

Production Transcript for **REWIND_26ROCKET_THORBJORSEN**

[00:00:25.950]>>The PGA TOUR is proud to bring you.

[00:00:29.690]>>The season-long race for the FedExCup.

[00:00:34.650]>>Now coverage of the 2026 Rocket Classic.

[00:00:43.330]>>A new look and a new feel at Detroit Golf Club, 8 miles from downtown Detroit, where the wind is starting to pick up this afternoon, as is the intensity in the 2nd to last regular season event on the PGA TOUR.

[00:01:00.000]>>147 players all teeing it up with the dream of becoming a PGA TOUR Champions, and we wind our way in this playoff push. A privilege to have your company, Myan Patel, alongside Billy Kratzert, David Howell, John Morgan, and our entire outstanding crew with you in Detroit, where the scoring was friendly from the field a little earlier. Peter Malnati, Billy was a part of the morning wave.

[00:01:26.529]>>He went out in 28.

[00:01:31.209]>>Then his first back nine birdie came at 11. The putter was certainly working, Billy. That's on the 11. Peter Malnati had no problem getting that putt to the hole.

[00:01:42.970]>>So that got him to 8 under on his round, a round that featured over 146 ft worth of putts jarred. Approach play was pretty good too, his second year at 13, David.

[00:01:56.599]>>Everything was good.

[00:01:58.540]>>A yellow ball, a clear blue sky. That one nestled close as well.

[00:02:04.559]>>That would absolutely take him within 59 territory. How about those numbers right there? Only one this fairway and one this screen.

[00:02:18.059]>> Højgaard Rasmus chanced to get it into red numbers.

[00:02:25.309]>>25-year-old from Denmark, his second year out here, he's got to figure it out a little. We just saw he was 129th at FedExCup points race, a little shocking given that prowess and that strength he's so often displays.

[00:02:38.539]>>Nicolai Højgaard at 17. Well, you knew a Højgaard was gonna make one.

[00:02:44.160]>>Always have a good year.

[00:02:46.839]>>You can see where he's positioned in the FedExCup. He's on his way to Atlanta.

[00:02:55.279]>>We go to 11, Ryo Hisatsune.

[00:03:00.000]>>Adds another. He's now 3 under. That's an 8. You're gonna hear a lot about that young man right there.

[00:03:14.139]>>you

[00:03:15.990]>>Henley on the way.

[00:03:22.899]>>Had just enough hang time. Oh my, 3rd toughest hole on the golf course right now.

[00:03:29.460]>>And it's a kick in birdie for Henley.

[00:03:32.889]>>Michael Brennan, looking for 5 in a row. Oh yes.

[00:03:39.550]>>Coming off a nice week at the 3M Open, the young American Michael Brennan makes 5 in a row to finish the front.

[00:03:47.910]>>To the bunker at 11, Hideki Matsuyama's 2.

[00:03:53.309]>>Well, the words I had in my mind were he is masterful around the greens, and, and wouldn't you know it.

[00:04:04.050]>>Ahead to Nicolai Højgaard at the 18th, who has this to save par.

[00:04:15.449]>>Well done.

[00:04:16.920]>>That's the, the chip that you practice for hours and hours when you're 10 years old, isn't it? Just from the edge of the green with the sandwich.

[00:04:24.809]>>Patrick Cantlay at the 10th for Birdie.

[00:04:31.739]>>Get home.

[00:04:33.260]>>Just enough juice, and Patrick Cantlay. Strong start continues, 5 under through 10.

[00:04:42.380]>>Let's go to 13, the Frenchman, Matthieu Pavon.

[00:04:46.910]>>What

[00:04:48.910]>>In for a birdie.

[00:04:51.519]>>Another player that has to get it going here, this part of the season, Dave. Yeah.

[00:04:58.769]>> Thorbjorn Olesen, he's splashing out of the fairway bunker, 13.

[00:05:05.209]>>Oh, such good contact. May have made it.

[00:05:09.829]>>Really good.

[00:05:13.070]>>13, Matsuyama for birdie. Stance has been narrowed up, it was a bit wider than that a while ago.

[00:05:21.209]>>Well, that's more like it.

[00:05:28.380]>>7 in a row if it goes. Michael Brennan at 11.

[00:05:33.540]>>On a 243 yard par 3. Look at that. Oh my goodness.

[00:05:42.049]>>Here's Rico Hoey eyeing an eagle at the par 5, 14.

[00:05:54.779]>>And a good bounce back for Rico Hoey, who's a great ball striker, trying to shore up that putting ever since he went to that long putter last September, it has made that part of his game much improved.

[00:06:07.899]>>Back at 12, Michael Brennan for 8 consecutive birdies.

[00:06:16.950]>>OK.

