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[00:00:27] >> The PGA Tour proudly presents the season-long race for the FedExCup. And live first round coverage of the Barracuda Championship. Over two decades of history in the Reno Tahoe area of California as the PGA Tour returns to Tahoe Mountain Club, Old Greenwood, here in Truckee for the 2025 Barracuda Championship. Sunny skies and wonderful weather await this full field of 156 players as the regular season quickly winds to the finish. We've got hardware to hand out this week and are so thrilled to have you with us for it. Myan Patel alongside Gary Christian, Daniel Chopra, and our entire outstanding crew.

[00:01:18] >> So here's where we are in the world. Golf playing played across the pond, and here on the West Coast of the United States, 20 miles from the north shore of Lake Tahoe, it is Tahoe Mountain Club. Nearly 6,000 feet of elevation, over a mile in the sky. That'll certainly provide some of the excitement here this week in our home on the PGA Tour at the Barracuda Championship. And Gary Christian, it is an interesting golf course. Certainly, the elevation will play a factor.

[00:01:50] >> Yeah, absolutely. It's a spectacular spot, one of those great spots in the US It's a Jack Nicklaus course. You look at the yardage there, it's about 7,500 yards. Take off 10%, we're looking at 6,700 yards, which is a very short golf course for the bottom professional. Great opportunities for birdies, which lends itself so well to this modified Stableford format.

[00:02:10] >> Well, it is certainly an interesting format. You mentioned it, modified Stableford. That means you can take on more risk. The only time we see this on the PGA Tour, Daniel Chopra, we've been doing it since 2012, and it always provides excitement.

[00:02:22] >> It certainly does. And all the players look forward to this type of a format one time a year. And of course, we see the breakdown of the points there. Five points for the eagles. Birdies are two points. Pars gets you nothing, which really will some discrepancy. Eighteen pars is no good. But six birdies, six bogeys, and six pars gets you six points to the plus side. So that is the kind of golf that is being encouraged in this format.

[00:02:47] >> I'm glad we've got you as our mathematician on board this week, partner. Some highlights from earlier today. Lanto Griffin at the 18th. This was a birdie putt, two-pointer. That curls in for Griffin. So Lanto Griffin with 11 points today is a part of the early conversation. The Englishman, David Skinns, rolls in a birdie at the 17th. Part of a good day for Skinns, 11 points. That is right there lurking in the mix. A couple shots, a couple of points off of the lead. And how about the day from Andrew Wilson? Nine points for Wilson, and off to a great start here at the 2025 Barracuda Championship. And then, at the 9th, it was Ben Polland rolling in a long birdie efforts. Something that we've seen a lot of from the field. Gary, the birdies are big because you can quickly collect a bunch of points.

[00:03:46] >> You can jump up that leaderboard very quickly. And these greens are absolutely perfect pace. Part of a great day for Polland. They flip the nines here last year, Daniel, and that leads to more excitement. The 17th, a drivable par 4. So we can see some of

these great numbers and point collectors coming down the stretch. But everyone's trying to track down Ben Martin. Sixteen points today, and he's got a three-point cushion at the top.

[00:04:18] >> Par-5 15th, Kiradech Aphibarnrat for birdie.

[00:04:22] >> Great to see Aphibarnrat playing well. And there's another one there. So, chugging up the leaderboard.

[00:04:29] >> Tenth green now.

[00:04:34] >> Joel Dahmen. Down the hill. This for another two points.

[00:04:42] >> The big talk, wasn't it, he and Gino splitting up. And new caddie, maybe a new attitude.

[00:04:55] >> Seventeen, the runner up last year, Vince Whaley.

[00:04:59] >> He certainly had a great opportunity, didn't he? Nick Dunlap had that incredible last round. But Whaley played well in contention, and rolled it beautifully. Some people just have that feeling on the greens, don't they, Daniel, where you come back to a spot and you just feel comfortable and the putter just does what it needs to do.

[00:05:18] >> Late addition into the field here this week, player that needs to make a charge, Adam Hadwin.

[00:05:22] >> Yeah. You see that number just to the left of Hadwin there, 135 projected in the FedExCup rankings. So, currently, he's 35 spots away for having full status on the PGA Tour for the 2026 season. So, this is a great opportunity for him to get some valuable FedExCup points. Make putts like that and should not be a problem. But look at that scorecard. Eagles and doubles and birdies.

[00:05:54] >> Dahmen at 11.

[00:06:01] >> Max Homa.

