

[00:00:26.329]>>The PGA TOUR proudly presents.

[00:00:30.559]>>The season-long race for the FedExCup.

[00:00:34.939]>>Now coverage of the 2026 John Deere Classic from Sylvis, Illinois.

[00:00:42.680]>>It's TPC Deer Run and Sylvis, Illinois, the fifty-fourth playing of this John Deere Classic. The folks at John-Deere make some really cool things, and you'll see some of their stuff on display here on the golf course. That's the world's largest driver right there.

[00:01:01.630]>>And every once in a while, it might even hit the ball. Lots of stuff to do because it is hot. Temperature up into the 90s, a little bit of wind blowing, that is the Rock River, which will bring a little relief to these players. That's our team. Tour veterans, James Nitties, Rob Lee, and John Morgan, who almost won this golf tournament just a handful of years ago. I'm Brian Caitrick and we're glad to have you along with us.

[00:01:26.550]>>A stretch of tournaments in the Midwest of the United States, 54th playing, 26th year here. John-Deere, the second longest title sponsor on the PGA TOUR.

[00:01:40.610]>>Going all the way back to.

[00:01:42.860]>>Uh, well, as you saw so many years ago, only AT&T is longer. So where are we? The Midwest, a little bit south of Chicago. We're right on the state line between Iowa and Illinois. They called this the Quad Cities area. That's the Rock River to the south. The bigger river that you saw to the north is the old mighty Mississippi River, and TPC Deer run an old farm land that was built right on the side of the river, cascades down toward it. Beautiful spot.

[00:02:11.720]>>For some championship golf, DA Weybr put it all together in 2000.

[00:02:18.500]>>Bent grass greens, bent grass fairways, those are cool weather grasses, and we are playing in the heat of the summer. So what you see is the field staff having to keep those grasses alive, a little extra watering, which makes it a little bit more scorable. A par of 71, and we're glad to have you along with us. The scoring. Rob Lee, wonderful this morning as we saw a couple of 6-3s from Lucas Glover and Zach Blair.

[00:02:45.679]>>James Nitties, there's Keegan Bradley out here at the 8th.

[00:02:50.309]>>Long range at the short par 4. Well, OK, there's a bonus for Bradley.

[00:02:58.389]>>4 under his last 5 holes. You ideally want to hit a draw, ride that breeze back into, have a good club, good yardage. Kenza Harada.

[00:03:08.800]>>Also off the Korn Ferry tour last year.

[00:03:13.389]>>He liked the swing, and he was quite right to like it. That's old school, without the tracer.

[00:03:19.960]>>Keegan Bradley now ready to go, and we say good afternoon to tour veteran John Morgan.

[00:03:26.479]>>Oh, thank you very much, Keegan Bradley on the downslope.

[00:03:30.110]>>Oh, he ain't caught this one. It's got a fly. It's coming back.

[00:03:37.820]>>It's a very nice little break there for Keegan Bradley. I think he thought that was bunker bound. Take it though. Now we go to the 10th.

[00:03:46.149]>>Little sand wedge here, 3rd shot at the par 5 for Zach Johnson.

[00:03:54.199]>>He's always been good at that, Zack, master wedge player.

[00:04:02.259]>>Well, you gotta hope somebody gets over there so he can find it.

[00:04:06.000]>>Ahead to the green, Fowler's 3rd.

[00:04:09.630]>>Those are pretty special, those two.

[00:04:12.880]>>Ricky,

[00:04:15.679]>>Back at 14 now, Adam Svensson, how do you stop this one, James, with some.

[00:04:23.059]>>Like that.

[00:04:24.899]>>Never mind. Adam Svensson had a plan. A hole out eagle.

[00:04:33.279]>>Back to 11. Tom Kim hitting his 3rd.

[00:04:36.959]>>139 yards after punching out his second.

[00:04:42.779]>>It.

[00:04:45.769]>>Perfect chance with that one, very good shot.

[00:04:49.109]>>Kim would make that to save Pa.

[00:04:52.369]>>Now 13, Sungjae.

[00:04:56.859]>>Ball above his feet will help him swing this to this left flag and.

[00:05:01.959]>>That's what we're used to seeing from Sungjae.

[00:05:05.779]>>He's got a 15. Bit of Harry Higgs, who likes a V shape with his buttons not being employed on his shirt, come on, yeah, there you go.

[00:05:19.329]>>The big rip, big beautiful, just nice birdie there.

[00:05:24.779]>>Ahead at 14

[00:05:27.000]>>Zach Johnson for his birdie.

[00:05:30.720]>>Well, they'll be out of that.

[00:05:33.000]>>Diot in the fairway, tucked hole location.

[00:05:37.070]>>Gets it to 4 under, that was a beauty right there.

[00:05:41.279]>>Over to the 3rd Mac Meissner.

[00:05:44.500]>>With his tee shot on the 191 yard par 3.

[00:05:51.309]>>Oh, it's the stick.

[00:05:54.429]>>It's amazing how low they're hitting it.

[00:05:57.609]>>It's gonna hit his left nostril, no, it's not, it's gonna come in nice and low and zippy.