[00:06:19.170]>>Never a doubt. Michael Brennan with 8 straight, and he's just 3 shots off the lead.

[00:06:32.250]>>To the green at the 9th now, Alejandro Tosti for birdie.

[00:06:38.839]>>It's not up the hill there.

[00:06:41.040]>>And in. That's more like it.

[00:06:45.790]>>Poor start today, but a couple of birdies in a row.

[00:06:52.489]>>15 Hisatsune, David for birdie.

[00:06:57.809]>>Yeah, it's just coming in from his right-hand side, about that much.

[00:07:03.399]>>Lovely stuff.

[00:07:05.390]>>He gets to 5 under 4 behind.

[00:07:11.529]>>14th hole today for Sungjae Im. Birdie putt at 5 is good.

[00:07:18.779]>>Just outside the top 50 right now.

[00:07:24.589]>>Højgaard next, Nicolai.

[00:07:28.200]>>Yeah, straighter legs than his brother. Shorter backswing.

[00:07:33.380]>>Then his brother.

[00:07:35.579]>>And this year he's had bragging rights. He would make that putt for Birdie.

[00:07:42.929]>>Long par 3, it's Rosso. Yeah, right between the eyes.

[00:07:49.600]>>Maybe not that much cut.

[00:07:54.239]>>There we go. There we go. There we go. There we go. There we go. He did his job and he did my job. Excellent.

[00:08:05.709]>>And here's Austin Eckroat.

[00:08:14.739]>>Oh.

[00:08:17.980]>>That works.

[00:08:21.220]>>We go to 18 and Olesen to close with a 3.

[00:08:29.459]>>Hm, good work there.

[00:08:32.750]>>Look at that scorecard. If you would have told me that he, he made 3 bogeys, a double, and shot 30, I'd have said, no, there's no way.

[00:08:43.630]>> Cantlay

[00:08:47.770]>>Converts.

[00:08:50.559]>>Gets it to 6.

[00:08:53.869]>>Peter Malnati's impressive 61 gives him a two-shot lead over the likes of Ryan Gerard and Rickie Fowler. Round two is next.

[00:09:09.369]>>Sweltering summer afternoon in Detroit, Michigan, the heart of the American Midwest, where round two of the Rocket Classic is underway from Detroit Golf Club, the penultimate cut day in the PGA Tour's regular season as we march on towards the.

[00:09:26.950]>>Cup playoffs beginning after the end of next week, you've got to be inside the top 70. A look at the bubble coming into today. Some players already working their way into the green and inside that coveted playoff position.

[00:09:44.830]>>Plenty of early highlights. Let's get you caught up on the action from round 2 at Detroit Golf Club, where it is a star-studded field, and Billy Kratzert, the highest ranked

player in the field, is Cameron Young, who put on a Friday show. He certainly did, and what a wonderful shot right here at the 13th.

[00:10:06.570]>>Beautifully done. He would make that putt for birdie. That was the 2nd of 6 consecutive birdies, part of a 61 round of the early wave. Patrick Cantla, David Howell went out nicely yesterday afternoon, and his approach play has been precise today as well.

[00:10:22.945]>>Some stellar golf, no doubt about that, 64 on day one, and that would help him on the third to a second round of 66. And David, how about the 36-year-old Englishman Matt Wallace came into the week 98th in FedExCup points. He's doing what he needs to.

[00:10:40.690]>>Isn't he just, he's a man for the moment, Matt Wallace, so he's got a couple of agendas on his mind, wants to keep his playing right and make the playoffs. A fan favorite always, Billy Kratzert and Rickie Fowler, he's rolling the rock quite nicely. Well, past champion here, and uh, you know, he's got a good feel, he's been playing well this year, so maybe he jumps back into the winner's circle. The most recent man into the winner's circle, 21 year old new kid.

[00:11:05.159]>>Jackson Koivun, the young American, is making some noise and trying to make the cut, coming off a title last week at the 3M Open. Fowler, Koivun, Gerard, and so many more a part of the afternoon coverage upcoming at the Rocket Classic, where the pressure intensifies in the penultimate regular season event, 3, Chandler at 10 under.

[00:11:31.049]>>Fowler at the 10th, John. 141, here we go. Staring it down, wins off the right pinch back right.

[00:11:40.669]>>Oh, it's so good.

[00:11:44.320]>>He's about to take the outright lead at 11 under par.

[00:11:52.669]>>That's Xander.

[00:11:57.109]>>That's exceptional.

[00:12:00.070]>>An easy birdie from there.

[00:12:06.700]>>David, you mentioned the ditches around property Hirata, navigating part of the native area, not all the way in it at 15.

[00:12:15.210]>>Oh, that's good. That's really good.