[00:06:03] >> OK. So clawing it back. Take every win you possibly can.

[00:06:19] >> Dahmen.

[00:06:20] >> He's done it again. That's three great putts we've seen from Joel. That was impressive. Perfect pace. Just dripping it in at 7:00 o'clock on the clock dial.

[00:06:36] >> What a start today for David Lipsky.

[00:06:38] >> Makes that thin air in Vegas, so it would be a somewhat familiar conditions. Great bunker shot. Great Putt. Great opening round from David.

[00:06:52] >> A share of second for David Lipsky. Fourteen now.

[00:06:57] >> And Joel Dahmen now. This lengthy par 4 is yet to miss a green in regulation in this opening round. And he'll keep that record clean if he sticks one in there. He'll get that to get to a dozen under.

[00:07:20] >> Best round in progress right now, David Lipsky.

[00:07:34] >> Perfect distance control. Would have liked it to be a little bit tighter than that.

[00:07:43] >> Fourteen.

[00:07:44] >> And Dahmen there. That gets him to 12-under. Very nonchalantly going about his business. Four points off the lead now.

[00:07:54] >> The aforementioned Lipsky to take the lead. To climb one back of that lead.

[00:08:03] >> And he gets it.

[00:08:10] >> Well done. How about that 9? Twenty-nine. What is that? One, two, two fours.

[00:08:24] >> Well, that is another putt from Joel Dahmen for birdie. It's been an impressive performance today.

[00:08:36] >> David Lipsky for birdie at the 3rd.

[00:08:37] >> To get back on track here. And well done.

[00:08:41] >> He's just a very solid player, David. He's no great weakness to the game, and he has that ability to narrow his focus when in contention.

[00:08:54] >> Joel Dahmen doesn't like this one at all.

[00:08:56] >> Hates it.

[00:08:56] >> Of course it's going to go in.

[00:08:58] >> Hates it.

[00:08:58] >> Of course it's going to go in. Of course it has to go in now. OK, he's got to go. He's going to say, this is like the net cord in tennis when you apologize to your opponent, put your hand up and you go, sorry.

[00:09:33] >> It is another perfect day in the California countryside, 20 miles from the north shores of Lake Tahoe in Truckee, California, Old Greenwood at the Tahoe Mountain Club once again hosts the Barracuda Championship, where we have picture perfect weather for this full field. One hundred and fifty-six players all battling for the weekend today, and all battling to become a PGA Tour winner. Great to have you along. Myan Patel, alongside Gary Christian, Daniel Chopra, and our entire outstanding crew. Late here in the FedExCup regular season. It's event 34 out of 36, and the only one that uses this modified Stableford scoring format. And so, here's what you're looking at and how the points all tally up. Eight points for a double eagle. Five for the eagle. Birdies more valuable, then bogeys are detrimental. It allows players to take risks and usually leads to plenty of excitement throughout the week. Some highlights from earlier today in Round 2. A more scorable day, and the par 3s are gettable out here, Gary Christian. Isaiah Salinda at the 16.

[00:10:46] >> Yeah. And absolutely a relatively short par 3 and receptive greens. And you give a short iron into receptive greens to these guys, they're going to knock it tight all day long.

[00:10:57] >> A very good day for the PGA Tour rookie. And Daniel, a two-pointer enroute to 14 on the day.

[00:11:03] >> Yeah. Cut day today, Friday. Salinda not worrying about that. Just trying to find the top of the leaderboard.

[00:11:10] >> Vince Whaley had a really good run here last year. He was the runner up and picking up right where he left off.

[00:11:15] >> And there's a comfort of the course design of the greens. You come back where you've had success with before.

[00:11:22] >> Speaking of success, what a day yesterday for Joel Dahmen. Daniel, he did it again today. Nine more points to get to plus-22.

[00:11:29] >> He just missed one green yesterday, and that was on the par 3, number 16. That went into the water, came back from that with a bounce back birdie.

[00:11:37] >> What a week. Tom Vaillant, the 23-year-old Frenchman, only two career Top 10s, no Top 25s this year, and he is two points off the lead so far the Barracuda championship. And everybody right now chasing the 2021 winner. Saw that yesterday for Erik van Rooyen, some putts that didn't go down. But he added 14 points today. And the South African with 25 total points has a two-point cushion at the top here in Round 2.

[00:12:17] >> Is after the heavy one up the hill.

[00:12:21] >> Nicely done. So he looks like he'll salvage par from a bad break off the tee.

[00:12:32] >> Good three from Hoey.

