.280]>>Even better.

[00:15:26.080]>>And the Dane to 6 under.

[00:15:36.640]>>Your leader is Robert MacIntyre, who shot 64, the low round of the week. Today, 32 on the front side.

[00:15:45.710]>>On each side and just one drop shot along the way at 17 for the Scott.

[00:15:52.340]>>They had a lash here at the 14th.

[00:15:56.270]>>And watch where this one ends up.

[00:15:58.859]>>Sensational.

[00:16:02.590]>>And an eagle would follow. It got him to -9.

[00:16:08.010]>>2nd here at the 15th.

[00:16:10.919]>>Give it to me, Robbie. Come on, Jordan. Best iron player in the field this week statistically.

[00:16:19.169]>>And 2nd best in proximity to the hole today, just superb ball striking through 36 holes.

[00:16:28.479]>>And a fabulous delivery there at 16.

[00:16:36.289]>>Uh, 2 on the scorecard there, made the turn and then would birdie 4 of his last 5 holes of the ground.

[00:16:46.940]>>OK.

[00:16:52.510]>>That doesn't see MacIntyre in action since THE PLAYERS Championship ran 4th that week. The TPC Sawgrass.

[00:17:01.150]>>So he's been off the last couple of weeks looking very refreshed, re-energized.

[00:17:07.979]>>And put together the round of the day.

[00:17:12.800]>>Close with a couple of birdies, this one at the par 5 8th.

[00:17:23.310]>>And then 1 more at 92.

[00:17:26.438]>>Capped that round of 64.

[00:17:38.319]>>And this has been a happy hunting ground for front runners. 13 of the 15 Champions on this golf course at the Oaks Course have been in the top 5 on the leaderboard through 36 holes.

[00:17:50.800]>>And that is the low opening 36 hole score since 2010 when they first started coming here. Andrew, a fellow Scot, what is it that you think makes Robert MacIntyre such a special player? Is it his ability to move the ball around, his mental tenacity? It's, it's a bit of both, yeah, you know, one thing that, that Robert MacIntyre has is an an incredible heart, an incredible amount of belief in there. He's not scared to go toe to toe with absolutely anybody.

[00:18:17.030]>>Uh, he's very strong, very stoic. That was about one of the best displays of swing in a golf club I've, I've seen of him, uh, out in the golf course, and he looks like he is an absolutely fine fettle. He's a strong nut to crack, gonna be a great weekend. So MacIntyre takes the lead into the weekend, early start on Saturday. Some foul weather expected tomorrow. Mother Nature will be intervening. Players will be sent off split tees.

[00:18:42.920]>>In threesomes, starting early Saturday morning in pursuit of the title here in San Antonio, the 13th event of the season.

[00:18:52.689]>>Robert MacIntyre fires a 64 and he's up by 4 shots over Ludvig Åberg. Thorbjorn Olesen sharing third. The third round is next.

[00:19:09.109]>>As we welcome you back to the Oaks Course at TPC San Antonio, where weather has been a big part of the story here this week. There was a 90-minute delay before the onset of the opening round. There was a brief suspension of play on Friday for about 45 minutes. But there was one player remaining, Luke Clanton, who had to come back early this morning, and he promptly birdied the 9th, his final hole of the day, and he slipped into the weekend along with 69 other professionals here. Cup line fell at -2.

[00:19:39.209]>>The lead belongs to Robert MacIntyre at 14-under. He's 4 clear of the chasers. I'm John Swantek, Andrew Coltart, Daniel Chopra alongside in the commentary box, and Rich Beem.

[00:19:49.800]>>Our man is on the ground this week, and there is some foul weather on the horizon and on the radar, which prompted tournament officials to push the tee times up. So an early start for our third round coverage today is MacIntyre on cruise control through the opening 36 here. Been very impressive, really has. He's stretched that field out and, uh, looking very, very comfortable.

[00:20:13.380]>>Uh, in his own skin out there, uh, so somebody's gonna have to try and make a bit of a charge to reel Robert MacIntyre in. And Daniel, how about the start for Marco Penge today? Yeah, incredible, the Englishman, rookie season on the PGA TOUR, 5 consecutive birdies to vault himself up into 3rd place.

