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[00:00:26] >> The PGA Tour is proud to bring you the season-long race for the FedExCup. Now, coverage of the 2025 Memorial Tournament presented by Workday.

[00:00:47] >> It's the 50th edition of this Memorial Tournament, first won by Roger Maltbie. All those years ago, the house that Jack Nicklaus built, the greatest of all time in the piece of property that he used to walk as a child, the Muirfield Village Golf Club, Dublin, Ohio, a little northwest of Columbus, Ohio, not too far away from Ohio State University, where Jack Nicklaus went to college over here in the United States. Along with Colin Swatton on the golf course, Daniel Chopra and Andres Gonzales here with me. I'm Brian Katrek, and we're glad to have you along with us for this opening round coverage of the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday. Scottie Scheffler, our defending champion. It is the seventh of eight signature events in the 2025 PGA Tour season. And because it's a player hosted signature event, much like the Arnold Palmer Invitational and the Genesis Invitational, we are going to have a cut. So, after 36 holes, the low 50 players and anybody within the old 10-shot rule, it's going to be a whole lot of fun. It is a star-studded field, 29 of the Top 30 in FedExCup points, 29 international players in the field. Earlier today, Rickie Fowler out trying to make a move here, Daniel.

[00:02:08] >> And this is what you can see first thing in the morning with some dew on the greens. And spins it back in for the early hole out, the eagle two for Rickie Fowler.

[00:02:18] >> Things would go the other direction for Fowler after that. Last week's winner, Ben Griffin pours it in at 17. He keeps the momentum going. One hole to go. Ben Griffin is actually leading the golf tournament right now as we take a look from high above here at Muirfield Village. It is a par 72, and it is a long golf course. This time of year, seems to always be wet. Plays every inch of that 7,569 yards. Jack Nicklaus has something to say about some hole on the golf course just about every year. The last big renovation back in 2020.

[00:02:55] >> Ben Griffin, two clear of this field. He mentioned that he hit the ball in the water a couple of times. Well, that took until the back nine. Griffin started things off with a birdie at the 1st. He made another one there at 4. Then, how about this one for eagle? There's the birdie at 4.

[00:03:17] >> He's talking about the difference between confidence and cockiness. It's always good to play with a little bit of cockiness.

[00:03:25] >> Eagles the 7th. You're 4-under through 7. Not done yet. Let's birdie again. This one for birdie at 8.

[00:03:33] >> He wasn't lying. He was filling it up everywhere. A hundred and thirty-two feet worth of putts in Round 1. That'll get it done.

[00:03:46] >> This trying to bounce back at 14.

[00:03:49] >> Just controlling the ball nicely.

[00:03:52] >> And then, this is how it finished up. Griffin after spinning it all the way back into the fringe. Hoops it.

[00:04:02] >> Great part about that, Brian, even if it didn't go in, he was just going to have a tap in. His touch around the green has been unreal so far this season. And obviously, really strong start today.

[00:04:12] >> Over at the 6th, Si Woo Kim trying to get back to even par.

[00:04:18] >> Swinger to the left and it is a little bit downhill, but nice distance off of his second shot approach.

[00:04:32] >> Long range for Si Woo Kim.

[00:04:36] >> It's always a guessing game what putter Si Woo is to have in the bag or what kind of grip he wants to use on the putter. Electing to go with the broomstick right now, and it seems to be working.

[00:04:53] >> The group in the fairway. Patrick Cantlay.

[00:04:57] >> Won this tournament in 2019 and '21. So likes the golf course.

[00:05:02] >> And why wouldn't you when you hit shots like that?

[00:05:04] >> Buddy.

[00:05:06] >> Cantlay gets to even far.

[00:05:10] >> Now, MacIntyre for birdie at 8.

[00:05:13] >> Oh, yeah. Robert MacIntyre is having a little festival out there right now. Hadn't made a par in an hour. Over to 7. Patrick Cantlay laid it up in the rough.

[00:05:30] >> Not the greatest of layoffs, you'd have to say, to this front hole location. Thick lie.

[00:05:37] >> Cantlay nearly holes it out of the deep rough.

[00:05:42] >> Cantlay makes birdie and moves to 1-ne under.

[00:05:47] >> Collin Morikawa with a very nice start to his round here. Over at the 5th, this was his third.

[00:05:55] >> Mr. On the Correct Side of the Green. And beautiful touch there. Go ahead and convert that.

[00:06:04] >> First birdie of the day. He would birdie 7, and then take that number over here to the 8th tee.