[00:12:34] >> Very impressive Very good player, Rico. Almost gave up the game or did give up the game about 3 or 4 years ago.

[00:12:40] >> At the 18th.

[00:12:48] >> Well done, Callum Shinkwin.

[00:12:50] >> Gets to 12 points.

[00:12:57] >> Back at 14.

[00:12:59] >> And Sam Ryder drains one.

[00:13:07] >> His fourth birdie of the day. So he's putting together a bit of a score today, eight points on the day.

[00:13:15] >> Eighteen green.

[00:13:17] >> And Rico Hoey, this to get to 20 points and just five points off the lead. That means he's just technically a shot away from the lead, and he gets there.

[00:13:32] >> Dylan Wu needs a couple more birdies you have to imagine to be around for the weekend. Currently at plus-7. Right now, projected -- The current cut line, rather, is at plus-9. Project -- I want to project it to around about 12 points by day's end.

[00:13:47] >> Just see every time they put up that little chiclet there. It goes from 67 to 68, 70.

[00:14:03] >> Lashley.

[00:14:03] >> See if he can get it up there into that back section. Yes. Very, very good on line player is Nate.

[00:14:14] >> To 16.

[00:14:19] >> Yeah, well done there, Dylan Wu.

[00:14:22] >> Lashley to make good on the approach shot.

[00:14:30] >> So you even see it in the putter as well. You see it in the way Nate just keeps moving his feet, and then gets ready, and then goes. Makes it athletic. Nice and reactionary.

[00:14:38] >> Andrew Wilson, the Englishman at the 6th.

[00:14:46] >> Wow, what an aggressive shot there by Wilson.

[00:15:00] >> OK. so Sam Ryder hit that wonderful second shot in. Just that little bleeder right at the flag. So this one should come a little bit right to left. And he's putted beautifully on this back nine to this point. It's set up for an eagle, isn't it? There we go.

[00:15:19] >> And he converts. Sam Ryder, five points on the board, inside the Top 10. Making a move late in Round 2. Go to 6.

[00:15:38] >> Now, that beautiful tee shot by Wilson. This for a birdie on the very difficult par 3. Takes advantage of the great iron shot.

[00:15:48] >> Big week here at the Barracuda Championship. A season-long race coming down to an all-out sprint. Two events going on this week, the Open Championship, the Barracuda Championship. And then, just 2 weeks to solidify your position.

[00:16:03] >> Let's just dig deep --

[00:16:04] >> Yeah.

[00:16:04] >> -- this time of year. You've had a long year. You've just worn yourself down physically, mentally, and emotionally. And you've got to find a way to get over the line these next 3 weeks. And, you know, it's just one of those things it's very hard to quantify and explain. You know, you've got to go through your preparation. But, you know, sometimes, it's just not there, is it, Daniel? And you're struggling to find your game, and it's

hot, and it is just such a grind that, you know, we talk about it all the time, but it's so hard to describe.

[00:16:35] >> Yeah. But you have to also keep in mind that the majority of the players in the field here this week, they're not overly concerned about getting into the Playoffs. Those 2 weeks, that's for the Playoffs. Yes, if somebody wins, they have potentially get a chance to get to the Playoffs. And that is that Top 70 number. Even with a win, the majority of the players this week will not crack that Top 70. They'll get close. What they're really focused on is the back end of the season getting in that Top 100.

[00:17:04] >> McGreevy for a share.

[00:17:11] >> Attaboy.

[00:17:16] >> And for the first time today, we've got two tied at the top. Home stretch, Roy for birdie.

[00:17:28] >> Yeah. This great par 3. And a beautiful conversion there by Kevin Roy. And another one of those players stepped away from the game about 3 years ago.

[00:17:45] >> Brandt Snedeker.

[00:17:47] >> Trying to hit that little cut in there. It's a very reachable par 4. Look at this. Look at this. That close to eight points. That is a tap-in for five points.

[00:18:05] >> For the outright lead, Max McGreevy at the 9th.

[00:18:10] >> Well, this should move a little bit to his right. Everything comes off this back edge. Everything moves down that way. Let's see if he can get the combination of the line and the pace here. So if you look at the clock face, it's going to go in around about 7:00, 7:30, reach the apex, and it will start to dive right when it runs out of pace. Got it out there far enough. Did he hit it? Well, good two rounds of work, 25 points. Puts him in really, really good position right at the top of the leaderboard. But what can Rico Hoey do with five holes left? He could potentially have a sizable lead.