[00:20:32.660]>>Just earlier over at 17.

[00:20:35.140]>>And uh this, the very short.

[00:20:38.550]>>Drivable part 4.

[00:20:45.500]>>He would get to 9 under par.

[00:20:53.430]>>Lovely rhythm as we've come to expect from Åberg. Approach play a lot better this year than at this time last year, which just sort of slightly was off the boil.

[00:21:07.130]>>Now, the Englishman Matt Wallace.

[00:21:10.380]>>For Eagle at the par 5, and he jumps into the top 10 at 8 under. The Englishman making a move here on moving day Saturday. Goodness me.

[00:21:23.589]>>Yeah, I would have to imagine these guys are pretty comfortable this afternoon or late this morning into this afternoon, I must say.

[00:21:30.900]>>Uh, played obviously, like you said, the 1st 36 holes, played numerous times around the world.

[00:21:37.250]>>This one, maybe not moving quite as much.

[00:21:41.709]>>Is MacIntyre, so I mean just a gorgeous look there just up the hill for 10 ft 1 inch what the ShotLink tower says.

[00:21:52.050]>>I'd be afraid of this guy chasing me. He just doesn't seem like he's got any weaknesses and doesn't seem to care where he hits it. He's just going to go ahead and try and.

[00:22:01.020]>>Shoot 62 at you every day.

[00:22:06.750]>>Well, he did that across both days of the weekend when he won the RSM Classic a couple of years ago, just tore that place apart, and Åberg birdies the opening

hole. Yeah, I think that was a bit of a key moment there for Ludvig, he's such a great momentum player. You get that early birdie, takes the pressure off.

[00:22:24.699]>>And the Swede trims into the lead early here.

[00:22:35.359]>>Let's go to 5. Chris Kirk over at the 5th back, left pin position.

[00:22:41.430]>>Pinned tight from that left portion.

[00:22:47.959]>>Lovely golf, and he'll move to 6 under.

[00:22:52.130]>> Åberg with the green light back in the fairway here, Rich. He's got 286, and I don't know of a better player in the game with a Fairway Medal than this guy. I, I've just seen him hit some remarkable shots over the last couple of years.

[00:23:05.140]>>If anybody can get it there, it's him.

[00:23:11.900]>>Oh, come on, stop it.

[00:23:15.109]>>He's flown that 300 yards joke. Yeah, it's a joke.

[00:23:21.569]>> Hisatsune putting for birdie at the 4th.

[00:23:28.250]>>Yeah, it sat in it.

[00:23:30.359]>>With his 2nd birdie of the day, he joins that massive group at 9 under.

[00:23:35.550]>>What a bit delay here.

[00:23:39.709]>>Oh, that's fantastic.

[00:23:42.260]>>I think this is a harder shot than the last one.

[00:23:47.310]>>It's just got a little pace about it. It makes its way down the slope.

[00:23:53.199]>>Beemer, when was the last time you flew a 3 290 yards in the air? Uh, when I accidentally left a golf ball in my carry-on bag on that Southwest flight.

[00:24:04.939]>>The next time will be the first time.

[00:24:08.920]>>So a little bit more remaining for Åberg than he had bargained for, I would think.

[00:24:14.920]>>That pitch shot that he had was, I mean, Åberg is not easy.

[00:24:21.290]>>You know, it has a great light, plenty of green to work with, but again, going dancing almost straight down that hill, a little bit down breeze.

[00:24:29.930]>>It just wasn't, uh, easy. He didn't want it, you know, he didn't want to give it too much and get it chasing away from him, you know, downgrain a little bit. It could have run all the way to the front edge of the green, but.

[00:24:39.099]>>I mean, I thought I, I actually think pitching it to here was pretty darn good and just outside of 7 ft.

[00:24:45.910]>>Just outside the right edge there, beamer. Uh, that's about what I'm seeing it. Again, it's just downgrade enough to kind of take any of the small break that it's got in and in and out of the putt. So, yeah, right edge.

[00:25:08.050]>>Wow. Perfect start for the Swede. Has the lead from 4 to 2.