[00:06:10] >> Two-fourteen, does play downhill. All the way to that back portion of the green. Not very big spot there to hit. Runner up in 2021, and last year in 2024.

[00:06:22] >> He would make that to make the turn of 33. This for birdie at 10. Out of green.

[00:06:31] >> Four-under. Just rolling so perfectly.

[00:06:35] >> Not done. Another chance at 14. And with that, he's up to 5-under par. He was really knocking on the door. He would bogey the 15th, though, the par 5. And then, on the tee at 16, trying to get it back.

[00:06:50] >> What a strike. Took a peek. Just rolling by to that 3-foot range. And he would have no problem from there converting for birdie.

[00:07:04] >> So you saw his success here with a couple of runner up finishes at this event. Here's his success this season. The other signature events have gone well for him.

[00:07:17] >> Three Top 10s, just outside the Top 10 n at the Masters.

[00:07:23] >> At 11 now with Cantlay playing his third from the fairway.

[00:07:32] >> Control the spin now. Beautiful.

[00:07:37] >> He'll move back to even.

[00:07:43] >> Now, at the 18th, Max Homa, the other guy working on the low round of the day. And there you go. Just the third birdie of the day at the 18th. That's back to back now for Max Homa, solo third at 4-under.

[00:07:58] >> Si Woo Kim at 16.

[00:08:03] >> Two hundred and 10 yards.

[00:08:05] >> This is going to be nice.

[00:08:08] >> Kim gets to 2-under.

[00:08:15] >> Keegan Bradley, captain of the American side. The Black Course, Bethpage State. You guys are having that discussion. Should Keegan pick himself?

[00:08:27] >> No.

[00:08:32] >> Bradley will move to 2-under.

[00:08:41] >> Sixteen with Scottie Scheffler.

[00:08:45] >> Two hundred and ten yards. You mentioned, Daniel, that it is playing downwind. Back right pin location.

[00:08:54] >> I think the number in question, Dre is 195. That's the cover in line with the pin and the penalty area. This one here, 7-iron for the World number 1, Scottie Scheffler. Starting at just a touch left, working it back the pin. Looks great.

[00:09:15] >> Another stellar iron shot by the World number 1, Scottie Scheffler, our defending champ trying to make a move here closing out his opening round.

[00:09:30] >> Back over to 16. Now, you've gotten it here, which is a pretty good spot.

[00:09:42] >> What a beautiful tee shot to get it to this point. Just outside of 10 feet.

[00:09:50] >> Well, that never left the middle.

[00:09:58] >> Scheffler with a little late spark. Two of his last three, five back.

[00:10:08] >> Go back over to the 15th now. Keegan Bradley for birdie to break out of the tie for fifth. Captain America goes into a tie for fourth alongside Shane Lowry.

[00:10:23] >> Ben Griffin finished this morning. So did Collin Morikawa, and so did Shane Lowry. Been sitting there at 3-under par all day long. He had birdied the 2nd and was still 1-under when he came to the par-5 7th.

[00:10:38] >> Killing it perfectly. Into the upslope, short of the green. Leaving himself 4-feet for eagle.

[00:10:50] >> And at this point, not really sure what kind of scoring day we're going to have. That still feels pretty good, though. You're 3-under through seven. He was second alone with bogey the 11th. Trying to get that shot back here at 13.

[00:11:05] >> He would had a little miscue at 15, where he made bogey on the par 5, but followed it up immediately with this birdie at 16.

[00:11:22] >> So that was the day for Shane Lowry, 3-under par 69. It was fairly quiet. It was early. And it is a great round. Only three rounds better than that today.

[00:11:37] >> He's going to be taking some confidence away from this round. If he can just clean up these par 5s. Sixes on the scorecard are never good. But if he can come back tomorrow, at least make par, maybe even pick up a couple birdies there, we are on to something.

[00:11:58] >> As Nick Taylor birdies 16. Another two.

[00:12:03][Applause]

[00:12:08] >> Ben Griffin with a two-shot lead. Collin Morikawa has won here before. He's been the runner up at this tournament, is one on the grounds. Max Homa has found his resume. He read who he is. Starting to play a little bit like that. Shane Lowry has been so steady all season long. He is knocking on the door again here after a very eventful first round of this Memorial Tournament Presented by Workday.

[00:12:38] >> Round 2 is next.

