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[00:00:26.090]>>The PGA TOUR proudly presents.

[00:00:29.700]>>The season-long race for the FedExCup.

[00:00:33.779]>>Now coverage of the 2026 Truist Championship.

[00:00:41.130]>>20th time it has been contested here at venerable Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, the first time back in 2003. Of course, the PGA Championship was held around this time of year last May. So this event was contested in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, captured by Sepp Straka. He's the defending champion this week. This week also marks the return of the Masters champion, Rory McIlroy, such a dominant figure in the history of this event, having won here four times.

[00:01:10.910]>>Weather has been a story. Rain overnight and early this morning, and we're out at the 13th, and McIlroy's tee shot is on the way here.

[00:01:22.239]>>From 217 yards away. 3 pars to start his account.

[00:01:32.110]>>Tommy Fleetwood has never started a PGA TOUR round with an eagle until today after 10.

[00:01:39.970]>>Three top 15s here at Quail Hollow as well, so likes the canvas.

[00:01:46.989]>>Just a wedge for the 3rd of Rose. Uh, big old hop forward, very nearly drained it for the eagle 3. They welcome birdie to start his day. Kristoffer Reitan, the 28-year-old Norwegian who slipped into the field last week off the alternate list, finished 14th at Doral. Off to a cracking start today, beautiful tee shot at 13.

[00:02:09.960]>>Just such a tough flag to get to over there in that back left corner, coming off the, the great week at Zurich where he and Kris Ventura finished 2nd, continued a fine play last week, and David, do you know a lot about this young Norwegian? Oh, you certainly do, yeah, he used to be very good on a Sunday last year, a career that wasn't plain sailing, had his troubles along the way, but is now right in the thick of things.

[00:02:35.539]>>Over on the PGA TOUR, playing beautifully, hits the ball a long way, and a cool, calm customer you'd have to say too.

[00:02:46.050]>>Well, Min Woo just to the left of the par 3 6th with a bit of loft.

[00:02:53.639]>>A low point there where the drain is.

[00:02:57.809]>>And that's also a low point, where the bottom half of the flag is.

[00:03:04.360]>>And some early dramatics from Min Woo.

[00:03:07.940]>>4 sponsor invites this week. Tony Finau received 1 of them.

[00:03:14.449]>>Yeah, played decently at the PGA here last year, top 20 that's gonna help. It's uh.

[00:03:24.149]>>The game has betrayed him, for sure, but uh he's certainly still a fan favorite.

[00:03:33.759]>>Birdie putt in name only for McCarty here at 16, good 60 ft or so. Oh, theft. OK then, ye of little faith, pure theft.

[00:03:48.559]>>Pa, across the hill, well outside left the line on this one.

[00:03:55.110]>>Be a hell of a 4 and 9 straight pasts to open a little fortunate there at 18th.

[00:04:07.250]>>Of the speedy putt, that doesn't look it for McCarty on 17. Has he done it again? Oh my God, you're kidding me. The 60 footer he just made at the previous hole was the longest conversion of his PGA TOUR career, and he nearly just matched it.

[00:04:22.790]>>Look at that scorecard through the opening eight today.

[00:04:29.309]>>Here's Matt Wallace at 11.

[00:04:32.700]>>Classic action of Wallace.

[00:04:35.299]>>Just halfway back, halfway through on that occasion. Boy, oh, there you go, that's pretty good, wasn't it? Not bad. That's always helpful.

[00:04:46.200]>>164, so this is muscle, this is why he goes to the gym. I see him there all the time.

[00:04:53.339]>>I think you go to the lion loft machine too, you maybe strengthen the loss a little bit.

[00:04:58.540]>>This is to all the people.

[00:05:02.089]>>It's a long way to try and hit a wedge, but he can do it as good as anyone.

[00:05:08.279]>>What a magnificent golf shirt.

[00:05:13.149]>>Tommy Fleetwood looking to draw within one of the lead. Don't look at the little leaderboard down in the bottom right. That would have given it away.

[00:05:25.269]>>Sungjae I trying to get his nose in front of McCarty here if he can convert at 17. Yeah, 6 under this would be.

[00:05:32.970]>>Through his 1st 8 holes, teed off on the back 9, it's an impossible putt.

[00:05:40.309]>>You were saying not for Sungjae, you know, used to play, played a lot of golf every single year, but just making his 8th start, had wrist issues that really kept him out till the Arnold Palmer Invitational. So, sort of just rounding into form.

[00:05:57.000]>>As we go to Viktor Hovland at at 5, 2nd coming down the hill.

[00:06:04.970]>>I think the No, oh brilliant, brilliant from the Norwegian, might be one of the most curious athletes in the world. He's always searching for answers. Par 36.

[00:06:17.690]>>Rose's looking for a spark in his round. Manchester found it, wonderful move there.

[00:06:24.019]>>Hm, yeah, it's a dart, right at it.

[00:06:31.619]>> Nicolai Højgaard.

[00:06:34.420]>>Looking to.

[00:06:36.299]>>Polish off a wonderful drive on the 14th with this eagle putt. Should be for the 3rd eagle of the day. Reachable par 4.

[00:06:45.670]>>Drip it in there.

[00:06:47.929]>>A pair of 2s in succession, and the Dane has got it to 4 under, just a couple off the pace here.

