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[00:00:26.170]>>The PGA TOUR proudly presents.

[00:00:29.870]>>The season-long race for the FedExCup.

[00:00:33.590]>>Now coverage of the 2026 Charles Schwab Challenge.

[00:00:42.409]>>As we welcome one and all from wherever around the globe you are joining us, we are here at the legendary historic Colonial Country Club in Fort Worth, Texas.

[00:00:53.889]>>Distinctive for so many reasons, not the least of which is the deep history and lineage with one of the game's greats, Ben Hogan.

[00:01:02.049]>>About 27 °C today. I am Matt Adams. I'm alongside a 2002 PLAYERS champion, Craig Perks, multiple-time winner on the DP World Tour, Rob Lee, and on course, the 2002 PLAYERS champion, Rich Beem.

[00:01:17.720]>>Let's take a look at some of the highlights from earlier today. Yeah, still wet, no defense for the golf course, this is the much easier 13th than it used to be. Bit of a gift hole today, between an 8 and a 9 iron for Jordan Smith, a 1 ft tap in. Bogey free day coming his way. Well done indeed for Jordan.

[00:01:39.639]>>Ryan Gerard at the 2nd with this approach. Yeah, just a short par 4 to a front, the back right, hole location, a lot of rain has fallen early in the week. Green's receptive, beautifully judged there. We will hear more from Gerard.

[00:01:54.910]>>Now Kevin Yu back at 13. Once again, short iron, eyes for the flag.

[00:02:01.250]>>Nice move, maybe 1 yard of draw.

[00:02:06.529]>>Wouldn't be surprised if someone hold it out here, 164 yards today, that's all it is.

[00:02:13.350]>>Birdie would result there. Let's take you back to Gerard. This was his last birdie of the day. And this would be his 8th birdie. 64, 2nd lowest score on the PGA TOUR for Ryan. He's had a sensational season, couple of 2nd place finishes early. Came in this week, 32nd in the FedExCup.

[00:02:38.179]>>Nice birdie there for Tom Kim.

[00:02:42.839]>>That will see Tom Kim ascend to the top of the leaderboard.

[00:02:48.949]>> Neergaard-Petersen, very fine young Danish player for a 2 of the 8 to get to -3.

[00:02:56.429]>>Top of that putter grip, bolted against his left forearm, and it's done the job.

[00:03:04.860]>>Ahead to Ludvig playing his 3rd at the par 5 11th.

[00:03:11.720]>>Beautiful shot by. That would get him to 2 under on his round.

[00:03:19.449]>>He seems pretty well settled into American life.

[00:03:25.160]>>Amateur Albert Hansson from Sweden.

[00:03:29.149]>>Good.

[00:03:31.979]>>Oh, very good. Thank you.

[00:03:38.979]>>Gary Woodland now.

[00:03:42.339]>>42 years old.

[00:03:46.820]>>5-time winner on the PGA TOUR and the fastest swinger in town at 42.

[00:03:54.770]>>A gorgeous shot there from Woodland.

[00:04:01.669]>>Brandt Snedeker and his birdie effort at the 12th.

[00:04:10.190]>>Oh

[00:04:12.179]>>And, how about that vintage Brandt Snedeker. I mean, if you look at his stats, the top 10 in putting actually leads the tour and.

[00:04:21.029]>>And strokes going around the green, so the touch and the feel certainly hasn't evaporated at 45 years old.

[00:04:28.959]>> van Rooyen, who's got an elegant, lengthy, rangy swing.

[00:04:34.540]>>And it's still performing well, go on in you go, thank you so much. How did that miss? It did.

[00:04:43.899]>>Look, they're ready to go now. Last 8 events, 5 top 5s, 6 top 8s.

[00:04:50.959]>>This is all over it. It's just the one.

[00:04:55.769]>>Almost. You called it.

[00:04:59.660]>>The gold swing looks very much in order, he he was missing frequently last year, but uh that's all gone now.

[00:05:10.049]>>To Ben Griffin 14 157, that's a 9 iron ball well above his feet here. Imagine this one's gonna be slow moving a pretty good bit from right to left.

[00:05:23.100]>>right.

[00:05:24.809]>>Hm.

[00:05:26.850]>>Missed it twice. Jeez.

[00:05:32.309]>>This is Tom Kim. This is for solo possession.

[00:05:37.750]>>At one point 11th in the world, he's dropped to just inside the top 150, but that's gonna be helpful. A lot of change on.

[00:05:50.440]>>Gary Woodland now for Birdie.

[00:05:56.470]>>Yeah, it's 2 in a row after the tapping on the previous so. Gosh, it's so good to see. Yeah, he was writing notes to his family saying goodbye before that, uh, that op removing the, the lesion on his brain.

[00:06:14.170]>>van Rooyen has just made his day even better, and he's slid into 2nd spot.

[00:06:21.320]>>2 more birdies to lean on his own.

[00:06:26.630]>>Rico Hoey for birdie at 16.

[00:06:32.589]>>It's funny with the long putter, he looks like he can make a putt, and that's another one, cos with the short putter he hit green after green after green and just couldn't make any headway.

[00:06:44.320]>>Only 86 yards left.

[00:06:49.540]>>Gotta fly it up on top and just dead arm it.

[00:06:53.989]>>Beautiful.