[00:12:45] >> The rain has moved in to Muirfield Village Golf Club, Dublin, Ohio. Just a little bit northwest of downtown Columbus, Ohio, a wonderful spot in middle America. And every once in a while, you get one of these storms come through. The rain falling out of the clouds. And that's all we got right now. As a matter of fact, the forecast has it lightening up right about now, which is good. But the best players in the world have been working through it all morning long. We're glad to have you along with us. That's our team. Colin

Swatton out in the rain, along with PGA Tour veterans Andres Gonzales and Daniel Chopra. I'm Brian Katrek. The fans bringing their umbrellas to Muirfield Village. Except for that guy who doesn't need it. Well, he does seem a little bit jealous of those who have one. Here are your storylines besides the weather, which we are hoping will go away. Scottie Scheffler, the defending champion, 4-under par, was knocking on the door after one round. Nick Taylor knocking on the door right now. And we all know what that means. He is the game's consummate closer. Shane Lowry with a great start. And even though it is a signature event of all those international winners, we do have a cut this week, the low 50 in ties and anyone within 10 shots of the lead. It could be all 72 players by the time we get finished.

[00:14:06] >> Scottie Scheffler is 2-under for the round. Here's how the day started. Back at the 1st. Rattles that one home and you start to think this may be a good putting day for Scottie Scheffler. Great drive here at the 3rd.

[00:14:22] >> And this is going to be tough today with the wedges into these greens, controlling the spin, these soft surfaces. And look at thing. Roll that line back in.

[00:14:34] >> Daniel, I know how long we've been around the game. There's just nothing cooler than watching that ball with the delayed spin with some wet greens.

[00:14:41] >> Yeah, it really is. And another wedge here at 11. Takes a seat and then rips on back to the hole.

[00:14:48] >> That would get him back to 2-under for the round. He had made double at 10, a sloppy double. Missed the fairway right, laid up. It all went wrong from there. Trying to get both of those shots back in a hurry. Here he was at the very next hole at the 12th. And that's it. The two-hole bounce back.

[00:15:04] >> Yeah. The 12th hole played the most difficult on the course yesterday, but able to take advantage today.

[00:15:10] >> But then, a little trouble biting him here at 14. Did he get too greedy? Did he leave the face open? That turns into a five, which brings him back to 2-under for the round. And that's where he is as you saw him tap in for par at 15. So Scheffler, 2-under today, 4-under for the week, three shots behind Ben Griffin. Scottie is finishing up his round. Ben Griffin just getting it started. And that is your setup here for Friday afternoon. Collin Morikawa will play through what he hopes isn't a ton of rain.

[00:15:41] >> Nick Taylor has been out there in it all morning. Parred the first three holes and had a pretty good look here at 4.

[00:15:47] >> Watch out if Nick Taylor gets comfortable with a putter in his hand. He has the ability to just turn the lights off and start rolling in. Everything that he looks at that hole has a tendency to look like an absolute garbage can to him.

[00:16:00] >> He is certainly not expecting or hoping for extra holes. But if more than 72 holes are required this week, he's won his last three tournaments in those formats. He is unbeatable. Make that one there at the 9th after a birdie at the 8th.

[00:16:20] >> Let's go over to 12 in the meantime. Bhatia for birdie.

[00:16:24] >> Unable to find the putting surface. This will be quick downhill from beyond this green. Did he read it right?

[00:16:30] >> Yes.

[00:16:34][Cheering and Applause]

[00:16:41] >> Over to the par-5 7th. Spieth with a wedding.

[00:16:47] >> All right. Let's see what kind of spin control he can put on this one.

[00:16:52] >> Spieth gets back to even.

[00:16:56] >> Xander's in the group with Spieth. He just saw a great wedge at 7. Here's his turn.

[00:17:05] >> Off the down slope, into the upslope, to the bottom of the cup. Xander Schauffele with the eagle three at the par-5 7th.

[00:17:15] >> He's not overly excited, but I would be after plus-1.

[00:17:20] >> Well, there you go.

[00:17:23] >> The former Olympic gold medalist.

[00:17:34] >> As we watch Akshay Bhatia on the tee at 16.

[00:17:37] >> What a beautiful shot there from 208 yards. There's not a lot of room left of that pin, Brian. And that water is just staring you in the face.

[00:17:51] >> This golf course is soaking wet. Griffin's third.

[00:18:01] >> Some of the fans are soaking wet as well. Of course, this part of the country just don't have the sand base that we see in other parts of the world. Don't drain as well. They hold a lot of the water, and these players will have to deal with that.

[00:18:18] >> Well, we've seen 7-under par shot so far today. It's not finished. Justin Rose is working on that. Akshay Bhatia with a nice round. Three-under for the day. This to get to 4.