[00:06:02.679]>>Hands are well forward, look at this.

[00:06:14.070]>>Brilliant, absolutely brilliant.

[00:06:17.529]>>To swing it that firmly, you, you've got so much confidence that you're gonna make the right contact on the ball, that's, that's high tariff stuff.

[00:06:26.059]>>Back to 14 now. Tom, Kim can suffer from that same problem. What, what are we looking at here, John? Oh, pretty straight putt this one.

[00:06:43.359]>>Good part. He said working alongside Sean Foley. Sean Foley told told him, let's just go back to how you played when you got your 1st 3 victories. Big tee shot for Fow at 17, James.

[00:06:57.929]>>Yeah, 3 24 m off the tee.

[00:07:01.799]>>You can use that slope just like Sungjae did.

[00:07:05.070]>>Oh, and even got it to react, there's the ability with that yardage off the tee.

[00:07:12.339]>>To 17 and Fowler.

[00:07:15.519]>>So, let's go.

[00:07:22.329]>>He's talking to his ball a lot down this hole with the tee shot and the 2nd, that's a crackerjack.

[00:07:27.940]>>Eagle opportunity for Zach Johnson, a bit of game management here, as good as he is with his wedges, he's not taking the chance of stubbing this one, so he's gonna put it up and over the hill, let it just drift down to the right.

[00:07:40.160]>>Hopefully settle somewhere near the cup. That's a very good effort. Go on then, be the one. Thank you.

[00:07:48.470]>>An eagle for Zach Johnson.

[00:07:53.359]>>Mr. John Deere Classic, his 6th career eagle here.

[00:07:59.779]>>That's of course in 24 tries, but he's won it.

[00:08:03.940]>>And now he's 2 off the lead. Tried to tell you he could make that.

[00:08:08.690]>>Fowler for Eagle at 17.

[00:08:14.149]>>Hit a great putt.

[00:08:16.470]>>Figured it would keep turning left, hit a really good putt. He was right on that full line, wasn't he? Yeah.

[00:08:24.040]>>But he is gonna get it under par, and that's, it's not exactly job done to make sure you're here at the weekend, but he's got chances now.

[00:08:33.679]>>He needs to turn that, that new blade on tomorrow.

[00:08:40.390]>>At 15, Emiliano Grillo for birdie.

[00:08:46.109]>>Yeah.

[00:08:48.030]>>He'll be thinking that is.

[00:08:50.750]>>National football team can have a run in the World Cup, Emiliano.

[00:08:56.280]>>Zach Johnson at the closing hole with his 2nd.

[00:08:59.809]>>Here's Zak at the 18th. 0, he must have thought that was gonna be wet. That's at least 1520 ft left of where he meant to hit it.

[00:09:11.619]>>Tom Kim, what's he looking at, John? Oh, what a drive down the right hand side, 179 yards to go.

[00:09:19.859]>>He's got an 8 iron hand.

[00:09:23.059]>>Plenty of help in the air with the breeze.

[00:09:27.450]>>He hit that 80 yards past his average tee shot.

[00:09:33.299]>>Oh, what a second.

[00:09:35.239]>>It's one of those courses, you don't have to be the longest if you've got that low ball flight and you're pretty accurate, you can get extra 50 to 60 yards on the ground.

[00:09:45.500]>>Zach Johnson now to steal a birdie at 18.

[00:09:51.059]>>Yeah, this right where you wanna putt from too.

[00:09:55.580]>>Oh, sixty-fourth shot of the day.

[00:09:59.390]>>The 50-year-old Iowa native Zach Johnson turns back the clock to shoot 7 under 64. He joins two others sitting one shot back of the lead. All eyes are on Lucas Glover and Zach Blair tied at 8 under par. Round two is up next.

[00:10:23.520]>>2nd round coverage of the John Deere Classic.

[00:10:28.729]>>TPC Deer run.

[00:10:31.280]>>Sylvis, Illinois.

[00:10:33.859]>>That's our location here. Beautiful spot for second-round action. John Deere Classic. We finished that 1st round yesterday and it was awesome. Lots of fun, great

scoring, and that continues here today. Not quite as hot today, which is, of course, much better for the players and the spectators. A little bit of breeze blowing. That's our crew, tour veterans, James Nitties, Rob Lee, and John Morgan out on the golf course. I'm Brian Katrek. Lucas Glover, the man at the top.

[00:11:02.609]>>He was up there after the first round and he means it here on Friday also. Your other storyline, Zach Johnson considers this a major championship. Rob, he is from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, continues to play here, continues to play well in his 25th appearance. Uh, quite amazing really. He's got to the age of.

[00:11:22.164]>>50 now and he could have played in the US Senior Open. He's chosen to play at a place he's comfortable in and owes a lot to with his golfing history and has performed so far, heroically. And we've mentioned this, Lucas Glover, one of the co-leaders after round 15 under today, all business.

[00:11:43.119]>>You've seen a lot of great young players excel here. Matt Wallace for birdie at the 8th, and Matt Wallace moves to 4 under, which is a much safer number. That might be the cut mark, so he needed a putt well for those two early bogeys. Most of the guys battling conditions where the golf ball's flying a little more. Ben Cole going on the ground here at 10, clever.