[00:25:19.760]>>2nd on the way for Jaeger into the 18th.

[00:25:23.880]>>Oh, what a shot, Steven, what a shot.

[00:25:28.260]>>Very little margin for error there with a stream over there on the right hand side. Look at that. Nearly hooked it.

[00:25:38.640]>>How about Jaeger for Eagle up here at 18.

[00:25:43.160]>>And there we go, and this is a man that can ride the momentum, 32 to the turn, 4 under.

[00:25:56.229]>>And Wallace's 2nd on the way.

[00:26:00.339]>>Oh, that's a beauty. You can see the runoff area over the back of the green there as well, it's difficult to get all the way back there.

[00:26:08.839]>>Now, Matt Wallace got off to the quick start, this to continue the run.

[00:26:13.339]>>And he'll join that group at 9 under now.

[00:26:17.439]>> Hisatsune for birdie at 6. Kinda get the feeling Hisatsune should have played his way into that final group yesterday on that back 9, just didn't manage to pick up enough birdies.

[00:26:32.939]>>The female birdie putt coming back up top here at 5. He's gotta get 1 sometime, surely.

[00:26:39.739]>>Oh.

[00:26:41.390]>>There we go.

[00:26:44.589]>>Right, he's found himself in a spot of bother, Yellamaraju.

[00:26:49.280]>>15 pin front left.

[00:26:51.670]>>Because then what we can say is

[00:27:04.719]>>A nice rhythm to the swing. Oh goodness me, he's done it again. You were saying a spot of bother. Just flagged everything. He, he just doesn't see anything other than flags.

[00:27:15.089]>>So I put that. I like that.

[00:27:18.250]>>So it's, it's our normal number 3 to a little bit off the number 3 if anything just because of the adjustment, exactly, yeah, you good with all that down, add it to just right away, yeah, exactly.

[00:27:33.109]>>He's got 138.

[00:27:35.989]>>And getting the sign for pitching, which I kind of believe it's a little bit less than that, but probably the gap we just because you can't afford to hit this thing over the screen. The screen's still pretty firm. Take one big bounce once it lands on the green and scoot forward.

[00:27:50.089]>>Find out.

[00:27:51.719]>>Oh, I'll tell you what, this guy is just a machine from tee to green.

[00:27:59.430]>>You're minimum

[00:28:01.760]>>7. We're we're looking.

[00:28:05.479]>>So 61 fronts are too long.

[00:28:11.569]>>Well, you see your flag's gonna be a little less, so 6 177, yeah.

[00:28:22.449]>>And even if, even if this is a hair, right in the tower, I still think that it's down there, but just something down at the tower.

[00:28:31.209]>>He's bugs, man.

[00:28:37.550]>>Yeah, we don't get too many of them critters back home in, uh, in Scotland. No.

[00:28:42.979]>>That's because they don't live in cold weather. Well, you get the odd midge, which can pack a little bit of a punch up there. Yeah, yeah, I got you. Horrible

animals. Yeah, mid, yeah, pound for pound, one of the most dangerous little animals on the planet.

[00:28:59.250]>>61 front, yeah, one line, yes, correct. 61 front is actually the angle at which he's coming in here. Good news, he's got the contour of the green just to the right of that flagstick which will help him out, so it doesn't need to go right at this flag stick. You can actually play it out to the right, just kind of let it drift around like a little, little berm there on the green.

[00:29:23.239]>>And

[00:29:24.680]>>Did he find that slope? That's what he was playing for, and I think he did. Very good, no, very clever. Yeah, very good. Yeah, they, they, they communicate well together, this pair. Just didn't catch a slope as much as I was.

[00:29:37.780]>>This was as well at 15 just earlier for Yellamaraju looking for the payout.

[00:29:49.630]>>He's just turning into a cash machine, isn't he?

[00:29:55.810]>>All right, MacIntyre could surely use the first birdie in the round here.

[00:30:02.500]>>And uh nothing but smoke and mirrors there for MacIntyre, one under par.

[00:30:13.209]>>Uh, really not much here. I mean, just slightly downhill. Right edge, maybe, not too dissimilar to the putt that he had to for birdie back at the second hole.