[00:06:57.480]>>Seeing the beauty there.

[00:07:02.179]>>At 17, that is Doug Ghim. And that is buried.

[00:07:07.760]>>Hack out of there for Ghim.

[00:07:11.079]>>Tough, good angle. Oh my gosh.

[00:07:21.750]>>He had that aura, didn't he, Hogan, that could intimidate this, this guy when.

[00:07:26.839]>>When he was at his, uh, the height of his proud winning a US Open, it's an aura about him, did Gary Woodland.

[00:07:35.239]>>Bit of aura with that putter.

[00:07:39.739]>>That was the weather horn that you just heard. You Gary Woodland saying lightning is the concern.

[00:07:48.480]>>At the end of round one, South Korea's Tom Kim sits atop a crowded leaderboard at 6 under par. Round two is next.

[00:08:03.709]>>AJ Ewart, this is at the par 3 16th, 197.

[00:08:10.290]>>And he hits this absolute beauty.

[00:08:15.190]>>Yes.

[00:08:17.600]>>All in one.

[00:08:20.470]>>The celebrations that ensue, that would be his first hole-in-one for the 27 year old.

[00:08:28.489]>>What a way to get started. 9th hole-in-one on the 16th hole. It's the 3rd time with multiple holes in one on the same hole at the same event.

[00:08:39.710]>>Brandt Snedeker also had a hole-in-one in this hole.

[00:08:43.700]>>Finish up yesterday. What a way to get started. What a round that Ewart had today, a 7 under 63 as we say hello and welcome from wherever around the globe. You're joining us from the Colonial Country Club here in Fort Worth, Texas. The skyline, you can see a Fort Worth off there in the distance.

[00:09:04.369]>>And where we stand right now, the scoring is very strong indeed.

[00:09:12.219]>>Jordan Smith

[00:09:14.179]>>4 under on his efforts today, he's only 7 holes through his 2nd round, and he stands atop the leaderboard tied with Michael Thorbjornsen.

[00:09:23.700]>>So we take you out to the 11th hole, we'll find Keegan Bradley there, 2 under on his efforts to this point.

[00:09:31.380]>>3rd shot.

[00:09:32.869]>>Back left pin, 5 from the edge.

[00:09:37.940]>>And that's as good as you could play from there, what a shot.

[00:09:41.880]>>That is making a birdie the hard way.

[00:09:46.169]>> Matsuyama for birdie.

[00:09:49.780]>>And this one should be just trying to slide a little bit left or right.

[00:09:56.909]>>7 under, 2 shots back.

[00:10:02.200]>>Oh listen at 12.

[00:10:05.479]>>It's coming across the green, breaking to the right. Oh.

[00:10:10.690]>>That, that's helpful.

[00:10:13.400]>>That is his 4th birdie of the run, he's had an eagle, he's had a bogey and a double.

[00:10:19.380]>>Got tripped up in that 3 hole stretch that can trip up a lot of players.

[00:10:25.330]>>Now Brian Harman

[00:10:27.330]>>13th consecutive start here at the Colonial. Talks about loving this golf course, loves Texas, loves the heat.

[00:10:36.900]>>Nicely done there for Mr. Harman. Yeah, that much left to pull within one.

[00:10:46.130]>>Gerard for the birdie.

[00:10:49.169]>>No mistake.

[00:10:53.020]>>It's bounced back nicely after one of those, uh, shot that 64 yesterday.

[00:10:58.799]>>Yeah, Gerard only one shot back.

[00:11:01.890]>>Matsuyama

[00:11:03.880]>>Yeah, I just got to stick it over this brown on the green, and hoist it up a pretty good ways and plant it pretty deep in the green. Well executed, that will get him within one at the top of the leaderboard.

[00:11:17.669]>>JT dusty pink, this is for birdie. This would be a heck of a birdie after the huge mistake laying the ball up.

[00:11:28.200]>>Well, OK, it's a putter that he, uh, put in play.

[00:11:32.750]>>At the truest, it's the one that replicates what Cameron is doing with that putter, and every round it's been in play, he's gained strokes putting.

[00:11:42.690]>>MacIntyre for Birdie.

[00:11:46.979]>>Slicing putt here for Bobby Mac. Go on, that way.

[00:11:59.500]>>JT at 12.

[00:12:02.570]>>158

[00:12:07.520]>>That's a chip with the 9 iron.

[00:12:11.049]>>Very nicely done. And because he wasn't going flat out with the wedge, it didn't suck back 15 ft.

[00:12:18.659]>>Thorbjornsen

[00:12:21.619]>>Yeah, no worries, no worries at all.

[00:12:24.929]>>And that's 2 very good days.

[00:12:27.719]>>It's currently tied for the lead, a 9 under.

[00:12:34.059]>>At the par 3 13th.

[00:12:37.140]>>One of the best quotes I heard from Russell Henley, he said he focuses on being very good at what I'm good at.

[00:12:43.960]>>That was a beautiful, controlled iron shot there from Henley.

[00:12:47.849]>>Now Brian Harman at 15. It's a confluence of left-handers.

[00:12:54.460]>>If that's the right distance, it's terrific. Yeah, well done, that's really, really good for Brian Harman.

[00:13:03.039]>>At 13, Russell Henley, this is for birdie.