[00:12:17.859]>>I didn't quite know it was that good.

[00:12:20.940]>>Well, time is of the essence for Kensei trying to make the cut.

[00:12:29.590]>>Gerard for birdie at 18. Yeah, I'll see if he can get that shot, that drop shot back here.

[00:12:36.450]>>Oh yeah.

[00:12:37.859]>>How about, how about playing 17 and 18 even par where he's positioned himself? Amazing.

[00:12:48.320]>>Michael Kim at the par 3, 15th for birdie, David.

[00:12:54.080]>>From his left tracking in.

[00:12:57.590]>>Oh, that's more like it.

[00:13:00.000]>>59 men going well again, he's on a hot run of form.

[00:13:07.950]>>Beautiful control wedge from Xander. Left himself the perfect putt up the hill.

[00:13:14.080]>>Then give the hole away nice and firm.

[00:13:17.780]>>Yeah.

[00:13:20.469]>>It's pretty much the blueprint to play 13.

[00:13:24.469]>>You just saw it right there.

[00:13:29.109]>>Michael Kim in the bunker at 16.

[00:13:35.909]>>Oh, why not? How about that save.

[00:13:41.049]>>A lot of things going in the right direction for Michael Kim right now.

[00:13:46.549]>>It's one way to make a 4.

[00:13:50.419]>>Michael Kim.

[00:13:55.690]>>A moment ago at the par 3 5th, Matt Kuchar.

[00:14:01.049]>>163 yards today.

[00:14:05.690]>>Kuch staring it down.

[00:14:08.489]>>Oh, for good reason.

[00:14:11.940]>>Come on in.

[00:14:16.570]>>It is an ace for Matt Kuchar.

[00:14:22.109]>>And a delayed reaction for the hole-in-one.

[00:14:28.280]>>The 10th hole-in-one in tournament history.

[00:14:32.549]>>The first of this week.

[00:14:35.190]>>And it had just, just enough muscle. What a shot from Matt Kuchar.

[00:14:44.109]>>Oh, come on in.

[00:14:50.169]>>Didn't even see it, but yeah. Smiles all around.

[00:14:58.080]>>Karl Vilips on the way at 13.

[00:15:05.280]>>Oh yeah.

[00:15:09.919]>>He would make that for Birdie.

[00:15:14.349]>>To 11, Fishburn.

[00:15:21.830]>>It's a pretty good lead, pretty straight. And that's just pretty.

[00:15:29.090]>>Gerard for a share.

[00:15:34.640]>>No problem.

[00:15:41.190]>>A winner this year, the United States Presidents Cup captain Brandt Snedeker at the 15th.

[00:15:58.299]>>Ryan Gerard for par at the 6th.

[00:16:13.520]>>Down the hill, Karl Vilips for birdie at the par 5.

[00:16:18.520]>>Be nice to get.

[00:16:23.140]>>Good work.

[00:16:26.719]>>

[00:16:31.669]>>I

[00:16:34.780]>>Oh, it's just over. That was a great shot.

[00:16:38.219]>>Nice pitch, stop, beautiful. And it will please him, that'll lead to a birdie for.

[00:16:46.619]>>Good way to finish, John. Oh, it'd be amazing, wouldn't it? Slightly off the right hand side, he's played this hole perfectly. It's a silver deal for.

[00:16:54.169]>>Nice birdie.

[00:16:58.570]>>Gives him that little jolt after 3 bogeys in the back nine. I was gonna say 68 with 3 bogeys on that on that final nine holes. That's good work by Rickie birdie in the final one.

[00:17:10.800]>>The 13th Keita Nakajima for birdie.

[00:17:17.609]>>Nice timing. Yeah, the cut line at 3. Yeah, you never know, one bad swing. So up to 5 under and all of a sudden starting to look up.

[00:17:27.818]>>Fishburn.

[00:17:34.410]>>Mm.

[00:17:38.119]>>Best one we've seen from that area.

[00:17:43.520]>>To the 5th.

[00:17:45.890]>>The number first year member Neal Shipley.

[00:17:52.349]>>Mm.

[00:17:53.540]>>They've really taken advantage of this whole location along with the change in the wind direction.

[00:18:01.219]>>Hao Tong Li.

[00:18:08.089]>>Has authority.

[00:18:10.300]>>And has another birdie.

[00:18:22.250]>>Patrick Fishburn has a share of the lead. 34-year-old American with a birdie at the 14th is now 40 on the day.

[00:18:33.280]>>Americans Cameron Young, Patrick Cantlay, and Patrick Fishburn sit tied at 10 under with England's Matt Wallace just 1 back. Round 3 is next.