[00:30:28.250]>>All right.

[00:30:29.300]>>And Ludvig keeping pace with the Scot that's at the top of the leaderboard and start to create a little bit of separation once again from the rest of the chasing pack.

[00:30:39.839]>>To the 9th and Chris Kirk in the higher cut of rough over there.

[00:30:43.579]>>4th hardest hole on the course so far this week.

[00:30:46.979]>>Uh, Kirky captain as they call him, he's been playing pretty good today.

[00:30:53.790]>>Oh! That'll change the start in the hole quite considerably, and Kirk gets up to -8.

[00:31:00.550]>>That's about the reaction you would expect from that easygoing cat right there.

[00:31:06.510]>>Nothing to it, no big deal. Well, uh, it's a long walk from the 9th green to the 10th tee. He might be looking for a shortcut just to the left. Uh, you, somebody grab my ball, please. Birdie at 7, birdie at 8.

[00:31:22.589]>>You go at 9.

[00:31:25.660]>>I'll tell you what, his playing partners as well, had a couple of lovely shots in there and massively outdone.

[00:31:30.979]>>That's quite a six-win career on the PGA TOUR as you will find produced by that guy.

[00:31:40.949]>>I think Fleetwood has come out of the bunker to here and then it goes, it's a little bit of a sluggish day so far for Tommy, but that could just get him going.

[00:31:55.829]>>Now Matt Wallace going with what looks like the mini driver off the deck at the par 5, trying to carve something in there from left to right.

[00:32:03.469]>>Hole location all the way in the back right, and that's downhill from there. What a wonderful.

[00:32:15.390]>>Now after that spectacular 2nd shot, this to leapfrog just a whole bunch of players and get himself into a tie for 3rd.

[00:32:34.239]>>Well done.

[00:32:38.000]>>As they head to the 7th, the par 3, MacIntyre.

[00:32:42.660]>>1 under par for the round despite not hitting a fairway yet today. We're about 2 hours into our 3rd round coverage. Storms are fast encroaching. We're getting word that they may be halting play here, blowing the horn momentarily, yeah.

[00:32:57.189]>>3rd straight day with a suspension of play.

[00:33:02.660]>>I just start smiley on that fairway he goes.

[00:33:08.109]>>Any words on the weather? So it's, I've not done anything here yet a translation.

[00:33:14.520]>>just ask Smiley Kaufman, who's one of the oncourse.

[00:33:18.510]>>Reporters, if uh any, any, any uh story about the weather and Smiley had responded to him, no, we'd not heard anything yet, and then seconds later they blow the horn, so, but that's how quickly things can develop here.

[00:33:30.579]>>And play.

[00:33:33.329]>>Has officially been called for the day and play is, uh, scheduled to resume the 3rd round on Sunday morning.

[00:33:42.859]>>So, that's where we stand as MacIntyre tries to secure his 3rd victory on the PGA TOUR and in the process become the 3rd straight left-hander to win here in San Antonio. Åberg trying to cash in his 2nd tour.

[00:33:57.905]>> Hisatsune has yet to win early in his PGA TOUR career, and the rest of the players that packed their 10-under trying to close the gap when the third round resumes at 7:45 Central time Sunday morning.

[00:34:16.398]>>We are here and we are playing for history and we're playing for the players that came before us.

[00:34:22.209]>>I've worked since I was 2 or 3 years old to have a chance to play professional golf for a living. The, the guys that win the most, they're in contention so much, they're up there all the time. That's where I want to be.

[00:34:50.398]>>And we have reached championship Sunday here in San Antonio, Texas, the 13th PGA TOUR stop of the season. Live final round coverage of the Valero, Texas Open on the way. This place was absolutely saturated by rain yesterday, 5-hour suspension of play before they pulled the plug on the 3rd round. The restart happened this morning at 7:45 local time, and the final round is underway.

[00:35:20.419]>>I'll show you how they finish up the 3rd round.

[00:35:25.300]>>Along with some of the other contenders and the chasers, including Matt Wallace, who recorded a 64 in the third round. And this delivery into the iconic little par 3 there at 16 was superb. It led to a birdie.

[00:35:42.260]>>Åberg drove the green at 17, 337 yard par 4, and beautifully clutching this one down the hill for an easy birdie pickup to get to 13 under.

[00:35:56.689]>>The Swede would par the 18th.

[00:35:59.159]>>MacIntyre with some troubles down the last with bogey 18, the par 5, and finish that 14 under through 54 holes. 15 players within 4 shots of the lead now.

[00:36:12.810]>>Including J.J. Spaun, who's had a, a bit of a down year after winning last season's United States Open, but one of the past winners in San Antonio in the field. He's drawn within a shot of the lead here on the final day.

[00:36:25.830]>>Wallace can tie the lead here at 9.

[00:36:31.379]>>He would love to be able to post a number, and that was huge.

[00:36:44.540]>> Åberg's gonna get it to 14 under. The form has been exceptional.

[00:36:54.429]>>Up to 7

[00:36:56.449]>>Yeah, those flags all week long were blowing hard from right to left, completely different today, and a wonderful shot there by J.J and he'll have that.

[00:37:06.669]>>To join that massive group at the top of the leaderboard at 14 under.

[00:37:12.040]>>Now Hisatsune, look at how far above the ball, uh, the bottom of his feet the ball is ripping down all the way to the steel just about.

[00:37:22.239]>>Oh, that's actually quite excellent.

[00:37:25.909]>>One of the co-leaders at 14 under.

[00:37:29.969]>>Let's go to the 3rd. Åberg never wanted to hang around.

[00:37:33.820]>>Yeah, some don't leave it in short, but not this short. How about a dude? Don't tell me.

[00:37:40.669]>>What a time to do that.

[00:37:58.189]>>Right as it got across the ridge right there, I thought it was perfect because we know how fast it is from there.

[00:38:06.699]>>Oh, and these hearty fans gathered out here appreciated the effort.

[00:38:15.310]>>No, it's Hisatsune or his birdie.

[00:38:22.489]>>And now all of a sudden.

[00:38:25.080]>>We've got 2 at the top.

[00:38:28.810]>>J.J. Spaun trying to climb within one as well here.

[00:38:37.439]>>Oh boy, hm. Not much about that was very good.

[00:38:43.850]>>J.J will stay a couple off the pace here.

[00:38:51.270]>>Back with Åberg. How about this one, Beaver? The line is just a touch bare, and I think that if, if you weren't a very good pitcher of the golf ball, this wouldn't really cause you concern.

[00:39:12.219]>>Åberg back at it here.

[00:39:14.879]>>Yeah, obviously much simpler. I kind of thought the last one was going to be so challenging that, he would actually force him to kind of be aggressive with it.

[00:39:22.570]>>Wow.

[00:39:24.080]>>Good and smooth. 2 chickens. That's unbelievable.

[00:39:31.090]>>Last two holes, 0 putts.

[00:39:37.939]>> Hisatsune trying to salvage par here at 7th and maintain a share of the lead.

[00:39:52.030]>>Then the 4th best putter in the field this week, so that's a little bit of a miscue. Soft bogey at the 7th, and he'll drop 1 off the lead.

[00:40:02.340]>>Let's see if Putnam can find this ball.

[00:40:07.520]>>Oh, holding it up into the ball too, this is in a great line.

[00:40:13.469]>>Hm, that's the best strike of the day for Putnam, and he is set up for a birdie, could pull him within one.

[00:40:21.419]>>Gorgeous tee shot here at 7.

[00:40:25.139]>>And he makes it.

[00:40:28.989]>>Over now to save par on the 6th.

[00:40:45.739]>>OK, first dropped shot for a while.

[00:40:49.989]>>So we've got 4 at 14 under.

[00:40:57.649]>>3rd shot for Putnam. Now, the fact that he's coming out of the rough here, that could actually help him.

[00:41:05.040]>>They shouldn't be able to get too much spin from there, there you go, what a result there from Putnam.

[00:41:10.429]>>Uh, J.J, this for an opportunity to make it a five-way tie at the top of the leaderboard.

[00:41:18.149]>>And former champion joins the fray at the top.

[00:41:26.149]>>Oh, Putnam's had a great chance here for a birdie at 8.

[00:41:31.679]>>Two in a row.

[00:41:33.729]>>And then we've got a solo leader at 15 under.

[00:41:38.790]>>15, uh, Wallace chipping across the green at the 15th.

[00:41:45.590]>>That's the spark he needed. Would you believe it, he didn't make the connection that he wanted. And now all of a sudden, he's back in with a shot.

[00:41:59.639]>>Yeah, Matt Wallace.

[00:42:01.889]>>Finds himself just a shot off the lead.

[00:42:09.189]>>Oh, he might make 2 again.

[00:42:19.800]>>Wallace for 2 at 16 to join Putnam at the top.

[00:42:27.080]>>And now he is tied for the lead.

[00:42:37.409]>>Michael Kim for birdie on the 11th. He's had a few struggles.

[00:42:42.469]>>Last half an hour or so.

[00:42:45.129]>>And there's the bounce back. Michael Kim trying to get back into this thing.

[00:42:51.610]>>England's Matt Wallace for the solo lead.

[00:42:57.479]>>Yes, 3 in a row. That's incredible. That is incredible. Unbelievable.

[00:43:07.600]>>All right, back with Wallace here at the last.

[00:43:11.780]>>And I think what he's seen over the last 3 holes.

[00:43:16.389]>>He's given himself a pretty good chance of this.

[00:43:19.419]>>Andrew.

[00:43:20.790]>>Is he trying to make it, or is he just trying to salvage, make sure he just post 16 under and hope?

[00:43:27.350]>>Not sure 16's gonna be enough, Danny, I think knowing him, knowing the tough breaks that he's had, he's gonna try and chip this in.

[00:43:50.370]>>It was a great effort

[00:43:52.719]>>But you know what, he's now posted 16 under, something for the players out on the golf course, to look at, and now if that rain kind of goes away and the winds start to pick up that we're forecasted.

[00:44:04.530]>>Between 15 to 25 mile an hour and if they pick up.

[00:44:09.600]>>Who knows, it might just be good enough, at least for maybe a share of a playoff.

[00:44:15.070]>>But that's the lukewarm reaction of a man who wanted one more.

[00:44:25.040]>>Here's MacIntyre's approach on 10.

[00:44:28.409]>>Perfect gap wedge here.

[00:44:35.959]>>Oh, brilliant.

[00:44:40.330]>>MacIntyre for the first birdie of the round.

[00:44:45.520]>>Mm, kicks it in there.

[00:44:50.389]>>Matt Wallace talked to patience.

[00:44:55.100]>>At the 15th with Spaun putting for par.

[00:45:03.120]>>I know it breaks more, Mark. Golly.

[00:45:06.389]>>Oh, I see frustration there.

[00:45:19.580]>>Yeah, 6 ft away, not easy, chasing down and away from him.

[00:45:25.750]>>Once there were 3 within a shot off the lead, and now there's just 1. Andrew Putnam is the only player now within striking distance of our clubhouse leader.

[00:45:39.199]>>From a wedge in the hand on Sunday, you can't make that mistake, he knew it.

[00:45:46.889]>>Quickly back to 16. Spaun is ready here.

[00:45:51.199]>>No.

[00:45:54.760]>>Sounded like a very solid strike, and it was. How about that?

[00:46:01.639]>>Made a mistake, stood up.

[00:46:05.929]>>And said, you know what, my challenge is not done.

[00:46:10.969]>>Critical putt, it Spaun for a 2.

[00:46:13.739]>>To climb within 1, and maybe a 2-time champion here in San Antonio.

[00:46:19.409]>>Yeah, that was a huge bounce back birdie. And that 17th hole, Andrew, you said, could just be key.

[00:46:30.409]>>Spaun looking to reach the drivable par 417.

[00:46:41.850]>>How about this? Oh, he was for it.

[00:46:47.169]>>Magnificent delivery at 17 for Spaun, and a chance for an eagle ahead of him.

[00:46:56.300]>>Get

[00:46:57.620]>>Tee shot of Michael Kim.

[00:47:00.000]>>At 16

[00:47:04.000]>>Is he?