[00:13:08.679]>>It's lovely too, some guys love the heat, you know, the ball travels a little further, your, your body feels good. He loves the heat. No, I know he does. He's an athlete though.

[00:13:19.179]>>Now don't let me down, Brian.

[00:13:21.890]>>If it doesn't go in, oftentimes it looks like it had a great chance. Let's see if he hits that type of putt here. This looks like the same putter that he had at Royal Liverpool.

[00:13:32.119]>>Carry it with pace, play it inside the hole, well done there Robert. Just looks so good.

[00:13:38.340]>>We have a 3-way tie for the top of the leaderboard.

[00:13:46.150]>> Yellamaraju for birdie at 8.

[00:13:49.799]>>MacIntyre, Harman, Yellamaraju.

[00:13:52.909]>>All the lefties. Must be something about Colonial, that's his 5th birdie in his last 7 holes.

[00:13:59.799]>>Akshay, yeah, Pat, yeah, you're right.

[00:14:03.669]>>Now to Smith. This is for Birdie.

[00:14:07.000]>>The speed's been good, it's about 40 ft down the hill moving right.

[00:14:12.919]>>Oh my gosh, there you go.

[00:14:18.280]>>Our solo leader on 10 under.

[00:14:22.200]>>Hm.

[00:14:26.299]>>Look at the complications for Matsuyama. He had no stands. I, I, I listen, I've never seen this. I've been around the game for a long time and I haven't seen professionals just try and take one hand off the club and go ahead and stab it forward. He's got a good enough line to do it, just all about contact. This is actually how he practices, Rich, both with right hand and left hand, and I think with the difficulty of the stances, everything going on.

[00:14:49.419]>>Maybe it made it a little bit more comfortable that he's done that in practice. That's outrageous what he's just done there. That is utterly outrageous. Short game is so good.

[00:15:00.239]>>Doesn't that shot kind of remind you of when you were a kid and you'd be hanging out at the golf course and you and your friends would say, let's, you know, try this shot one-handed.

[00:15:07.739]>>He's just toying with people, he could've put both hands on that very easily.

[00:15:11.890]>>Amazing shot.

[00:15:14.330]>>This would be a wonderful save from Matsuyama, one-handed up-and-down.

[00:15:22.869]>> Brice Garnett and the tee at 13. Loves to hit a little draw. Should be very suitable for that left flag, 172. Good line.

[00:15:33.400]>>Oh, brilliant.

[00:15:37.419]>>Thanks

[00:15:40.390]>>Hideki Matsuyama.

[00:15:43.010]>>Yeah, just a little bit down the slope.

[00:15:46.390]>>He's due to make something. It's been a little while.

[00:15:52.299]>>Tim Delivered.

[00:15:55.390]>>Matsuyama gets to 9 under, he's 1 shot back. Beamer delivered, Matsuyama delivered.

[00:16:03.090]>>At 18.

[00:16:05.690]>>Birdie opportunity for Olesen.

[00:16:08.510]>>Round of 67, that included 5 birdies and an eagle, that should be around for the weekend.

[00:16:16.719]>>Gerard's 2nd at the last.

[00:16:20.450]>>154 yards, ball above your feet to a right flag.

[00:16:25.130]>>Hard to keep this from going left, but he's done beautifully. It's an agricultural action, isn't it?

[00:16:32.130]>>Bobby Mack at 17, yeah, just kind of maybe right edge.

[00:16:38.619]>>I mean, I can read them, I just can't hit them.

[00:16:42.630]>>That's rather nice time to make a birdie for Rob MacIntyre.

[00:16:48.640]>>Gerard at 18

[00:16:52.530]>>You see this so often now in golf around the world, but look at that leaderboard, there's one shot separating all those players.

[00:17:03.729]>>Now Jordan Smith at the 16th for birdie.

[00:17:09.229]>>31 ft away.

[00:17:12.078]>>Yeah, it's a bit of a rise between him and the hole, getting the speed right is the most important thing here.

[00:17:20.599]>>Another, uh, bomb from miles away. How about that? He's made more than 70 ft worth of putts on a couple of holes. Back in sole possession of the lead on 10 under.

[00:17:34.290]>>England's Jordan Smith holds a 1-shot lead over Japan's Hideki Matsuyama and the rest of the field. Round 3 is next.

[00:17:49.479]>>It is an absolutely beautiful place, historic, this, the Colonial Country Club in Fort Worth, Texas. Ben Hogan won here in 1946, 19947, 1952, 1919, 1953, and in 1959. Who will win this week and how distinctive it will be on their CV?

[00:18:09.719]>>Always distinctive on the PGA TOUR and possibly dramatically such for those that are leading right now. Plenty of time to get into all of that and the hours that lie in store, with Jordan Smith and Michael Brennan leading the way, both on 10 under. It's a good looking leaderboard this Rob. Sure is. Look for the ball strikers to come to the fore by the time we get through 4 rounds here because this course continues to ask questions. You better start playing from the fairways as the greens get firmer.

[00:18:40.609]>>It's for Birdie for J.J. Spaun.

[00:18:49.489]>>Hm. That puts him into a tie for the lead now. Another guy with a new putter, yeah, he said he was resenting using the old one and he said when he putts well.

[00:19:01.680]>>And get in contention.