[00:18:58] >> Andrew Putnam at the 13th.

[00:19:04] >> Former winner here. That one breaking left to right. Well done. He rolls it so -- He wedges it well, putts well.

[00:19:20] >> And Bairstow now at 18. He has to make this putt. No hope if this misses. Makes it, might not still be good enough. Got it when he needed it.

[00:19:38] >> Talk about a putt under pressure.

[00:19:41] >> Now, he'll be computer watching. Tied 56th.

[00:19:49] >> Sixteen with Ben Martin.

[00:19:50] >> And this will be huge. He's gone through such a lull in this second round. And you're just trying so hard at this moment. You've been in this situation, Gary, when you haven't made a thing all day. That was huge.

[00:20:07] >> It's almost like you got to will it in, don't you? You need to find something thing. So well done. Back to even points for the day.

[00:20:14] >> Over at the 7th, Rico Hoey. He could still take the outright lead here late.

[00:20:18] >> Absolutely. Hot finish will go a long way here. Some really good results last year, where he just got hot, didn't he, in the summer? Six at the Rocket Mortgage. Lost in the playoff at the ISCO. And then, eighth here.

[00:20:36] >> Thirteen-point day for the 29-year-old from the Philippines. And Gary, he's the man at the top right now. Twenty-six points at the halfway point.

[00:20:46] >> Yup. You dream of going into Saturday with the lead. Rico has done his job. There's some players. And looking at Erik van Rooyen, a former winner, he's going to be feeling very confident.

[00:21:06] >> Another Chamber of Commerce type day in Truckee, California, Old Greenwood at the Tahoe Mountain Club. Once again hosting this Barracuda Championship, where we have made the cut. Fans filing in to keep their eyes on the 66 players around for the weekend in idyllic conditions.

[00:21:30] >> Some highlights from earlier today, getting you caught up on the action. Doug Ghim at the 9th. This is Aa birdie putt. So that is two points on the board for Ghim, who wrapped up with a 12-point day in the clubhouse with 25 points through three rounds. Best round of the books is Will Gordon. What a way to finish, Gary. Sitting on 25 points of the last and fires a dart.

[00:21:53] >> Yeah, it's been a real struggle this year for Will. So 137th he started the week. Something special tomorrow. Could go a long way to being in the right spot at the end of the year.

[00:22:04] >> Five birdies and an eagle on the backside for Will Gordon. Daniel, great fight this week from Max Homa. Battle to make the cut, and now he's got a shot if he can do something crazy tomorrow.

[00:22:14] >> Incredible comeback after that really disastrous minus-1 in that opening round. Had 14 pounds -- 14 points yesterday and 12 today.

[00:22:22] >> Fifty players in the DP World Tour are here this week, including the 36-year-old Australian, Jason Scrivener who Houdinis his way to the bottom of the hole. Twelve points today, sitting on 28 with 18 holes to go. 2021 champ Erik Van Rooyen came into the day one point off the lead. And thanks to that eagle, he is the man on top. Plus-5 for EVR. And he's at the top of the leaderboard. Thirty points, that is a two-point cushion over Jason Scrivener and last year's runner up, Vince Whaley. Rico Hoey in a tie for fourth. He is in that final group, and so far sitting one point through the first five holes. To the last, Scrivener to save.

[00:23:10] >> Yeah. Don't want to finish off your day on a sour note. And he does it. And the Aussie stays in a tie for second. What a great back nine there.

[00:23:28] >> Get up and down. Rico Hoey into a share of second with 28 points now. Up on the green, Isaiah Salinda, the rookie for birdie.

[00:23:44] >> He has had a good year this year on his rookie year. It's always the hardest challenge. There's a good way to finish the front nine. Very impressive indeed.

[00:23:55] >> Back in the 9th fairway, Vaillant's approach.

[00:24:00] >> Taking it up there. A little club 12. That usually leads to good things. This should come back. Yeah, nicely done. So another good opportunity for birdie.

[00:24:21] >> Dahmen, in his own mind, he'd be hoping to get to at least 30 points by the end of the day. And a complete misread there.

[00:24:33] >> This is David Lipsky.

[00:24:36] >> A very thick lie here. And he's judged that perfectly. Is it perfect? Yes, it is. Perfect speed. Perfect line. Back to back birdies.

[00:24:57] >> Now, Patrick Fishburn finishes in style. He gets to 27 points with a hat trick of birdies to close out his moving day Saturday.

[00:25:13] >> Fourteenth.