[00:06:56.910]>>One final birdie look for McIlroy, will it go down?

[00:07:02.269]>>It's just outside left.

[00:07:09.109]>>With some pace, there it is, hallelujah.

[00:07:14.079]>>The 9th, the only birdie of the day, that's just remarkable.

[00:07:24.279]>>Now McCarty finishing up his day here at the 9. A little hybrid.

[00:07:28.920]>>You're quiet.

[00:07:30.899]>>To make the journey. 243 yards, it goes to show just.

[00:07:39.200]>>Oh how good they are with any club in the back.

[00:07:45.029]>>So there's a group ahead and it includes Rickie Fowler, who hasn't even concluded playing the hole. I would actually, Matt, you should walk up there and just

apologize. It's hard to conceive how that's actually happened. I mean, clearly he wouldn't have seen Fowler, who was a little off the beaten path, but he would have surely seen Hovland and Fitzpatrick on the green. Well maybe just a man on a mission, uh, McCarty. Fitzpatrick has a putt from the fringe.

[00:08:13.279]>>It's a put he finds.

[00:08:20.619]>>How about 67 for Alex coming off the the 9th place last week at uh.

[00:08:27.480]>>Looks brilliant. It's all going on. Alex actually put a spot on McCarty's ball for him there as well, just.

[00:08:37.250]>>Ingratiating himself to his, uh, fellow members of the tour.

[00:08:43.479]>>Well, eyeing up a 3 shot lead is Matt McCarty.

[00:08:51.010]>>3 in a row to close the round, 9 birdies on the day for McCarty.

[00:09:02.210]>>What a day, thus far, chance to get it to 7 with an eagle here. A line on the ball, interestingly, they're using it.

[00:09:11.919]>>Certainly for this length of putt just outside the left, a cup or so by the looks of things.

[00:09:21.599]>>Oh my goodness, just threw the right blinker on, took a wobble to the right, like a magic trick, wasn't it?

[00:09:29.799]>>Matt McCarty takes the solo lead after the opening round with South Korea's Sungjae Im just one off the pace. Round 2 is next.

[00:09:44.830]>>The Queen City of Charlotte, North Carolina welcomes the PGA TOUR for the 20th time. It's the 18th event of the PGA TOUR Season, 2nd consecutive Signature Event, a \$20 million purse on offer for a field of 72 here at the Truist championship.

[00:10:05.169]>>And highlights from the 2nd round, Sepp Straka, the defending champion. Long one on the way for birdie here at the 11th to get to 6 under par.

[00:10:16.580]>>Trying to become the first ever back-to-back champion in Truist Championship history. And back to work here, up and over the ground with the bunker at 15.

[00:10:28.179]>>Par 5 is one of the easier holes on the golf course in the opening round, and Straka was making a steady climb up the leaderboard. As for Thomas, making a push of his own here with a birdie conversion at the 15th, dropping to push Thomas to -6.

[00:10:48.869]>>Very classy field, good-looking leaderboard. Three players currently at 7 under par. Matt McCarty was the overnight leader. He has been joined at the top by Harry Hall and Sungjae Im. Thomas, as you see, part of a pack of players at 5-under, just 2 shots off the lead here at Quail Hollow.

[00:11:11.880]>>Back with the leader 10. Got a very favorable bounce. Excellent angle from just 43 yards and a good lie. Everything pitches into the grain, could get something close, needs to leave this below the hole.

[00:11:28.669]>>Yeah, wonderful touch there, Amelia, uh Milly perfection. Sungjae would make that to move to 8 under.

[00:11:39.719]>>To Fleetwood at the 8th for birdie.

[00:11:45.700]>>OK. Fleetwood starting to roll the rock. Couple of birdies to the good there, up to 2nd.

[00:11:55.270]>>He circuitous route up to 10th for Rory, set himself up for a birdie putt, and he hasn't holed one of his lengths so far all week. Surely he will. So I'm look, so I'm going, no, I'm just going to be innocent, he's my mate, but I can't.

[00:12:12.630]>>Surely reverse psychology, see, reverse psychology.

[00:12:18.950]>>Non-committal at best from radar, but a fully committed stroke from McIlroy that side.

[00:12:26.809]>>Back to Sungjae at the 14th with this birdie putt for his share of the lead.

[00:12:35.369]>>Nicely done there from Sungjae.

[00:12:42.570]>>Back to 11

[00:12:44.210]>>161 Swanny, the lie's as good as it gets.

[00:12:50.640]>>No I know.

[00:12:52.559]>>Oh that was a good aggressive move. Abbreviated follow through, yeah, has had the acoustics and maybe one of the best iron shots he set.

[00:13:01.799]>>Perfectly whole high.

[00:13:04.950]>>Adam Scott, a hair out of place. Beautifully pressed trousers for his 5th birdie of the round.

[00:13:23.169]>>Rory hasn't holed anything until the last green, the 10th green, so he's one of those golfers, as professional golfers, ah, if you're any good, what a, you know, your feed off a positive, and that was a positive for a 20 footer, so he's got another sort of,

[00:13:36.989]>>Long and, but once you hold one, the hole sometimes just becomes a little bigger.

[00:13:45.159]>>Plenty of room in there.

[00:13:48.239]>>Good call there, later on, look at that, 2 birdies in a row.

[00:13:54.890]>>Want to land this on the right corner of the green for Sungjae. Has had excellent touch around the greens on this back nine.