[00:47:12.189]>>Up to the green now at 17 with Spaun putting for eagle.

[00:47:18.100]>>How about that stretch across 16 and 17 for J.J?

[00:47:23.959]>>What a time to make an eagle.

[00:47:26.239]>>Seventy-first hole of a tournament.

[00:47:30.110]>>Back at 16.

[00:47:32.610]>>Michael Kim is gonna push it to 15 under.

[00:47:42.070]>>Sure, what he'd give to go back and play 8 and 9 again.

[00:47:46.840]>>Tottenham, get alongside Wallace.

[00:48:01.379]>>Probably just a nice driving range, 9 iron here for J.J.

[00:48:06.370]>>That's so great.

[00:48:10.209]>>Oh begging for it to take a seat.

[00:48:13.560]>>Matt Wallace breathes a sigh of relief.

[00:48:22.010]>>No bigger moment than this.

[00:48:25.719]>>Oh, talk about controlling your nerve.

[00:48:30.790]>>And it's not in yet. We've seen shorter putts than that missed on a seventy-second hole.

[00:48:38.500]>>J.J. Spaun perhaps has just descended.

[00:48:42.100]>>Back into the winner's circle.

[00:48:47.219]>>He's in at 17. That's a terrific back nine, terrific final few holes.

[00:48:53.300]>>Managed his game impeccably well.

[00:48:59.340]>>69, 69, 66, 67 on the weekend and the toughest.

[00:49:04.659]>>The most brutal conditions.

[00:49:07.310]>>It looks like a player and Caddie are hugging and making up from there.

[00:49:11.850]>>You think that bogey at 15, he thought that was it. Happy birthday Mark. But the birdie at 16. What a response to that drop shot it was. And then the eagle at 17.

[00:49:27.379]>>MacIntyre close a little closer here.

[00:49:30.929]>>One time

[00:49:33.360]>>There it is. Still on.

[00:49:37.550]>>Still on.

[00:49:40.310]>>MacIntyre, now on the 17th tee.

[00:49:44.129]>>MacIntyre can turn one down. Oh, that looks promising. Oh he's right at it as well. Oh yeah.

[00:49:51.979]>>My goodness chance for it too. What a shock.

[00:50:07.020]>>Oh, MacIntyre has done it. He's eagled 17, and it is still on. Would you believe it?

[00:50:15.000]>>Again, another right hook from that corner.

[00:50:19.489]>>And he still comes out punching.

[00:50:22.489]>> MacIntyre's ready in the fairway on 18.

[00:50:26.459]>>He's hooked it.

[00:50:31.989]>>Oh boy. That is miles right, big trouble over there.

[00:50:38.600]>>He may be fortunate with the grandstands.

[00:50:44.020]>>Yeah, he'll, he'll get relief.

[00:50:52.350]>>Yeah

[00:50:59.370]>>That's.

[00:51:06.060]>>Um, I think it was.

[00:51:09.120]>>Well, he's given himself a putt, given himself the opportunity that Andrew Putnam did not give himself.

[00:51:20.199]>>This would be a serious haymaker if it landed.

[00:51:31.270]>>Nope, not gonna do it.

[00:51:34.979]>>It was a Sunday shootout here in Texas, and J.J. Spaun is the last man standing. Happy birthday. He's gonna win for the 2nd time here at TPC San Antonio.

[00:51:48.270]>>3rd PGA TOUR victory for last year's United States Open champion.

[00:52:03.719]>>Jacob Bridgeman is the FedEx Cup points leader, but, uh, J.J. Spaun has got a pocket 500 FedEx Cup points. He was a high finisher in the standings last year, of course, making it all the way to Atlanta in the TOUR Championship.

[00:52:17.489]>>By virtue of that victory at Oakmont. It's been a, a slow, steady grind up the rungs of the professional ladder for J.J. Spaun since turning professional in 2012. A few years on PGA TOUR Canada, onto the Korn Ferry Tour before eventually making his way to the top level where he has now won three times, once at the United States Open and twice here in San Antonio. Congratulations to the champion.

[00:52:44.719]>>This concludes the PGA TOUR's coverage of the Valero Texas Open.