[00:25:15] >> Now, Whitnell trying to chip one in here. He's thinking about it. He's got the flagstick out. That's why you do that. It's funny how when you want to chip it in, you take the flag out. But when you're putting, a lot of times, you leave the flag in. I don't get it. If you're trying to make it, take the flag out.

[00:25:37] >> That's one you just got to keep up the pace. What an opportunity here. There you go. Very good friends with a certain Mr. Scottie Scheffler. Be nice if they could both get a win perhaps this weekend.

[00:25:59] >> So Gerard can get one point off the lead.

[00:26:02] >> And he can and does. That's how quickly things change in this format.

[00:26:29] >> Look at this. Look at this.

[00:26:31] >> And no --

[00:26:32] >> Stoic. Stoic.

[00:26:34] >> Yeah. This guy's in control of his emotions.

[00:26:36] >> Beautifully done there.

[00:26:37] >> Back to back birdies for the 23-year-old Tom Vaillant. And now, he is just one point off the lead. Lanto Griffin pitched it to here to get the 26 points. Yes.

[00:26:49] >> So Ryder came up a little short in his pitch. Lanto came up a little long. Good putt. Nice pair of shoes there as well.

[00:26:57] >> Ryan Gerard, and this for the outright lead. First time anybody could topple van Rooyen off the leaderboard, at the top of the leaderboard.

[00:27:10] >> But it's just not really gone to script, has it, for Erik? Started with an eagle on 3, birdied 6. Got off to that lovely, fast, comfortable start. And then, ever since then, it's just been nothing. One bogey and this to avoid the second bogey of the back nine.

[00:27:37] >> But again, in this format, even two bogeys so quickly erased. Especially with the par 5 to come. Well done.

[00:27:54] >> I do like that stroke.

[00:27:55] >> It looks like a stroke that coming down the stretch on Sunday, maybe one of the better ones.

[00:28:02] >> Now, Hoey. In desperate need for something good to happen. He's been treading a whole bunch of water all day long. And now, in the very scorable part of the golf course, Hoey now within a couple off the lead. Back to back birdies.

[00:28:28] >> Let's make the tie at the top official. Twenty-three-year-old Frenchman Tom Vaillant, who's only got a tie for 26 is his best showing this year on the DP World Tour, a share of the lead. Hoey's third. He's made back to back birdies.

[00:29:03] >> That's a good looking shot there. Steady, steady. So he had some trouble from this kind of distance right at the end of that front nine. So this recently, the short puts have been really good. The flow's been better through the putting stroke. Let's see if this one rolls true in the back of the hole. That was a little bit of a jab, wasn't it?

[00:29:34] >> Up and down to post 32 points.

[00:29:37] >> So this is a tough one here. He's going to have to land the ball right about there.

[00:29:48] >> All right there. All right there.

[00:29:51] >> What a bonus. That thing was a going a good 6 to 8 feet by the hole. What a finish for Gerard.

[00:30:06] >> Certainly needs something. It's just been a really, really frustrating back nine. One bogey, all pars the rest, and has fallen backwards.

[00:30:15] >> But think about it. Make this and you're only a point off the lead.

[00:30:19] >> Exactly.

[00:30:19] >> Even with that rough stretch.

[00:30:21] >> And that's the great thing about having two spectacular early rounds.

[00:30:24] >> Yeah.

[00:30:25] >> You are able to have a not so good round.

[00:30:27] >> You earned the right to have a mediocre day. Beautiful camera angle.

[00:30:34] >> There we go. There we go.

[00:30:49] >> This is a quick putt breaking to his right. This for the outright lead. And he'll know that. But you don't want to get too frisky with this one, especially late in the day. You don't want to be giving yourself a 3, 4-footer coming back. So play just a little extra break and just have it trickle in on its last roll.

[00:31:14] >> Looks good. Hit it. Perfect line. So we are set for a little bit of a barnstormer tomorrow.

[00:31:24] >> Rico Hoey birdies four of his last six holes, and has a share of the 54-hole lead. Thirty-four points tied with Ryan Gerard headed to championship Sunday here in Truckee. So here is the leaderboard. And when we look at this front page, only one player has won on the PGA Tour. That is Erik van Rooyen. He's won twice, including right here at the Barracuda Championship.

[00:32:35] >> Championship Sunday on the PGA Tour. That's season-long race quickly coming down to a sprint. The 34th of 36 events culminates today in Truckee, California, where we once again have a beautiful day at the Barracuda Championship. There is the hardware and the question, who will hoist it. So many great storylines in play and life changing. Not an understatement. Here's all the things up for grabs today. Plenty of points, trying to improve position for the Playoff push. A big check entry into the big events next year. And of course, that job security that comes along with forever being known as a PGA Tour winner.