[00:12:04.799]>>That for birdie.

[00:12:07.559]>>That's a run from Erik Cole, who has no business making the cut after a miserable first round.

[00:12:13.250]>>Now at the 18th, Michael Brennan, a guy that came out of college without all of the hullabaloo that Jackson Kiven does, but one very early in his career.

[00:12:25.809]>>Michael Brennan's gonna make the turn.

[00:12:28.849]>>JT Poston at 11 for birdie.

[00:12:35.479]>>Poston at 11 gets it to drop. In fact, I'm gonna say it's a disgrace, the layup from there, from where he hit that.

[00:12:44.690]>>Fairly straightforward for Glover here.

[00:12:48.799]>>With his 3rd at the 2nd, the par 5.

[00:12:53.729]>>Yeah it's all about just getting it to the hole there but.

[00:12:57.030]>>It'll be straight up hill for another birdie to get.

[00:13:01.099]>>To 14 under, extend by 4.

[00:13:04.159]>>Back to 10, Griffin for birdie.

[00:13:07.229]>>Good layout.

[00:13:08.669]>>But you were saying, yeah, I mean, I, I'd, I'd have to have that explained to me why he didn't.

[00:13:14.570]>>And we'll go to 3. It's William Mou for his birdie.

[00:13:20.390]>>Oh, how about that, that's a little bonus. Skating up the green hit the pin drops in.

[00:13:27.729]>>To 12 Homa.

[00:13:33.890]>>Be careful on the right side here, there's a huge slope left of this flag you can use, but how about just go straight at it for.

[00:13:41.669]>>Jordan Spieth, with all the attention on him, as always, is at least 3 shots outside the cut line right now. John, he needs this 10 yeah, they all go start dropping, they really do. This is as straight as it comes on this green, up the hill.

[00:14:01.039]>>That's more like it, Jordan, that's more like it.

[00:14:04.380]>>You know, for all his eccentricities and idiosyncrasies, he's one of the most watchable people in this game of golf that we love.

[00:14:13.330]>>And now back at 6, after missing the fairway and just apparently had nothing to work with, Hodges saves par anyway.

[00:14:21.780]>>Great fun.

[00:14:23.489]>>great line

[00:14:25.340]>>Good read.

[00:14:28.000]>>I had to hold 12.

[00:14:32.580]>>I'd like to see him go on with that success as we go to Spieth now. OK, there's 2 in a row, there you go.

[00:14:39.309]>>There you go.

[00:14:45.780]>>And Troy Merritt, look at this trip.

[00:14:49.799]>>Split hand. And it goes in. Griffin's turn at 13. Yeah, just busted over 3:30 off the tee. Bit heavy handed this one.

[00:15:01.739]>>Yeah, right where he was looking.

[00:15:05.950]>>Griffin would go on to make that for Birdie.

[00:15:12.590]>>Over to 13, and Rio Hissatane.

[00:15:19.849]>>Oh now, did he go ball sand in that order, he certainly did. In you go. Pick it out.

[00:15:25.349]>>Oh, yes, what about that?

[00:15:29.609]>>What a stoic response from a man that's just gone 22.

[00:15:34.119]>>Oh.

[00:15:37.979]>>Hodges now. S for birdie.

[00:15:41.530]>>Oh, he gets another one. He gets within 2.

[00:15:46.320]>>So this group just.

[00:15:48.690]>>Casually rolling forward.

[00:15:51.969]>>Jordan Spieth from the first cut at 15.

[00:15:55.630]>>The ball slightly above his stance, gotta wrap it round a tree from right to left.

[00:16:01.179]>>I think he got the turn on it, he certainly did. How about this, it's a Spieth special. He's a man that's run out of miracles, and he's just found one there.

[00:16:15.080]>>Sattu back at 14. Clever shot, clever shot. His Satan, that's fantastic from there.

[00:16:23.359]>>We'll get to 9.

[00:16:26.380]>>We will back up, check in on Zach Blair.

[00:16:30.619]>>He's back at 14, and he's up to 10 under.

[00:16:40.640]>>Jordan Spieth with another big putt, let me tell you, John-Deere wants him to hold this. No looky. Oh, brilliant, brilliant. That's what we need out of Spieth, when he has a putt that he has to make inside 10 ft, he gets it done. That is vintage.

[00:16:58.479]>>Baian Gomez, tough spot here at 18.

[00:17:03.650]>>OK.

[00:17:08.318]>>Still got the hands at 47.

[00:17:14.698]>>Eric Van Royen now for birdie at 14.

[00:17:21.729]>>Oh yes.

[00:17:23.400]>>Stylish, right there, just like those pants. Another Spitfire pilot.

[00:17:31.290]>>All right, back over to 18 now. Dunlap needing to get it up-and-down just to post 3 under.

[00:17:44.719]>>What a shot. Smart decision to lay up, then execute, knows he has to go ahead and get that up-and-down to have a chance.