[00:18:49.209]>>Just 6 competitive rounds remain in the PGA Tour's regular season. The pressure at an all-time high as we wind our way towards the FedExCup Playoffs. It is round 3 of the Rocket Classic underway from Detroit Golf Club, where there's already been an early move. 25-year-old from Denmark, Rasmus Højgaard made the cut on the number, and Billy Kratzert, he has made the most of this third round. He made a few of these.

[00:19:18.089]>>Just inside 35 ft, this on the 11th.

[00:19:22.520]>>Par 3 playing 245 yards today.

[00:19:27.660]>>Silky smooth too there for Højgaard, who has not finished. He adds that at the 14th, and a bogey-free day. Ball striking was good, but the putting, Billy excellent. Electric and here again at the 16th, 32 ft.

[00:19:46.189]>>Dead center.

[00:19:48.060]>>Get him to 12 under par.

[00:19:50.819]>>137 ft worth of putts made today for Rasmus Højgaard. He shoots a bogey-free 61, but plenty of others in pursuit as well. That includes the 31-year-old South Korean Si Woo Kim, a four-time winner trying to break through once again. Yeah, and I think, uh, when you look at Si Woo Kim, if the putter reacts like it did today, he's going to be a threat tomorrow to win.

[00:20:15.099]>>First fairway and Brennan. Wedge in hand.

[00:20:20.969]>>I get it.

[00:20:23.569]>>So many good qualities about that golf swing right there.

[00:20:27.410]>>Kind of makes you wonder what took him so long to get to the tour.

[00:20:33.420]>>16, Si Woo Kim for par.

[00:20:41.380]>>1st drop in 35 holes, so all good things come to an end eventually.

[00:20:49.459]>>Feels like a formality here, David.

[00:20:52.969]>>They're all missable.

[00:20:56.579]>>Full concentration and a lovely start for Brennan. It's a wonderful goal swing and he's got power aplenty.

[00:21:06.930]>>After the nasty 3 putt, Si Woo Kim just short of the green is 17, David.

[00:21:14.640]>>Sometimes nice. It just feels like a bonus when you pop one in from off the fridge.

[00:21:21.099]>>A little like that, really nice bounce back after that untidy double bogey.

[00:21:27.969]>>Brennan trying to find another one. He's made an early move, very nice.

[00:21:38.930]>>To the 5th, Xander Schauffele for double digits. Really good look.

[00:21:45.469]>>Certainly anticipate him making this.

[00:21:53.189]>>Brennan for 3 birdies in his 1st 4 holes.

[00:21:59.270]>>He's got it going early, Michael Brennan, a 24-year-old American, now in sole possession of 2nd place, one shot off the lead.

[00:22:11.589]>>Par 5 4th, Matt Wallace.

[00:22:15.150]>>Pretty simple motion here.

[00:22:18.609]>>Try to take it straight up in the air and early walk is usually a pretty good indication that they did everything they wanted to with the golf shot.

[00:22:29.709]>>And maybe a little bit more. Look at this golf shot. What a play from Matt Wallace.

[00:22:39.469]>>Brennan.

[00:22:42.300]>>Trying to join Højgaard in the lead at 12 under, and that's exactly where he will find himself. He's motoring here in Detroit.

[00:22:53.500]>>8 straight birdies opening day. Now you kind of got a little string again.

[00:23:00.510]>>The 2nd shot, David, was from 310 yards to 5 ft.

[00:23:06.670]>>That'll work. Big high draw, beautiful.

[00:23:09.939]>>Surely, in she got.

[00:23:18.020]>>To Kristoffer Ventura for eagle at the 14th.

[00:23:25.050]>>How about that?

[00:23:26.800]>>Ventura from off the green.

[00:23:33.449]>>Wallace has been blooming today after that eagle.

[00:23:38.859]>>Oh, that was an, an ugly bogey.

[00:23:43.680]>>Now, this ones just coming off the right-hand side, down the hill for Young.

[00:23:52.150]>>Confirmed.

[00:23:55.359]>>They were sure and they were right.

[00:24:00.489]>>Playing alongside Xander Schauffele, Chris Kirk could be one off the lead.

[00:24:07.449]>>Finally starting to see a couple of putts go in.

[00:24:14.550]>>To 10th. Riley from range.

[00:24:26.079]>>And then there were 3.

[00:24:29.150]>>Davis Riley.

[00:24:31.619]>>With a big time birdie, and now 12 under.

[00:24:37.510]>>19 now, Brennan.

[00:24:39.449]>>213 yards.

[00:24:42.719]>>Just another fashionable golf swing.

[00:24:52.939]>>I

[00:24:56.199]>>Here is Ricky Castillo, one of the 7 first-time winners this season, and the 1st man out.

[00:25:04.510]>>Finishing up, he's got 18 holes left to try and make a Sunday move.

[00:25:11.140]>>Here's Michael Brennan

[00:25:13.270]>>For the outright lead.

[00:25:16.380]>>Why not? Why not?

[00:25:19.479]>>Goes out in 5 under 30 as he birdies the 9th for the 3rd straight day. Michael Brennan is bringing his best, and he is in front by 1.

[00:25:32.380]>>as we go to 18 and Kris Ventura finishing up.

[00:25:38.219]>>Another birdie.

[00:25:39.920]>>It's a good Saturday 65 for the Norwegian who is in at 11 under.

[00:25:46.119]>>Cam Young, he's got this for P now.

[00:25:49.260]>>Down a hill, a little squiggly one coming off his right, off that little shoulder on the left hand side of the screen.

[00:25:59.689]>>Tisha on the right one. Yeah, he dumped in the bunker. David, couldn't get up-and-down.

[00:26:05.709]>>Hey Paul,

[00:26:08.489]>>Couple of power players, Schauffele and Cam Young, they walk away with fines.

[00:26:18.530]>>Mr. 59, um, last week.

[00:26:22.729]>>Birdies are coming thick and fast in Michael's world of late.

[00:26:27.900]>>Now young at 9.

[00:26:32.900]>>Just down a hill, just a hint off the left for camp.

[00:26:38.569]>>Nice to see one go in before you hit the 2nd 9.

[00:26:46.819]>>It's amazing how physics work.

[00:26:50.300]>>And the putter worked nicely for Cam Young on that occasion. Will it be the same for Brennan? Oh, you bet you it will. Onwards and upwards, 14 under new territory has been found.

[00:27:03.140]>>Kim is looking for.

[00:27:05.260]>>This 40 footer.

[00:27:08.410]>>Why not? Why not?

[00:27:14.380]>>Michael Kim, you can't be serious.

[00:27:23.750]>>Riley for 2nd place alone.

[00:27:31.359]>>And he separates for the moment. Davis Riley birdies the par 5 and is 13 under.

[00:27:38.770]>>Greer trying to.

[00:27:40.510]>>Find a little bonus birdie on 17.

[00:27:44.839]>>Yeah, and he does.

[00:27:53.790]>>It's a tough cookie of a par 3. 160 yards, you'd hate to drop one, he's bogey free on the day.

[00:28:02.030]>>Flag hunting off the tee.

[00:28:05.880]>>Yeah but it mattered, not a jot.

[00:28:09.140]>>Davis Riley just keeps ripping him off this time for par.

[00:28:18.449]>>Back up the hill. Not so easy to get this all the way there for Kirk.

[00:28:24.449]>>And he's made a mighty fine job of that.

[00:28:28.839]>>That's about as much emotion as you're gonna get out of Chris Kirk.

[00:28:39.260]>>Great leave, this is pretty straight putt up the hill for Cam Young, for birdie.

[00:28:49.689]>>Here comes Cam.

[00:28:56.469]>>For a two-shot lead once again.

[00:29:02.410]>>Pretty much, Rock solid. How about that jump right there?

[00:29:11.079]>>And the long one for Davis Riley, his touch has been immaculate though.

[00:29:16.140]>>It really has. Right there, it's gonna go down the hill.

[00:29:22.569]>>Did he, did he?

[00:29:28.449]>>Downright ridiculous.

[00:29:37.560]>>That's sensational.

[00:29:44.739]>>Brennan to re-up it to 2.

[00:29:53.290]>>Great speed.

[00:29:54.800]>>Uh, good aggressive try from long range.

[00:30:00.530]>>Riley ready at 18.

[00:30:05.329]>>Seen a lot.

[00:30:06.859]>>Second shot's close to the hole here.

[00:30:11.180]>>And you can just go ahead and add one more, and that is right up the gut.

[00:30:17.810]>>That is easily makeable.

[00:30:20.859]>>Up on 15.

[00:30:23.339]>>And this one for his birdie, Pin in.

[00:30:26.689]>>Man you come.

[00:30:29.359]>>now.

[00:30:30.040]>>There we go. Yeah, the Englishman, tip of the cap, he moves forward.

[00:30:42.520]>>10 more feet at the finish, Davis Riley in a post 15 under. They had a spectacular Saturday.

[00:30:53.339]>>It's a great round of golf. 64 in the second round, 63 today.

[00:30:58.040]>>Davis Riley's got it going on, bogey-free 3 of the last 4 rounds, and now a co-leader.

[00:31:06.750]>>Rickie Fowler for birdie at 16.

[00:31:15.160]>>Come on, Rick.

[00:31:16.729]>>Love that. Rickie tending the pin. Not done yet.

[00:31:25.439]>>For a Saturday 63 of his own.

[00:31:29.930]>>And to sleep on a share of the lead.

[00:31:34.780]>>Certainly not much in this pot, just put some paste behind it.

[00:31:46.199]>>Almost look like he hooked up, but.

[00:31:52.510]>>Closing bogey in a 64 for Michael Brennan.

[00:31:55.849]>>14 under one back.

[00:31:58.670]>>24-year-old in the final group tomorrow. Denmark's Rasmus Højgaard carded the round of the day at 9 under par. He sits just 3 off Davis Riley's lead. The final round is next.

[00:32:14.410]>>We are here and we are playing for history and we're playing for the players that came before us.

[00:32:20.219]>>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.

[00:32:52.949]>>The PGA TOUR proudly presents the season-long race for the FedExCup.

[00:32:59.630]>>Today, it's live final round coverage of the Rocket Classic.

[00:33:07.089]>>10 miles north of downtown Detroit in the American Midwest, it's the final round of the second to last stop of the PGA Tour's regular season. Welcome back to Detroit Golf Club and the Rocket Classic, where rain fell overnight, Splitte's and 3s, the plan in this final round, put the ball in hand on this championship Sunday.

[00:33:32.300]>>PGA TOUR team with you at Detroit Golf Club where Davis Riley, the 29 year old American, came into the day with a one-shot lead. He is on the golf course, his opening birdie effort, Billy.

[00:33:47.410]>>Oh my goodness, I did not anticipate that. What a way to start this final round.

[00:33:54.920]>>50 ft to the bottom of the cup, playing alongside Michael Brennan, David Howell, who won't be outdone.

[00:34:04.319]>>Well, that is called laying down a marker. What an amazing start for that.

[00:34:12.020]>>Two of the final threesome.

[00:34:14.330]>>Buckle up, because here we go, they're playing alongside Rasmus Højgaard in the final group, the 25-year-old Dane who shot 61 yesterday. All of a sudden he's 4 back as Riley and Brennan make nearly 100 ft worth of putts combined on the first, and we are off and running here on this championship Sunday.

[00:34:38.729]>>As we take you to the 15th, and the metronomic rhythm of the South African Christiaan Bezuidenhout.

[00:34:46.120]>>But for Birdie, going back up the hill, par 3 playing 140 yards today.

[00:34:57.750]>>Well this will be some save, beautiful approach shotting, controlled the spin fantastically.

[00:35:04.050]>>This is as straight as it comes.

[00:35:06.649]>>Maybe just off the rate a fraction.

[00:35:12.989]>>Beautiful.

[00:35:24.320]>>Jackson Suber up and over the hill and into the bottom. Crash landing at the 15th.

[00:35:35.510]>>Now Brennan at 3, John. Yeah, go straight at this flag, gotta pitch it beyond, bring it back. Pins just beyond a little tear, can't be left of this flag.

[00:35:49.290]>>Well, he's a good player, somewhat annoyingly, he makes it look really stylish and really easy too. He's quite an easy fellow to dislike in many ways.

[00:36:00.899]>>10th hole of the day is the par 4 1st for 11-time winner Hideki Matsuyama.

[00:36:11.090]>>Oh.

[00:36:13.129]>>How about the turn to the left at the end?

[00:36:18.500]>>As we go back to the 3rd and Rasmus Højgaard. Yeah, putting up the tier, so a slow putt for Rasmus should just come off his left a little bit by the hole, but that wind I was talking about moments ago when his approach shot, there was none. Well, there's a huge gust now just coming over this green.

[00:36:40.620]>>a boy, that's the way to bounce back.

[00:36:53.449]>>Yeah, with a hint of right, I left off it here, mind.

[00:36:57.840]>>For Michael Brennan to contend with.

[00:37:05.080]>>Loving that. Wow.

[00:37:08.159]>>If this guy keeps on doing that, he's gonna love the payday at the end.

[00:37:15.189]>>Here's Højgaard.

[00:37:17.689]>>In a free drop for Rasmus.

[00:37:23.510]>>And yeah, just dropping it further to the left hand side, so he's got a clean line of sight. 3rd shot.

[00:37:36.209]>>Pitch perfect.

[00:37:38.840]>>It's a hole out eagle for Rasmus Højgaard.

[00:37:49.929]>>Chris Kirk, David, 5.

[00:37:53.139]>>Due one surely.

[00:37:55.399]>>No, but that's a nice clean day's work so far.

[00:38:02.320]>>Oh.

[00:38:06.449]>>Well, there's a little bit of air under the ball here for Rasmus, so he can, he's on the upslope, he can flight this nice and high.

[00:38:15.260]>>Mm, that looks soft.

[00:38:17.330]>>Did he do it again?

[00:38:22.030]>>Boy, that is 2 very well played pitch shots.

[00:38:29.580]>>Rickie Fowler should be in Atlanta.

[00:38:33.350]>>Oh really? Oh, good for speed, good for line.

[00:38:40.199]>>Good for a birdie.

[00:38:42.310]>>How about the energy out there for Rickie Fowler?

[00:38:50.429]>>Kirk from 35 ft.

[00:38:55.350]>>Up the slope kind of levels out and why not? Why not?

[00:39:01.409]>>What a putt from Chris Kirk, who served as a solo 2nd.

[00:39:08.080]>>Lost in the playoff here last year.

[00:39:14.699]>>Ventura

[00:39:17.250]>>Same booker shop

[00:39:20.600]>>So Thorbjornsen. Much better result.

[00:39:26.020]>>Well, we've seen the best players pretty much in the world this week struggle at times.

[00:39:31.989]>>Oh, no struggle for Kim, took the putter.

[00:39:35.979]>>Out of action and just popped it in.

[00:39:43.429]>>Ventura.

[00:39:46.179]>>To 14 under.

[00:39:49.739]>>Which will be a share of the lead.

[00:39:55.689]>>At the 9th, Michael Kim could make it another.

[00:40:03.800]>>And he does.

[00:40:10.090]>>Well that is outstanding golf, that opening 9 holes.

[00:40:18.699]>>To the par 3 15th, that pop stroke of Brandt Snedeker.

[00:40:22.830]>>Slides it in, the United States President's Cup captain.

[00:40:29.739]>>Xander Schauffele for the outright lead.

[00:40:36.580]>>You know.

[00:40:39.270]>>That is another birdie.

[00:40:43.830]>>Phala, you walk away.

[00:40:47.500]>>With birdies at 8, birdies at 9, you push it to -15.

[00:40:53.939]>>Well this would be some up-and-down from where he was, low sided on the right hand side, no green to work with, this is as good as he could have done. Down the hill, coming off his left.

[00:41:03.409]>>Get a 15 under.

[00:41:07.110]>>Yeah, and a share of the lead. What a birdie.

[00:41:15.560]>>What a run from Rasmus Højgaard, now 15 under par, to the 9th, Young.

[00:41:23.149]>>For 2 in a row.

[00:41:27.879]>>Oh he's that thing rolling now.

[00:41:31.229]>>Just too bad

[00:41:36.120]>>Back to 8 and Brennan.

[00:41:38.770]>>Straight putt inside the hole, no messing up the hill for Brennan.

[00:41:47.929]>>Slightly settled.

[00:41:50.149]>>Responds with a birdie at the easiest hole today, the par 4 8th.

[00:41:58.459]>>Michael Thorbjornsen makes his move. He's one shot off the lead.

[00:42:06.739]>>We are all on the back nine on Sunday, racing to the finish at the Rocket Classic.

[00:42:18.550]>>To 11, it's the 3rd shot. Fowler was way left off the tee.

[00:42:23.969]>>Had a really, really tough 2nd shot, but guess what? Rickie being Rickie.

[00:42:33.429]>>Ball of fireworks.

[00:42:40.300]>>Here's Højgaard.

[00:42:42.010]>>Great leave, straight put up the hill.

[00:42:48.050]>>Takes it to the top by himself.

[00:42:57.219]>>3rd shot on the way.

[00:43:00.000]>>On the way in. Oh my.

[00:43:07.379]>>Only par 5 on this side's 14. Matt Wallace an eagle opportunity.

[00:43:13.189]>>Yeah, coming from his right hand side.

[00:43:16.860]>>Oh, that a boy Matthew.

[00:43:20.540]>>Yes, clenches the fist, and why not?

[00:43:25.659]>>Co-leader Thorbjornsen.

[00:43:35.280]>>Oh, it's so well done.

[00:43:38.330]>>That would get him to 16 under.

[00:43:45.750]>>Just a little tap in for Xander, and it takes him back up to a 15 under and into a 4-way tie for the lead.

[00:43:58.250]>>Gonna have a new leader, John.

[00:44:00.620]>>Michael Thorbjornsen makes it official. 16 under.

[00:44:11.050]>>The new outright leader, Michael Thorbjornsen.

[00:44:18.080]>>Oh, that was really aggressive. What a golf shot.

[00:44:24.479]>>Really good, at the right time.

[00:44:30.489]>>World number 5, Russell Henley.

[00:44:35.649]>>How about that?

[00:44:44.739]>>Michael Thorbjornsen, he could have a two-shot lead.

[00:44:48.770]>>Mm.

[00:44:50.830]>>That's really special now.

[00:44:53.500]>>With the next 3 holes coming up.

[00:44:57.300]>>Another product of the PGA TOUR, you.

[00:45:03.709]>>Well, Rasmus's had a nice little free read off of Brennan who went before him off the right, down the hill.

[00:45:11.500]>>But here's Thorbjornsen for a 3-hot cushion.

[00:45:17.520]>>Good pop.

[00:45:23.040]>>Couple more stress free cards.

[00:45:25.760]>>Kind of think it's his.

[00:45:33.739]>>How about the, how about the fight back for him, David?

[00:45:38.270]>>Yeah, really, really impressive.

[00:45:41.909]>>He's a long way off keeping his card, full series to come, uh, of course, as Bobby Olsen collects the power at 16.

[00:45:58.620]>>It's a long look

[00:46:01.729]>>It's a long make.

[00:46:05.459]>>What a putt. Yeah, that's, that's really good work. Tied for 6. He's now 82nd.

[00:46:15.620]>>Almost 3 ft on the nose.

[00:46:18.399]>>Off center right, should move a little to his left, if anything.

[00:46:31.030]>>One shot lead going to the seventy-second tee for Michael Thorbjornsen.

[00:46:43.560]>>By the way, Mike, Outstanding. Just outstanding.

[00:46:49.419]>>Right.

[00:46:59.879]>>I.

[00:47:10.000]>>Finishing bogey there for Michael Kim, still moves up a couple of spots in the FedExCup standings.

[00:47:17.399]>>With all the pressure, with all the adrenaline, 2nd longest drive of the day in the fairway here at the last.

[00:47:25.850]>>See, you're shot and trusted. Final words from J.J Jakovic to young Michael Thorbjornsen.

[00:47:40.840]>>That's so good.

[00:47:43.239]>>So smart.

[00:47:49.979]>>Stage set.

[00:47:53.709]>>For an ending exclamation mark.

[00:48:11.469]>>Michael Thorbjornsen, oh my.

[00:48:18.350]>>With Motor City Magic.

[00:48:22.290]>>It's a Sunday 63, and he posts 18 under.

[00:48:30.840]>>The 2nd most difficult hole on the golf course.

[00:48:35.459]>>A perfect drive, a well played 2nd shot.

[00:48:39.989]>>And cap it off with that puck.

[00:48:46.570]>>Truly exceptional golf, wasn't it?

[00:48:49.780]>>Home in 35 under par.

[00:48:53.860]>>Surely that is enough.

[00:49:02.169]>>Yeah, I'll see if Xander.

[00:49:04.469]>>Can get a little bit better, yeah, nice birdie by Xander, so.

[00:49:10.709]>>Xander

[00:49:14.379]>>Gets it to 16 under par. You know, before that group came through, Billy, there were only 2 birdies at the 18th today.

[00:49:22.770]>>Thorbjornsen and now Schauffele, these guys at the end, and a worthy embrace to maybe the newest member of the winner's circle.

[00:49:40.540]>>Great up and in for Ventura to secure another top 5 finish, his 3rd top 10 of the season, and he stays just outside the top 100.

[00:50:00.000]>>Has to go and then he needs a holdout eagle.

[00:50:07.550]>>Short

[00:50:13.270]>>As well.

[00:50:14.840]>>Cause he's been with the putter this week.

[00:50:21.459]>>Still a good week. Still a lot of positive.

[00:50:24.879]>>That he can take away from here.

[00:50:33.800]>>Work for Rasmus. Looking up his par.

[00:50:38.879]>>Which he does, you can put it past him to find something special about the home hole and maybe just join Schauffle in second.

[00:50:50.530]>>At the home hole.

[00:50:52.580]>>It's a par putt. Cameron Young trying to stay in a tie for 5th.

[00:51:00.409]>>It's been a week of.

[00:51:03.000]>>Closely missed putts.

[00:51:07.770]>>68-70 over the weekend for the world number 3, who looks to his title defense next week at the Wyndham Championship.

[00:51:19.689]>>It's Rickie Fowler, who's adored by so many fans all over, and especially here, where he's won before.

[00:51:29.929]>>Makes sense?

[00:51:31.219]>>For an even par, 70 today and actually jumped up 5 spots.

[00:51:42.899]>>And unless this

[00:51:47.199]>>Does the unthinkable.

[00:51:50.540]>>We have our winner.

[00:52:03.570]>>You know.

[00:52:05.350]>>Pretty good line there.

[00:52:11.929]>>It's in a good spot, Billy, but it makes it official.

[00:52:19.139]>>Michael Thorbjornsen, made for the moment, and he wins for the first time. Champion of the Rocket Classic.

[00:52:29.909]>>What a great feeling. Comes home in 30. It's a Sunday, 63.

[00:52:38.360]>>This concludes the PGA TOUR's coverage of the 2026 Rocket Classic from Detroit Golf Club in Detroit, Michigan.