[00:33:22] >> Everybody on the golf course here in the final round. Let's get you up to speed on the action. Some highlights from earlier today. Beau Hossler, Gary, went out early and really made a big push. This birdie putt at the last.

[00:33:34] >> Yeah, he kind of showed what was out there on offer today. Look at this. Right in the middle. Seventeen points for the day. Jumped all the way up to second place. So Beau making a kind of a late season charge. Great to see.

[00:33:48] >> He is one of the best scores posted. Right now tied with this man, Daniel Chopra, Max McGreevy, who's had a pretty solid week.

[00:33:56] >> He certainly has. Eight birdies on the day. Culminating with his last birdie of the day right there at the drivable par-4 17th, one of the few players we've actually seen keep the ball on the surface.

[00:34:09] >> He would go ahead and two putt from there. But everybody came into the day chasing this man, Ryan Gerard, the 25-year-old American. Chipped in for birdie at the last yesterday and he is cooking with fire early. Birdie putt there at the 2nd. That quickly

got him to 36 points. And then, Gary, in this modified Stableford scoring, these are the big ones. Plus five for the eagle.

[00:34:33] >> This is where he grabbed the championship by the scruff of its neck right here. Seven points after three holes. Very impressive start indeed from the highest ranked player in the world in this field.

[00:34:45] >> He did drop one at the 4th. So 40 points right now for Gerard. He's your leader. The South African, Jacques Kruyswijk, at the 9th. A slam dunk.

[00:34:56] >> Well, NBA season is about to underway again. And look at his reaction. Five points.

[00:35:13] >> Basically what you expect in the bogey from there. But, yeah, you just got to rely on the strength of the game just to take that little bit of, you know, stress off the weakness of the game.

[00:35:21] >> Yeah. Back to back bogeys after that firecracker of a start. So 39 points. That's a one point cushion over Todd Clements. This modified Stableford scoring format, it is the 13th year where we've had the Stableford scoring in play at the Barracuda Championship. Seventeen points from Hossler earlier. McGreevy, a good bounce back after a bad Saturday to put 37 in the house.

[00:35:54] >> Now, Rico needs this one.

[00:36:02] >> You cannot leave a putt from that range short.

[00:36:11] >> We have a new leader, Todd Clements, a birdie at the 17.

[00:36:16] >> Let's go back to the 12th, the par 3 with Lanto Griffin for two in a row.

[00:36:32] >> Could get a little more interesting if it goes. Gerard for birdie in the lead.

[00:36:38] >> Bingo.

[00:36:39] >> There you go. There you go. And it's just one of those -- You know, someone who's almost destined to win, you just -- they find ways to do things at the right time.

[00:36:52] >> Clements for par.

[00:36:56] >> Never had a chance.

[00:36:57] >> Well, he'll drop one point and fall two back.

[00:37:04] >> All right. Clements for bogey to be the leader in the clubhouse. And it's official, 39 points for the 28-year-old Englishman, Todd Clements.

[00:37:27] >> Laird makes good on the birdie at the 15th, picks up a couple, gets to 33 points, which is in a share of seventh at the moment.

[00:37:39] >> This is at 18.

[00:37:42] >> Get in the hole.

[00:37:45] >> He's immensely popular, isn't he?

[00:37:51] >> He is. And look at that finish. The hat trick just ran out of holes.

[00:38:00] >> Now, Hoey.

[00:38:04] >> Well, let's see. Lovely iron shot in there. Kind of picks that putter up fairly vertically. Little bit of a stab, but it's in the middle at the end. Good birdie, poor start, good finish to that 9.

[00:38:30] >> This will be back to back birdies if it goes.

[00:38:33] >> All right, there we go. And you know, maybe you find a way to, you know, birdie the last five, whatever, birdie four of the last five, whatever it is.

[00:38:45] >> This is at 11, the Australian, Jason Scrivener, for birdie.

[00:38:50] >> OK. Get it into the 30s. To get the 30 points. Well done. A veteran, been on the DP World Tour almost 15 years now.

[00:39:06] >> Was a wonderful wedge. And Erik Van Rooyen take advantage.

[00:39:11] >> And the key here, he's playing right in front of Ryan Gerard. So this is one we may be take a little extra time, the gamesmanship. Make sure he can see you make this putt. Put some pressure on. There's value in that. Provided you make it, of course.