[00:17:53.040]>>Yeah, someplace straighter putt than speeds putt, that's for sure. Still coming off his rider, Tad though, up the hill, gotta give it enough.

[00:18:03.739]>>He sure did.

[00:18:05.750]>>Birdie for Griffin, one of the bigger names in this field, Starting to lurk now, 7 shots back.

[00:18:13.790]>>Now ahead at 17, as Eric Cole has this for Eagle. Gotta go. Unbelievable, he's got a chance with a birdie at the last to make the cut. He's just gone to 3 under. And all those 3s that keep moving forward are hurting the other 3's chances, but right now 3 under is safe.

[00:18:32.989]>>Zach Blair back here at 16.

[00:18:37.030]>>Diving into the hole, that's a ridiculous 2.

[00:18:41.199]>>All sorts of swearing and I think he'll take back what he admonishing himself with the tee shot and then all of a sudden it's a sidewinder from 60 ft.

[00:18:51.810]>>It was a 397 yard drive, by the way.

[00:18:57.229]>>Crazy, isn't it?

[00:18:59.250]>>He's just got a 6 iron in the hand, a little one at that.

[00:19:07.859]>>It'd be really good.

[00:19:12.079]>>It is really good.

[00:19:15.930]>>Griffin would 2 putt for birdie to get to 8 under back to 9.

[00:19:21.800]>>Lucas Glover trying to finish things off.

[00:19:25.699]>>Oh, that's a wonderful up-and-down for Lucas.

[00:19:31.660]>>65.

[00:19:35.719]>>Blair for a closing par.

[00:19:40.069]>>Oh, that is scrappy.

[00:19:42.510]>>Just like his game, he doesn't quit, doesn't look like everybody else's game, but he gets the job done.

[00:19:50.839]>>So good scoring is usually the rule at the John Deere Classic, and it has not disappointed. Lucas Glover backs up the opening round with a 65 today, takes a two-shot lead. Round 3 is up next.

[00:20:13.089]>>3rd round coverage of the John Deere Classic.

[00:20:18.420]>>There's TPC Deer Run, a wonderful look down at it. Sylvan, Illinois, it's the old Quad Cities area right in the middle of this country. There's the Rock River which feeds into the Mississippi River, which divides the country in half, and it feeds into the Mississippi River just a couple miles from right here. Those guys having a blast.

[00:20:42.099]>>Best players in the world vying for this trophy, along with tour veterans James Nitties, Rob Lee, and John Morgan on the course. I'm Brian Katrek. We're glad to have you along with us.

[00:20:55.069]>>The conditions are going to be perfect with this overcast. Zach Blair now.

[00:21:00.319]>>This is his 2nd at the 2nd.

[00:21:03.469]>>This is our final grouping of the day, Glover, Blair, and Lee Hodges.

[00:21:13.290]>>He's here in this greenside bunker in 2.

[00:21:16.589]>>And he's in the hole in 3, how about that for a start? Wow! Forget the putter, doesn't need it. That will be a storyline later tonight all across the country, there will be fireworks, and we got some fireworks early here at TPC Deer Run.

[00:21:36.270]>>Easy, easy hole. Short par 4.

[00:21:40.359]>>Gotta convert that, don't you, after that 2nd shot for Blair watching Glover not getting out of the bunker.

[00:21:55.900]>>It's quite unusual that the back tea is the low tee and the short te is the up tee.

[00:22:01.089]>>Blair, what a start for him.

[00:22:03.989]>>Blair would make that for Birdie.

[00:22:09.430]>>And up in the 4th, Rio-0 Hisatane, 4 back.

[00:22:15.930]>>Oh.

[00:22:18.040]>>Hisatsuna would make birdie from there.

[00:22:22.300]>>Jackson Suber is 4 shots off the lead, perfect position here at the 4th.

[00:22:28.530]>>Oh this is bread and butter.

[00:22:31.449]>>One of the best on tour from this yardage.

[00:22:35.890]>>00.

[00:22:38.310]>>Well, he's 3rd in shot proximity to the tour, which is, believe it or not, 34 ft from the hole.

[00:22:45.420]>>Back to 16.

[00:22:49.439]>>Spieth. He wants to turn it back to that flag. It's on a good line.

[00:22:54.849]>>On a great line.

[00:22:56.959]>>It's there, Jordan.

[00:22:58.979]>>Always a fan favorite, two-time winner here.

[00:23:02.920]>>Zach Johnson also a past champion, this at 6.

[00:23:11.119]>>It got in somehow, the stroke didn't look very good, I've gotta say, side on, but red, white and blue for the 4th of July, look at that. Back to 5 and the door is open for Zach Blair. Yeah, but this is a sidewinder here, plenty of break off the left hand side, I feel a little bit down the hill as well, so it's gonna be a bit pacey.

[00:23:29.339]>>Oh, get in here.

[00:23:31.719]>>That's Moi, that's Moten.

[00:23:34.680]>>He's made some long ones, we saw it at 16 yesterday, on the last couple already today. The newly crowned number 1 amateur in the world, Preston Stout.

[00:23:46.670]>>8 shots back.

[00:23:49.670]>>Pin tie it right, trying to cut this in, if you can.

[00:23:53.119]>>And just about there is ideal. Nice shot.

[00:23:58.910]>>I think he just nurture a 9, ride the breeze a little bit.

[00:24:02.900]>>Don't want to be going long here, I can tell you that.

[00:24:13.339]>>Great shot. Phenomenal shot with a lofted wood.

[00:24:20.969]>>Jordan Spieth on 18 now hitting a 2nd.

[00:24:26.520]>>Spieth here at 18.

[00:24:31.839]>>He loves it, so he should.

[00:24:34.709]>>Aggressive swing to that back right corner and it paid off.

[00:24:40.750]>>Up to the 10th now, Chris Gotterup.

[00:24:50.800]>>I think we just need to be patient with him, Rob, and I think he's coming.

[00:24:55.569]>>Final group back here at the 9th, John. Yeah, helping breeze going with a hard 5 arm from 214. Back pin. Gotta get him everything to get it back there.

[00:25:07.579]>>Satisfied man with his body language, and that is all over it and straight at it and as good as you could do. Hasn't he been good? He has put some heat on Lucas Glover, Zach Blair is feeling it today.

[00:25:20.020]>>Zach Johnson on 12.

[00:25:24.459]>>This is one of the stories of the week. It really is.

[00:25:29.699]>>At 11, Zach Blair hitting his 3rd after driving it into the penalty area.

[00:25:35.640]>>John, how about this play? Oh yeah, this is interesting. I would have taken a rough because he'd have the ball above his stance, he'd be able to work the ball a little bit easier from right to left. Ooh, obviously light dependent, but here we go. Gotta wrap the hands over on this one.

[00:25:51.319]>>He subpar.

[00:25:54.510]>>Yeah, I'm, I'm with John there, uh.

[00:25:57.290]>>I'd get it if it was a flat path, but you can see there's little slits in this concrete here where the ball would have just been sitting tad below the surface. It's not like you can turn it that much. Our final group is on the 12th, and we've got ourselves a tie. Lee Hodges is now just 3 back.

[00:26:23.030]>>Oh, I got it.

[00:26:26.160]>>That's a really good swing, look at that. Hold on.

[00:26:30.030]>>So big moment back there at the 12th. We'll go up to 13.

[00:26:34.439]>>Satan for his birdie.

[00:26:37.119]>>Yeah. He gets within 3.

[00:26:40.119]>>That

[00:26:41.989]>>Gotta be able to knock this one in, he's overdue. It's been the 5th hole since he made his 1st and only birdie of this round. Come on.

[00:26:56.640]>>I.

[00:26:58.760]>>Lee Hodges is 2 shots back now.

[00:27:03.520]>>You as an Australian, would love the, the livery of John-Deere.

[00:27:07.859]>>The green and gold, you'd love that, of course, yeah.

[00:27:11.520]>>Ahead to Jackson Suber on 14, his second from below the green.

[00:27:18.640]>>He's really good at that, really good. That's a couple of times now he's.

[00:27:24.739]>>Uh, Ben Kohles is 2 back.

[00:27:31.770]>>This green light, this yardage.

[00:27:36.839]>>Beautifully done, controls the spin.

[00:27:40.319]>>Back to 14 with Lee Hodges.

[00:27:45.270]>>Much loft in this. He can use a sand iron gap wedge just back at the stance, nudge it, get it moving forward.

[00:28:00.020]>>And that sets up Birdie to get to 14 under par.

[00:28:06.430]>>There'll be a lot of talk about his position here, if he, especially if he can make that one.

[00:28:12.069]>>Uh, Doug.

[00:28:15.579]>>Well, he almost threw it in for an eagle anyway.

[00:28:20.420]>>Rio Hisatsune.

[00:28:28.770]>>There you go. He's good with that club. Seems to make a lot of sense, Rob. Place where you gotta make a ton of putts.

[00:28:36.530]>>Real good putter. Now Blair, his chance to take the lead alone.

[00:28:45.859]>>Pours it in. Well, what a well constructed birdie 3 for a guy that couldn't take it over that bunker.

[00:28:54.369]>>Max Homa from the back fringe at the 16th, the par 3, left to right.

[00:29:02.119]>>Looks good. Oh, how about that bonus from Homa?

[00:29:07.089]>>That gets him within 5.

[00:29:10.119]>>Bounce back after the bogey at 15.

[00:29:13.989]>>Ahead to Tom Kim at the closing hole.

[00:29:17.989]>>Yeah, only 129 m remaining for Kim.

[00:29:23.979]>>He got the left kick, with a little bit of cat scratch on the side of it.

[00:29:31.969]>>Ben Cole's here at 17.

[00:29:39.890]>>That sets up birdie for Coles to get to 15 under.

[00:29:44.510]>>Ahead to Zach Johnson at 18.

[00:29:53.109]>>What a way to finish and get within 3 right now. Yeah.

[00:29:57.300]>>Twelve-time PGA TOUR winner, including here back in 2012.

[00:30:03.510]>>Zach Johnson from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. That's a bonus, but he will be kicking himself from the, the cheap bogey and the lack of birdie at 17, what a way to finish.