[00:18:34] >> Lovely. Taking advantage of the tee shot at 16. Taking dead aim.

[00:18:42] >> Last week's winner. A Chance to take a share of the lead again.

[00:18:50] >> I've been really impressed with Ben and the way he's managed his game in difficult conditions.

[00:18:54] >> Griffin gets to 7-under.

[00:19:01][Applause]

[00:19:06] >> Spieth now at 13 playing his second from the fairway. He gets to 1-under par.

[00:19:24] >> Fourteen, Xander Schauffele's second.

[00:19:29] >> Just a little three-quarter shot here. Trying to take off all the spin. And does he ever. This is gorgeous.

[00:19:36] >> Schauffele back to 1-over.

[00:19:43] >> Schauffele here at 18.

[00:19:46] >> This is going to get better. Keep going, ball.

[00:19:59] >> How about this spot for Jordan Spieth here at 18?

[00:20:03] >> Is that going to go on --

[00:20:06] >> It's not the easiest lie.

[00:20:09] >> Yeah, sure it did.

[00:20:17] >> We'll go up to 18. Two really good shots here from Schauffele and Spieth. Look at the coin from Xander Schauffele right next to the hole up there.

[00:20:26] >> Xander's at 1-under for the week. Jordan Spieth trying to get to 3-inder.

[00:20:31] >> To close with a flurry. Birdies at 15 and 17. Can he get three in the last four?

[00:20:41] >> Yes, he can.

[00:20:43] >> Yes, he can.

[00:20:46] >> I would argue that his second shot was better than Xander's. Out of the lip of that bunker to get the ball below the hole.

[00:21:00] >> Sixty-nine for Jordan Spieth. Posts 3-under. This is for 69 for Xander.

[00:21:18] >> How about that group? A couple of birdies at the 18th. It's not going to be that easy over the weekend.

[00:21:24] >> Yeah. Nice finish there for Xander. Birdies at 14, 15, and 16, then the closeout at 18.

[00:21:38] >> Nick Taylor and Ben Griffin, two clear of Akshay Bhatia. Scottie Scheffler right there in the mix as the defending champion, trying to do what only Tiger Woods has done before. And that's win this tournament 2 years in a row.

[00:21:54] >> Round 3 is next.

[00:22:02] >> It's the 50th anniversary of this Memorial Tournament, founded by Jack Nicklaus, the greatest of all time at the golf course that he built specifically for the event, the Muirfield Village Golf Club, Dublin, Ohio. A little bit northwest of downtown Columbus, Ohio. Right in the middle of America. Sixty-six degrees right now. It was a little bit cooler than that. Definitely sweater weather this morning with the temperature supposed to get up into the mid-70s. That is very nice and pleasant for a Saturday afternoon on the PGA Tour.

[00:22:39] >> I have it 14 top six shorts. That's 87.

[00:22:46] >> Let's see if they can figure this out at 8.

[00:22:50] >> So this is interesting. We just missed it. But if you did pay attention from behind the tee there, the blimp up in the sky, how much do the players and caddies pay attention to that blimp above this 8th green, Colin?

[00:23:03] >> Well, when I was caddying, that's all I looked at in a windy day. And there has been a few heads go north to take a look at it because similar to a boat, it has to actually have its nose pointed into the wind. We're all the way on the back tee here at 7, 199 the number. And believe it or not, this is an 8-iron from our leader, Ben Griffin.

[00:23:26] >> It does play down 7 as well.

[00:23:31] >> He is on top of the world right now.

[00:23:37] >> Autopilot.

[00:23:39][Applause]

[00:23:50] >> Now, Ben Griffin to extend the lead.

[00:23:58] >> Oh, my. This is a huge force in this game right now. Last week's winner has birdied three in a row, the lead up to five shots.

[00:24:09] >> Wow.

[00:24:28] >> I think I needed a 55 shot. I like hitting the 58.

[00:24:31] >> Yeah, perfect. I like that.

[00:24:37] >> Well, Ben Griffin with the iron off the tee, lighted up to the top. So he does have a nice level lie. One hundred sixty-three yards. Does play downhill three, and with some help off the right. This is 9-iron here for Ben.

[00:24:54] >> Starts out right. This may need to get up a touch.

[00:24:59] >> Oh, no. Is that bunker or water there, Colin?

[00:25:03] >> Well, that's actually caught in the thick stuff outside the penalty area. That is a massive break for our leader, Ben Griffin.