[00:19:05.619]>>Back to the 3rd.

[00:19:07.250]>>Yeah, Gerard's got birdie here, sensational second shot out of the fairway bunk at 164.

[00:19:14.660]>>convincing, he gets to 9 under and only 1 shot back.

[00:19:22.449]>>It's, it's interesting, Rob, because we were talking about it yesterday where we're watching Eric Cole here 2nd at the 10th, we're watching Michael Brennan, we're watching Alex Smalley, and how much fun it is to watch players evolve before your eyes. You can see them gain confidence and have a taste of leads and perform like this.

[00:19:46.280]>>To join the leaders. That's great, great, Ryan Gerard.

[00:19:50.660]>>I really enjoy watching him the way he plays.

[00:19:55.630]>>Back to Cole

[00:19:57.430]>>This is to tie for the lead.

[00:20:06.449]>>Front flag coming out of the rough from nearly 140 yards, see if he can figure it out.

[00:20:13.239]>>That's the right way to do it.

[00:20:16.770]>>Hm.

[00:20:22.000]>>This is Mac Meissner, one of our co-leaders. This is the 8th hole.

[00:20:27.180]>>173 and plenty of loft in his hand.

[00:20:35.550]>>It's aggressive.

[00:20:38.680]>>Very aggressive, what a cracking shot that is. He'll have that much left to take the sole possession of the lead.

[00:20:46.819]>>Russell Henley at 6.

[00:20:49.119]>>This is right in his wheelhouse, this little punchy wedge. Just about there. Good call there on it.

[00:21:00.000]>>Matsuyama needs this for.

[00:21:03.280]>>His par 8 ft 9 inches left.

[00:21:10.560]>>Oh beautiful, up-and-down from over the green.

[00:21:18.189]>>This is to tie for the lead one hole ahead.

[00:21:24.140]>>Now, there's 3 birdies in his 1st 6 holes. And now there are 6 tied for the lead.

[00:21:33.880]>>Mac for sole possession of the lead.

[00:21:37.689]>>Oh, they had a top 5 here a couple of years ago, so.

[00:21:41.449]>>Very comfortable on Ben Hogan's alley.

[00:21:46.650]>>Rich, any sense of the nerves for the Englishman being in this position on the tour for the first time? Not as of right now, no. And again, I think that the golf course is

going to kind of help reduce some of those nerves because, as you say, it's gonna be hard for anybody really to run away from it unless they get a really big, uh, surge in the back nine, that is, uh.

[00:22:06.180]>>That's an unfortunate error.

[00:22:12.800]>>It's Cole.

[00:22:15.000]>>This is at the 11th. He can tie for the lead with this. Chance to get 6 under par for the round.

[00:22:22.089]>>No doubt about that one. He's very composed, isn't he?

[00:22:30.569]>>Meissner for par. This is to retain co-possession. How about that?

[00:22:37.930]>>Those are just as important as the, the 4 birdie putts he made on the front.

[00:22:43.449]>>Ryan Gerard has this left Rich for par. And he, you know, as a good professional, he wants to wonder by the hole, he went down there and kind of watched it to the very end, so he knows what it's doing.

[00:22:56.819]>>Yeah it's part of the game that he's put a lot of time into, and, and that was an excellent pass saving part from,

[00:23:07.739]>>Outside 12 ft.

[00:23:10.589]>>Meissner, one of our leaders, this is his 3rd at the par 5. He's got a lot of green between him and the hole.

[00:23:18.189]>>Oh, and he's been aggressive. He's tried to fly it most of the way down there, a little unlucky.

[00:23:23.640]>>You know how impressive that is to your point, you catch that the granular thin, you're sending that in the hazard over the green.

[00:23:31.589]>>136 here, Rob. 136. Great drive.

[00:23:38.660]>>On all these greens coming in, come on, be as good as you look. Oh yes it is.

[00:23:45.939]>>Eric Cole will try to go 7 under through 14 with that, that is left. Meissner to get to 12 under. Well, he deserves it with the bravery of the bunker shot.

[00:23:58.310]>>And he's knocked it in, poured right in the middle.

[00:24:03.630]>>Alone atop the leaderboard.

[00:24:09.540]>>That is Doug Ghim at the 12th, first time we've seen him today.

[00:24:16.459]>>I wonder. I just wonder.

[00:24:20.849]>>Uh, why wouldn't you? 2 birdies in a row, 300 for the rain. I said, what are we within 3.

[00:24:28.949]>>Hideki Matsuyama at the 9th.

[00:24:32.369]>>Little right to left in this one.

[00:24:35.890]>>And they're just pouring them in now.

[00:24:38.849]>>First birdie of the day for Matsuyama. Look at the, the face that says it was a thrill.

[00:24:45.290]>>Preparing.

[00:24:49.339]>>To tie for the lead.

[00:24:51.430]>>Oh, beautiful view of this.

[00:24:54.030]>>Doesn't do an awful lot. Oh, well done, well done.

[00:24:59.050]>>Four holes left to go, and that is 1 tidy scorecard. Yep, 7 under on the round, again the day 25th. So he's jumped all the way to the top.

[00:25:08.540]>>Mackenzie Hughes, his 2nd at the 12th.

[00:25:12.880]>>Yeah, 148 yards to a left pin and oh, just about perfection.