[00:30:16.280]>>Oh, wouldn't that be nice, it really would, that's making my mouth water just by thinking about it now. Now the 3 were trying to get this one onto the green, 255 into the breeze up the hill.

[00:30:39.020]>>Good shot, very good shot, that's a beauty.

[00:30:43.369]>>Considering how far this hole's playing right now and.

[00:30:46.859]>>Oh, my goodness.

[00:30:50.780]>>We're on the 17th.

[00:30:53.569]>>Zach Blair has the 1 shot lead at the weather delay, followed by 4 others at 15 under par. 50-year-old Zach Johnson still in the hunt, trailing by 3 as round 4 is up next.

[00:31:10.420]>>We are here and we are playing for history and we're playing for the players that came before us.

[00:31:16.229]>>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.

[00:31:43.160]>>It's TPC Deer Run in Sylvan, Illinois on a day when making putts is gonna be a big deal. Final round action. 500 FedExCup points and an official PGA TOUR win along with that trophy on the line. Temperatures are going to get a little hotter than that by the time we finish, but partly cloudy is nice on what is normally a steamy week in Middle America.

[00:32:10.260]>>We start with Ben Kohles at the 2nd who has this putt for eagle.

[00:32:19.050]>>Hey

[00:32:20.819]>>Eagle for Coles, leapfrogs to 17 under. Maybe nobody in this field has played better golf the last month and a half than Ben Kohles.

[00:32:35.989]>>Now Hodges to tie him.

[00:32:47.390]>>Yeah this was a must for this entire group considering all the guys throwing birdies at them from in front.

[00:32:57.550]>>Glover, the one he wanted to tap in a couple of minutes ago. And we have 3 players at 17 under.

[00:33:06.550]>>I catching those things can't do it.

[00:33:11.140]>>Uh, we're up here now at the 4th, Chandler Phillips.

[00:33:15.579]>>This is for bogey.

[00:33:17.640]>>You

[00:33:19.140]>>Yeah. OK. Chandler was in the fairway bunker off the tee, didn't get it all the way onto the green. He just played it, he just laid it up and then hit it over the green.

[00:33:30.079]>>Adventurous 5, back to 3 now and Glover. Straight up the hill. Just a blemish of movement, I got this one just a little bit off the right.

[00:33:40.579]>>Beautiful putt. What a cracking 2 that is, following their 2 putt birdie at the previous green. Ideal start for Lucas Glover. Good for him to see a couple putts go. Just gonna make that point, yeah, spot on.

[00:33:56.550]>>Now Hodges trying to answer.

[00:34:01.260]>>Well he's gonna have to start this one just outside the left, I feel, dribbling it in the front door.

[00:34:13.158]>>Great read Johnny Morgan, great read and a really nice 2.

[00:34:18.320]>>So Lee Hodges and Lucas Glover now dueling birdies on 2 and 3, and they lead.

[00:34:29.320]>>We'll move up to the 6th. Rickie Fowler back with the Sunday orange.

[00:34:35.070]>>No, no.

[00:34:37.510]>>Vintage Fowler. Do we see a resurgent out of Fowler this second part of the season.

[00:34:44.969]>>That got hot. Come on.

[00:34:47.459]>>Back to 5 at Cole's.

[00:34:52.000]>>Right.

[00:34:56.638]>>Mm, yep.

[00:34:58.800]>>Got it to stop on a dime.

[00:35:03.969]>>Ryo Hisatsune at 7 for birdie.

[00:35:12.929]>>Yep.

[00:35:16.800]>>Uh, the contenders just keep lining up back there.

[00:35:21.830]>>Uh, back at 5.

[00:35:24.840]>>Coles?

[00:35:27.709]>>You.

[00:35:30.540]>>Well, let's make it 3 players at 18 under again.

[00:35:34.500]>>Nice.

[00:35:37.120]>>Here's Kate Tanakajima up here at the 18th.

[00:35:41.850]>>Oh.

[00:35:43.719]>>Couldn't really be any further back or any further left when you're in that fairway looking at that pin, that's a fantastic shot. That was brilliant.

[00:35:54.149]>>To Kohl's in the fairway at 6.

[00:36:05.459]>>Yeah, beauty.

[00:36:12.790]>>Thanks. Here's Rio Satan up at the 8th.

[00:36:22.100]>>As well as he putts, this could be his day.

[00:36:26.600]>>Another one enters the chat just a couple of shots back.

[00:36:33.280]>>Back here at the 6th.

[00:36:36.669]>>And Lee Hodges is down here in the cabbage, John.

[00:36:45.149]>>Well I think getting a good lie there changed how aggressive he was. Instead of just trying to get it back on the green, looked like he tried to bite off a little too much from that shot.

[00:36:56.060]>>Hodges now playing his 4th shot.

[00:37:02.800]>>It's uh.

[00:37:07.669]>>recovery. Gonna be a dropped shot though for Lee Hodges. You can't go long at 6, and he did.

[00:37:17.790]>>Big mess with a wedge.

[00:37:29.250]>>Well, here we go, John, Ben Kohles with the chance to take the lead for the first time today.

[00:37:39.050]>>Ben Kohles briefly led after the eagle went in at the 2nd, but there were other tap-ins going on. Now he leads alone, 19 under par.

[00:37:50.479]>>Back to 7 and Blair.

[00:37:56.010]>>Go on, get in.

[00:37:57.429]>>Yeah, well done, really good tee shot for a faded to that back left pin. And he converts that for a 2.

[00:38:06.639]>>10 now, 3rd shot for Chris Gotterup at the par 5. Driven, cutting, spinning, thing like that.

[00:38:19.469]>>Glover here at 7.

[00:38:22.120]>>Big puck coming up now.

[00:38:24.370]>>Yeah, big putt.

[00:38:26.770]>>Big stick's working for him today.

[00:38:29.409]>>Well, it has been, hopefully I haven't jinxed him after that line.

[00:38:40.080]>>I think when he struck that he would have been pretty satisfied with that.

[00:38:44.110]>>Yeah, it looked like a good stroke. Yeah, it did.

[00:38:47.070]>>That's just the 2nd bogey of the week for Lucas Glover.

[00:38:58.780]>>Goddard's gonna keep coming, tied for 2nd.

[00:39:05.959]>>Coles playing his 2nd at 8.

[00:39:16.260]>>Didn't seem to like it.

[00:39:18.260]>>That's right at it, perfect.

[00:39:20.899]>>Shot.

[00:39:24.449]>>Now it's Hodge's turn.

[00:39:36.739]>>Fab, absolutely fabulous there from the rough.

[00:39:43.270]>>To 10.

[00:39:48.500]>>To 15.

[00:39:50.530]>>Bogey free for Rickie Fowler.

[00:39:54.840]>>Cos now for birdie.

[00:40:03.820]>>He stepped it in. Look at all the threes for Ben Kohles.

[00:40:10.300]>>Lee Hodges trying to keep pace.

[00:40:17.860]>>Oh yeah, poured it in.

[00:40:20.620]>>Now playing a little bit of Klingon to the impressive nature of Cole's front line.

[00:40:36.479]>>Well, this will make things a lot more interesting.

[00:40:42.540]>>Gotterup is 2 back, heading to a drivable par 4.

[00:40:49.639]>>11.

[00:40:53.510]>>189 yards, here we go. 7 are back left flag. How brave are you?

[00:41:00.760]>>Yeah

[00:41:09.750]>>Homa to make his day even better at the 13th, left to right, and finding the bottom of the cup again.

[00:41:22.250]>>Up to 12 Suber.

[00:41:29.899]>>Even better, even better, he's got that little bit of knee dip, isn't he, when he goes into the hitting area. But that was superb.

[00:41:41.260]>>Now Hodges for par.

[00:41:48.260]>>And he blinks.

[00:41:50.909]>>3rd bogey of the round for Lee Hodges.

[00:41:56.969]>>Little work left for our leader at 11.

[00:42:01.770]>>Oh, his first bogey of the day, and it comes at an awful time.

[00:42:11.669]>>Homa is his 2nd at 14, the par 4, didn't he leave it in a perfect spot? Did he deliver? Yes he did, that's a really good effort from the front of this screen.

[00:42:23.909]>>And now a look at another birdie for Max Homa.

[00:42:30.709]>>Good tee shot, lovely pitch up the green, and a pot to match 3 in a row, 17 under 2 back Max Oma.

[00:42:38.679]>>Now to Ben Kohles, his approach to the green on the par 4 13th. Gonna be important this next hour and a half. How tough was this shot, John? Well, he's on the upslope, nice green to work with, all facing him, it's quite simple really, but the pressure's on.

[00:43:00.939]>>Good effort there to settle the nerves.

[00:43:07.520]>>Max Homa is only 2 back.

[00:43:12.850]>>Oh

[00:43:15.010]>>Well Max Homa all of a sudden has found some blood flow from somewhere in this game.

[00:43:20.899]>>This is the old Max.

[00:43:23.459]>>But Ben Kohles back at the 13th.

[00:43:29.399]>>Now this for par.

[00:43:36.649]>>Now to the 15th green.

[00:43:44.389]>>Now Max Homa to get 3rd alone.

[00:43:50.350]>>He's been saying it for a long time now, he's close.

[00:43:55.340]>>Has it come to fruition this week, I mean he's hit some great iron shots this.

[00:44:01.050]>>Final round.

[00:44:06.820]>>Now it's 17.

[00:44:09.100]>>Got her up's 3rd.

[00:44:13.860]>>Make sure you keep the speed up if you're going high.

[00:44:21.399]>>It's a tough shot downwind from there. I, I think if it was Thursday, he tries to pitch it into the fringe.

[00:44:30.030]>>The big putt for Goterup at 17 would give him the lead alone, at least for now.

[00:44:41.840]>>Quick puckt downhill, left to right.

[00:44:48.310]>>Good, good read.

[00:44:51.030]>>Beautiful Se series lined up, he's playing it that way.

[00:45:02.959]>>What an up-and-down for Chris Gotterup.

[00:45:06.300]>>20 under.

[00:45:09.610]>>Maybe one birdie away from the promised land here.

[00:45:18.110]>>Our final group is ready to go here, John. Yeah, just listen down a little bit, and it's gonna help him release this, as the green's facing him, the pins in that back little tongue. And this 14th, it's all uphill.

[00:45:39.760]>>It's gonna work out pretty well from there.

[00:45:42.409]>>That's a well played shot.

[00:45:45.899]>>Glover for eagle.

[00:45:49.459]>>Well, if this one goes in, my goodness, what a putt up the hill, breaking off the right, gotta give it an extra bit of welly.

[00:45:58.679]>>This is going to make the journey almost, it's a very good part.

[00:46:04.040]>>I've seen people misjudge that all day long.

[00:46:07.610]>>Back to 14 and Hodges. And when I said aiming left with the chip, I meant about 5 ft, not 35 ft, but uphill, breaking off the left a little bit. So I get my lefts and rights mixed up off the right.

[00:46:19.870]>>See, made the right decision. Completely bailed out by 40 ft and hold it.

[00:46:27.580]>>All right, now, Ben Kohles, this would really help the cause.

[00:46:33.419]>>Oh, would it? He's just had a free read, that ball of Hodges just glided past his marker, so he knows exactly what this is gonna do off the right.

[00:46:50.689]>>Well done, well done.

[00:46:54.909]>>Big putt for Ben Kohles, ties for the lead, he still has that 17th.

[00:47:03.360]>>Here's Gotterup

[00:47:05.270]>>One last swing of the putter.

[00:47:11.340]>>This could be for the win.

[00:47:23.649]>>That to put 20 under on the board and wait. Remember Cole's very close to a penalty area. It does bring all of those 18 into play though.

[00:47:38.090]>>Gotterup here just.

[00:47:41.129]>>A couple of feet away from posting 20 under.

[00:47:49.419]>>It's the low round of the week for Chris Gotterup on Sunday.

[00:47:54.949]>>62, it posts 20 under, and we'll find out if that's good enough.

[00:48:01.949]>>Now Ben Kohles tied for the lead.

[00:48:08.540]>>Come.

[00:48:11.439]>>Sounded a little heavy there.

[00:48:15.080]>>Gotta be precise downwind very quick once it gets over that tier.

[00:48:20.739]>>Max Homa, 17 for Eagle.

[00:48:28.699]>>Should slide at the end. Oh what touch from Max Homa. That wasn't easy.

[00:48:37.629]>>Ben Kohles.

[00:48:40.060]>>Potgieter is going to be tested again here, John.

[00:48:45.729]>>I played for enough break he's gonna move more than you think.

[00:49:06.159]>>Oh, he did play.

[00:49:08.239]>>Threw a little extra out there, and it's a bogey for Ben Kohles at a terrible time. 2nd bogey of the day.

[00:49:16.219]>>He's gonna lose his share of the lead.

[00:49:21.540]>>Coles to fall just one back.

[00:49:27.709]>>Still a par 5 coming up here in a couple of holes, but Ben Kohles has surrendered the lead again.

[00:49:36.790]>>Max Homa, striking distance needs to birdie the last.

[00:49:44.739]>>To the par 3 16th for Ben Cole's tee shot.

[00:50:07.879]>>Coales to roll this in for Birdie.

[00:50:18.229]>>Yes, yes, what a tight, make a putt.

[00:50:22.560]>>No one has been making it from that side of the hole here today.

[00:50:28.250]>>And have that bounce back. Oh.

[00:50:33.689]>>Pay attention here

[00:50:35.800]>>To stay in

[00:50:37.800]>>Outright 3rd

[00:50:41.330]>>That could have playoff implications right there later in the year. He's inside the playoff bubble right now.

[00:50:57.590]>>Oh, this doesn't look very healthy at all. Wow. That's a fat hook.

[00:51:05.129]>>What a time for that shot.

[00:51:12.560]>>One last gasp for Ben Kohles.

[00:51:16.750]>>To force an extra hole here at the John Deere Classic.

[00:51:28.199]>>The seventy-second hole bites him again.

[00:51:32.139]>>And Chris Gotterup survives the best round of the week with a 62 on Sunday, celebration with his brother, as Chris Gotterup has won the John Deere Classic.

[00:51:48.439]>>Hey.

[00:51:52.199]>>Fred. Tell me when to go in.

[00:51:57.540]>>That's gonna give Homa.

[00:52:00.000]>>Second place all by himself. Look at his left leg shay.

[00:52:07.919]>>Oh, Ben Kohles. Couldn't survive the 18th hole again. Double bogey at the last.

[00:52:16.649]>>Still a wonderful week, but it's gonna hurt for a while.

[00:52:21.110]>>Well, it was a slow build, but it was worth watching. Big finish, wasn't it? Big, big finish, and uh a young player in the ascendancy, Chris Godrop with a brilliant final round of 62, proved to be too good for the rest of the field. Great week. This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of the John Deere Classic from TPC Deer Run in Sylvan, Illinois.