[00:25:10] >> Yeah. We never saw the ball bounce. OK. Caddie saw it.

[00:25:31] >> Pretty wild right here for Ben Griffin. And, Colin, he just got a nice little break here.

[00:25:39] >> Oh, my goodness. You know, sometimes, you need those breaks to go on and sort of get the job done. And he is going to look back at the end of the week and he is going to see this one here at 9 as a massive break. As Daniel said, one or two more yards to the right-hand side and he is down in the penalty area. But he is in this thick ribbon of cut just

left of the bunker here at 9. It's not the greatest of lies, but he's just going to really chop at this one, get it on the green, and try and make a good putt to try and save par.

[00:26:12] >> Really helpful being on such an upslope. Should just be able to chop down on it, throw it straight up.

[00:26:24][Applause]

[00:26:31] >> And he is being tested for par here at 9.

[00:26:41] >> Bogey-free on the day up until that point. Opened up a five shot lead. And this is when, perhaps, some doubts may start to creep in. Heading over to the 10th, which is now the second most difficult hole on the golf course. Time to settle down. Still with a four shot lead, however.

[00:27:10] >> Spieth was one of two guys here at 14 that went over that creek on Thursday.

[00:27:15] >> Mentioned a bunch of guys with this helping wind trying it today.

[00:27:24] >> Spieth for birdie at 14, now coming straight down slope.

[00:27:30][Cheering and Applause]

[00:27:37] >> Here's Scheffler at 14. Scottie's now two back.

[00:27:43] >> This is a green light special for Scottie.

[00:27:49] >> Scottie needs to make something happen here. Really controlling this spin nicely. Will this be his first birdie of the day?

[00:28:02] >> The 14th green now with Scheffler putting for birdie.

[00:28:13] >> There we go. The lid is off.

[00:28:17] >> Been a long time coming. Thirteen pars in a row and that one for Scottie Scheffler. There's blood in the water.

[00:28:28] >> To 14, Taylor.

[00:28:32] >> Now, this on its way from 118 for Taylor. Trying to fly it down a little.

[00:28:36] >> Oh, wow. What a way to end the drought. A hole out for Nick Taylor, and he's right back in it.

[00:28:46][Cheering and Applause]

[00:28:57] >> Now, Scottie from perfect spot at 17.

[00:29:05] >> And a beauty right on line. One of the best iron players on the planet showing his skills there.

[00:29:12] >> And Scheffler with another golden opportunity here at 17.

[00:29:25] >> What do you think, Daniel?

[00:29:28] >> He makes it. Once this guy gets a sniff and starts making putts, he's not going to let it go. Neither will the cup. Good catch.

[00:29:41] >> He just keeps slugging away.

[00:29:44][Cheering and Applause]

[00:29:54] >> Scheffler with a perfect drive here at 18.

[00:29:57] >> One shot back.

[00:30:00] >> Just hold up on the left for me. Thank you.

[00:30:06] >> One-sixty-one remaining. It does play up seven from this location down the left-hand side of this fairway.

[00:30:13] >> 'm laughing because the one guy stopped. Ted told him to hold up, and then started walking again.

[00:30:33] >> Pretty good shot there by Sheffler. Fat part of the green, leaving himself right around 15 feet.

[00:30:39][Applause]

[00:30:56] >> But Scheffler, 7-under for the week, 3-under today. Chance for a birdie at the last.

[00:31:04] >> Just outside of 13 feet. This is going to be quick. And most of the movement will be right at the end to the left.

[00:31:18] >> He did it again. All day been waiting for putts like that. Scheffler catches fire from 14 on in. Sixty-eight and he's tied for the lead.

[00:31:33] >> And he's not driven the ball well. Left a whole bunch of putts short, and yet, he's still tied for the lead.

[00:31:40] >> That's the great thing about why he's number 1 in the World is that never quits. And the fact that he doesn't look like he's playing that great, his floor is so much higher than, let's say, 90% of the tour's ceiling.

[00:31:58] >> Four birdies in the last five holes, and this one with a ton of break in it. Maybe the most unlikely of them all.

[00:32:08] >> Ties for the second best round of the day after Straka's 66 alongside Keegan Bradley.

[00:32:14][Cheering and Applause]

[00:32:23] >> So it's Scottie Scheffler who didn't play the first few events this season, slow start to the season, didn't win until winning in his hometown in Dallas. Then of course, he

won in his next start at the PGA Championship. And all the questions have been answered. So he looks unstoppable. The snowball continuing to grow as it rolls down the hill. One of these guys find a little something and get in the way.