[00:14:03.799]>>Yeah, beautiful technique, excellently played, used a little loft there to generate some spin.

[00:14:10.780]>>Rory, ready to fire at 13.

[00:14:14.320]>>No wind whatsoever. 80, 177, look out.

[00:14:21.880]>>All over it.

[00:14:25.400]>>As pretty as can be.

[00:14:27.919]>>Didn't take long to knock a little competitive rust.

[00:14:33.669]>>He's on a tear, Rickie Fowler. Alexander today.

[00:14:38.190]>>I think it's the one better.

[00:14:41.270]>>Very well

[00:14:43.289]>>Putting beautifully, he used to lab putter for a while, the zero torque, it didn't suit his stroke whatsoever, no idea what he was thinking with that, that looks much more like what we used to see.

[00:14:54.460]>> Reitan with the putter, chipping not his favorite part of the game.

[00:15:01.520]>>He took that for himself here, hello.

[00:15:07.090]>>reinforcing your argument, howler.

[00:15:11.909]>>Up to 7 under, just a couple back.

[00:15:16.880]>>The Norwegian is on the move.

[00:15:22.849]>>Bird life or

[00:15:24.909]>> Åberg, fall above the feet, maybe a 5 would launch up into the sky there for.

[00:15:31.929]>>The Swede, goodness me, feast your eyes and enjoy.

[00:15:43.780]>>Back at the par 5, Alex Fitzpatrick bunkered here.

[00:15:48.640]>>He'll be upset were he not to get this up-and-down. Oh goodness. Fitzpatrick gets to 7 under par.

[00:15:59.820]>>It's a hard shot.

[00:16:02.109]>>But he just needs to land this just on the green, the, the lines really good.

[00:16:08.340]>>It's just all about that first bounce.

[00:16:12.320]>>And it's a beauty.

[00:16:15.989]>>Very much under control. Lovely swing.

[00:16:21.729]>>Fleetwood has the team up at 17.

[00:16:25.169]>>I've just mentioned it, John, only 30% of the field has hit the screen regulation. Can Fleetwood do it? Certainly looks like he has, that's wonderful. Best one of the day. Tommy moves to 8 under par.

[00:16:40.500]>>This would be for his 5th birdie in 7 holes, talk about, uh, playing the par 5 par 4 as well, he's, he's only 1 under so far for the week at the par 4s.

[00:16:55.950]>>There you go.

[00:16:57.590]>>Starts the Green Mile with a birdie. No one's made more on this daunting finishing stretch over the last 15 years than Rory. 20 birdies on the Green Mile coming into the week.

[00:17:07.680]>>And he adds one.

[00:17:11.229]>>Fowler piling up the birdies today, looking for another at 16. This would be for the 9th.

[00:17:17.750]>>Ninth birdies around Quail Hollow, it's quite remarkable. The guy that won here, it was his very first victory back in 2012, he's hit four top sixes around this venue, so very comfortable, wonderful round of golf today.

[00:17:33.270]>>Oh God.

[00:17:34.800]>>A chance to get to 6 under, uh, which he takes. And that's up into the top 5.

[00:17:43.969]>>Back at 17, Chandler Blanchet had the tee. This was just a moment ago, it was a beautifully struck 6 iron.

[00:17:54.130]>>in.

[00:17:57.020]>>Of course he did, and I do believe he had the right club, be the right one today.

[00:18:04.849]>> Akshay today, what a thrill, especially here at 17 in the middle of the mile.

[00:18:14.260]>>He's in the group with uh Matt McCarty, who was the leader of the tournament earlier in the day, but this was the moment of the day for that group.

[00:18:26.079]>>Perfection.

[00:18:29.489]>>He's got a 1 and a 2 and a 345 and 6 on the scorecard. It's just a joyous thing, isn't it? Whether it's your 1st or the year 10th.

[00:18:40.900]>>Just a wonderful moment.

[00:18:43.439]>>Players, caddies, fans, everyone sharing in the jubilation. That is his first home run on the PGA 2. That was a good one.

[00:18:55.260]>>Sungjae Im takes over the top spot at 9 under, while a pair of Englishmen loom. Round 3 is next.

[00:19:09.319]>>23rd edition of this event, the 20th staged right here at the venerable Quail Hollow Club, Charlotte, North Carolina along the southeastern stretch of the United States. back-to-back signature events on the PGA TOUR. Cameron Young winning last week down in Miami at the Cadillac Championship and who will have their name and image emblazoned on the wall behind the 18th green? Rory McIlroy has 4 times in his illustrious career, including

[00:19:37.150]>>The 1st of his 30 victories on the PGA TOUR.

[00:19:41.650]>>It's sort of a reminder, there are many good players all across the globe, once they get a chance. They can show what they can do.

[00:19:53.140]>>So it went, it went right next to the hole.

[00:20:02.140]>>We guard is ready, center of the 5th fairway. Critical to control his spin on the shot because the green pitches from back to front.

[00:20:10.569]>>Another excellent approach from Højgaard.

[00:20:18.680]>>Has to join the lead.

[00:20:21.750]>>Well, stride forward and that's exactly where he is atop the pile.

[00:20:29.810]>>Cam Young trying to make his presence felt a little more strongly with an eagle at 7.

[00:20:40.390]>>Eliciting a big roar from this big gallery here. Last week's winner on the march.

[00:20:52.140]>>Yeah, scared off by his playing partner, you'd have to say, and uh OK now takes full advantage. It's been impressive to see how quickly Højgaard settled into this round with 3 birdies in the last 4 holes. This Green for Young, albeit with the driver to the half 4.

[00:21:10.140]>>Has he got room, oh this is sensational.

[00:21:14.329]>>3-3 stretch there for Young and he is closing in on the leaders.

[00:21:26.739]>>A youngster buries another one.

[00:21:30.689]>>What a start to the weekend for Alex Fitzpatrick.

[00:21:35.790]>>Here's Højgaard.

[00:21:37.319]>>This is an incredibly quick chip putting back down into the bowl.

[00:21:44.030]>>Yeah, that's the place to list, wasn't it?

[00:21:47.540]>>You think what your chances are from left of that green compared to right.

[00:21:54.869]>>Cameron Young here at the par 51 more to climb within 1 of Fitzpatrick perhaps.

[00:22:01.489]>>If he can make this, it'd be 4 under in his last 4 holes. Remember the eagle at the previous par 5 and.

[00:22:08.670]>>Yes.

[00:22:19.410]>>Meanwhile, Nicolai Højgaard, nice up and in from off the 8th green at the short par 4, there's another birdie.

[00:22:26.650]>>And 4 and 5 holes.

[00:22:30.780]>>First chance for a player to get to 110 that goes down.

[00:22:37.849]>>Uh, he's figured everything out. Reads, speed.

[00:22:42.219]>>Incredible. There's Hammer, 4 birdies in his 1st 7 holes.

[00:22:49.900]>>Get

[00:22:52.729]>>17, Nico Echavarria, they're a wolf of moments. Mr. Howell and another hole-in-one. 2nd in as many days at 17. And yesterday was the 1st career hole-in-one for Chandler Blanchet, and today it's the 3rd ace of Nico Echavarria to her career.

[00:23:17.530]>>Hunting down a leader.

[00:23:20.939]>>Cam Young, perfectly placed on 12.

[00:23:25.270]>>Oh, it's golf of the highest quality. Extraordinary shot hits within 1 ft of the hole.

[00:23:34.849]>>Alex back to work. 203 hole for Fitzpatrick. The wind has picked up.

[00:23:42.160]>>Not sure you want to go after this flag. It's gonna be right out if it's the distance. Oh my goodness. That is just incredible. 203 yards and it was coming down like a wedge. He's playing quite well, you know, yes he is.

[00:23:59.459]>>Fleetwood, meanwhile, for 3 in a row.

[00:24:05.979]>>That's a quite remarkable up-and-down.

[00:24:13.510]>>Fitzy.

[00:24:15.209]>>Not outside the hole, just needs to trust his start line.

[00:24:19.310]>>Hm, a lot of trust right now in this man's game out in 30.

[00:24:24.449]>>Sheffield United, the home football team of the Fitzpatricks, are called the Blades. Uh, the blade is working nicely for us.

[00:24:33.949]>>Cam lays up and you've gotta have some serious trust in your wedge with this flag position to do so.

[00:24:41.270]>>Just under 80.

[00:24:46.709]>>Young would birdie to move within one.

[00:24:52.180]>>Sungjae Im with an eagle opportunity at hand here. 45 ft, but pretty quick, once he's got up and over that ridge now straight down green. Turning left.

[00:25:05.339]>>Timely

[00:25:07.369]>>Yes, it was. Took them a little while to get it cranked up today, but 3 at the 8th, 3 at the 10th.

[00:25:17.859]>>For sure.

[00:25:23.260]>>

[00:25:25.069]>>Is a fun

[00:25:27.400]>>After winning the last week, thrusting himself back into contention.

[00:25:33.790]>>Fitzpatrick has so much control right now, and there's a backstop that he can use to work it right to the flag.

[00:25:41.369]>>This is very low and hot, needs to use that back slope.

[00:25:46.589]>>Maybe it's going to.

[00:25:49.560]>>This could get very close.

[00:25:54.449]>>Excellent work.

[00:26:00.000]>>Looking as calm as a cucumber.

[00:26:03.530]>>Incredible. Here's Cam Young at 16 down the hill with a 5 iron.

[00:26:10.489]>>Flattening out to the heart of it, coming in hot.

[00:26:15.530]>>What a beautiful shot.

[00:26:19.449]>>Hold the back edge, please, because it deserves better than over the back.

[00:26:25.619]>>It's just fine. 539, that's the 16th today, par 4.

[00:26:34.579]>>Would you believe it?

[00:26:36.540]>>Off the beaten track, off the tee.

[00:26:38.969]>>Made by a jot of difference.

[00:26:43.569]>>Let's go to 16. A long old birdie putt, wind sweeping across this green slightly out of the right.

[00:26:53.290]>>Never. No way.

[00:26:56.939]>>But it's not real Scheffler, it's this boy now. Yes it is.

[00:27:01.369]>>Yes, it is. That 90 on his round.

[00:27:06.530]>>There's Reitan at 13.

[00:27:14.400]>>Looking good, looking really good.

[00:27:17.609]>> Reitan to 9 under.

[00:27:20.280]>>Keeping his nose in the fight here.

[00:27:24.770]>>Sungjae down by the water at 14.

[00:27:31.079]>>Yes. Oh, right, sir.

[00:27:33.819]>>And he didn't fall back in. Yeah, it's disappointing. David, David, David.

[00:27:39.180]>>Tommy after drying off, Sungjae would go on to birdie.

[00:27:45.469]>>Here's Reitan. They're looking for a little push draw here with the wedge, ball back in the stance.

[00:27:51.989]>>Sorry, sorry, David, 14 of 16 greens in regulation today, so the iron game has been very sharp.

[00:27:59.619]>>And another beauty.

[00:28:02.189]>>Well, we've been blessed today to watch this quality of golf.

[00:28:07.709]>>Fitzpatrick Bunker at 16. Risky to try and fly it all the way there with the drop off behind the flag.

[00:28:15.040]>>Well that's what he tried. It wasn't far off the bunker shot his brother played so well a couple of weeks ago. Good confidence shown once more.

[00:28:25.119]>>Aiming a good 1 cup.5, if not 2 cups left, just a little tiddler. And in she goes.

[00:28:34.170]>>Look at that scorecard from Reitan, 4 birdies since the turn.

[00:28:41.459]>>The putter has been a strength for Fitzpatrick, making 7 birdies in his round today. Hasn't made a bogey since the 2nd hole yesterday.

[00:28:53.329]>>That is gonna be the 1st drop shot of this 3rd round for Fitz.

[00:29:02.800]>>Well, this was not the day that uh we thought would transpire for Rory, especially after the, the opening. Salvo, the birdie at the first hole.

[00:29:11.800]>>And they're not gonna leave town with a 5th title here in Charlotte.

[00:29:19.260]>>I'm gonna, well, I'll start it just a smidge right if you like. I was gonna say like that, OK.

[00:29:25.839]>>It's because the green is so firm, anywhere left of the flag, if you land it, has a chance to skip all the way into the penalty area. The wind is also out of the left, making it difficult to control your shot shape.

[00:29:38.530]>>Something though Fitzpatrick has done so well today.

[00:29:46.540]>>This is just right of it and should get some left spin. It's brilliant. Oh my gosh, it is indeed. It's simply brilliant golf.

[00:29:56.510]>>It this is very similar in in a different manner, the 17th at Sawgrass, you've gotta be so precise, you can use the contour, your heart rate is so elevated to to manage that and get the the distance correct was marvelous.

[00:30:11.510]>>213, trying to make something happen.

[00:30:16.329]>>Hit it in here flat with a 5 iron, trying to get some chase out of it.

[00:30:21.739]>>Kind of exactly that, radar, brilliant shot.

[00:30:31.640]>>Thomas looking to drift this one in at about 9 o'clock on the dial there, just like that, really important. And the stumble through the last 3 holes. Nicely done, the anticipation finished with a 3.

[00:30:45.130]>>Get within reach.

[00:30:47.810]>>Some read, wasn't it? This one's a little straighter, left half I would suggest.

[00:30:53.900]>>And then she goes, that's a wonderful birdie 3 for Tommy. Just the 5th of the day, with the difficult 16, and timely.

[00:31:01.930]>>Full back, er, not beyond the rounds of possibility.

[00:31:06.260]>>Fitzpatrick looking to follow Thomas in here.

[00:31:10.310]>>It does. How about the bounce back after the first bogey of the round, the composure, the poise, so impressive.

[00:31:20.319]>>England's Alex Fitzpatrick takes the solo lead as he eyes his first solo PGA TOUR win. The final round is next.

[00:31:32.369]>>We are here and we are playing for history and we're playing for the players that came before us.

[00:31:38.180]>>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.

[00:32:06.310]>>Live final round coverage of the Truist Championship.

[00:32:11.400]>>The 18th event of the PGA TOUR Season, the 6th Signature Event, and the 2nd in as many weeks as we welcome you back to the Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, North Carolina, which has been the host of this long-standing event for 2 decades now. It has been a life changing stretch of golf over the last 7 weeks for Alex Fitzpatrick, the brilliant.

[00:32:33.819]>>64 fashioned on Saturday, 8 birdies, and once again, he's on the precipice of a life-changing moment in the final pairing of the day with a signature title within his grasp at the truest championship.

[00:32:47.949]>>Rickie Fowler, one of the past Champions in the field here this week, won this event for his first PGA TOUR title in 2012.

[00:32:56.250]>>John, you think he's got, uh, 6 top 5s here, including that victory. He finished in the top 5 at the PGA when it was played here in 2017.

[00:33:07.489]>>Nick Taylor's found a a nice bit of form, and it was good down the road in Miami, and that one, the little sidewinder, just to brighten his Sunday, the perfect start.

[00:33:18.680]>>Coming out of the pine straw to that.

[00:33:21.530]>>Back left hole location.

[00:33:27.420]>>Miraculous from Fowler.

[00:33:30.900]>>It worked out well.

[00:33:33.839]>>Fowler, after a pretty nifty escape from the pine straw, will birdie the opening two holes of the round.

[00:33:41.189]>>Yeah, that was lovely.

[00:33:43.489]>>A short iron to the pin at the 2nd for Fleetwood. 6 yards from the left.

[00:33:50.839]>>He's the pin. er it's not so far from there, that's better, Tommy.

[00:33:57.430]>>And a tap in, just to get your day a rolling.

[00:34:02.520]>>Over to the first hole where Sungjae Im is looking to get his day started with a birdie.

[00:34:10.959]>>Yeah, that's wonderful. After the untidy finish, you see, it's important to get off to a good start.

[00:34:17.350]>>Let's stay at the par 4 1st this time with Nicolai Højgaard.

[00:34:21.510]>>Long putt for birdie.

[00:34:24.030]>>And he buries it. That gets him to 11 under and just 3 off the lead. One of the most natural putting strokes on tour, the one of Fowler.

[00:34:35.080]>>Really, that's the club head release.

[00:34:38.449]>>And very often that's the result. He's got a lot of old school qualities.

[00:34:45.100]>>To the 3rd, here's Sungjae, 165 flag.

[00:34:59.340]>>Beautiful.

[00:35:02.199]>>Sungjae Im with a chance to get to 12 under, climb within 22 birdies in his 1st 3 holes, rock solid ham run. Looking for the response after the, the grizzly double bogey at the previous hole. Wouldn't surprise you, would it? It wouldn't surprise you after that.

[00:35:21.659]>>What a reply.

[00:35:25.659]>>So that might just be the difference. Over to Rickie Fowler.

[00:35:30.399]>>Looking to get up-and-down for Birdie at the 7th.

[00:35:34.199]>>Just needs to teeter over that hill, yeah, this is nicely played.

[00:35:39.780]>>Yeah, in fact, it's better than that, it's an excellent shot.

[00:35:43.899]>>Still a little frisky.

[00:35:47.770]>>And that pitch is landing into an upslope and into the green.

[00:35:53.510]>>Tee shot from Reitan, now the leader at the 4th. Nah, just a nice 89, 182.

[00:36:02.310]>>Good chance to make a 2 right here, there's no win whatsoever. There's a great chance from there, that's sort of seizing the moment.

[00:36:13.989]>>Fowler to climb within 2 of the lead with a birdie at the 7th, his 4th of the round.

[00:36:21.399]>>Now to Kristoffer Reitan looking to extend his lead at the par 3-4.

[00:36:26.409]>>The Best putter so far this week finds the birdie 2, and the lead is 2.

[00:36:37.739]>>Time to strike scary. Yeah, time to strike this one, and he has.

[00:36:42.340]>>Oh.

[00:36:45.370]>>Exactly what the doctor ordered.

[00:36:48.189]>>From the center of the fairway, par 4 the 9th. Hold on, it's 541 yards, that's not a mistake.

[00:36:57.590]>>Yeah, it's a par 5 in all, but they, look at this for a shot from Fowler. And a stunning display of golf from Rickie, already with 4 birdies on the scorecard to climb within 3 of the lead. And just very defensive here for US Open champ with the water in play, 214 yards.

[00:37:16.969]>>And could not ask for much more than that, using the contour beautifully.

[00:37:22.570]>>Uh, where does it end up?

[00:37:24.860]>>Yeah it's gonna continue to work all the way back down towards the hole, it might go in it.

[00:37:31.060]>>Do it. The big bird coming.

[00:37:34.850]>>Incredible shot, in complete control of the.

[00:37:38.750]>>The iron game there.

[00:37:41.610]>>Used everything to his favor there. Packed 5, right here, right now. Let's get the show on the road.

[00:37:51.649]>>Alex Fitzpatrick has already spilled 3 shots today, but 1 to the good side there, that will settle him back into the round.

[00:37:59.229]>>Yeah

[00:38:00.790]>>Just needs to breathe on this and it'll make the journey.

[00:38:06.100]>>And another one, that's 3 and 7 holes.

[00:38:09.469]>>And now you're within one.

[00:38:12.669]>>Gotta share the lead in fact after the rate 1 bogey.

[00:38:17.300]>>It's been 3 years since Rickie Fowler last won on the PGA TOUR at the Rocket Classic in Detroit. There's another birdie for Fowler, and he is surging up the Sunday leaderboard, a scorching opening 9 and 30.

[00:38:30.959]>>And this is really part of the golf course you have to take advantage of the.

[00:38:35.540]>>A Par 5 here and that'll be very helpful for the Englishman, that's back-to-back birdies now within 1.

[00:38:45.320]>>Nothing too troubling about this for Fowler, just the length of the bunker shot.

[00:38:53.219]>>Well, it's proved no match for Fowler.

[00:38:56.729]>>Soon to have a share of the lead, it appears.

[00:39:00.000]>>This'll be hit into orbit, can he hit that spot? Yeah, you gotta take the shortness out of play here. Just left of it and find that slope.

[00:39:10.239]>>And let it do its thing.

[00:39:13.820]>>That is incredible.

[00:39:16.399]>>And expect it to come back down, but to, to land it in that area that is minute.

[00:39:22.810]>> Reitan will putt back at 7 now.

[00:39:29.540]>>Oh goodness me, not even close.

[00:39:34.419]>>Right lip.

[00:39:36.270]>>Firm straight if you want to.

[00:39:38.959]>> Reitan makes the birdie to make it 3 tied atop the leaderboard. We'll be back with the conclusion of the Truist Championship from Quail Hollow Club.

[00:39:49.439]>>174 yards at the 13th today. Harry Hall, 2 off the pace. Uh, this screen is diabolical. Plays a little uphill.

[00:40:00.780]>>Great commentary from David Lipsky there, that's a golf shot there. Yes it was. Right in the mix, Harry Hall on 13, the tee shot was terrific. The pin is in.

[00:40:12.590]>>And so

[00:40:14.449]>>Is the ball, a birdie too?

[00:40:17.459]>>What a round of golf Harry's putting together.

[00:40:20.340]>>This is a birdie putt at the 10th for Im to join the leaders. Carry it with pace back up the hill into the green after the the short and missed cue at 9, that's a wonderful bounce back.

[00:40:30.669]>> Højgaard chipping back up the hill.

[00:40:35.669]>>You know.

[00:40:38.790]>>Delightful touch.

[00:40:41.919]>>Summon another birdie his way.

[00:40:45.800]>>Fowler, a little fortunate 14.

[00:40:49.540]>>Yeah, such a steep embankment to get it released was crafty, it's a very good shot.

[00:40:57.090]>>Here's Alex. Played an amazing flop shot over the bunker, missed it way right up the hill, a little out of his right.

[00:41:06.760]>>go.

[00:41:08.870]>>Right back at you.

[00:41:10.830]>>Could that be it?

[00:41:13.189]>>Rickie Fowler looking to make it 4 at the top. The bunker, the previous hole, well done. Good aggressive play off the teeth, took advantage of it.

[00:41:23.500]>>3rd for Fowler at 15, up and over the bunker.

[00:41:28.520]>>Oh.

[00:41:29.659]>>What's some fizz.

[00:41:31.659]>>Little pizzazz.

[00:41:35.020]>>All right, there's your new leader right there, Fowler.

[00:41:39.199]>>With a pickup at 15.

[00:41:43.370]>>Just enough room for Fleetwood to work with here, he can find the strike.

[00:41:51.489]>>Nicely played, and we've seen many a player miss from such a spot, however.

[00:42:00.350]>>Fleetwood at 14. Got it. Nice pick up there and Tommy back to 12.

[00:42:08.810]>>Let's go 12.

[00:42:10.699]>>145, wining straight out of the left, just leak one with a wedge.

[00:42:20.300]>>Well that as good as we've seen to the 12th. So back on track.

[00:42:29.320]>>Coming in withdraw.

[00:42:33.330]>>Oh, Ricky Fowler absolute stunner.

[00:42:38.889]>>Championship worthy right there, my goodness.

[00:42:44.100]>>Well, what an opportunity right now, this is down the hill, he learnt a lot.

[00:42:48.870]>>Are frightened.

[00:42:52.699]>>Oh yes he did.

[00:42:55.310]>>Topples in the top edge, 2 under for his 9.

[00:43:00.699]>>For a 2 shot lead. 3 birdies in a run in the 9th of the round, oh my goodness.

[00:43:07.540]>>Hm

[00:43:09.550]>>Gesturing as if that was a fooler.

[00:43:18.820]>>Just to par after 2.

[00:43:21.459]>>Strikes the highest quality in the 16.

[00:43:26.139]>>And Fowler still leads by 1 as Alex Fitzpatrick steps in at 13. Go, go. Just a nudge with a 7.

[00:43:34.199]>>Oh, it went

[00:43:36.129]>>Nearly hold it.

[00:43:38.110]>>Just a little untidy, unsure, but man has he steadied the ship with some quality shots. He'll be licking his chops, I reckon.

[00:43:48.120]>>Gently out of his right, 3rd birdie and 4 holes, boom. Pour it in the center.

[00:43:58.379]>>Showing some steel, er, the man from Sheffield.

[00:44:05.600]>>Landing on the Dan Gray portion.

[00:44:08.669]>>At least it should be for Sungjae.

[00:44:12.929]>>Well, it did, but he got plenty of grab on it.

[00:44:16.350]>>It was so cool to add a little loft there and kind of scoop the face.

[00:44:25.080]>>J.J. Spaun is playing with Sungjae, did a little better job of that one. Yeah, so as you said, Craig, a bunker, definitely the place to play from at the 15th.

[00:44:36.729]>>Harry Hall is on the 18th.

[00:44:40.719]>>Uh, it was such a good day, but derailed with, uh, bogeys at 16, 17, nice par there at the 18th. It's a brilliant round of 67.

[00:44:49.629]>>And inside the top 10, that'll be his 2nd top 10 in signature events this season.

[00:44:57.629]>>Costly double bogey back at 14 for Sungjae. He gets 1 back here though.

[00:45:06.679]>>Still in the fight

[00:45:09.120]>>It's very doable, but he's gotta land it on a, on a frisbee.

[00:45:13.810]>>I could just carry this, 8 ft from here would be very good.

[00:45:18.570]>>And that can be splashed. It's better than that, or maybe about 8.

[00:45:23.800]>>Or would you like to be buying real estate off me?

[00:45:26.750]>>Fowler at 18. Yeah.

[00:45:31.110]>>And with conviction, decisively struck.

[00:45:36.530]>>Yeah John, you mentioned it's been 3 years since he's won and he.

[00:45:41.409]>>He looks very comfortable.

[00:45:46.760]>> Højgaard 15, Amelia. A 6 iron from 234 and he's making that shot look so easy.

[00:45:54.860]>>Goodness gracious me.

[00:45:58.310]>>It was the narrowest of avenues he had to go through. What?

[00:46:04.209]>>Back to 14 where Reitan is looking for a birdie to get back into a tie for the lead. And that'll help.

[00:46:11.820]>>Well, your heart rate, Percy, is that all your ticker, is there? No, there's not, but I'm it's elevated for Kristoffer for sure.

[00:46:23.379]>>Now, how close can Fowler stuff this one from outside 200?

[00:46:29.350]>>Be conservatively aggressive, start at the 18, just try and get the club.

[00:46:35.239]>>And.

[00:46:36.949]>>Sticky.

[00:46:40.459]>>Gosh, this game, it never makes it easy for you, does it?

[00:46:45.100]>>And that had to be a missed strike, you know, he was trying to take it center right of that flagstick. 15.

[00:46:55.310]>>That's 4 for Højgaard, and we've got 4 at the top.

[00:47:01.370]>>Let's pick up Reitan with his 2nd at the par 5 15th hole.

[00:47:06.810]>>What a swing. Ah, he's loving it in the air.

[00:47:14.110]>>That club is so advantageous to launch away and get good at coming down softly. All right, Ricky's ready, back at 18.

[00:47:28.179]>>Yeah, you could tell from his reaction, he didn't love it, he's gonna have to hold an 8 footer to get it in at 14 under. Let's have another look here.

[00:47:37.340]>>David, you said sticky, and that's, it just wasn't the contact that Tamil shutting in the face, maybe trying to little hooky there to get it tumble up there, it just wasn't the contact that he was quite looking for.

[00:47:56.000]>>Well the mess at 16 and then it wasn't the best of seconds and not the greatest chips either, it's unfortunate. It's gonna be 5 at the last for Fowler, and you don't suspect that 13 under is gonna be good enough today. Yeah, not with all those congregated at the top.

[00:48:15.199]>>Back to Reitan at 15 after a long lag putt, leaving this 7 footer for birdie and the solo lead.

[00:48:22.419]>>Uh, center cut, this beautiful stroke looks pure, it's held up under the, the massive amount of pressure.

[00:48:32.969]>>And this thing will just propel itself forward naturally.

[00:48:38.840]>>It's been hit

[00:48:41.989]>>He got too much ball I'm afraid David, just a little.

[00:48:48.810]>>So for a 4, straight up the hill, into a little bit of grain that is out of the left.

[00:48:56.959]>>Magical, wow, what a 4 it was. The stroke has not betrayed him one bit, even though the stats have showed that, but that was a brilliant 4. Anyone believe in fairy tales? Mhm.

[00:49:11.570]>>Gotta find a way to make a 3 here from the hillside.

[00:49:15.820]>>No.

[00:49:19.219]>>And it's all going, going quite pear shaped.

[00:49:23.110]>>Yeah, that was a percentage play, and it probably didn't miss its mark by too much, but.

[00:49:30.320]>>He's got to pick this.

[00:49:32.620]>>But so much easier than the first one.

[00:49:38.629]>>Well, I thought he'd hold it. Yeah, I did too.

[00:49:42.679]>>Worthy of a thumbs up, he's gone by the hole so at least the the bogey attempts back up the hill.

[00:49:50.870]>>Patrick for his 4 back at 17.

[00:49:58.530]>>Costly trip down the par 3, he'll spend 2, and 2 double of the day unfortunately for Alex. Such an admirable fight back after the turn. Look at that, those 3 birdies in a 4 hole stretch, but that may have just doomed his chances.

[00:50:18.889]>>Hm, little more breathing room, headed up the last, the hardest hole on the golf course. A smile of relief creases the face of the 28 year old. I love the commitment, pull the driver and just go.

[00:50:35.239]>>Light the candle. It's the best drive of his life, isn't it? Exactly. I would have thought so. Let's go.

[00:50:47.879]>>Likely to be a 5th runner-up finish for Højgaard on the PGA TOUR.

[00:50:54.479]>>4 at the last for Nicolai, who will sign for 68. What a weekend.

[00:51:00.580]>>Not gonna be quite enough, it appears.

[00:51:08.179]>>89.

[00:51:11.100]>>Quality strike.

[00:51:15.100]>>Precisely what he was looking for.

[00:51:18.010]>>And that is how to seal the deal. On the hardest par 4 on the PGA TOUR to stand up there and that that quality of tee shot with a driver and stand up there and hit the ideal iron shot from what was probably playing 200 yards back into the wind, center of the, the green.

[00:51:38.270]>>That will give you a load of confidence moving forward.

[00:51:44.070]>>I like when they do this. Last week at Doral as well, however, they dropped the gallery ropes and everyone swarms the, the scene at 18. Yeah, great tradition. Well, they first did it many years ago back at Sunningdale Golf Club.

[00:51:55.780]>>Alex, for it.

[00:51:57.649]>>A par and a positive finish to the weak here.

[00:52:01.020]>>There you go, in at 12 under. 4th place finish after a top 10 at the Cadillac a week ago.

[00:52:12.409]>>Just the 15th PGA TOUR start for Kristoffer Reitan, and under the heat of trying to win for the first time, it was a cold-blooded performance for the man from Norway. Ryan secures a signature victory at the Truist Championship.

[00:52:33.139]>>Kristoffer Reitan wins by 2 strokes for his first victory of his PGA TOUR career.

[00:52:40.500]>>This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of the Truist Championship from Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, North Carolina.