

Production Transcript for **REWIND_26ZURICH_FITZPATRICKS**

[00:00:25.959]>>The PGA TOUR proudly presents the season-long race for the FedExCup. Now coverage of the 2026 Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

[00:00:41.779]>>Well, hello golf fans and welcome to the Big Easy New Orleans, Louisiana. That's where we are for the 16th event of the regular season on the PGA TOUR. It's a city synonymous with culture and culinary delights and a low-key lifestyle. It's the perfect backdrop for this unique team event, the only one on the PGA TOUR. It is truly like our host city, one of a kind.

[00:01:09.500]>>74 two-man teams will play 72 holes if you can make the cut. We'll cut to 33 teams using the four-ball and foursome format alternating every day. So glad to have you with us, Ned Michaels, David Howell, and Paul Gow here in the booth, Rich Beem on the fairways. And already today, a record-setting Thursday morning, a 58 was fired. It tied the scoring record in the Four-ball format.

[00:01:38.040]>>Nine years we've been playing this format going back to 2017. We've been coming to New Orleans, the PGA TOUR since 1958 and the first event, actually 1938, it's one of the oldest on the PGA TOUR, but the team format.

[00:01:52.230]>>Today it's all about the four-ball competition, as David it will be on Saturday. And it's all about birdies and eagles. A par feels like a step back on a day like today, not much wind around, and yeah, best ball, pick the best score.

[00:02:05.629]>>Look at some of the highlights from earlier today because you know they're going to be plenty of them, birdies and eagles.

[00:02:12.009]>>That's what you need around here. Alex Smalley, David Hall over here at the 3rd. Trying to capitalize, birdie eagle start, a tough par 3 3rd. Not so difficult from there.

4 under through 3 and off to a flyer. Knocked it in, the 29-year-old, 4 top 25 so far on the season, and this Paul Gaw is part of.

[00:02:33.949]>>The 4 ball competition, you take the best score from each player. Yeah. Long par 3 that, coming off a birdie on 16 and birdie on 17, you stole one from there.

[00:02:46.309]>>And that's the 18th, this to tie the record for a 58. Got it.

[00:02:52.130]>>Have to go all the way back to the first round of last year when 58 was shot. Isaiah Salinda and Karl Vilips did the same, but a good start for a couple of players who don't have a whole lot of status on tour. Alex Smalley's solid. Hayden Springer searching's a 58 today matches the low. Davis Thompson and Austin Eckroat also a 59 today. And of course Patrick Cantlay and Xander Schauffele opened with a 59 back in 2022 when they.

[00:03:20.669]>>Went all the way to victory lane, they hoisted the hardware.

[00:03:25.550]>>Fitzpatrick, Matthew.

[00:03:33.089]>>The dream continues. How how do you do it, David? You keep that momentum going.

[00:03:39.750]>>Over at the 5th, the United States President's Cup team captain is Brent Snedeker. Well, he's trying to get his game back somewhat and play with the young guys and, uh, just do that. I played a lot with Sneds and he would do that a lot. And the evergreen, Kevin Streelman over at the 9th.

[00:03:56.820]>>Didn't know he's still playing Kevin Streelman.

[00:04:01.199]>>Yeah, seems to be playing well. They make the turn at 3 under par. Streelman, who has been on tour for seemingly ever, is 47 years young. Let's get back up to the 8th. Yellamaraju, who was here almost by accident with Ryan Gerrard. Gerrard was partnered with another lefty, David Ford, who injured his foot, so ended up with Yellamaraju, who has been playing some world-class golf. It's Svensson trying to find the 12 ft or so left for his birdie on 18.

[00:04:33.709]>>Great par 5, water all the way down the right hand side.

[00:04:39.359]>>And that one poured in nicely.

[00:04:42.089]>>like

[00:04:44.809]>>See the gun at the 7th.

[00:04:49.899]>>Don't need a putter. Oh my, that was unkind.

[00:04:55.540]>>Taking on that water there as Snedeker just hoists that up over that tree.

[00:05:00.070]>>Always a drawer of the ball, Snedeker.

[00:05:02.950]>>Oh

[00:05:04.890]>>That's 2 holes that we've seen Brandt Snedeker in a combined maybe 4 ft. At the 17th, Takumi Kanaya for birdie from off the green. Takumi here, and this for his birdie, oh yeah.

[00:05:17.929]>>Mm.

[00:05:19.510]>>I've watched this young player at the young player play at the Asian amateur and he has got plenty of game, works with Gareth Jones.

[00:05:26.989]>>Jump over to 17. Yeah, there's pen up the front too.

[00:05:31.369]>>194 yards.

[00:05:34.179]>>Maybe something like a 7 or a 6 for these players.

[00:05:37.989]>>Hm, that's nice.

[00:05:41.309]>>They're called birdies.

[00:05:44.109]>>There we go, strong upper body move for Blades Brown.

[00:05:49.589]>>That's an excellent result.

[00:05:53.500]>>Yeah, it's er it's a good track, no doubt about that, as you'd expect from the great Pete Dye.

[00:05:59.209]>>Just a pitch here for Penge.

[00:06:02.660]>>Well he's taken full advantage, er it's excellent.

[00:06:06.269]>>Great number

[00:06:08.399]>>Yeah, he's got great hands. I'll say it's a good number.

[00:06:12.149]>>And so it proved. Yeah, good to see Rich went out on a limb there.

[00:06:19.149]>>Fidgety, just just can move the ball where he wanted and come on Koepka. Ha ha.

[00:06:27.010]>>Stop the fight.

[00:06:33.380]>>Well, the hat. It's Joel Dahmen.

[00:06:38.079]>>And he strolls that one in. And oh, nice one, look at that, 7 in a row.

[00:06:47.440]>>Flat, really nothing much to it. A little bit downwind, so you gotta make sure you put enough spin on it.

[00:06:53.790]>>It's gonna be that 54 degrees or 56 degree wedge that he's got.

[00:07:00.000]>>Alex would make that for birdie to get to 6 under par.

[00:07:04.739]>>It's 189 and 4 from the left, enticing you to go at this pin, but you should do with a wedge in your hand and.

[00:07:12.459]>>That's what happens when you're 18.

[00:07:17.570]>>Talking of short par 4, 16 is more similar.

[00:07:22.089]>>This one down over the ridge. Tracking.

[00:07:25.839]>>Oh, there you go. And I put a smile on Joel's face.

[00:07:32.459]>>Yeah, that's a real bonus from downtown for his whole career. Indeed, but uh, yeah, humans, they always make errors, don't they? Human error, that's why it's a saying. David, no, we don't, that's why it's a saying.

[00:07:49.070]>>No error there from Rai. Come on.

[00:07:52.200]>>Yes, sir.

[00:07:59.200]>>Dare you say goodbye. Yeah, they're the big smile.

[00:08:09.000]>>Let's wait till Sunday morning here in New Orleans and we'll see what that number is.

[00:08:14.109]>>It's Patrick for birdie.

[00:08:17.059]>>Mhm.

[00:08:22.299]>>before that.

[00:08:27.850]>>It will fade.

[00:08:30.579]>>Required, if anything, for the lefty.

[00:08:38.919]>>Go, go.

[00:08:42.598]>>Oh yeah.

[00:08:45.250]>>Well, you'll take the luck.

[00:08:48.799]>>Dylan Wu. Something fooled him over there, both.

[00:08:52.840]>>Lowry and Koepka, even Fitzpatrick was, was long.

[00:08:58.280]>>That's 16.

[00:09:06.450]>>Never anywhere else.

[00:09:10.080]>>Sometimes the put from the side angle just looks correct, and that's a lovely run.

[00:09:17.760]>>From the back of the green at 16. Yeah, a long way away, just under 60 ft. We'd love to get this one in there close. How about? Oh, don't, don't, oh jeez, that's silly.

[00:09:31.880]>>David Hall just called that in like 20 ft out. And this part here for for Alex, I gotta say it's gonna be a little on the slow side though, going back into the grain.

[00:09:45.390]>>Stop the fight.

[00:09:50.320]>>We definitely know who's paying the bills tonight for dinner.

[00:09:55.390]>>Two long late birdies for the Fitzpatricks, but Alex Smalley and Hayden Springer take the lead after round 1 in 4 of all competition. Round 2 Foursomes is up next.

[00:10:14.859]>>2nd round coverage of the Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

[00:10:21.280]>>Hello again, golf fans and welcome to the Big Easy, New Orleans, Louisiana. That's where we are for the 16th event of the regular season here in the PGA TOUR.

[00:10:32.669]>>It's a city synonymous with culture and culinary delights. A low-key lifestyle provides the ideal backdrop for this unique team-style event, and today we're going to make a cut. 74 teams teed it up.

[00:10:47.070]>>33 we'll see the weekend, but today is the more dangerous format of the two, the Foursomes format, ready to gobble you up.

[00:10:58.869]>>So glad to have your company, Ned Michaels, David Howell and Paul Gow here in the booth with you. Rich Beem will be wandering the fairways.

[00:11:07.760]>>The story of today early, the Fitzpatrick brothers who yesterday, two long improbable birdie putts on 16 and 17, capped off with a team bogey at the 18th, but today, David Howell, a little redemption. Indeed, revenge.

[00:11:26.450]>>For the Fitzpatrick boys, and that's a nice way, pick out the ball, eagle 3 as they make the turn.

[00:11:36.239]>>And Matthew Fitzpatrick, he's the 3rd ranked player in the world, Paul Gow, and he is acting like it. Oh, he certainly is. He's on song with his wedges and that the case at the 1st.

[00:11:49.489]>>And a familiar refrain from yesterday, Alex Fitzpatrick filling it up, catches the edge to 14 under, they would go.

[00:12:02.369]>>And at the par 5.

[00:12:04.750]>>Third shot

[00:12:06.500]>>At the 7th, simple chip, but played just about perfectly from the younger of the boys. And another birdie coming their way. An excellent Friday. 8 under in the opening round, today, 7 under 15 under, they had the lead at the time they signed their scorecard. Young 24 old Australian had a tough year so far, only made 5 out of 9 cuts, but.

[00:12:33.200]>>He's got earful of game.

[00:12:37.869]>>Yeah, he won Puerto Rico last year and had a little bit of an injury, so he's, he's sort of on his way back here.

[00:12:43.599]>>Well, you can make some headway with a few birdies in the foursome's format.

[00:12:48.400]>> Thorbjornsen, they're trying to make a move again. He and Karl Vilips.

[00:12:54.830]>>Back to Hayden Springer, Rich Beem, who is battling for his par.

[00:13:00.609]>>Yeah, just a little bit out with his putt from off the green.

[00:13:04.750]>>And that is a most excellent save.

[00:13:11.809]>>Got 134, and getting back into a pretty good breeze right now. It's gonna have to be really solid 9 iron to get it all the way back there.

[00:13:22.229]>>He looks like a pretty good foursome's partner to me, Alex Smalley. 14th in greens in regulation.

[00:13:30.559]>>This for a share of the lead. Hayden Springer, long arms, shoulders, rock, hits the mark.

[00:13:37.419]>>And Thompson and Eckroat are a little company now in the name of Alex Smalley and Hayden Springer. At the 9th, Ben Griffin for birdie from 48 ft.

[00:13:50.909]>>The guys have come up with

[00:13:52.909]>>And that was beautifully holed from Ben Griffin, defending Champions. And in fine style last year. A critical tee shot. Yeah, anywhere left, got a couple of bunkers down there.

[00:14:06.630]>>3:15 to get him passed on the left-hand side, but pretty wide open fairway.

[00:14:11.369]>>And this is not where you want to go.

[00:14:17.719]>>Oh, that's just a shocker.

[00:14:21.809]>>He's gonna feel so bad.

[00:14:24.969]>>He had one job. Russell Knox, he's out with the yellow ball.

[00:14:30.409]>>And it's working for him.

[00:14:36.270]>>Back to 18. There's a get out of jail free card right here. This kid can putt.

[00:14:43.349]>>And you're off the hook, Mr. Springer.

[00:14:50.200]>>Over to 11, Max Greyserman from off the green playing with Tony Finau.

[00:14:57.010]>>A lot of, a lot of talent though, he's a tremendous hitter of the ball, and if that club starts to cooperate, a man who has 5 runner-up finishes on the PGA TOUR.

[00:15:08.020]>>That they've saved for par 12, 15, 18.

[00:15:15.010]>>And now one. These guys can putt. Wow.

[00:15:18.919]>>Ah, good putter can mask anything, can't it?

[00:15:22.280]>>are now only 2 shots off the lead.

[00:15:25.659]>>Sam Stevens down the hill.

[00:15:28.400]>>Uh-huh.

[00:15:31.340]>>That's a birdie. Yeah, that's uh that is creeping closer there.

[00:15:37.260]>>Michael Brennan at the 13th and that face is wide open.

[00:15:46.559]>>Oh

[00:15:47.989]>>Well,

[00:15:49.500]>>That would have been a wonderful timing for a pitch in too.

[00:15:54.669]>>Playing partner Johnny Keefer would tap that in for their first birdie of the day.

[00:16:00.000]>>I don't think you can go right at it, but you can go just a little bit left of it. No, it just becomes basically just how good your hands.

[00:16:09.299]>>You're not gonna be able to use any lower body, obviously.

[00:16:14.000]>>And flip the wrists.

[00:16:17.049]>>Yeah, great.

[00:16:19.609]>>Easy does it. Easy does it all.

[00:16:24.940]>>Just for a share.

[00:16:28.719]>>Not that I'd go near one.

[00:16:31.460]>>But they're not as aggressive as a crocodile.

[00:16:36.150]>>To 13, Wyndham Clark from off the green.

[00:16:40.440]>>And Mr. Eagle, for Wyndham Clark.

[00:16:44.239]>>And that is worth a, a low 5, that moves them to 11 under par.

[00:16:53.099]>>Ben Griffin. Oh, he knows the line, Griffin here.

[00:16:59.260]>>Well

[00:17:00.520]>>What a group.

[00:17:02.780]>>David just perked up over that guy. He said, wait a minute, like a horse here, heard the bugle. David heard USA chants.

[00:17:11.810]>>Our defending Champions, as we look to Tony Finau here.

[00:17:16.088]>>Only 13th.

[00:17:20.469]>>That'll do nicely. Edging ever closer to the cut line. uh, there's a difficult moment on a Friday when you know you're gonna miss the cut. No such thoughts for Tom Hoge, at 12 under.

[00:17:34.550]>>And this whole playing straight down breeze today, about a 7 iron for these players and.

[00:17:40.150]>>That's a fortunate kick towards the hole.

[00:17:45.170]>>Billy Horschel could knock that in, he and Hoge could be on a roll.

[00:17:53.729]>>Certainly can, he just sort of pops it, doesn't he? Left below right, shuffles in.

[00:18:00.599]>>Ben Griffin, and now the 9 underers are only 6 shots out of the lead, but 1 shot out of making the cut.

[00:18:12.489]>>Teammate Andrew Novak would knock that in for birdie.

[00:18:17.790]>>Michael Brennan, on the 17th, not a bad miss shorter here, certainly better than Wright.

[00:18:25.369]>>Oh just gives himself a chance.

[00:18:34.099]>>Watch David Lipsky.

[00:18:37.930]>>4th shot.

[00:18:40.630]>>Never.

[00:18:44.270]>>That birdie hole out puts David Lipsky and Rico Hoey inside the cut line at 10 under par.

[00:18:51.479]>>Now over to 16, Tom Hoge for birdie.

[00:18:56.660]>>Uh-huh. Birdie at 13 and 14, another at 16, just the bogey at 15 sandwiched in. You know what, it's not.

[00:19:07.130]>>Here for Coles and Griffin.

[00:19:11.449]>>Come on, give them, yes, sir. Takes them to 10 under par. That will make the cut. Let's go.

[00:19:22.290]>>Oh

[00:19:23.579]>>He's gonna kind of put that in the equation, but I think he's also going to stand in there and feel it himself. It seems to me like he's got a pretty good feel with this flat stick.

[00:19:31.390]>>For a share of the lead, never anywhere else. Inside left, beautiful stroke.

[00:19:42.209]>>Now, from the back of the green, Ben Griffin, our defending champion, he and Novak, they must make birdie.

[00:19:50.599]>>Oh

[00:19:51.959]>>Defending Champions are gonna make their way through to Saturday. Yeah they'll be out early tomorrow.

[00:19:59.109]>>Only 5 shots off the lead at this stage, so they're right in the thick of it. That is a very important birdie.

[00:20:06.079]>>We're defending Champions.

[00:20:09.060]>>10 under, that's gonna be the cut line it looks like.

[00:20:14.770]>>Thompson

[00:20:16.630]>>Oh, what a way to finish.

[00:20:19.290]>>That's impressive.

[00:20:22.420]>>It's like you hit in the last one or just a, a nice all out lob wedge, maximize the spin.

[00:20:34.180]>>Long and lazy motion. No one lasering down on the hole.

[00:20:40.520]>>Another one at 9, a long one to make the cut.

[00:20:46.449]>>Oh, magic from Max McGreevy.

[00:20:50.229]>>Kevin Roy says, are you kidding me?

[00:20:55.209]>>Alex Smalley and Hayden Springer maintain the lead after 2nd round Foursomes. Matt and Alex Fitzpatrick shoot the round of the day with a 7 under 65, trailing by 1 and tied for second. Round 3 is up next.

[00:21:15.569]>>3rd round coverage of the Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

[00:21:22.199]>>Hello again, golf fans and welcome to the Big Easy, New Orleans, Louisiana for the 16th event on the PGA TOUR schedule.

[00:21:33.020]>>It's one of a kind, just like the city of New Orleans, the team event, the only one on the schedule, and yesterday we had the dangerous, the volatile format of 4 ball. Today it's foursomes. Everybody plays their own golf ball, and at the end of the hole you take the best score.

[00:21:52.790]>>Delighted to have your company. Ned Michaels, David Hal, Paul Gow, Rich Beem. We're gonna take you all the way through to the end of action here on a Saturday. And David, the format 74 teams of two men began and we're now down to 35. Yes, we are. 10 under was the cut line, as you see.

[00:22:10.229]>>At 4 ball on days 1 and 3. Foursomes, using just 1 ball between the two of you, rounds, 2 and 4. That's the tougher of the formats, and never easy to get the job done in a Foursomes format. It is difficult, and we, we seen that yesterday afternoon with conditions and, uh, but now it's just going to be a birdie fest, perfect conditions.

[00:22:32.560]>>It's just a moment ago, Zach Bauchou at the 3rd.

[00:22:38.050]>>Rounds of 60 and 70 for Bauchou and Stevens.

[00:22:43.650]>>That's an ace, the 9th of the season on the PGA TOUR, and what a way to get the day going. Open with a par, a birdie, and now an ace. And what a way to take the lead.

[00:22:56.229]>>Uh, certainly Stevens, his partner would be very happy with that, no putting required.

[00:23:02.390]>>It's gonna be a crowded leaderboard again, 25 teams within 5 shots of the lead. If you made the cut, you were only 6 shots out. Springer in prime position.

[00:23:19.209]>>Nice move.

[00:23:21.569]>>And trying to bring that back left to right, oh that's a beauty. Maybe he likes the pressure.

[00:23:28.430]>>So this to avoid an opening par.

[00:23:34.339]>>Hello.

[00:23:36.890]>>And goodbye. Uh, his brother set that all up by making the par and allowed him to be aggressive with that, but the ball just crept over the front edge on the down slope, 1 ft in, 1 ft out on 18.

[00:23:50.810]>>Starting on the 10th of course, so.

[00:23:54.599]>>Still time to.

[00:23:56.750]>>Make some headway, and that's nicely played.

[00:24:00.400]>>Expertly played.

[00:24:03.650]>>There you go, there you go.

[00:24:11.739]>>This is normally where Tom Hoge does his best work, center of the fairway with a mid iron.

[00:24:18.819]>>Something like that. Yeah, you can get the, the help there.

[00:24:24.479]>>A little open stance.

[00:24:27.160]>>Uh, it worked nicely, just sees it in the left half. 40 through 5.

[00:24:35.089]>>Here's Springer for another birdie.

[00:24:38.380]>>Move went a little bit left initially, then straightening out.

[00:24:43.949]>>Go straight and out, right into the middle of the cup, that was beautifully. After 3 birdies in the 1st 5 holes for team Fitzpatrick.

[00:24:54.030]>>Here's Matt with his approach on 6.

[00:24:59.410]>>And he's just swinging with confidence, Matt Fitzpatrick, and that is a beauty. That sets up another verdict to get to 19 under par.

[00:25:11.260]>> Sahith Theegala, this is a 4th shot, so he too out of position.

[00:25:16.949]>>Off of the tee.

[00:25:20.680]>>Oh, hello.

[00:25:24.920]>>Uses the flag as a backboard and it drops. But that will break from his right to left.

[00:25:32.119]>>To get to 20 under.

[00:25:38.140]>>Pace looks good.

[00:25:40.540]>>As is the line.

[00:25:43.030]>>Well that's a wonderful.

[00:25:45.500]>>Bounce back from the bogey on the previous hole. Alex Fitzpatrick making, uh, this putt a little bit, uh, easier now for Matt. This one should be working a little bit from right to left the entire way. And there is a big old gator that behind the green, and I am scared right now.

[00:26:03.069]>>Oh my goodness, he is on fire today with that putter.

[00:26:09.739]>>Right into a share of the lead with that.

[00:26:13.260]>>Remarkable round so far from Matthew Fitzpatrick.

[00:26:18.750]>>Looking for his birdie.

[00:26:20.729]>>On the 5 11th.

[00:26:26.339]>>Oh, he'll take it anyway.

[00:26:29.000]>>Need to make birdies and eagles on these par fives and and Sam Stevens gets hot with his putter.

[00:26:36.630]>>Though he might just have had a go at the ones on the hazard, but.

[00:26:43.040]>>He saw it differently, Trace Crowe. Facing the flag.

[00:26:48.369]>>He did say be right, and that was exactly right there for Trace Crowe.

[00:26:55.130]>>Yeah, I just got 106. Again, can he take enough spin off of it?

[00:27:01.729]>>He's going after it, that's for sure.

[00:27:08.239]>>He's got a hint of movement from right to left.

[00:27:12.060]>>Again, had his brother come in and take a pretty good look at it.

[00:27:20.520]>>Beautiful read, beautiful stroke.

[00:27:26.390]>>There's Hack, Chris Hack, yes, correct.

[00:27:29.410]>>I, I, I did a story there for the golf show back in Australia and what a setup, they've got their own golf course there.

[00:27:36.520]>>And one of our good players out of Australia went to there some 30, 40 years ago, Wayne Smith. So shout out to Wayne Smith out of Western Australia.

[00:27:46.930]>>Back to 12 Fairway, Matt Fitzpatrick from 211 yards.

[00:27:52.750]>>Get back there, get back there, get back there. Oh, it's not a gorgeous line, is it deep enough? Oh, it sure is. That short birdie putt gives team Fitzpatrick the lead at 25 under par.

[00:28:06.430]>>like.

[00:28:08.400]>>I mean Jeff Kang.

[00:28:10.489]>>22 under.

[00:28:15.459]>>Wait a minute, oh, there you go.

[00:28:20.890]>>Kang, needing a good week.

[00:28:24.449]>>I'm sorry you've dug in.

[00:28:26.640]>>Yeah

[00:28:30.050]>>And they both played their part, 4 birdies for Alex. Hm.

[00:28:35.449]>>Oh, getting in before his playing partner.

[00:28:38.849]>>Pretty much the other two putts are are gimmes. We will take that, 3 in a row. Got his yardage book out and they made some notes earlier this week about what this putt should do.

[00:28:52.050]>>That's more like it. Yeah, isn't it just, and I like the clenched fist as well.

[00:28:57.369]>>This is 7 iron. It is. I can confirm that. It's just a, a nice smooth dinky one almost be the one. Club twirl.

[00:29:08.020]>>Yeah.

[00:29:09.280]>>Well, it's like throwing darts, but my word, they're throwing a lot of good ones. Go ahead and take a little bit off the 7 iron and give it a little bit extra from left to right.

[00:29:18.920]>>That'll take some of the heat off of it.

[00:29:21.329]>>Pay attention here

[00:29:25.339]>>Well, ladies and gentlemen, it's golf, it's supposed to be difficult. Those tee shots set up another stress-free birdie for team Fitzpatrick.

[00:29:35.729]>>Ahead to 14 green, Alex Smalley for birdie.

[00:29:40.369]>>So it doesn't have to worry about getting it there.

[00:29:45.060]>>How about in the middle.

[00:29:54.410]>>Yeah, 142 gap wedge.

[00:29:57.829]>>Go ahead and take it right at it. And just a little bit left, I think.

[00:30:03.609]>>His bad ones are brilliant. Oh, he wasn't overly happy with that. He was kind of bragging about making it over the bunker off of the tee. Let's see what we can do with it.

[00:30:16.150]>>Well, he's on after it, isn't he?

[00:30:19.119]>>How about a couple of high draws down at 18 for the left to right dog leg with water on the right.

[00:30:25.079]>>Ah, it's stunning golf.

[00:30:32.939]>>Perfection, no trouble at all. Another one finds the bottom of the cup, this is golf of the highest order.

[00:30:42.849]>>And taking a lot of loft here.

[00:30:46.949]>>Oh, stop that.

[00:30:51.719]>>When in doubt, they weren't looking at a birdie at all.

[00:30:56.099]>>And the younger brother, Alex Fitzpatrick, come in.

[00:31:01.699]>>Former champion Horshaw, taking aim.

[00:31:05.270]>>At the home hole.

[00:31:11.489]>>Oh

[00:31:13.829]>>Taking dead aim at 5 wood from 250.

[00:31:18.839]>>And the two-time Zurich Classic winner would close with an eagle.

[00:31:23.859]>> Rasmus Neergaard-Petersen on the 9th.

[00:31:28.250]>>They're having a good day. The current Australian Open champion.

[00:31:33.939]>>

[00:31:36.260]>>Think you'll get that one too.

[00:31:41.660]>>I saw this thing trying to creep a little bit from left to right, but, uh, seeing it for a different angle, I'm not convinced about it.

[00:31:49.300]>>Goodness me. Stop the fight.

[00:31:54.780]>>Sending a message now. 14 under through 17, is that?

[00:32:02.729]>>And get down in 2, and if they can make this, they will have the record. Let's see what Alex has in store. This is for Eagle.

[00:32:25.959]>>It's a closing birdie.

[00:32:28.819]>>Alex and Matthew Fitzpatrick will etch their autographs into the history of the game. It's the lowest.

[00:32:35.640]>>Score 30 under par through 3 rounds of 57. No one's done it better.

[00:32:44.439]>>So Matt Fitzpatrick eyes his 3rd win of the year, 2nd win in as many weeks, and 1st alongside younger brother Alex. Team Fitzpatrick carrying a 4-shot lead in round 4's alternate shot format. The final round is next.

[00:33:03.400]>>We are here and we are playing for history and we're playing for the players that came before us.

[00:33:09.219]>>I've worked since I was 2 or 3 years old to have a chance to play professional golf for a living. The, the guys that win the most, they're in contention so much, they're up there all the time. That's where I want to be.

[00:33:35.560]>>History on the line as Alex Fitzpatrick and his brother Matthew take to the course on a Sunday in New Orleans. Hello again, golf fans. Delighted that you're with us on a gloomy but dry now TPC Louisiana, just outside of New Orleans today.

[00:33:53.479]>>The format, it's dangerous. The 4 ball format. That's where we saw yesterday a record setting 57, but today, Foursomes. Ned Michaels, David Howell, Paul Gow here in the booth with you. Rich Beem will be down on the golf course.

[00:34:12.370]>>We pick up the action at the par 5 2nd with Neergaard-Petersen putting for birdie.

[00:34:45.820]>>Just for back-to-back birdies, 1 and 2, what a good start.

[00:34:51.340]>>Quickly up to the 4th with Olesen putting for birdie at the par 4, gets to 25 under par.

[00:35:05.629]>>Dan Brown, this is a, this is a guy that if you like golf, you're just gonna cheer for Dan Brown. Yeah, he ran close at the open, was it Troon.

[00:35:15.939]>>Didn't do a lot wrong. And I think they gave him a really big boost in confidence. A winner in Germany and.

[00:35:25.290]>>Someone that's just made a 3 on the 11th here in the Zurich Classic alongside John Parry. Up to 20 under, yeah, and through two holes there just a flat there isn't it.

[00:35:39.209]>>Chance for eagle at the 7th.

[00:35:44.270]>>It shows the Greens in great condition.

[00:35:48.550]>>Seen some putts being holed.

[00:35:52.020]>>Just a couple of FedExCup points makes a difference between keeping your job or maybe making it to the TOUR Championships that you scratch in your claw for every point, don't you, Beamer? And most definitely you have to out here. Everything's so important. We're top 100 now. This is from 122, been on front right, it's a gap wedge.

[00:36:15.149]>>Well, it's a cracker, the perfect start from the chasers.

[00:36:21.800]>>Now Eckroat, his putter went cold yesterday afternoon. Let's see if he can get it going here, at the first for birdie.

[00:36:30.020]>>Sundays when he won in 2024.

[00:36:33.300]>>The World Wide Technology Championship, he shot 63 with 11 birdies, and he can go low.

[00:36:41.649]>>We catch up with our leaders at the 2nd with Alex Fitzpatrick playing his 2nd from the rough at the par 5.

[00:36:54.370]>>

[00:36:57.350]>>We got another hit.

[00:37:03.729]>>He's certainly done that.

[00:37:06.739]>>Feel like it's left of the green. Yeah, Bunker left-hand side there, it'll give him plenty of green to work with.

[00:37:19.310]>>That firm sand underneath makes this shot just a little bit easier.

[00:37:24.879]>>Not that easy, but that'll work. Exceptional from the 3rd best player in the world, takes all the stress off his brother, and the 1st birdie will come their way.

[00:37:35.959]>>And worth reminding everyone that with a win.

[00:37:40.040]>>Alex would earn a two-year exemption on the PGA TOUR.

[00:37:44.830]>>He would earn 1.3 plus million dollars, 400 FedExCup points, but also entry into the signature events throughout the rest of the year and can change a lot of things in your life playing those big events.

[00:38:04.449]>>At the 5th for birdie, another birdie, perhaps 25 under now. Right hand and Ventura, that's clean and steady.

[00:38:15.719]>>The Norwegians.

[00:38:20.330]>>On the 8th, right hand.

[00:38:23.429]>>Right in.

[00:38:26.919]>>Well, we've been dancing around the hole all day. A lot of these shots, and that one, perfect.

[00:38:34.959]>>Well, now, watch it again, but that makes things interesting. Straight to 28 under, just 3 behind now.

[00:38:44.290]>>What, what point do you start looking at the leaderboard and say, hey, we're really in this now.

[00:38:50.879]>>The pressure has just switched.

[00:38:56.040]>>Thompson's turn at the par 5. Now the tiniest of up slopes here when pushing ball from right to left from 219, that's a 5 iron.

[00:39:09.300]>>Rifled right over the flagstick, this is a tremendous strike from that putt goes in, takes him to 29. Yeah, plenty of golf to be played, I think you're saying, hm.

[00:39:24.280]>>Eckroat

[00:39:27.669]>>Oh, Mr. Eagle. Kenny.

[00:39:30.389]>>Oh

[00:39:33.350]>>He's hit a lot of good putts, he's hit the lip a number of times.

[00:39:38.300]>>He's got a good energy about him. Fast walk, he's got a brisk pace.

[00:39:44.090]>>But everything he does, he's up for the fight.

[00:39:48.479]>>And it is a birdie safely collected on the par 5 7th, so they're moving in the right direction.

[00:39:55.969]>>It kind of feels that way, doesn't it? I'm OK with a smooth. Yeah, that's what we did the other day, then going that's 399. Yeah, I, that's, that's had a green light, so yeah, straight on down at the right, the right, correct, yeah, the smooth one, yeah, yeah, I like that. Hard left, yes, correct.

[00:40:11.010]>>Everything sounds about right to me. Pretty simple, done off the right.

[00:40:16.239]>>This is gonna be the gap wedge from 144 is what I got him at. Like this is crazy get rid of that.

[00:40:27.629]>>Now Richie's doing it again about the.

[00:40:30.570]>>The drone that's up there.

[00:40:33.080]>>Part of our TV coverage.

[00:40:39.280]>>That's amazing

[00:40:42.120]>>I guess they're gonna have a chat with Steve Rintoul.

[00:40:47.320]>>Head rules official here.

[00:40:49.939]>>Right.

[00:40:54.000]>>Oh, that's a good shot there.

[00:41:01.570]>>The aim here is to find the hole beamer.

[00:41:04.689]>>Yeah, this is a pretty good look right here, just left and right the entire way.
They need one.

[00:41:15.719]>>Oh, they got one. Absolute dead center from Fitzy as he's known, 32 under
par.

[00:41:27.060]>>At the par 5 11th now with Wrighton putting for an eagle.

[00:41:33.729]>>Well, just a minute now, oh way downtown. Another eagle, that's back-to-back just about. The lead is now 2.

[00:41:47.959]>>The 11th with Alex Fitzpatrick playing his 3rd from the fairway at the par 5.

[00:41:53.389]>>That one digs in hard, didn't it? It did. I think it was pretty well played in all honesty.

[00:41:59.290]>>Quickly to 11 and this one should be moving just a little bit left or right as it makes its way up the slope.

[00:42:07.459]>>And not too sure what

[00:42:09.459]>>And pulled Matt off.

[00:42:11.840]>>I can promise you it was not a drone.

[00:42:22.399]>>All outside the left, is that enough?

[00:42:25.050]>>Oh, it surely is, dead center.

[00:42:28.739]>>Oh, he's had so many great parts of his game in the last 4 to 5 weeks, but the putting and the speed and it hits the middle of the hole just about every time.

[00:42:41.459]>>A case of bad golf being played well there, popped his 2nd, moved on swiftly, held the puck. All is forgiven, it's not even an acknowledgement.

[00:42:52.899]>>Up to the 12th with our leaders in trouble.

[00:42:58.810]>>This is not, this is not straightforward. If he blocks it just a little bit, there's a tree waiting to hit it.

[00:43:06.219]>>Oh.

[00:43:07.969]>>Stand, please.

[00:43:11.100]>>And they come out straight right and you got middle stump to that tree up in front.

[00:43:17.580]>>Where did it go?

[00:43:24.679]>>Watch it again, it's exactly what Rich Beem was describing.

[00:43:28.899]>>Could have gone anywhere.

[00:43:31.770]>>Right in the center of the tree and.

[00:43:34.379]>>Ricochets back into the left.

[00:43:41.639]>>He just, he, it started right and stayed right. Needed to hood the club a little bit more, so it did start left. No trees were on his left hand side.

[00:43:56.870]>>Jump up to Hayden Springer 2nd at the short.

[00:44:00.330]>>Par 4 13th.

[00:44:03.949]>>He wants to strike while the iron is hot, and he may well do.

[00:44:11.280]>>So he's gonna have to try and sling this from leftburn. I don't think he's even trying to get it there. Oh, just a little layup shot. Oh yeah. Alex mentioned that it's only 90 yards or so from the apex of the dog leg, and that's what they've done.

[00:44:26.699]>>Go get it.

[00:44:28.850]>>At the 12 4th shot.

[00:44:34.989]>>Oh, just not getting the required spin, but good shot, it gives him a chance at a bogey.

[00:44:44.000]>>Well, it's Smalley, this is delicate but doable, and he drops it.

[00:44:49.520]>>Well, one miss cut away from being one behind.

[00:44:54.260]>>We jump back to the 12th with Matt Fitzpatrick putting for bogey at the par 4.

[00:45:08.370]>>Yeah, hardly anything to read into this one.

[00:45:22.120]>>What a slow putt. Yeah, who would've figured, but the mistake made off the tee from.

[00:45:28.540]>>Matt Fitzpatrick.

[00:45:31.360]>>And then doubled down, we're trying to get it back to the fairway and oh it's a bit of regrouping there, we didn't see that coming.

[00:45:38.489]>>Yeah, I just dropping it. It's gonna, it's gonna be there when he gets up there, I think. I just like this because he's got the height on it. The other one, I feel like he's not gonna, here we go, it's, it's back again. OK, yep, hair off the right.

[00:45:52.439]>>There you go. I've got it dialed in. Also going with a 6 iron. Anything missing left and or long, be some miss.

[00:46:05.899]>>How's the left left.

[00:46:10.350]>>I think he's lost his field, where the positions have been, like that's a, that's a bad miss there.

[00:46:18.050]>>Now Alex from the back bunker looks like a clean lie, Rich. It is definitely a clean lie, but not much green to work with, good news going back in the breeze, but still.

[00:46:28.469]>>Another difficult position.

[00:46:32.189]>>Holy moly, it's all just got a little interesting.

[00:46:38.689]>>And it's all come to a standstill.

[00:46:41.000]>>And they've also had some problems back on 12, had some rulings, so on and so forth. That's right to left across the green here for his par save.

[00:46:52.850]>>Oh that was a good roll. I want it to come back, left or right at the end, didn't move.

[00:46:59.600]>>It's giving his brother.

[00:47:01.570]>>Still a couple of feet, maybe 3.

[00:47:06.280]>>Quickly though, back to the par 3.

[00:47:09.060]>>OK, that's a bogey, confident stroke.

[00:47:12.739]>>Not an easy one too, putting into his shadow there. That was a, a very confident stroke.

[00:47:20.820]>>OK, needing a 3, the drive is excellent.

[00:47:26.899]>>The Norwegians.

[00:47:30.340]>>Fresh off the tee from Ventura.

[00:47:36.879]>>And follows up with an absolute pearler.

[00:47:42.610]>>Could these two win this golf tournament, with what they have.

[00:47:48.199]>>Done to die. He said it all when he said it. That's some redemption indeed.

[00:47:56.050]>>Knock this in. That would be an eagle 3 at the last.

[00:48:01.840]>>And a chance, David, it would tie them for the lead currently.

[00:48:05.969]>>Might not get a better chance, ever.

[00:48:15.320]>>And no mistake whatsoever, what a finish. And somewhere out there, the 130,000 folks that play golf in Norway are on their feet, because there's a chance that their men can win this event.

[00:48:29.060]>>Go.

[00:48:30.669]>>5.

[00:48:32.570]>>Oh.

[00:48:36.449]>>That's it even though, yeah, 260 to the pin. Oh he needs to carry that trap, but he's got a few woods in there that he can pick from 9.

[00:48:49.409]>>260. This has got to be a 7 wood.

[00:48:53.449]>>And the two leather head covers he's pulled out.

[00:48:57.060]>>Yeah, she had 2:31, hit the 9 wood, which is perfect. I think this is the 7 wood.

[00:49:02.790]>>Between adrenaline and help and win.

[00:49:05.919]>>I imagine this is gonna be perfect for distance anyways.

[00:49:14.070]>>You.

[00:49:21.199]>>Yeah, nowhere near enough.

[00:49:25.260]>>Yeah, it's been great mishit mishit it, he said.

[00:49:31.199]>>Not to fear.

[00:49:33.229]>>Your older brother is here.

[00:49:37.330]>>To the floor.

[00:49:38.959]>>If they can get it up-and-down.

[00:49:42.290]>>He will become the 1st Englishman with 3 or more wins in a season on the PGA TOUR.

[00:49:50.449]>>What are his chances, Rich?

[00:49:53.530]>>I, you know, again, under normal circumstances, like I said back on 16, you know, pretty good. Again, the fear is, if you catch it a little thin, there's just really no room for error wrong here, and it's a long bunker shot. Now again, if you can hit a little chunk and run on it, I think you'd have to chunk it far enough to hit on a little bit of downslope and the momentum could carry it almost to the back of the green.

[00:50:22.209]>>88. My goodness, that's unreal.

[00:50:27.459]>>Fabulous from Fitzpatrick.

[00:50:32.489]>>What a shot, David Hall, how good is that? Well, there was no chunk and run in that one. It was the long bunker shot of a lifetime. Little brother cannot quite believe he's only gonna have 1 ft left to take the title.

[00:50:50.939]>>Just that remains for history.

[00:50:57.129]>>It will be the honor of Alex Fitzpatrick.

[00:51:02.250]>>The Fitzpatrick's finish it off.

[00:51:08.030]>>The first brothers to win.

[00:51:11.149]>>On the PGA TOUR, the first Englishman in Matthew Fitzpatrick to win 3 times or more in a single season.

[00:51:20.989]>>They began the day with a 4 shot lead. It was trimmed to all square with just a few holes remaining, and one of the great shots of the season, maybe one of the best that you will see in your life.

[00:51:34.719]>>Nearly a 40 yard bunker shot to a foot from the world number 3.

[00:51:41.590]>>And he will have the honor of the next 2 years, at the very least, traveling the PGA TOUR with his younger brother who is now a winner on the PGA TOUR.

[00:51:51.969]>>And don't you know Mom and Dad are out there? Oh, well, and if you are a parent as I am, just to see your kids that close as they go through adult life is good enough to be at the top of the game as these two are. Goodness me. That is one proud family moment.

[00:52:12.080]>>Quite the month.

[00:52:14.320]>>When it's all said and done, and the race has been run, and you ask Matthew Fitzpatrick his favorite moment of his career.

[00:52:24.979]>>This will be right at the top, a one shot victory for the Fitzpatrick brothers.

[00:52:31.649]>>Matthew continuing his winning ways and now alongside brother Alex.

[00:52:38.100]>>This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of the Zurich Classic of New Orleans from TPC Louisiana in Avondale, Louisiana.