[00:32:53] >> They're going to need to find something special and need some help from the players coming back. Scottie Scheffler does not have the MO of doing anything of the sort.

[00:33:05] >> The final round is next.

[00:33:51] >> It's the 50th playing of this Memorial Tournament. All of them right here at Muirfield Village Golf Club. Built by Jack Nicklaus himself for this exact reason. Dublin, Ohio, a little bit northwest of Columbus, Ohio. And this is the day you dial up to hand out that trophy.

[00:34:14] >> Sepp Straka trying to close the gap. Awkward spot here at 2.

[00:34:20] >> Just hoping it comes out of here. Doesn't bobble too much, but right around 18 feet. Watch out for Straka. He's now 7-under in his last 20 holes. One of the hottest players on the course.

[00:34:39] >> In this group here with Sepp Straka. This for birdie at the 3rd.

[00:34:47] >> Straka, former Olympian, three-time winner on tour, kind of put his name up closer to the top of that leaderboard.

[00:34:58] >> Now, at the 5th, Patrick Cantlay for birdie.

[00:35:04] >> Down the hill. Tracking. Patrick Cantlay is making a bunch of birdies early on here on championship Sunday. Back to 1 on the par for the day, currently the tie for 6xth.

[00:35:19] >> Back over at the 4th now. Nick Taylor in this group with Straka, but he could take third alone right here.

[00:35:30] >> Just get some look in his eye when he's near the lead.

[00:35:38] >> Here's Griffin at 5.

[00:35:40] >> Well, he only just got this far enough down there that he isn't blocked by those two trees, but he's hit this one a little floaty. It's come out of it a touch. This is going to be a stretch to get to the front.

[00:35:51] >> They'll be just fine.

[00:35:52] >> Got all the green in the world to work with. Great angle as well.

[00:35:58] >> Scheffler at 5.

[00:36:00] >> Just 253 for Scottie. This one heading towards the center of the green. It looks like it could be a touch deep.

[00:36:08] >> It is. But we can see a lot of it.

[00:36:12] >> You heard one of the spectators saying, oh, he's got a good lie. And that is about as good a lie as you can get from long and right at number 5.

[00:36:21] >> Back to 5, Griffin's third.

[00:36:24] >> Yeah, a little bit on the downslope here. It should actually help him fly it a little bit lower and chase it back there.

[00:36:36] >> Beautiful. Great touch there by Ben Griffin. That'll get him back to 7-under par, right where he started the day.

[00:36:45] >> The lie looked good. What about the grass and the grain here, Colin?

[00:36:49] >> Well, once it gets on the surface, BK, this is fast down the slope.

[00:36:55] >> Pretty decent. Just when you think the window may be open, Scottie comes back and just doesn't make that many mistakes.

[00:37:04] >> Our final group at the par-5 5th. Scottie Scheffler two clear of Ben Griffin right now.

[00:37:16] >> Scheffler misses bird, taps in for par.

[00:37:25] >> To 7 now with Cantlay putting for eagle.

[00:37:27] >> Cantlay's still in the picture. If he can find a way to get this to find the bottom. He does not. He will pick up a stroke though. That'll move him to 4-under par through his first seven.

[00:37:43] >> Scheffler ready to go here at 7.

[00:37:46] >> And BK, with a seven I believe this is for Scottie Scheffler. He's already backed off twice. The wind sort of bouncing around in the tall trees down here.

[00:37:55] >> Back right pin location. And this is like a tracing bullet. Straight at it.

[00:38:24] >> Two-fifty-five is the number. It's got a little bit of mud down on the bottom left-hand side of the ball. And for a long while, he had 7-wood out. And I believe he went back for 5-iron. That was the conversation with his caddie, Alex. But this might be the stronger of the four. Remember, it's 255 to the pin, 240 front, a little bit of help down and off his right-hand side.

[00:39:00] >> I don't care who you are, Colin. Five-iron from 255?

[00:39:04] >> Yeah, I'm with you. Really nice strike. Turning just a little left of the pin. Remember, there's a tear down there.

[00:39:13] >> He flew it on the green. Are you kidding me? That was 154 mile an hour ball speed.

[00:39:19] >> Slow down. Slow down. There she goes.

[00:39:23] >> I mean, a horrible break. Wonderful shot. And of course, it goes right up against the longer cut of rough. That is terrible.

[00:39:33] >> Now at the 8th, here's Nick Taylor. Two hundred and eight yards. Not the easiest pin to get out with the wind coming off the right. What do I know?