[00:25:23.300]>>Right, this is 6 ft away for Pa to maintain a share of the lead.

[00:25:29.680]>>Oh goodness. Well, a little quick in the transition.

[00:25:33.540]>>Yeah, he has officially dropped the shot.

[00:25:36.729]>>Now Eric Cole at the 15th. This is for par.

[00:25:42.329]>>They don't get

[00:25:43.849]>>Too anxious here, you've made a couple of mistakes.

[00:25:48.540]>>Then walk off with no worse than 5 would be the first bogey of the round.

[00:25:58.040]>>First swing we've seen today from Ludvig Åberg.

[00:26:01.930]>>Trying to get it into that bowl where the pin is.

[00:26:05.050]>>And this could be perfect, could go in.

[00:26:10.469]>>Uh, you don't see the ball change direction that abruptly, very often, no. At the 16th, co-leader Eric Cole, 2nd at the par 3. It's quick.

[00:26:26.989]>>Played that so well, go on.

[00:26:29.790]>>Oh, we did it. That's how you do it.

[00:26:33.729]>>To 12 under he goes and he has sole possession of the lead once more.

[00:26:44.430]>>J.J. Spaun, this is to try to get to within one.

[00:26:51.719]>>Beautiful putt, a lot of movement late. Came in perfect angle and speed.

[00:27:00.310]>>Nice.

[00:27:05.500]>>That's Alex Smalley. This is the 12th.

[00:27:13.609]>>Uh, top 43 bogeys on the scorecard, but that's his 4th birdie.

[00:27:20.910]>>That gets smally to one under on the day's efforts.

[00:27:27.750]>>For par

[00:27:32.790]>>Eric Cole's lowest round of the PGA TOUR this season. The last 63 or better, a 62 at the 2025 RSM Classic in the second round.

[00:27:42.989]>>And you mentioned earlier, Matt, coming in here with some pretty good form.

[00:27:47.800]>>Two top 10s in his last three starts.

[00:27:53.560]>>Ryan Gerard for birdie at 12.

[00:27:59.239]>>That's a big putt. Now tied for 3rd on 12 on 10 under, only two shots back of our leader Eric Cole.

[00:28:08.180]>>2nd at 14.

[00:28:11.400]>>OK

[00:28:13.459]>>Matsuyama watching this keenly because it was never leaving the play. How did that not take one little bubble, could have gone in. Some of these iron shots he's hit today have been remarkable. He's only made one birdie. Right there, you think it's gonna go pop going. Yeah.

[00:28:32.170]>>Ludvig Åberg at 18. This is from 91 yards.

[00:28:39.510]>>up-and-down, 7 under.

[00:28:42.489]>>What a tee shot. Yeah, 330 yards, how about just make it?

[00:28:48.089]>>7 under. Eric Cole's never won before, the next is 10.

[00:28:52.819]>> Åberg's still in this, with a birdie to the last two to give himself hope.

[00:28:58.060]>>Third from Spaun.

[00:29:00.569]>>Get in. That was timely, gets him within a couple.

[00:29:06.369]>>What he had made 2 bogeys in the prior 3 holes, so perhaps this could kind of ignite him again.

[00:29:14.729]>>if you think you can.

[00:29:16.989]>>Gerard at 17, trying to get it to that back pen if he can, and he can. Wonderful, best we've seen, wow.

[00:29:26.310]>>That much left to get to 10 under tie for second.

[00:29:30.300]>>He's got that look in his eye, doesn't he? There's a look at the Gerard game face right there. There's a lot of confidence, that's sort of a superpower. He ain't gonna back down.

[00:29:43.250]>>OK.

[00:29:44.420]>>J.J. Spaun will finish on the mark of 10 under after 3 rounds. He is 2 shots back.

[00:29:54.719]>>Through 10.

[00:30:02.579]>>Plays by a lot of feel and the field's been exquisite there.

[00:30:13.410]>>If he converts this one, this will be his first birdie of the day.

[00:30:24.349]>>Well, he struggled on the greens.

[00:30:27.560]>>Again, level par. He'd be tied for 2nd going into the final day.

[00:30:36.250]>>To get into the final group on Sunday to claw his way to within one.

[00:30:43.680]>>Wow. How about birdie, 17 and 18. Never a doubt.

[00:30:51.099]>>So he will be playing alongside of Eric Cole tomorrow.

[00:30:57.839]>>Eric Cole 7 under 63 gives him a one shot lead as he eyes his first PGA TOUR win. The final round is next.

[00:31:12.420]>>We are here and we are playing for history and we're playing for the players that came before us.

[00:31:18.239]>>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.

[00:31:44.510]>>At the historic Colonial Country Club. We're just outside of the city of Fort Worth. You can see it off in the distance there.

[00:31:53.479]>>So much history has already taken place on these grounds, and it's going to be another chapter of it.

[00:31:59.660]>>Today, how ultimately it will be decided, we shall see. Ben Hogan, very much the story of the Colonial Country Club. He won here 5 times.

[00:32:09.939]>>There you see 93 °F. The temps will peak out today at about 34 °C. Winds down, just a touch from yesterday. I am Matt Adams. I'm alongside of 2002 players champion Craig Perks, a multiple-time winner in the DP World Tour, and Robert Lee, and 2002 PGA champion Rich Beem, who is out on the course. As we take you out to the first green.

[00:32:35.229]>> J.J. Spaun to get within one. You cut her in the bag this week.

[00:32:40.239]>>It's behaved quite nicely and beautiful way to start Sunday.

[00:32:51.979]>>Wow, seeking his first career win in his 120th start, you see, he had a 63 yesterday. Ryan Gerard made 291 putts through his 1st 54 holes. That's nearly 10 1 punts a round. That can't last. Hideki Matsuyama with a win would become the first player from Japan to win this event. Three players from outside of the United States are inside the top 10 through 54 holes. The scoring average.

[00:33:20.540]>>In the 3rd round, the highest of the 3 days.

[00:33:24.040]>>Take you out to number one and we say good day to Rich Beem.

[00:33:28.849]>>Ah, beautiful tee shot here. She's 237 left. This is a 3 iron here. Wins the same spot as it was yesterday, coming out of the south, so a little more right to left, maybe help the fraction. Really important for Eric Cole to drive it in the fairway today, and he hit 7 fairways yesterday, did shoot 63. That's hard to maintain on a Sunday trying to win.

[00:33:49.359]>>Well this is very straightforward, this is very chip innable for Eric Cole. Trying to win for the first time in this golf course, that's not one you'd pick.

[00:34:01.270]>>If he accomplish it, it, it will be the first one to do it in 25 years.

[00:34:08.370]>>5 ft left for Cole. This is for birdie.

[00:34:16.060]>>Uh, walked that one in beautifully, he's putted fantastically top 5 through 54 holes and a wonderful start, that will help calm the nerves.

[00:34:28.408]>>He's left himself the easiest putt on the green.

[00:34:32.280]>>Very similar to the one he just holed. Yeah, back up the hill, to start the day, birdie birdie, these really are the two easiest hole on the golf course, throw in the 11th to par 5 as well.

[00:34:43.689]>>So it's, it's so imperative to get off to a good start on the front nine.

[00:34:50.428]>>The 5th, 7th, 4th, and 9th are the 4 most difficult holes on the golf course.

[00:34:56.850]>>Yeah, that's helpful.

[00:35:00.699]>>One back. We saw quite a few guys yesterday have that quick start and then it all disappeared, fritter away.

[00:35:08.010]>>And just all the way back left, just maybe a small little rise.

[00:35:14.949]>>12 yards onto the green from there just.

[00:35:17.639]>>Flat going back, anything long, we'll tend to run away from these guys.

[00:35:22.840]>>Rich, how do you like his game, and is there anything we should keep an eye on today? Maybe something that sneaks into his game at times. You know, I was looking at his stats. I mean, his driving is fantastic. His short game is good. The putting is good. Like this is a golf course that you can put it all together with. Just the driving distance is the only thing that's lurking, but you don't need that out here.

[00:35:45.449]>>Listen, this guy's won a bunch in his career. Oh, that's just stupendous, stupendous. I don't think he hit that properly. No, I think he he fatted that and it ran up the green. You did see the little help at the after the strike.

[00:36:02.050]>>For birdie

[00:36:08.459]>>Dreams start, but now it gets difficult. You know, 3,4,5,7,9.

[00:36:16.760]>>Ahead to 8, Griffin putting for birdie at the par 3.

[00:36:21.830]>>Told you, Ben Griffin, defending champion, still got a bunch of holes left.

[00:36:30.469]>>It's a clumpy lie for Eric Cole coming up, he's got quite a thick bit of Bermuda between.

[00:36:37.540]>>The club and the ball.

[00:36:41.830]>>What do you make of it, Rich? Yeah, I mean, Rob said it perfectly. Again. He's, he's a Florida kid, so he's played at Bermuda, but he, it's just a little bit different. Ken. You got to keep your speed up.

[00:36:52.550]>>And you, you can't get flippy on it. You got to keep those wrists firm going all the way through. So he's just, you know, it's just gonna take some touch to get it inside of 15 ft.

[00:37:06.469]>>Yeah,

[00:37:08.479]>>The sound, it was a lot of balls.

[00:37:11.159]>>He would make bogey, dropping to 13 under.

[00:37:14.909]>>Defending champion Ben Griffin at 9. Yeah, perfect tee shot. Only 81 yards, and that spins back downhill. Go on. It's coming, it has to come.

[00:37:28.500]>>He's got a putt to get to within 2, and he's still got 9 holes to play, Ben Griffin.

[00:37:36.979]>>As we watch Spaun at 6 snap hook into that bunker. It was all sweetness and light over the first couple of holes for these players, and now you can stand up very tall and strong because Colonial Country Club is coming at you. 4,5,7 and 9, ready to punch you in the mouth.

[00:37:54.459]>>Gary Woodland's 2nd at 8.

[00:38:01.479]>>That'll help after birdied 12 and 3, the bogey's at 4 and 7, and look what I found. All of a sudden, Gary Woodland is back to within 4.

[00:38:13.189]>>Spaun from the bunker, told the bunker shot yesterday and that Greens just running away from there.

[00:38:21.489]>>He would make bogey from there and drops back to 11 under. This is for par for Ben Griffin at the par 5.

[00:38:29.250]>>This is a huge putt for him.