[00:39:33] >> Nice and compact, that stroke. Beautifully done. And there's that fist pump as well. So game on. The game is afoot.

[00:39:43] >> Certainly is. Five points now the difference between the leader and the Chaser.

[00:39:49] >> Sixteen.

[00:39:50] >> And Homa after that what looked spectacular in the air. And that is brilliantly done.

[00:40:06] >> Back to the final duo.

[00:40:13] >> Well, it looked worse off the tee for Rico Hoey. But -- Although, now, he looks like he's walking up towards the lip of that bunker.

[00:40:31] >> It's actually not that bad. That's fine. It might be difficult for him to stop the ball out of that lie. You heard the caddie say aim it at the 10. That's the TV tower right behind the green.

[00:40:49] >> Yeah, he'll do well to keep this on the putting surface from there. A little heavy. That might be left.

[00:41:05] >> Poor thing.

[00:41:05] >> Sounded a bit like he caught a little bit of ground first. The clubface turned over.

[00:41:18] >> Daniel, Ryan Gerard adds another.

[00:41:21] >> That's what I was saying. One more birdie will give him that little bit of breathing room. And he matches Erik Van Rooyen's birdie at 10.

[00:41:29] >> And now, Hoey for two in a row.

[00:41:35] >> This will go a long way for Rico.

[00:41:38] >> This club has been a little bit cold the last couple of days.

[00:41:46] >> Not bad.

[00:41:47] >> Warming up now.

[00:41:51] >> So stays in touch. Another big putt.

[00:42:01] >> This is Laird cleaning up after the beautiful second shot.

[00:42:09] >> No problem for the 42-year-old Scotsman. Four-time PGA Tour winner. There was an 8-year gap between wins three and four.

[00:42:19] >> Lanto Griffin at the 15th, his third.

[00:42:26] >> So at that first cut, you got to slam it into that false front right there. Look at this. Look at this. So well judged. So that's a kick-in birdie for Lanto.

[00:42:38] >> This is Doug Ghim fighting for birdie.

[00:42:43] >> All right. The Ghim Reaper right in the middle. Well done. Gets to 30 points.

[00:42:51] >> Two of his last three.

[00:42:54] >> That's a pretty impressive back nine apart from the 10th, isn't it?

[00:43:01] >> This is very, very difficult indeed for van Rooyen. Everything landing on a down slope to a short-sighted flag. So the good news is the lie is pretty good. So he can slide it under there. Nice. Really nicely done. Uh-oh, uh-oh, uh-oh. There you go. That's the place to miss it. Miss it long, short-sighted, and just roll it in. What a chip. What a four. And what a moment.

[00:43:35] >> Beautiful tee shot. Got the soft bounce. It should have been much closer than this. But it doesn't matter when you putt it like that. Finally making a little bit of progress here. Back to back birdies for David Lipsky after what can be only described as a pretty horrendous final round.

[00:43:54] >> Gerard with a chance.

[00:43:56] >> And so, this would be a pretty large swinger coming right to left. It was actually going to come uphill just a little bit for the first 6 or 7 feet, and then downhill to the left. So there you go. That putter is not grounded. Looks great. Looks great.

[00:44:18] >> Is great.

[00:44:19] >> Is that the championship with that stroke right there? What a break that was to get the drop to take advantage, and now, stretches that lead.

[00:44:33] >> He's trying to join the list of first time winners here at the Barracuda Championship. So many storylines in play. Not just who's going to win this event. Players competing for their livelihood over the next couple of weeks trying to get into the Playoffs and then stay inside that Top 100 to retain playing privileges through the false slate on the PGA Tour.

[00:45:04] >> At the last.

[00:45:06] >> Lanto trying to put a little slice spin on this wedge shot to the last. Look at this.

[00:45:14] >> Hang on. Hang on.

[00:45:19] >> Talk about putting spin on the golf ball and controlling it. What a way to finish.

[00:45:22] >> David Lipsky at the 17th, his is birdie putt.

[00:45:29] >> So birdie on 16. Did it get there? Birdie on 17. So finishing strong, three in a row.

[00:45:45] >> Sixteen now.

[00:45:47] >> Now, Kruyswijk. This is a big moment for him.

[00:45:53] >> Last roll of the dice for the South African. It's not over yet.

[00:46:08] >> So it is a bogey for Ryan Gerard. That's back to back bogeys. But after the five point eagle, he only loses two in the last couple of holes. Still sitting comfortably in front at 46 points, especially with van Rooyen in trouble.

[00:46:25] >> Well, that's his gap right there. He's going to go through there, maybe try to just run something up into that front bunker. And that should be a pretty simple bunker shot. Even just left of it might be all right. I don't think he's far back enough where he can put enough spin on it from left to right without bringing those branches into play. But he's got that electrical box as well.

[00:46:48] >> Beautiful club face control there, wasn't it? Just hold that face open. That's about as good as you could have done from there. Really well done. Puts himself back in position on this hole.

[00:47:01] >> Let's go to 17. What a late charge for Jacques Kruyswijk, the South African, to get to 37 points.

[00:47:07] >> He's fun. You like to see it. There's another one. And there's another fist bump. Brilliant to watch from Kruyswijk.

[00:47:25] >> And that does not go down for Erik van Rooyen. Not in yet. At best, it's a point dropped for the 35-year-old South African.

[00:47:34] >> Not just a point. He's got about the same length coming back now to salvage. Just dropping one point.

[00:47:39] >> Yeah.

[00:47:39] >> Potential three-point drop with a miss.

[00:47:42] >> Ryan Gerard's in the heart of the fairway. He's only missed one fairway today. A 25-year-old American, a card carrying member for the first full season in his PGA Tour career.

[00:47:54] >> Oh, boy. That was a tournament right there.

[00:47:58] >> That was it.

[00:48:05] >> PGA Tour rookie Jackson Suber steps in at 17.

[00:48:10] >> Some valuable FedExCup points for Suber.

[00:48:21] >> Well, here we have Gerard now to extend the lead to nine. Maybe he watched the Open Championship this morning. Gets a little bit of inspiration from the greatest player in the world today. And he does. And Gerard, I think he's just turned the key.

[00:48:49] >> Patrick Fishburn finishing up.

[00:48:56] >> Get in the hole.

[00:48:58] >> He listened to the guy in the crowd. Well done. It was an absolute horror show of a day today. But a good way to finish.

[00:49:07] >> Well, has to go for Erik van Rooyen.

[00:49:13] >> Exactly. You cannot leave this short. Let's see if you can give yourself an opportunity. Knock this in and put some pressure on. Pace is good. Pace is good. And the result is great. Wow.

[00:49:28] >> That was a must make.

[00:49:47] >> Push.

[00:49:48] >> That was a push right there.

[00:49:51] >> That was nervy. Gary, that was a nervy back to back three putt. When you get tight, that face stays open. Three putt par, three putt bogey.

[00:50:02] >> Let's go to the last, the Aussie, Jason Scrivener finishing.

[00:50:07] >> Down the hill. This could be potentially a huge payday for the Aussie. And he gets it to go. Scrivener gets to 34 points inside the Top 10 with that putt.

[00:50:28] >> Did they change their mind again?

[00:50:30] >> Yeah, that's -- I think that's the safer play.

[00:50:33] >> Up in the air.

[00:50:34] >> Better chance just to take poor contact out the play and pitched it short the hole.

[00:50:42] >> Yeah, see, I like the bump. I like the bump. See? Yeah. I didn't like that play. I liked his original one where he just chopped down on it.

[00:51:03] >> All right.

[00:51:05] >> The scene is set at 18, Gary. If van Rooyen misses his putt, Gerard can just choose to walk up the 18th fairway and not even play the hole.

[00:51:13] >> Gets to invoke the Chopra rule.

[00:51:15] >> The Chopra rule.

[00:51:15] >> I like that.

[00:51:16] >> Take my minus-3. I'm going to enjoy the walk.

[00:51:19] >> 2021 winner Erik van Rooyen has done a wonderful job to get solo second. Did not pick up PGA Tour win number three most likely here today, but has put himself inside the Playoff picture for an exclamation mark ending.

[00:51:38] >> So he's at a first, a sixth, and about to be a runner up. Pretty impressive. Keep going, keep going, keep going. Tournament still alive.

[00:51:51] >> So much for all of our scenarios.

[00:51:53] >> What a way to finish.

[00:52:03] >> Ryan Gerard has three putts to be a PGA Tour winner.

[00:52:13] >> Exactly what the doctor ordered there. So if that's 3 feet, make sure that next one goes no further than 3 feet, 1 inch.

[00:52:32] >> Revel in the moment. Ryan Gerard, your winner of the Barracuda Championship.

[00:52:40] >> Barracuda Championship request that you please stick around for the closing ceremony.