[00:39:46] >> That's why they're the best in the world, Dre.

[00:39:50] >> Taylor gets to 6-under.

[00:39:55] >> Back over to 7 now. Third shot for Ben Griffin.

[00:39:58] >> Yeah. It's a woolly lie down here in the left rough. Extremely hard to get it up on that top tier.

[00:40:07] >> He's trying. I don't think it's got the juice.

[00:40:20] >> We stay at 7 with Scheffler playing his third at the par 5.

[00:40:37] >> All right. That left to pick up one shot.

[00:40:41] >> Does not want to lose two.

[00:40:45] >> Now, this looks like a pretty important putt here for Ben Griffin.

[00:40:50] >> Well, it is with Scottie Scheffler sitting no more than 12, 18 inches away. Very steep slope to come up.

[00:40:57] >> Some 40 feet.

[00:41:00] >> Griffin makes par.

[00:41:06] >> Staying at 7. Scheffler putting for birdie at the par 5.

[00:41:16] >> Gets that one to go. And that's his first birdie of the day.

[00:41:26] >> At 11 with Scheffler playing his second.

[00:41:31] >> Well, a good poke down the left side for Scottie, with a little bit of heat on it, too. Now, with 3 metal also.

[00:41:37] >> This one starts out left. It's turning left. This is heading towards the creek, guys.

[00:41:42] >> Carries the creek. And he's going to get to meet some Dublin, Ohio residents. And not a lot of green to work with there for Scottie Scheffler, who normally plays a little leaking fade. He battled the lefts off the tee earlier this week. And that one doesn't drop right for him.

[00:42:00] >> This is not easy here. Short and left at 11. Scottie Scheffler's ball. Checking out the lie here. Colin Swatton, what do you think?

[00:42:08] >> It's obviously on the wrong side of the rope or the gallery line, I should say, which means it's matted down. The difficulty is you haven't had a lot of these sort of matted down lies. And when it's twisted and all the grass is sitting down like this, it is easy to fluff it. He's got to err on the side of caution, at least get it on the green for a putt.

[00:42:32] >> Wow. Beautifully played. Not close to the hole, but left it below the hole for a nice uphill putt.

[00:42:39] >> Now, back at the 11th. Scheffler first for birdie.

[00:42:44] >> He would dearly like to make this one. That would be one heck of an up and down from left of the green here at 11. Also too with a difficult 12th coming up. Uphill, coming from his right to left.

[00:43:00] >> What an up and down. That's just merciless.

[00:43:04] >> That is so impressive. As soon as he seems like he maybe left the door ajar, he'll slam it shut right in your face.

[00:43:15] >> At 12 now with Griffin playing his tee shot at the par 3.

[00:43:19] >> Well, he starts this one at the center of the green, turning left. This one looks deep to me.

[00:43:24] >> That might have plugged.

[00:43:28] >> Either way, it doesn't matter. I don't think he can keep it on the green regardless.

[00:43:32] >> We have seen guys in years past, and you may have been one of them, Daniel, that's sitting a little down from that spot, aiming towards the center of the green.

[00:43:40] >> Yeah.

[00:43:43] >> Griffin at 12, playing his second from the bunker.

[00:43:47] >> This one is so difficult, BK. And given the moment, you know, he has no option but try and fly this onto the green. And I don't think he can keep it there.

[00:43:54] >> That's pretty good.

[00:43:57] >> Very fortunate to keep that on the fringe.

[00:44:05] >> Here's Straka at 13.

[00:44:10] >> There's a slope here.

[00:44:12] >> Betting better. But now, these players are in a situation in which they're going to have to run the tables if they're going to chase down Scottie Scheffler.

[00:44:22] >> Go back to 12. Huge par save for Ben Griffin.

[00:44:29] >> This isn't any easier with the fringe back up behind his putter either.

[00:44:34] >> It's going to hurt.

[00:44:37] >> And the grip on the title tightens.

[00:44:41] >> Ben Griffin now 1-over for the round.

[00:44:44] >> Scheffler's only 1-under, but the lead is three.

[00:44:51] >> Straka for birdie at 13.

[00:44:55] >> Straka is not giving up without a fight.

[00:45:00] >> Two-under today. He's four back.

[00:45:09] >> Now, Griffin with the second shot at 15.

[00:45:14] >> That on its way from 252. Towering, working back towards the pin.

[00:45:18] >> That'll continue to get better.

[00:45:24] >> He's not going to stop punching.

[00:45:29] >> Seven-wood here, Colin.

