

Production Transcript for **REWIND_26TOURCHAMP_SCHEFFLER_REV**

[00:00:42.500]>>The PGA TOUR proudly presents the FedExCup Playoffs. Now coverage of the 2026 TOUR Championship from Atlanta, Georgia, just five miles outside of downtown Atlanta, Georgia in the shadows.

[00:00:57.830]>>Of the skyscrapers, you'll find East Lake Golf Club, home to the great Bobby Jones, and that's where we are to crown a champion. The top 30, the best players on the PGA TOUR have earned the right to take on this historic test in a week where so much is on the line, a week where winning means everything.

[00:01:19.430]>>Either you do or you do not. It's now for forever and the permanent privilege of being a FedExCup Champion. So glad to have you with us, Ned Michaels, Billy Kratzert, and Rich Beem here in the booth with you. Wayne Riley and Gary Christian down on the golf course.

[00:01:37.650]>>And you saw it raining, we have again, ball in hand, lift clean in place. And Billy, this time of year, Augusta in Atlanta, you have to dodge the raindrops, but you have to dodge the best players in the world.

[00:01:52.400]>>Some unfortunate news that is J.J. Spaun.

[00:02:00.000]>>Slide over the 11th.

[00:02:07.059]>>The decisive Ryan Fox.

[00:02:10.699]>>Well, I guess he's just trying to hold everything to that.

[00:02:17.100]>>Early lead perhaps for Hovland.

[00:02:26.029]>>How pure are those greens, Rich? Well, it's no surprise that these greens over the past few years, they've been the easiest to putt out of all of them on the PGA TOUR. on the tee.

[00:02:36.509]>>The current FedExCup Champion from Southport, England. Please welcome Tommy Fleetwood.

[00:02:59.679]>>An important fair way to find one of the more difficult tasks here at East Lake and and in Fleetwood.

[00:03:06.500]>>You may have found the right side.

[00:03:10.020]>>for birdie. You missed the fairway, you're in trouble.

[00:03:18.589]>>That was a very comfortable looking swing, comfortable looking 2nd shot for Rory, just trying to roll that one over a little bit from right to left.

[00:03:26.190]>>Back to the par 3 2nd.

[00:03:30.509]>>I see this guy practice a lot Rich down the Ponte Vedra Beach area in Florida, southeastern part of the United States.

[00:03:40.289]>>I see that a lot when he's just practicing and I just admire it so much and I'm just looking for that bust out year where he wins 23 events. Åberg would make birdie. I had to Min Woo Lee, the tee at the par 3 9th.

[00:04:01.130]>>That was a little art of his own. Yeah, that was an easy looking golf swing right there.

[00:04:08.479]>>That sets up another birdie for Lee to get to 4 under par, back to the tee on 2.

[00:04:14.899]>>With Collin Morikawa to the 2nd.

[00:04:19.390]>>Really good hole location for Morikawa.

[00:04:22.940]>>Over on that right hand side, just.

[00:04:26.130]>>Gently move one in there and it's the best we've seen so far. McIntyre's putt.

[00:04:34.299]>>Right now.

[00:04:36.109]>>All along quite nicely.

[00:04:38.890]>>Headed to the tee a couple of minutes from now, he'll be ready to roll.

[00:04:44.989]>>At the par 3, got her up up the hill, collides and straight down it goes.

[00:04:54.760]>>Might have had some work left for his par coming back, but we'll never know.

[00:05:00.570]>>15. Short, they've actually moved this tee box up. He's in the upper tee box, so just 156.

[00:05:09.239]>>Oh, another buddy for Foxy.

[00:05:14.250]>>And the elder statesman.

[00:05:16.750]>>46 years and 1 month old is Adam Scott. Oh, that's sweet right there. Well, since going to that method.

[00:05:27.320]>>Another good look for Min Woo Lee here at the 12th.

[00:05:33.589]>>Let's roll them in. Let's get to -5.

[00:05:38.040]>>In a tie with Viktor Hovland, our first look at Hideki Matsuyama waiting for birdie at the 8th.

[00:05:46.739]>>Yeah.

[00:05:48.929]>>Oh yeah, Hideki, you knew it was on his mind, Rich, to get here. He's played a lot of golf for 7 consecutive weeks for Hideki. That's a lot for any player. Back to Min Woo Lee with his 2nd shot at the 13th.

[00:06:04.929]>> Min Woo Lee.

[00:06:08.429]>>Just another fantastic wedge. Lee makes another birdie to take the lead.

[00:06:15.480]>>Ahead to 17.

[00:06:18.230]>>Speaking of Mr. Fox, how about that producing right there? You mention it, boom.

[00:06:26.070]>>Another dart.

[00:06:28.760]>>This won't take long.

[00:06:30.559]>>Well, trying to get it to -3. 0, hangs in there just long enough.

[00:06:39.029]>>He likes a wedge too.

[00:06:42.750]>>Who's the better of the two with a wedge?

[00:06:45.220]>>Oh the young Scottie.

[00:06:47.920]>>Probably pull wouldn't went on a limb there, but you know, come on, give me a go.

[00:06:54.850]>>Over to 6 with the reigning FedExCup Champion Tommy Fleetwood for Eagle. That way, Tommy Fleetwood getting his putting boots on there at the 6th.

[00:07:07.899]>>All pars and an eagle now for the defending champ.

[00:07:13.339]>>And tucked over there on the left-hand side, 154.

[00:07:17.429]>>That's up a good 5 yards.

[00:07:25.149]>>Asking for it to go, and that is a very obedient golf ball.

[00:07:30.299]>>That would get him to 7 under. Look the part, and now McIlroy. That's why it was such a smart shot for Rory. To get it past the flag. Now uphill to the right, easy part.

[00:07:45.700]>>Certainly made it look easy, so now back to even par and.

[00:07:50.549]>>Yeah, just moving a little bit left to right.

[00:07:53.799]>>Great for East Lake providing such perfect conditions for these guys.

[00:07:58.510]>>Nothing's left to chance right here. It's just.

[00:08:01.339]>>On your line, good putt. I mean, look at that just hugging the ground like.

[00:08:06.170]>>It peers have driven snow.

[00:08:09.309]>>No.

[00:08:13.230]>>I need a heap of those ladybugs if it brings lady luck.

[00:08:17.279]>>So, so does scary Christian who's out with McIlroy.

[00:08:22.220]>>Yeah that was fun watching that one up close.

[00:08:27.149]>>I like the way Ned kind of draws everything together, the 62 and the 62, and, you know, I cook it in the shell. You know, I think of cooking and all that. I think of

Walter White, but that's a different, uh, and there's your, there's your tie together. It's all working for you, Ned. It's all working for Min Woo.

[00:08:50.830]>>Back to 1. 114, easy shot, set on the tee that you find the fairway, they'll be thinking birdie.

[00:08:59.679]>>Fitzpatrick would birdie the 10th.

[00:09:02.530]>>Ahead to 18 with Gary Woodland.

[00:09:06.409]>>This is gonna be an all out 2 iron here for Gary. How in the world do you hit it that high? How about the ball speed coming off an iron, 167.

[00:09:16.950]>>Amazingly good.

[00:09:21.369]>>Looks like it's trying to get a little bit better.

[00:09:25.030]>>This 14 for birdie.

[00:09:27.909]>>Down the hill pretty quick.

[00:09:31.169]>>Well read, nice birdie. Now Rory, Massive drive, just 88 yards left. Need to fit it between two little ripples in the green. Right about there. That sets up birdie for the 3-time FedExCup winner.

[00:09:49.900]>>I think it's hot out there? It's the same, the same thing I looked at.

[00:09:56.830]>>Oh, down the hill, a 2nd shot at 14, going right after it. Chris Gotterup, uh, 3 wins on the season.

[00:10:06.780]>>Well, let's see if Scottie can't win one of them back right here.

[00:10:16.309]>>No worries.

[00:10:20.030]>>Over to 16 with Åberg.

[00:10:24.940]>>I'm gonna probably get battered by the caddies Rich. That's Rich Beem. That's my phone number is, that's Ludvig Åberg with a birdie, to push it to -3. That's the same thing that McIlroy did from a similar position.

[00:10:40.809]>>Morikawa up the hill here at 16, and how about that, working a little drawing there.

[00:10:47.950]>>Oh, sick.

[00:10:50.419]>>What a lovely shot it was.

[00:10:54.229]>>Åberg with his 2nd from the fairway bunker on 17.

[00:11:02.650]>>Ober.

[00:11:04.250]>>That's gonna be, that's, that's gonna be the 3rd birdie of the day. Let's try to take driver out there.

[00:11:11.869]>>Got a good look at this under the hole out of the right leg.

[00:11:16.320]>>Hello, hello, hello, hello. Yeah, look what I found.

[00:11:25.239]>>Scottie Scheffler, the 2024 FedExCup winner, 117 yards with his second on 17.

[00:11:38.109]>>It's just like it's an autopilot.

[00:11:41.750]>>The world number 1 makes birdie. We get to 4 under par.

[00:11:45.869]>>Here's his 3rd at the par 5 18th.

[00:11:50.070]>>He needs to fly this deep into this shot.

[00:11:56.010]>>It was very, very difficult to get it all the way back to it.

[00:12:09.710]>>Pretty efficient. Awfully efficient, Birdie birdie, 1718.

[00:12:16.239]>>So he walks off with a couple of birdies, to see if Fitzpatrick can get one more.

[00:12:23.710]>>It's a good day for this duo.

[00:12:26.679]>>Fitzpatrick and Scheffler combined to go 9 under par in the opening round, but all eyes are on the 28-year-old Aussie Min Woo Lee. He matches his career low

on the PGA TOUR with an 8 under 62 to take a two-shot lead after 18 holes. Round two is up next.

[00:12:50.119]>>2nd round coverage of the TOUR Championship.

[00:12:56.880]>>Just about 5 miles outside of downtown Atlanta in the shadows of the skyscrapers, you'll find East Lake Golf Club, home course to the great Bobby Jones, and that's where we are to crown a champion, the 20th edition of the FedExCup. The 30 best players have earned the right to take on this historic test.

[00:13:20.109]>>And at the end of the week, 2 trophies.

[00:13:23.070]>>In golf immortality will be bestowed on one player. So glad to have you with us, Ned Michaels alongside Billy Kratzert and Rich Beem here in the booth, Wayne Riley and Gary Christian down on the golf course.

[00:13:36.739]>>Take a look at some of the happenings and storylines from yesterday here in Atlanta where Min Woo Lee with a new set of shafts in his irons. We'll tell you more about that. A 62, and then Tommy Fleetwood, the defending champion, Rich, he's trying to go back-to-back, something nobody's done. You know, a very interesting stat. Last year he

[00:13:55.460]>>Average 109 ft 5 inches of putts per day. Yesterday he made 109 ft 7 inches. How can you make this stuff up? I mean, it's almost like Tommy is destined once again. Ah, we got 3 more days of it. If he does it for 3 more days, forget about it. Really calm.

[00:14:17.280]>>Fitzpatrick

[00:14:19.229]>>Splashed down and he's to 5 under.

[00:14:26.229]>>Second hole

[00:14:28.380]>>Easy horsepower.

[00:14:31.059]>>Maybe a little bit easier today with the whole location and the yardage.

[00:14:37.130]>>Oh yeah.

[00:14:43.359]>>Alex Fitzpatrick.

[00:14:48.909]>>Had the opportunity to follow him at the PGA Championship and I won him and and it was a fun follow. I mean, he, he's very engaging.

[00:15:01.859]>>Dangerous, dangerous hole location at 3.

[00:15:06.520]>>They can trap these players, Billy.

[00:15:10.390]>>Kind of hanging over there on that right-hand side and this man, he's been here so many times, there's, there's not much fooling Adam Scott.

[00:15:19.270]>>Ahead to Rory McIlroy on 12th.

[00:15:23.809]>>I'll tell you more about him in a moment. Let's watch Rory at 12. There we go, that's more like it. Love that finished position is up, it was so connected.

[00:15:33.909]>> Viktor Hovland from just off the green at the opening hole.

[00:15:38.020]>>This for birdie

[00:15:41.059]>>Well, from here, like right there was talking about.

[00:15:48.320]>>The speed was so critical for having that result. What, what was I talking about, Billy? I mean.

[00:15:56.969]>>Wow.

[00:15:59.469]>>Just a little bit of a brow that he has to negotiate early, but.

[00:16:03.979]>>Once this pet starts slowing down, it's gonna move.

[00:16:07.419]>>Towards the bunker and towards the front of the brain.

[00:16:21.609]>>Oh, how about it?

[00:16:25.979]>>From a guy.

[00:16:27.840]>>That was not in the best frame of mind yesterday on the 18th hole. Look at that smile when he was ready to pick it out of the hole.

[00:16:40.289]>>And of course he's playing by himself, so the air handshake.

[00:16:46.340]>>At the 4th, Gerard, up the hill.

[00:16:53.520]>>She, oh, how about it?

[00:17:01.109]>>Gotterup.

[00:17:05.479]>>That's a birdie. Not often that you see the best shot on the PGA TOUR is an iron shot that has missed the green, and that's the closest to the flag.

[00:17:16.810]>>Coming off the birdie at 4.

[00:17:22.688]>>Oh the good one by Gotterup.

[00:17:26.568]>>Well, after the bogey, chance to go back-to-back birdies.

[00:17:31.469]>>Mother Nature's tummy starts to rumble, a little wind gets up.

[00:17:36.290]>>I'll leave that.

[00:17:39.709]>>Rory, there's a birdie, Billy, you said if he could make a few. Remember when he won here in 2022.

[00:17:49.099]>>As we pick up Scottie Scheffler, as well as Gary Christian here at 7th. Yeah, thank you, Dad, seeing if Scottie can continue the good work from the previous hole.

[00:18:00.910]>>Ha.

[00:18:02.839]>>Scheffler would knock that in for a birdie on 7.

[00:18:07.760]>>This is his 2nd on 8.

[00:18:11.949]>>And this one is right at it.

[00:18:14.219]>>You can tell the way he was looking at it, and that's gonna be 3 in a row, Gary.

[00:18:20.680]>>Yeah.

[00:18:23.979]>>Hovland.

[00:18:26.189]>>Need something to happen out of the left.

[00:18:34.199]>>There you go. Yeah that away.

[00:18:39.430]>>Barely even on the green.

[00:18:43.989]>>Yeah, this is an adventure. The 7th.

[00:18:49.420]>>It's in the hole. It is in the hole.

[00:18:55.750]>>Oh.

[00:19:00.000]>>That's actually a really good lead, plenty of green to work with, landing into an upslope. 2nd shot here at the 8th, coming off a nice birdie.

[00:19:09.719]>>5 to 7, that's gonna be another one, that'll get him into a share of the lead.

[00:19:16.739]>>Little clipper. Let him go.

[00:19:21.319]>>Uh, it's nice work. Just about the shot that we saw him practicing earlier, just kind of just bruising the turf a little bit, sliding that club underneath the ball.

[00:19:32.349]>> Åberg up the hill at 13.

[00:19:37.689]>>Oh.

[00:19:39.969]>>Trying to throw a little side sauce at it. Still looking for a first, as a matter of fact. Here's Scottie, Gary, I ideal number.

[00:19:48.630]>>Sandwich for Scottie, this is straight at it, use that backstop.

[00:19:53.689]>>He's trying, Gary.

[00:19:56.270]>>Way in the red, which under par you'd think is pretty good. Not so much when it comes to your recovery.

[00:20:02.650]>>He hit it so far, it wasn't even a full knot wedge.

[00:20:05.949]>>Åberg would make that for Birdie.

[00:20:09.510]>>Well, the 3 times he's chosen iron off the tee, they've all been misplayed.

[00:20:16.910]>>By a large, large margin.

[00:20:19.939]>>I'm not there by Gerard. That was a beauty.

[00:20:24.180]>>Back up the hill for a second.

[00:20:28.439]>>106.

[00:20:31.890]>>Looking at players, I would say that Ace Bhatia has been the most tidy with the game.

[00:20:38.869]>>Through 10 holes

[00:20:41.260]>>If he can make a couple, 3 more birdies.

[00:20:44.910]>>He's gonna be the man to beat over the weekend.

[00:20:47.689]>>But right now he has that control, off the tee, distance and control into the greens, even a loose one gives him a really good look from this spot. And if he makes this one, Gary, he's gonna be the leader after the day.

[00:21:05.069]>>It feels inevitable, doesn't it?

[00:21:10.209]>>That's just so matter of fact. Oh, how about this, Rich?

[00:21:16.109]>>Gross.

[00:21:19.069]>>Chance to get within 1 or 2.

[00:21:24.010]>>A bogey 365 out there for Justin Rose. Nice playing.

[00:21:29.910]>>Now Åberg had to take a drop away from the merchandise center, he's got thread it between these scraggly pines. Well outside 200 yards, can he force it up by the green?

[00:21:41.829]>>Oh my goodness. Oh my goodness. Now Billy, that was worth the price of admission.

[00:21:51.439]>>It certainly was.

[00:21:56.849]>>Now got her up

[00:22:02.099]>>Wohoo.

[00:22:04.709]>>Yeah, he's made a couple of birdies on the backside, so now he's pushed it to -8.

[00:22:10.530]>>Big front row forward, so it's, well, we're going to go from one homemade swing to another one.

[00:22:18.859]>>Got her up. Take your pick.

[00:22:25.270]>>And another one coming off the birdie, a chance to get it into a tie for the lead with Gerard. I would love to see those two in the final pairing tomorrow. That for me would be a, a pretty nice little mix right there.

[00:22:42.530]>>That is no problem.

[00:22:45.380]>>I'm gonna say the best, best of the day. It was incredible. We had a 2nd shot there.

[00:22:53.189]>>Matt Fitzpatrick for a closing birdie.

[00:22:56.949]>>Oh, it certainly has. That was a closing birdie for Matt Fitzpatrick.

[00:23:03.109]>>67 back-to-back brews to finish out.

[00:23:07.050]>>That's Tommy Fleetwood at 18.

[00:23:13.349]>>Oh, that's pretty fancy.

[00:23:15.939]>>That sets up Birdie on the closing hole.

[00:23:20.260]>>Back to 16 with Akshay Bhatia.

[00:23:24.069]>>This is awkward.

[00:23:26.689]>>123.

[00:23:28.760]>>Probably one of the closest shots we've seen today at 16, Radar with all that happening, yep.

[00:23:35.020]>>This for a share of the lead. Viktor Hovland has been hanging around all day.

[00:23:41.349]>>Been hanging around all day.

[00:23:46.420]>>And he, he's kind of going, oh, thank you for catching that right, right side of the hole.

[00:23:54.750]>>Hovland now with this putt on his final hole of the day.

[00:24:00.829]>>To share the overnight lead, Viktor Hovland.

[00:24:09.699]>>Right in the center.

[00:24:13.140]>>2023 FedExCup Champion Viktor Hovland ties Ryan Gerard at 10 under to share the lead at the halfway point. Cameron Young surging up the leaderboard with a 62, trailing by 2, tied with Scottie Scheffler. Round 3 is up next.

[00:24:35.079]>>3rd round coverage of the TOUR Championship.

[00:24:40.020]>>Nearly 40 events have come and gone on the PGA TOUR in 2026, and we're just 36 holes away from crowning a FedExCup Champion.

[00:24:52.449]>>Yesterday a windy affair. There were white caps on East Lake. Today it looks like a mirror promises to be a sensational Saturday for scoring here in Atlanta, Georgia. The leaderboard is loaded. 14 players are within 5 shots of the lead, including 3 past FedExCup winners, 6 major Champions, the reigning players champion, and the world number 1, Scottie Scheffler.

[00:25:20.599]>>We are most definitely going to find out who can handle the playoff pressure.

[00:25:32.939]>>About this bunker.

[00:25:35.420]>>Not a baby.

[00:25:37.010]>>Not a way to get that back that drop shot at the opening hole.

[00:25:42.569]>>Tommy Fleetwood in the fairway at 4, his second.

[00:25:48.420]>>Mind, this is handsome from Tommy.

[00:25:51.209]>>Even

[00:25:52.709]>>Even better than women. That approach leads to Bernie to take Fleetwood to 6 under par.

[00:26:00.290]>>old, isn't it.

[00:26:02.689]>>10th hole, Bobby Mac coming off that eagle.

[00:26:06.530]>>Really, really.

[00:26:10.040]>>How about that? All but one player now.

[00:26:13.689]>>is under par in the TOUR Championship.

[00:26:18.439]>>You gotta give yourself a little bit extra, it's almost got hit a big boomerang, uh, shot in there.

[00:26:25.959]>>270 yards.

[00:26:30.209]>>And this one, he's going to want to the back and just a little bit of momentum this.

[00:26:37.739]>>Oh, this is action. This could be really good. This is action right here. Sets up a Matsuyama birdie.

[00:26:46.260]>>Over to Rory McIlroy on 12.

[00:26:49.619]>>2nd shot here, McIlroy.

[00:26:53.260]>>to the left hand side.

[00:26:56.520]>>You have to pull it.

[00:27:00.680]>>Oh, you lucky boy.

[00:27:06.030]>>All good now, Rory.

[00:27:08.839]>>3rd, at the par 4. 3rd hole for Fitzpatrick, found that fairway bunker off of the tee.

[00:27:17.140]>>Chance to save his par though. He and Rose out together. Rory a chance to climb within 3 of the lead.

[00:27:25.630]>>See if you can take advantage of the mist wedge.

[00:27:30.270]>>You know what? Not all breaks in golf are bad.

[00:27:35.040]>>Go to Geo.

[00:27:39.079]>>Taking on the tee shot in a driver and oh my word, nearly getting the payoff.

[00:27:47.770]>>Well, that's an ideal spot here. In a little bowl, you can pull it a little bit past if you want and use the backstop.

[00:27:54.550]>>And that's how you play Eastleigh, get in the fairway, take advantage of the wedges.

[00:27:59.569]>>Si Woo Kim at the 14th.

[00:28:05.189]>>Really good line in the rough.

[00:28:07.650]>>Ball slightly above his feet.

[00:28:12.280]>>Oh Si Woo Kim. Well, we saw Collin Morikawa, Kyle has step cut yesterday, hit it to 3 ft. Now Si Woo Kim.

[00:28:21.180]>>151 yards just with the gap wedge in the lies.

[00:28:26.359]>>Well just what you want, if he's going to get it back to it, it must have a little release, you would think.

[00:28:33.650]>>Takes a brave man to try to get it up there pin high and spin it out of this stuff.

[00:28:40.949]>>Yeah, that's what every player, every player this afternoon has done, and landed shy and just let the slope take it back there, that was, uh, well played.

[00:28:51.050]>>Rose deep in the green here at 5.

[00:28:57.390]>>Well, that's one way of slowing it down, let the hole get in the way.

[00:29:01.359]>>Laughs all around.

[00:29:04.689]>>15th, Rory, after his wedge finished hole high. This will be a real bonus if we can knock this in.

[00:29:11.680]>>Oh, he can, cos that was motoring.

[00:29:15.640]>>So a chance 10 under is within sight.

[00:29:20.979]>>This is up the hill, a little bit left to right.

[00:29:26.119]>>And he's bowled in another one.

[00:29:29.670]>>He's coming from downtown and finishing very quickly, one off the lead.

[00:29:36.369]>>So it didn't quite get it up on the flat, so this is on a very slight upslope from just that 90 yards, banks in from the left, banks in gently from behind and left.

[00:29:46.729]>>So you can be aggressive here.

[00:29:53.390]>>And he certainly was, Gary. Scheffler would birdie 6 to get to 9 under.

[00:30:00.530]>>Rory McIlroy, there's a good view of it.

[00:30:03.300]>>Doesn't do a whole lot. Another player at 10 if he stays up and hits it there. Does it, does it, it does, you know. Oh my.

[00:30:12.099]>>And uh birdie at the last gives you a 60.

[00:30:17.329]>>Eagle gets you 61.

[00:30:22.069]>>Just down to the right a little.

[00:30:24.469]>>Get firm

[00:30:35.079]>>That is very good, Viktor Hovland, very good indeed.

[00:30:39.630]>>See if, see who can skip one close, maybe even in.

[00:30:49.780]>>How did that not go in? Great ship.

[00:30:56.349]>>125, he found the fairway.

[00:31:02.699]>>You might get rewarded, but this golf course, I feel taking it on the driver, it'll eventually, eventually gobble you up.

[00:31:11.099]>>Adam Scott.

[00:31:12.619]>>He's been up-and-down this line 4 or 5 times.

[00:31:17.040]>>I feel the break, and that has just fallen in by the last dimple to the right. What a putt.

[00:31:27.459]>>Ahead to Ryan Fox from the bunker at 17.

[00:31:32.859]>>I heard a roar, yeah, here it was.

[00:31:38.319]>>Touch of class there.

[00:31:43.729]>>Adam Scott at that tricky little 15th. Well they've got the tee today, as he rolled up again in he has.

[00:31:53.079]>> Åberg

[00:31:54.829]>>Let's see if he can get it back to that flag.

[00:32:00.250]>>Try to cut it in towards it.

[00:32:02.699]>>That's excellent, really, really, really good. Åberg with birdie to get to double digits under par. Here's Ryan Gerard at 12 for birdie.

[00:32:15.079]>>buries it to take the two-shot lead.

[00:32:19.800]>>Now Justin Rose.

[00:32:21.839]>>This one down the hill, moving a little right, there you go. Justin Rose gets it to -8.

[00:32:29.650]>>Talk about

[00:32:31.839]>>All business, that's an all business look right there.

[00:32:36.650]>>There's a good look.

[00:32:39.010]>>Fairway Bunker had to take it up and over the trees, you can see him looking high. What.

[00:32:44.660]>>Imagination and technique to pull that off, Billy. That is majestic right there.

[00:32:51.660]>>Over to 15, Scottie Scheffler right in the hunt.

[00:33:03.619]>>Teddy Scott would be right. That sets up birdie.

[00:33:08.579]>>Hi.

[00:33:10.619]>>Little out on the left.

[00:33:12.920]>>I did nicely today.

[00:33:16.780]>>Good one.

[00:33:19.640]>>Somebody finally figures it out over at 13.

[00:33:25.010]>>A late rally for Ludvig Åberg. Look at that leaderboard, bottom right of your screen, it's so jam packed.

[00:33:33.020]>>And there's another player that's making a late run.

[00:33:40.119]>>The wind is just puffing into his face right now.

[00:33:44.949]>>Good chance to make it 2.

[00:33:48.609]>>You would think, just behind it, don't wanna get too cute.

[00:33:55.410]>>Hovland would make birdie to tie Ryan Gerard at 13 under par.

[00:34:01.949]>>That's God he just trying to finesse the sand wedge in just inside 120.

[00:34:08.500]>>Start to see a few more of those wedge shots that we're used to, and there we go, another one.

[00:34:17.590]>>Scottie.

[00:34:27.969]>>I'm here.

[00:34:30.600]>>Back to Viktor Hovland in the 17th fairway.

[00:34:37.110]>>Sets up a go-ahead birdie to get to 14 under par.

[00:34:41.820]>>Ahead to 18

[00:34:45.540]>>3rd shot at the par 5.

[00:35:04.229]>>It's quick, but it's not overly quick late in the day.

[00:35:07.870]>>Why not?

[00:35:12.810]>>Well, one thing for sure, they're gonna have the company of each other.

[00:35:18.020]>>Tomorrow

[00:35:25.830]>>It's a great up-and-down.

[00:35:29.389]>>What a round of golf.

[00:35:33.620]>>That's clutch. Ryan Gerard hasn't made a bogey in 35 holes now.

[00:35:41.449]>>It will be Gerard and Viktor Hovland in the final group on Sunday as Hovland leads by 1 at the 54 hole mark. Scottie Scheffler joins 3 others at 12 under while Rory McIlroy eyes a 4th FedExCup title from 5 shots back. The final round is next.

[00:36:02.370]>>We are here and we are playing for history and we're playing for the players that came before us.

[00:36:08.189]>>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.

[00:36:34.229]>>Hello again, golf fans and welcome to a sold-out Sunday at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta, Georgia, where just 18 holes remain until a FedExCup Champion is crowned.

[00:36:46.850]>>The leaderboard is laced with the biggest names in the game, all looking to cement their legacies as FedEx Cup legends. Everybody vying to etch their autograph into the FedExCup. Just 18 holes remain. Let's start it off with Hideki Matsuyama, his 3rd at the par 4 7th. 0 room to work with, so just go ahead and crash it into the flagstick and.

[00:37:14.679]>>Walk away with Bernie.

[00:37:17.750]>>Over to the 2nd and Cam Young for birdie.

[00:37:21.520]>>At the 2nd

[00:37:23.330]>>At the 2nd

[00:37:28.989]>>Very nice. So 2-11, slightly uphill, slightly into about half a club win. This is a 5 iron for Scottie. Driving it in nice and low, oh this is on a magnificent line.

[00:37:42.810]>>Scottie.

[00:37:44.770]>>I pushed it.

[00:37:47.300]>>Well, that was sensational. Scottie would tap that in for birdie to move to 13 under after an opening bogey for leader Victor Havlin. Scheffler has this for another birdie at 4.

[00:38:00.560]>>Oh no.

[00:38:03.030]>>I'm told that that is the longest putt he has made all week long and all of a sudden, a nice start. Scottie Scheff with 20 through 4.

[00:38:13.260]>>Alongside Viktor Hovland at the top of the leaderboard.

[00:38:17.129]>>Justin Rose, down breeze at 9 and online, you just can't keep it close to the hole.

[00:38:27.780]>>Unless, has he flown that in?

[00:38:30.989]>>Straight in the cup. Crowd had gone mad, never saw it bounce.

[00:38:36.320]>>Told you you couldn't get close to the hole, but you can.

[00:38:41.419]>>That is the only way, and I mean it was a slam dunk.

[00:38:49.370]>>McIlroy, 2nd to 6, he's had a bad start, needs an eagle.

[00:38:56.560]>>Good looking swing.

[00:39:00.419]>>It's a good looking shot, and it's gonna get better.

[00:39:06.229]>>Back now to -7, so he's 3 over for the 1st 5 holes.

[00:39:13.399]>>Is Cam Young playing that little shot right there, just trying to capture that little tilt down there.

[00:39:25.370]>>Very nice.

[00:39:27.260]>>This is Bhatia, who we're told has finished here with his tee shot, and if he has, he was very lucky, and that's even luckier.

[00:39:36.300]>>That is so lucky, if he's not wet and he's knocked that in for a 2.

[00:39:43.070]>>That's stealing.

[00:39:46.689]>>Now back to McIlroy at 6 for Eagle.

[00:39:51.760]>>There you go.

[00:39:53.600]>>Rob, you call for 3, you get 3. Yeah, he had to make an eagle at least and now go on a tear. Go quickly to Cam Young, yeah, for a birdie to get to 12 and bang in the middle of this thing. Yeah, well done.

[00:40:10.280]>> Si Woo.

[00:40:12.949]>>Just saw a hole-in-one without touching the sides, 10 minutes ago, and this is perfect. hello, no way. Come on, there's no way, stop it.

[00:40:25.600]>>Oh my goodness.

[00:40:34.810]>>Let's hop over to Chris Gotterup looking to get up-and-down for birdie at 6.

[00:40:41.179]>>Gotterup would make the short birdie putt to move to 11 under, just 3 off the lead.

[00:40:47.159]>>Foxy, that'd be dreaded 15th. It's down breeze.

[00:40:53.750]>>He's jumping over a 6 iron here.

[00:40:57.320]>>Um.

[00:40:58.830]>>This is gonna get very close. Ryan Fox, what a shot. What a year.

[00:41:06.169]>>Moving from right to left the entire way for Justin Rose across the green here at 11. Stay up, stay up, stay up. Oh, he did.

[00:41:14.850]>>I would say the par 3s are treating him quite nice. The best ball the last few holes, they've gone 122.

[00:41:23.649]>> Matsuyama.

[00:41:27.459]>>That his 4th.

[00:41:30.159]>>It's so

[00:41:31.639]>>What looked might be more than 4 and was not more than 4 and ends up shooting 69 and 50 for the championship. Well, Coup won't know, but the Smalley hardly did anything, so this is pretty straight and pretty good. 12.

[00:41:50.209]>>That's a nice little fight back there, Rob.

[00:41:54.040]>>This is such a tough hole.

[00:41:57.229]>>218, asking for it to be good.

[00:42:06.399]>>I think that qualifies.

[00:42:12.419]>>Low wedge for Scottie, I feel like this is a pretty good number, trying to fit in this little section.

[00:42:19.379]>>I would say so, Gary.

[00:42:21.770]>>This is just a tap into one of the more difficult holes in this golf course, and there's a lot of them.

[00:42:28.179]>>Yeah, thanks very much. Look at that little run on the back nine.

[00:42:32.959]>>Now back to Scheffler for his birdie at 8.

[00:42:36.409]>>And just like that, the man who leads the tour and bounce back birdies.

[00:42:41.239]>>Responds appropriately.

[00:42:44.280]>>Let's check in with Ludvig Åberg, who's looking for his 2nd birdie of the afternoon at 8. These screens are not backing up at all. I, I haven't seen anything back up all week. And to your point, that's a wedge, high spin player, and it's still released forward.

[00:43:03.570]>>We had to have learned something. There's a birdie after a couple of bogeys, back to even on the day.

[00:43:11.780]>>Now over to our 54 hole leader Viktor Hovland, who's off to a slow start, 1 over on the day through 7. He hits that to 3 ft 9 inches, and we'll have a great look for his first birdie of the day.

[00:43:25.429]>>Now to Rory McIlroy from 14 ft for birdie at number 10.

[00:43:30.689]>>He drains it.

[00:43:32.570]>>To 9 under and 5 off the lead.

[00:43:37.179]>>Back to Hovland for his first birdie of the day at 8.

[00:43:41.560]>>He sinks it to move to 15 under and back on top of the leaderboard. We'll be back with the conclusion of the 2026 TOUR Championship from East Lake Golf Club.

[00:43:55.989]>>Scottie Scheffler with his approach at 10, just got to get it over the ridge, that's about 15 ft short of this flag. Don't you just love the way that he improvises?

[00:44:07.510]>>How he comes up with the shots, all kinds of different finishes. Russell Henley down the fairway at 13.

[00:44:15.500]>>Which is a 3 quarter wedge, 130 yards. Lee's very good.

[00:44:20.550]>>The show is very good. Well, that's, he's finally gonna get to the -12 number.

[00:44:27.449]>>That's how you make sure you don't miss a putt for a birdie, speaking of which.

[00:44:31.449]>>Scheffler wasn't watching. Gotterup's like a hawk.

[00:44:36.840]>>And then the hawk has you in its sights, they usually get their cut.

[00:44:43.110]>>Rory McIlroy, send for the fairway, get it inside his playing partner, if he can.

[00:44:49.370]>>So the wedge, 117, spin.

[00:44:53.000]>>There are two excellent approaches.

[00:44:56.459]>>This would be a nice one right out close, wouldn't it? Yeah, right out of the center of the fairway. Nice putt for pot packed the 9th, stuffs it here at the 10th.

[00:45:07.419]>>Now McIlroy.

[00:45:12.330]>>A nice birdie for Rory at the 12th to get to 10 under and 5 off the lead.

[00:45:19.830]>>Cam Young has to get going. Now's an opportunity, just 93 yards.

[00:45:25.310]>>uh

[00:45:29.840]>>Massive break for Gotterup, this is a very simple chip, just bump it on the green. Run it.

[00:45:35.790]>>Might've been carrying a little too much food, but flagstick's always there to help.

[00:45:41.169]>>That's for the 6th birdie of the day, Rob, at 13.

[00:45:45.520]>>And this time Cam Young makes no mistake.

[00:45:49.479]>>1170 for Scottie, sand wedge. Another small target, don't miss this left or short.

[00:45:55.909]>>Good

[00:46:00.000]>>Stunning shot from Scottie Scheffler.

[00:46:06.439]>>Yes, Scottie Scheffler.

[00:46:10.709]>>All by himself at the top of the leaderboard.

[00:46:15.540]>>16th hole, in a hole that has treated McIlroy quite well over the years. Where's the ball? There you go, there's another 14 bogeys on the front side, really kind of derailing any kind of momentum he was hoping to take into the Sunday after Saturday 63. Sam Young trying to follow Rory McIlroy in with a birdie.

[00:46:41.479]>>And he does, catches a top edge, push ends a couple of bogeys with birdies at 13 and 16.

[00:46:49.489]>>This is a sand wedge from Scottie, that look just a little long.

[00:46:56.560]>>Or not good.

[00:47:01.760]>>Min Woo's 2nd. Come on, big go. Oh, he likes it.

[00:47:08.959]>>Come on, be good.

[00:47:14.389]>>Currently 10 under par and in.

[00:47:17.600]>>Matt is going to get a whole lot better, and now he has a chance.

[00:47:22.340]>>To jump to that -12 number and to tie for 3.

[00:47:29.560]>>Ryan Gerard slashes away. Yeah, 5 on you've gotta be thinking, trying to run it up the green.

[00:47:40.649]>>Ah yeah, what Min Woo would have given for that. At the 18th, Min Woo trying to pay this off. Get the eagle.

[00:47:56.889]>>A lot of players have missed it on that low side, Rich.

[00:48:05.899]>>Three good rounds.

[00:48:09.270]>>It's up ahead for Birdie Scheffler.

[00:48:15.030]>>So good.

[00:48:17.290]>>Under the most pressure.

[00:48:19.939]>>On the 15th, the par 3, Gerard for birdie.

[00:48:24.260]>>It's a decent opportunity as well, out of his right.

[00:48:29.949]>>Ryan Gerard, where have you been all day?

[00:48:34.570]>>Just in the nick of time.

[00:48:37.010]>>One topples in.

[00:48:40.010]>>He's struggled on the 18th to find the fairway, Gary. Uh see if we can trap one out there. Don't want to lose this one right, and have to lay up in all likelihood. Oh, playing the big cutter.

[00:48:52.500]>>Jimmy, come on.

[00:48:57.489]>>That has to have caught the right side of the fairway and bumbled down. Keep you posted here in a moment, but.

[00:49:04.510]>>That's what we've seen all week. If it gets over there behind that outreaching drip line of the hardwoods, it kicks to the left and skates down in the fairway.

[00:49:13.689]>>But that one.

[00:49:16.800]>>Did not.

[00:49:19.260]>>I'm likely aware that he's in the lead, but, uh, not too sure about the light.

[00:49:25.139]>>Rich, it's one of those lies where you see a lot of the top of the ball, but there's just enough grass enveloped around it, so there is certainly high stress here because it's about 170, 180 yards, if you wanted to take the water out of play.

[00:49:40.870]>>His eyes immediately darting to the left. Uh, there you go, we can actually see the top of it, uh, but yeah.

[00:49:49.810]>>This is gonna be.

[00:49:51.719]>>More than likely, just kind of the same place that he laid up to yesterday afternoon on the left-hand side with some sort of wedge.

[00:50:05.250]>>Yeah, for sure.

[00:50:07.860]>>Looking for 130 yards.

[00:50:10.590]>>Like he got it.

[00:50:14.070]>>Just about gives every Scottie fan the heartbeat of a hummingbird, waiting to see that one land.

[00:50:23.510]>>3rd shot at the closing par 5 for Scottie who leads by 2.

[00:50:34.280]>>It's the way they drew it up yet.

[00:50:37.030]>>Again, no one's better.

[00:50:41.300]>>He just, he just displays the signs of the great players, doesn't he? When you have to hit a great shot, he does. When you need to respond, he does. When he's making it look routine.

[00:50:55.060]>>Not only will it

[00:50:58.280]>>be the lowest round of the day if this goes down.

[00:51:03.830]>>It will be.

[00:51:08.500]>>With a TOUR Championship.

[00:51:11.489]>>And the title of FedExCup Champion.

[00:51:17.929]>>Well, I'm going to assume that he was thinking that he had a 2 stroke lead.

[00:51:23.360]>>And that likely is a 2nd FedExCup for Scheffler.

[00:51:30.760]>>Knew what he needed.

[00:51:33.020]>>Stepped to the tee.

[00:51:35.290]>>Can I ask you at the very beginning of the day, Rich, the whole locations and the course setup, what did you think? And you said, it's made for Scottie Scheffler.

[00:51:46.419]>>Let's go baby.

[00:52:01.590]>>No albatross from there.

[00:52:03.840]>>Unlucky

[00:52:05.939]>>Yeah, you have, you have. He said we got it. Indeed you do, Mr. Scheffler. Indeed you do.

[00:52:13.719]>>He certainly is no shooting star. He is here to stay for the 5th consecutive year, he came in number 1 in the FedExCup, and now for the 2nd time in 3 years, he leaves

number 1. Scottie Scheffler rises above the likes of Hovland, Gerard, and McIlroy to claim his 3rd win of the season and 2nd FedExCup title, cementing a strong case for 2026 Player of the Year.

[00:52:42.379]>>This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of the TOUR Championship.