[00:38:36.540]>>I was gonna say you feel Ben Hogan's presence around Colonial. His mystique still lingers. The last guy to defend was Hogan, 1953.

[00:38:48.250]>>Ben Griffin trying to defend. Ben Hogan's doesn't hit the 2nd shot, he tried to, he doesn't, or the 3rd, yeah, and doesn't make 6 on par 5 straight downwind to the 8th for J.J. Spaun.

[00:39:07.250]>>188 yards, wind out of the left, that's helpful to a right flag. J.J trying to turn it into that breeze, good looking shot.

[00:39:17.419]>>An excellent result, 8th hole just given up 7 birdies the entire day.

[00:39:27.479]>>Gary Woodland at the 10th.

[00:39:30.330]>>This is for birdie. This could

[00:39:33.889]>>This would be huge, playing as uh has been playing as the most difficult hole on the golf course.

[00:39:40.959]>>Get in. There's the 5th birdie of the round and it gets within 3. It's game on now, isn't it? So good to see you Gary back healthy, already a winner this season.

[00:39:54.239]>>Reigning US Open champion, this is for Birdie.

[00:39:58.879]>>This could get him to within 1. The game really ran against 4.

[00:40:04.179]>>And one of the best iron shots and a beautiful 2 at the difficult par 3 played really well at Quail Hollow, it's a major championship venue, and he finished 5th.

[00:40:14.820]>>Ryan Gerard for birdie.

[00:40:20.110]>>Oh

[00:40:21.159]>>How about that, all of a sudden changes how his whole round looks with that putt. And a little jump in the step there. J.J. Spaun at the 9th, the ball above his feet. Dangerous shot, dangerous. Oh, he was expecting a jumper and came out dead and paid dearly. Alright, how are you?

[00:40:42.989]>>75 shot yep, perfect.

[00:40:47.209]>>I'll tell you what, this could give you nightmares in the middle of the night, this shot.

[00:40:53.790]>>Can use the backstop though behind the flack.

[00:41:04.639]>>Yeah, well executed. So he's got that for a 5. You sit there out of the rough with the 2nd going, I had that support behind the hole, just killing yourself. A bogey though drops him back to 11 under.

[00:41:23.780]>>Here we go. I'm not too sure about this. I think a 120 is not good. He's gonna have to munch on it.

[00:41:31.909]>>No, it's not even close.

[00:41:35.439]>>Huge mental error there. Try and take that on, Beemer. Just pitch it out to the fairway and try and get the ball up-and-down. You don't make 6. Exactly, you can swallow a bogey, you don't make 6. Part of this game is uh execution, but you cannot make strategic errors.

[00:41:56.070]>>4th now from Eric Cole.

[00:41:59.270]>>I'm not 100% sure how much spin you can put on this golf ball. It wants to obviously air a little bit long, but then you put enough zip on it to get it working back down towards the hole.

[00:42:10.379]>>It's interesting cos remember J.J. Spaun hit it in the water but elected not to play from the drop zone, was um brought it back even farther to create that spin. He did, yeah.

[00:42:21.659]>>At 11, the 3rd for Michael Brennan. 145 yards and did it jump? No, it didn't. Brilliant. Coming out of the rough, that sort of speed with a wedge. Depending on what happens there and back at 9, he could be tied for the lead in just a moment.

[00:42:42.620]>>And you got to be mindful on the speed here as well. Last thing you want to do is get this thing chasing too far past.

[00:42:49.689]>>Boy, it's been rolling beautifully today.

[00:42:52.709]>>It's been fun to watch.

[00:43:00.439]>>Um, just takes so much discipline when you're 120 yards from the rough of the waves to lay up.

[00:43:07.949]>>And he decided to take it on and the result is a 6. Could be disastrous. That double bogey will see Eric Cole drop into a tie for the lead.

[00:43:19.739]>>This is Michael Brennan. All of a sudden he's only one shot back and a chance right here.

[00:43:27.169]>>Fabulous 3rd and a putt to match and all of a sudden with a birdie at 11. 1 of the long guys that has actually birdied that hole.

[00:43:36.419]>>He's in a three-way tie.

[00:43:38.560]>>At 12, J.J. Spaun. That was a very clean contact.

[00:43:46.330]>>And distance wise, it's perfection, that is the shot of the day. And he has that left to once again tie for the lead.

[00:43:55.739]>>OK.

[00:43:59.479]>>Michael Brennan for birdie at 13, this is to tie for the lead, here we go, slow putt, hit it with some pace. Just do that. There's never anywhere else.

[00:44:11.179]>>He's got a future, that boy. He sure does. Especially in today's day and age.

[00:44:17.879]>>Let's take you back to 11. This par 5 sliding left or right down the slope.

[00:44:23.929]>>Pace is pretty much built in.

[00:44:35.139]>>Um, so I take the break.

[00:44:37.729]>>Man, that's how about that? A couple of hops early, but it stayed on its line. Impressive stuff. for having to lay it up from the fairway bunker and still make a birdie, really good.

[00:44:53.030]>>This is for birdie to get within one.

[00:44:58.840]>>And after that bunker shot that Rob Lee talked about, what a, what a birdie.

[00:45:05.979]>>All right, Ben Griffin at 17.

[00:45:09.879]>>You gotta feel like you've gotta get at least one more to the house, and how about it? Ben Griffin, our defending champion, gets to 11 under.

[00:45:22.370]>>At 18, Ben Griffin, defending champion. This is for a bird in its share of the lead. Just has to do.

[00:45:31.699]>>Knock it in. Oh no, oh.

[00:45:37.179]>>That could have been the winning part. What an effort from.

[00:45:41.260]>>49 ft 9 inches, but Rob, to your point, he's gonna post 11 under, go into the clubhouse and, and get cool and see what happens. A 2 what, 12 would have terrified him if he'd posted that. 12 would have terrified them, yeah.

[00:45:59.350]>>And who knows, he might get a chunk of something on that score. Began the day tied for 34th, 6 back, and he goes out and posts 65 and may have a chance to win. Turned himself into a player though, hasn't he? Yeah, he has. 3 wins last year.

[00:46:15.379]>>Chance for another one.

[00:46:18.439]>>Back at 17 with Henley putting for birdie at the par 4.

[00:46:25.820]>>OK.

[00:46:30.100]>>Uh-huh, has this uh sort of

[00:46:35.040]>>Unflappability to him, didn't he? Seems like the, the pulse never changes, plays with great control.

[00:46:42.439]>>Big shot, big opportunity right here for Russell Henley. He's 1 shot back and 11 under. 106 yards to the target.

[00:46:51.530]>>With his pedigree, he's picked them just stuff it in there close.

[00:47:09.520]>>It's a putt to tie.

[00:47:12.860]>>What do you see for movement here, Rob? I see just a little left to right in this. Green tends to go from the right-hand side to the left as you look at the hole when you play it.

[00:47:21.750]>>So I, I, I think a hair left to right.

[00:47:28.610]>>This is to tie

[00:47:35.760]>>Exactly where he aimed, wow, good call here, Robert Lee, birdie, birdie, birdie.

[00:47:43.290]>>Russell Henley with a few fist pumps.

[00:47:51.429]>>It did, right? Yeah, I like that.

[00:47:56.310]>>138. This has got to be a 50 degree wedge. It can't be anything else.

[00:48:01.419]>>The wind's helping from right to left. I mean, this is your time, this is your time.

[00:48:08.449]>>And going about it decisively. No hesitation at all.

[00:48:19.260]>>Be as good as you look.

[00:48:22.010]>>Be as good as you look. Oh, a little unlucky.

[00:48:27.350]>>Mm. Down into the Bermuda rough, which can be very old, she's got a brilliant short game, one that you could still pitch in, but all depending on the line, a little fluffy.

[00:48:39.659]>>In terms of his line, he's in a beautiful spot. He's coming up the green.

[00:48:46.639]>>It's pretty straight.

[00:48:52.040]>>Surprised you didn't take the flag out, man.

[00:48:56.649]>>Yeah, I think that just the way he went about that, he said just get it up-and-down, give yourself another chance, let's get into this playoffs, don't do anything foolish.

[00:49:07.459]>>Has been in one playoff in his career, lost to Chris Kirk, the Cognizant, and that was an epic playoff.

[00:49:21.530]>>Cole.

[00:49:23.389]>>Post 12 under.

[00:49:27.139]>>Henley and Cole heading back to the tee at 18 for the playoffs.

[00:49:32.750]>>26. Yeah, OK, she's gonna be right in the wind too, yeah, right into that rectangle. Perfect. Yeah, I see it right there, perfect. It's got off all the flags on the structure over there on the left that you can look at. You know exactly what the wind's doing.

[00:50:02.850]>>Wow

[00:50:06.600]>>Oh, sensational. He was ironed out the entire way.

[00:50:11.879]>>World class.

[00:50:14.570]>>That's made Eric's mind up with this one.

[00:50:18.800]>>You're kind of looking at the window, plenty of flags up above show exactly what's going 10 in Florida, just right to left the entire way.

[00:50:27.229]>>Yeah, you just, you wanna ride the wind here, yeah, if you cut it up against the wind, it's gonna fall out of the air.

[00:50:49.270]>>Hm

[00:50:52.070]>>Sure

[00:50:54.389]>>Yeah, yeah, and I tell you what, you've got a chance to knock it in first and apply a little bit more pressure.

[00:51:00.429]>>Knowing full well that Russell's, you've gotta believe that Russell's gonna make his. Can he step up? Well, he's won 60 times in tournament, professional golf tournaments. He knows how to make important putts.

[00:51:13.300]>>Might be the most important of his life.

[00:51:42.760]>> Henley now putting for birdie and the win.

[00:51:50.149]>>He's done it

[00:51:55.189]>>Russell Henley charges from behind.

[00:51:59.040]>>Catches Eric Cole and then beats him in the first hole of sudden death.

[00:52:07.050]>>And to have the family there, he talked about how important it was when he won Bay Hill last year.

[00:52:12.629]>>Is the city of Fort Worth and the Colonial Country Club, which once again delivered in every way. What a performance by Russell Henley winning on the first playoff hole, taking down Eric Cole. We saw great golf. We saw a golf course that had every reason

to feel pride in itself, the way it protected against the scoring, the challenges that it provided for so many. Congratulations to Russell Henley.

[00:52:41.949]>>This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of the Charles Schwab Challenge from Fort Worth, Texas.