[00:45:32] >> Yeah, good choice here. This pin location is not easy. That was one heck of a shot from Griffin.

[00:45:42] >> Also high, floating. This one possibly looks even better.

[00:45:47] >> Oh, my.

[00:45:47] >> Not to be outdone.

[00:45:53] >> Well, anything you can do, I can do better.

[00:46:00] >> That's what Scottie Scheffler is thinking right now.

[00:46:07] >> Eagle putt for Scheffler at 15.

[00:46:10] >> Now, if anything, this one just needs to be hit, and just fall in the front edge.

[00:46:26] >> Oh, my. That was unlucky. That ball was trying so hard to make a little bit of a left turn at the end.

[00:46:36] >> It's a tap in birdie. The first to double digits.

[00:46:48] >> If you're going to put any sort of pressure on Scottie, especially coming into three very difficult holes, you need it. Coming from the right.

[00:47:00] >> He's got it. Within three. Game on.

[00:47:05] >> The eagle at 15 for Ben Griffin picks a shot back up. And we're not done yet.

[00:47:17] >> And this is now the third time in 6 weeks that Ben Griffin has been sniffing around the podium. Lots of meaningful golf shots in this young man's recent history.

[00:47:33] >> Sixteenth hole playing 202 today with this back left pin. Just wonder how aggressive does he want to get here, Colin.

[00:47:48] >> Now, that's the point too. You know that eagle went a long way for sort of solidifying second. You know, does he -- has he put the foot down and go for the W or does he play for those points?

[00:48:03] >> Beautiful strike just to the right of the flagstick. He's got to get down a touch.

[00:48:10][Applause]

[00:48:22] >> Here's Griffin now for birdie at 16.

[00:48:29] >> He's done it again. Wow. Now, just two behind with two to play.

[00:48:39] >> It is anything but a walk away right now. Griffin, 3-under in his last two, has closed the gap.

[00:49:07] >> And I think the lengthy deliberation there for Ted Scott, Scottie Scheffler's the ball is just sitting a little bit down in this first cut. You've talked about the length of it all day and the ball above his feet. I believe they're looking a little long here.

[00:49:23] >> Good strike. It's hanging out to the right-hand side. It won't get up on the top tier, but it's a good leave.

[00:49:31] >> And now, Griffin, solo second. Been a good week.

[00:49:38] >> Yeah. Gorgeous -- Sorry, Brian.

[00:49:40] >> Go ahead, Colin. Sorry.

[00:49:42] >> Just a wedge here for Griffin. Be a nice way to finish off with something special, but he's hung it out a little right also. Easy on the spin now.

[00:49:50] >> It's a big two putt coming up right there for Ben Griffin. Trying to maintain that solo second place position.

[00:50:02] >> At 18 with Scheffler putting for birdie and the win.

[00:50:13] >> Oh, boy. Perhaps a momentary lapse in concentration.

[00:50:20] >> Griffin at 18 putting for birdie.

[00:50:24] >> He duels with the number 1 player in the World. He beat him last week. Scottie gets him back this week. And he's going to be kind of standing in Scottie's line. So we're going to break a little professional golf protocol.

[00:50:37] >> Normally, Griffin would have finished up because if Scottie makes this, there's going to be a lot of roaring.

[00:50:44] >> A little slider to the right.

[00:50:47] >> There was never a doubt. He is number 1 with a bullet. The defending champion with a successful title defense at the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday. Third win of the season, and 16 career PGA Tour titles for Scottie Scheffler.

[00:51:18] >> Now, this is a big pot right here.

[00:51:19] >> He's up to the challenge. Ben Griffin doesn't win today. He won last week, though, and learned a lot of lessons from that man. He went toe to toe with the best player in the world. But Scottie Scheffler gets to walk off this 18th green again as the champion. He's dominant right now, gentlemen.

[00:52:00] >> Certainly is. And that career grand slam could happen this year.

[00:52:04] >> Sure could. Just run the table.

[00:52:05] >> Only has two more to go. And when this guy's playing well, it's hard to find anybody that can beat him.

[00:52:10] >> He's going to be the prohibitive favorite at the US Open in 2 weeks. Hard to imagine what would change that between then and Royal Port Rush.

[00:52:19] >> Well, weather could play a factor at Port Rush. That would be the only factor.

[00:52:23] >> You do get the wrong half of the draw a lot over there. But if he gets the right half, look out. Ten-under par, a four shot win. Jack's tournament at Jack's Place.

[00:52:36] >> This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday from Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio.