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[00:00:25.670]>>The PGA TOUR is proud to bring you.

[00:00:30.020]>>The FedExCup Fall.

[00:00:33.779]>>Now coverage of the 2025 Baycurrent Classic.

[00:00:40.319]>>Well, the PGA TOUR has just 5 events left in the FedExCup Fall, and 3 of them are outside of the United States starting this week with a stop in Japan and a new golf course for 2025. Yokohama Country Club. It's been here since 1960, and this is a composite golf course made up of 16 holes from the West Course and two from the east. And I'll just say this, it's going to be a real treat for the eyes over the course of the next 4 days. Former.

[00:01:09.279]>>Pros Rob Lee and Gary Christian alongside for this 3rd event of the FedExCup Fall where it's a very important time for those outside of the top 100 in the FedExCup Fall standings to earn some valuable FedExCup points. We'll talk all about what's at stake this week as we take you down to this magnificent slice of golfing terrain, just an hour outside the city of Tokyo, and for all those lucky folk who reside near the capital city of the land of the rising sun.

[00:01:38.790]>>Well, it's quite the complex, Gary. Absolutely, relatively short by today's standards, but it's windy today. North wind about 25 miles an hour. Fairly thick tree lined fairway, so you can't smash it all all over the place, but just redone fairly recently by Coore Crenshaw, it's a terrific test and actually they did the other two holes as well from the other, from the east course, just to make sure they got their full footprint on the whole course. So it's gonna be a magnificent venue this week.

[00:02:06.010]>>Just gone past 10 a.m. local time, some top players making their way around the turn in these awful weather conditions as we speak. So let's just show you exactly how it's looking as we head live to the action. Nicolai Hojgaard, the day is looking to wrap up his tour status.

[00:02:24.110]>>For next season. What a nice start that is playing the 11th 5 under par. Max Greyserman, who was pushing the eventual champion Nico Echevarria all the way to the conclusion last year of the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP there at Narashino Golf and Country Club. He is at 4 under playing the 12th.

[00:02:42.889]>>And some local players as well, firing on all cylinders. Well, Adam Scott is way down on the FedExCup points list. He's not worrying about starts though for next season, not with his standing in the game, but he's still keen to have a good showing here this week. That was a stunner into that front pin. And just getting a bit of a flavor for just what we're talking about when we say the conditions are less than favorable. Minwoo Lee meanwhile.

[00:03:09.679]>>Rolling the rock nicely. Already a winner this season on the PGA TOUR from the Houston Open. It's a very different entity to Memorial Park though.

[00:03:19.300]>>And Beau Hossler, over 200 events played in his career and still yet to find a victory. Maybe this is the week, he's 3 under playing the 12th.

[00:03:31.960]>>Well Xander Schauffele has very strong ties to Japan, and of course the gold medalist from Tokyo, when the Olympics were played not too far away from here, off to a very nice start.

[00:03:44.589]>>But the man that they're all trying to catch at the 9th.

[00:03:48.649]>>Earlier on, showing some real guile from down the right-hand side, using the contours on these greens to set up another red number.

[00:04:06.919]>>Hideki Matsuyama will be the first to play at this particular group here at the fairly short par for 8th hole. So you see that wind hard off the right.

[00:04:17.339]>>Try and hold it up there or take it right on the right edge of that green and just hit a straight one, let the wind take it.

[00:04:26.459]>>I think we're gonna see an awful lot of this today, players backing on and off with those little gusts.

[00:04:49.269]>>I'll be trying to flight it down a little bit.

[00:04:51.820]>>Oh, well done.

[00:04:54.790]>>Now this is Shogenji, one of the Japan Golf Tour players looking for that first red number of the day. Well, it's such a special week for the homegrown players, and it's just one experience after another. The fans are about as passionate fans as you will find anywhere in the world.

[00:05:15.019]>>Matsuyama for a well deserved birdie. They'd be a great bounce back after the poor last hole.

[00:05:23.209]>>That's the 2nd birdie of the day. Stay there, well done. So 2 birdies, 2 bogeys, and the crowd are very much on his side. It's like a 12th man in football, feed off that energy.

[00:05:41.809]>>Now Eri is 3rd here at number 9.

[00:05:47.790]>>Right, right.

[00:05:52.190]>>Told you could chip it in.

[00:05:57.899]>>Yes I do.

[00:06:01.019]>>2nd at 15, Fairway bunker.

[00:06:05.989]>>Now was it ball then sand in that order?

[00:06:08.809]>>It sure was. What a cracking shot that was. It's a birdie. How good is that from where he was? Yeah, very good indeed.

[00:06:18.260]>>This is for a 5th red number of the day for Max Greyerma at 50.

[00:06:22.660]>>And there it goes.

[00:06:25.450]>>There we have a tight at the top of the board once again.

[00:06:31.339]>>Now Nicolai, who's battled himself back into this contention conversation earlier here on day one.

[00:06:40.350]>>Oh, beautifully done mate, look at this, look at this. Oh, he's having a run at the end, isn't he, after a disastrous run through the middle of the golf course, the end of the golf course is gravy for Hojgaard. Look at that of the Nicolai version.

[00:06:58.670]>>At 16 with Higgo playing his 2nd from off the green at the par 3.

[00:07:05.839]>>That wasn't out so nearly, in the middle.

[00:07:13.470]>>Cadeira for a birdie at the 15th, lackluster day.

[00:07:18.450]>>Just got better.

[00:07:21.950]>>He's carrying reds crowd around with him as well.

[00:07:27.480]>>Now this is Satoshi Kodaira.

[00:07:32.670]>>You come in, there you go.

[00:07:36.760]>>Always a nice noise, Gwen.

[00:07:39.899]>>A PGA TOUR winner.

[00:07:42.399]>>In front of his home fans, Barry's a beauty, even if it is for a score that will underwhelm even heat.

[00:07:55.690]>>This is to tie things up at the top.

[00:08:00.329]>>Shortest hitter on tour and he's won twice. There's something so admirable about Brian Campbell and look at that finish as well, eagle birdie to play the homeward half in 5 under. Incredible.

[00:08:16.019]>>Get it up and over, but look at it, it's got a little bit of a punch bowl at the back there.

[00:08:23.130]>>This is Nico Echavarria and his well, well, come on now. I I like a punch bowl. Look at that. Well, good on you for calling that there Gary Christian. That's why you're our chief.

[00:08:38.840]>>The 18th grain with Echavarria putting for birdie.

[00:08:50.150]>>Hold on. Complete lack of guilt there Echavarria.

[00:08:55.320]>>Hang your head, shake it, shake it.

[00:09:02.080]>>I heard there's a bit of sake getting consumed up there, I would have thought. Hospitality and Yokohama. Well, a good day in the end for Nico.

[00:09:14.400]>>If you're even par, you're not only inside the top 25 as we come towards the end of this opening day's play at the Baycurrent Classic, but you're only all back of that lead, and all these players will harbor ambitions of a big weekend's golf to come.

[00:09:31.215]>>It's a blustery day, uh, the Baycurrent Classic that has led to a bunched leaderboard, and that's the way that we like it. Excitement abound at Yokohama Country Club, the first day in the books at this wonderful slice of golfing terrain. We hope for better conditions tomorrow. Lots to play for, lots to think about for so many of the golfers pegging it up here in this limited field.

[00:09:54.900]>>There's jobs, eligibility on the line, as there is all the way through the FedExCup Fall, but one thing's for certain is that this Japan leg of the PGA TOUR Season will throw up a thrilling 3 days that remains.

[00:10:12.359]>>Round 2 is next.

[00:10:22.080]>>It's just gone midday on this Friday afternoon in Japan and with 5 events left in the FedExCup Fall, 3 of them outside of the United States. So these players best get their passports ready. And of course this new golf course for this year's tournament in the land of the rising Sun Yokohama Country Club, a composite made up of holes from the two courses at this cracking complex.

[00:10:45.869]>>And now the PGA Tour's landed and the home fans absolutely love it.

[00:10:51.599]>>Former Tour pros, Rob Lee and Gary Christian alongside for this 3rd event of the fall, where Rob Lee, there is a lot on the line for players up-and-down the standings at this stage of the season. Yeah, it depends where you are in the FedExCup, but the next 10.

[00:11:11.530]>>There's a lot at stake for these guys. If you can stay between 51 and 60, you get signature events next year, at least a couple guaranteed, and maybe even more depending on who plays in front of you. So those spots for those players that have kept their card this year are huge.

[00:11:29.919]>>And

[00:11:31.320]>>Pebble Beach

[00:11:33.330]>>And The Genesis Invitational or the events that those next 10 players outside of the top 50 that are of course already locked in. And let's just talk about.

[00:11:45.659]>>These players, Gary, because it's a nervy time of the season for these guys around the bubble. Yeah, this is where the players are playing for them, you know, in effect, their livelihoods to have a schedule that they can set. It's very, very difficult when you get in those conditional statuses where you want to be able to plan your year ahead. So 100 is the number right now. Matt Wallace just.

[00:12:04.830]>>Clinging on there just by just over 1 point and if you think over the course of a season, that's, uh, I missed 3 ft here, not maybe giving up a little bit on a hole here somewhere else. It's just incredible just how it all comes out every year to a point or two, but there's some, you know, some, some big names. Obviously Adam Scott there hasn't had a top 10 all year, very unusual. Some really good players though that have something. Rico Hoe, keep an eye on him this week. He's one of those players that,

[00:12:31.090]>>He's mercurial in talent, plays well in in stretches, and he's just in the middle of one of those little stretches. The last 3 or 4 months it's been very, very good, so playing well this week, uh, just one off the lead. There'll be plenty of talk throughout the rest of this week here in Japan, where we'll be discussing players under the pump and how they're going to respond to some of the pressure. We discussed that a little bit during our round one coverage and sometimes players with their backs against the wall do pull out some of their very best golf.

[00:13:01.309]>>Now Kazuki Higa trying to limit the damage here at 10. So pitching it into the slope. Need that first bounce being good, look at this. Oh, what a recovery. OK, never in doubt, great 4.

[00:13:17.440]>>So let's see if Alex can continue the great play. Well, that's so good to see.

[00:13:26.570]>>This is **Kimo Bojegos** flirting with the trees there at 14. 4 under par for the day, that's going to 5 under.

[00:13:35.460]>>It's Grayson and 2nd to the par 5. Should be a gimme par 5 here.

[00:13:40.919]>>Very short, firm fairways.

[00:13:44.760]>>Really good chance for a 3 here.

[00:13:47.909]>>And that's a really good look.

[00:13:52.619]>>Now Max Greyserman, this is an eagle try to not just take the lead, but take a nice cushion at the top.

[00:13:58.210]>>Downhill right to left because it's gonna stay up. Yes it is. What a put.

[00:14:03.820]>>Right in the center there.

[00:14:10.409]>>Max Homa's in the green side trap.

[00:14:13.760]>>Well, you'd have to ask how is he there in 2, but now he's just gonna pick it out for 3. That is a bonus that.

[00:14:22.460]>>We jumped to 17 with Villegas putting for birdie.

[00:14:33.109]>> Villegas. Oh, that's a bonus putt down there. Puff of the cheeks, because that was motoring.

[00:14:42.150]>>Now, Rico Hoey.

[00:14:44.190]>>I'm trying to save his par here at 17. 0 well, doesn't need the putter. When you, when you're 150th or worse on the putting stats, there's one way to avoid that.

[00:15:01.030]>>This was a stunner of a tee shot from Xander. He asked it for one to carry 1 more yard, and it did just that, maybe even a couple extra. Not much club left in here.

[00:15:15.960]>>He's interested, he should be.

[00:15:18.619]>>Spectacular.

[00:15:20.830]>>He gets to 7 under.

[00:15:30.250]>>Well, the man who is the favorite at the moment as we approach the halfway stage is this man Max Greyserman. Go on then. Yeah, there you go, 63 blows on day two. That's a statement.

[00:15:45.250]>>Looking to go one better than he did in Japan 12 months ago.

[00:15:57.760]>>Xander's turn. Remember coming off the back of a birdie at 17, 7 under for the round.

[00:16:09.809]>>I'd be shocked if he, it's another good one here.

[00:16:12.960]>>Certainly liking it. Oh yeah.

[00:16:17.669]>>We'll have that for a round of 63, which will be a joint low round on the second day.

[00:16:25.130]>>He's gonna have to hold that for a chance at the last group.

[00:16:31.020]>>Now Xander, who's just been a joy, he's made this look like a walk in the park. The absolute polar opposite from yesterday, where everything was a struggle. So these world class players, the elite of the elite, can just sort of just turn it around overnight.

[00:16:47.020]>>Great to see him make this, yet within 4, I think he makes it.

[00:17:03.539]>>Tight end over end.

[00:17:07.349]>>It's a round of 63 for Xander Schauffele.

[00:17:14.270]>>So we'll do a big trawl down the leaderboard, then you can see Greyserman leads Smalley, Alex Noren by 4 strokes. Garrick Higgo, who had a great week last week at the Sanderson Farms Championship, has traveled with his form from Mississippi to here, and great to see so many Japanese players making hay whilst the sun is shining. Tiger semiar we've seen a little bit of. Hideki Matsuyama brought some better stuff to life today just to get those crowds really going.

[00:17:42.969]>>Treat them Mikumu Horikawa around in 69 as well. Austin Ekroat two wins on the season last year, therefore doesn't need to worry about where he is on the FedExCup points. He's playing just just for the fun of it. I say that with tongue in cheek. And of course Sami Valimaki, another man looking to lock up that card for 2026 but needs something special over the course of the weekend. Gary Christian, Rob Lee, thank you very much and a good afternoon to you. Yes.

[00:18:11.520]>>Well under the watchful eye of Mount Fuji, the PGA TOUR assembles here looking to try and crown a 7th PGA TOUR winner in the land of the rising sun. And is it going to

be a rising star or a wily old fox who gets the business done over the course of the weekend? There's only one way to find out that's joining us at the same time, in the same place for day 3 on Saturday.

[00:18:37.219]>>The 3rd round is next.

[00:18:47.939]>>And it's just gone midday on this Saturday afternoon in Japan. We're an hour away from the city center of Tokyo in the 2nd biggest city in Japan, Yokohama Country Club.

[00:18:59.260]>>And of course this new golf course for this year's new tournament in the land of the rising sun, here's a composite made up of holes from the two courses at this cracking golfing complex. And now of course the PGA TOUR rumbling into town, getting the home fans excited once again. Former Tour pros Rob Lee and Gary Christian alongside for this 3rd event of the FedExCup Fall of 7.

[00:19:24.689]>>And we're going to focus on the man called Max, that everybody is trying to catch going into this Saturday afternoon.

[00:19:37.739]>>But with plenty of play already on this Saturday afternoon. I'll show you what's come from the morning wave of players. Si Woo Kim has made a nice start on this Saturday.

[00:19:54.449]>>What a waste, birdie at the first, not the easiest opener and sort of damp dank conditions today. Excellent. Bryan Campbell has won twice this season on the PGA TOUR and he's showing no signs of stopping here. Yeah, one of the narrowest putting stances on the PGA TOUR and that club there has to perform one of the, as you say, one of the shortest hits on the tour that gives itself opportunities.

[00:20:17.040]>>Well Xander Schauffele is right up there in the thick of things. He's playing in that final group today.

[00:20:25.300]>>And he loves this place.

[00:20:27.910]>>The Olympic gold medal winner from Tokyo 2021. Well, Alex Noren narrowly missed out on booking himself a spot in that final three ball today.

[00:20:38.790]>>But playing

[00:20:40.479]>>Some excellent golf, the best of his career so far.

[00:20:46.180]>>Hanging light for Zander, this is gonna hook in the air, gotta start it right at the green and that is as good as it gets from there. Fabulous approach shot.eagle putt to come.

[00:20:57.170]>>Well, this is how the leaderboard looks then as we join the action during this 3rd round, he knows where the conditions have taken a bit of a turn once again, not too dissimilar to that opening day. Grayson and yet to get off the mark in terms of red numbers. We'll talk more about him in a moment, but it's starting to bunch up a little bit.

[00:21:15.040]>>Yeah, and I think, you know, it's all about Max Greyserman today. If he plays great, he can put enough distance with him that he may be able to coast in tomorrow, but slow start, everyone else starting to make birdies early on, so everything gets tighter. I think this is gonna be one of those really great tournaments that goes down to the last hole on Sunday.

[00:21:34.699]>>Now here's the defending champion, his 3rd shot at the par 56. So we saw this as basically a pitch and putt par 5, the first two rounds, wetter conditions, and we'll do it the old fashioned way here. Well it looks like he's gonna do it. That should be a tap in birdie, so he gets one shot closer to Greyserman.

[00:21:53.849]>>Let's take you back to the man leading at the moment, fresh off the back of him, first birdie of the day, it'll have settled him right down. Now Andrew Palmer, his caddie, does not look comfortable at all, does he, with that hood up? He's got a job to do though himself here.

[00:22:07.640]>>It's the middle of the green, doesn't need to take any chances here. That's for the guys chasing, trying to make up ground.

[00:22:19.560]>>He's trying to help this one back from the right half of the green.

[00:22:25.810]>>I end up in the bunker, oh, it's hanging on.

[00:22:33.530]>>And see players have a very, very important week in terms of helping that out like Rasmus Hojgaard did last week. Here's Greyserman and the leader at 7.

[00:22:43.920]>>Hm. Dear me, that needs to hang on.

[00:22:50.579]>>Half up for Greyserman, who's leading right now momentarily, and that's pretty shoddy work.

[00:23:00.000]>>This is one of those, isn't it?

[00:23:02.359]>>Uh, Max, definitely, definitely, under pressure, he's hit 3 already, and on this par 3.

[00:23:09.530]>>He'd expect to find the lawn from the tee box 177.

[00:23:20.209]>>Bright half maybe.

[00:23:24.760]>>And that

[00:23:26.170]>>There's a complete unforced error, all caused by a terrible choice to get a lob wedge from that wet geer when he didn't have to, just play the percentage easy shot you can, did not have to shobo there.

[00:23:40.280]>>A great looking leaderboard, including this man, the defending champion, looking to get to double digits into the red numbers, and he has easy peasy Echavarria, defending champion on a different course. It's not putting him off.

[00:23:54.439]>>Yeah, maybe a little bit more. OK, yeah, edge of that tree, center of it. You're 180, that's a lot of loft in his hand, that's.

[00:24:04.699]>>You cannot be getting this on the green, it looks like a wedge.

[00:24:08.839]>>If the yardage is right and it's 180, it doesn't look like enough club.

[00:24:27.939]>>Oh, gotta think it wasn't 180 or it wasn't a wedge. Oh, it was, it was lofted. No way that was 180. What a shot, stunning shot, ridiculous, ridiculous shot.

[00:24:38.369]>>Let's take it back to Max Greyserman as well here at number 9, 117 after that pasted tee shot.

[00:24:47.709]>>He's trying to turn this into a positive for himself. He took the chance off the tee.

[00:24:52.680]>>What about the sand wedge?

[00:24:56.310]>>Fighting with it going right.

[00:24:58.359]>>It's good, it's a very good shot.

[00:25:03.199]>>I think this is going to be one of those weeks we're going to see very fluid situations for this whole weekend. It's good keeps everybody on their toes. Yeah, you nearly said everybody awake there, didn't you? Very nearly in some parts of the world, this is in the middle of the night. It is. Well Xander, therefore will have this to take the solo lead.

[00:25:29.280]>>Hey

[00:25:30.459]>>Oh.

[00:25:35.130]>>I

[00:25:38.410]>>We stay here at 9 with Greyserman putting for Birdie.

[00:25:43.300]>>Grace meant to join him.

[00:25:52.589]>>I thought that was fantastic. After the double he took at 7.

[00:25:57.579]>>Exactly.

[00:26:06.160]>>So it looks like a less busy look. So I think there's the players can kind of freewheel it a little bit more here.

[00:26:19.439]>>Downwind 150 wedge.

[00:26:24.589]>>A good one, nicely done. He's got a little bit of Jack Nicklaus head position, has he, kind of gets that head tilted away towards his back foot.

[00:26:35.160]>>At 12 with Greyserman putting for birdie and the lead.

[00:26:42.910]>>OK.

[00:26:44.469]>>Let's see if Max can squeeze this one in. Again, just move it just a tiny bit to the right.

[00:26:53.699]>>See those lines, see when they roll end over end, Well done, Beautifully done there, confidently done. Good pace, and he retakes the lead. I think we're gonna see a lot of that swapping back and forwards on this back line.

[00:27:11.959]>>As we see Thorbjornsen putt for birdie at 70, I think it's partly that and it's partly the continuation of a disappointing year for Adam. He's 3 off the off the lead there, Michael Thorbjornsen. Very very quietly, isn't he?

[00:27:29.339]>>OK, xander next then here at 14. OK, can we get one to at least get it up to the green?

[00:27:37.910]>>Beautiful bunkering, isn't it?

[00:27:42.280]>>221

[00:27:50.910]>>They look good.

[00:27:53.339]>>Very good. Anything on the lawn means you've hit two well-struck shots.

[00:28:01.540]>>So there you see that here, that hump right there, he's gonna take it right at the bottom of that.

[00:28:10.400]>>So that catches the bottom, now trying to come back to the right, it's not enough, so work to do for xander, a lot of work to do.

[00:28:29.310]>>So a little bit more than just some simple housekeeping here for Xander.

[00:28:34.069]>>You just on that right left.

[00:28:47.079]>>Oh, never touched the hole.

[00:28:50.459]>>So it was a shame that, 2 good shots from Zander get it on the green.

[00:29:06.010]>>That's annoying. That's really irksome, that 2 well struck shots and then 3 movements with the putter.

[00:29:20.459]>>The 17th with Si Woo. He's leaking oil. Si Woo came after a peerless front nine.

[00:29:27.089]>>He gets to 10 under par.

[00:29:31.410]>>I

[00:29:35.329]>>Let's take you up to number 18 and Si Woo, who's 2 back.

[00:29:40.949]>>It's just oof, the Gary player walk through there.

[00:29:45.760]>>Nice looking thing. I think we'll be trying that. I might be talking with a go at that tomorrow. That, that was unlucky there, need another 2 yards. It would have been very close. Look how far that's come off. Look at that. That's strict, isn't it, off off of a very good looking shot. Yeah, I'm very fortunate to avoid that uh divot there.

[00:30:06.569]>>Will go to the last and Si Woo, this is where that second shot wound up. Oh no, so there's that false front. Look at this thing, collect, oh no, that goes straight back in his divot there straight right there, Si Woo. Oh dear.

[00:30:22.709]>>Yeah well it's not far away. You're kidding me. Stop it. Oh no. Oh, stop it.

[00:30:30.140]>>OK, so,

[00:30:32.250]>>Still looks like he's playing it up in the stance, so a little bit harder this time.

[00:30:37.709]>>There we go. Sometimes you just let it go, don't you?

[00:30:45.339]>>And on that one. So he's got 107 yards. Breeze helping. It's less uphill from here.

[00:30:54.439]>>And I think this is a flat out lob wedge.

[00:31:02.579]>>What we haven't seen this week is, his balls really spinning. It's hardly happened. It's almost like it plugs and stops, so he can be aggressive with this.

[00:31:12.930]>>Hit a full one.

[00:31:24.170]>>Beautiful, very, very good.

[00:31:29.150]>>Now up ahead at the last, this is a must make really for a bogey putt.

[00:31:34.359]>>It was an adventure that last hole, wasn't it? It didn't look the most convincing strokes, did it? It felt like watching him there. He hit about 8 shots on that hole. It's only a one single drop. It's not disastrous.

[00:31:49.250]>>Up to 17 green with Schauffele putting for birdie.

[00:31:53.640]>>And to tie the lead

[00:32:07.939]>>Right edge

[00:32:13.640]>>Never anywhere else was it? Well done Xander Schauffele, tied at the top once again.

[00:32:22.329]>>The stage is set, those two will slug it out, of course, with another handful of players who will fancy their chances on Championship Sunday. But Schauffele is looking to try and get himself back in the winner's circle. The world number 4 hasn't won since his second major victory in July of 2024 for a stop-art 2025 season. This would be the perfect way for Xander Schauffele to cap off a return.

[00:32:49.890]>>To where he feels like he belongs, and Max Greyserman and the man trying to stop him looking for a maiden PGA TOUR title, like we've been discussing throughout the last 3 days, so many storylines though to be bringing you over the conclusion of the Baycurrent Classic and over the next 4 weeks. Looking forward to tomorrow. Definitely, and the player under pressure is actually Xander Schauffele. He's expected to win, we'll see.

[00:33:18.459]>>The final round is next.

[00:33:57.349]>>And the FedEx fall is as frenetic as the Shibuya crossing with so much on the line, and it's just gone midday on this slightly overcast Sunday afternoon in Japan, and the city of Yokohama is where we're at, and this fantastic new golf course for this year's tournament in the land of the.

[00:34:15.668]>>Rising Sun, Yokohama Country Club, which is a stage befitting of a sensational championship Sunday that lies ahead with storylines as mouthwatering as the local cuisine. Former Tour pros Rob Lee and Gary Christian alongside for this 3rd event of the 7th that formed

the FedExCup Fall then. With holes already under the final few groups belts, we have quite the remainder of this final round in store.

[00:34:46.300]>>So earlier on, on the day, Nico Echavarria, the defending champion, starting the day 3 shots back of that 2-way tie at the top, the Colombian on to a very nice start.

[00:35:00.000]>>It's all about the fast start for these guys chasing down Xander and Max Greyserman.

[00:35:05.719]>>Who started the day alongside Xander Schauffele, and this is what he needs to do. Yeah, I think renewed outlook after a struggling 3rd round, and maybe this is going to be his day, but positivity to start with.

[00:35:19.969]>>Well, at the 2nd, Xander Schauffele, having seen the man he shared the overnight lead with roll 1 home, he matched it.

[00:35:27.860]>>So instantly, both into the red for this final round Sunday.

[00:35:33.889]>>Ben An lurks on that leaderboard. He, again, one of those players in that gaggle of golfers. They're at 3 strokes adrift, the South Korean with a stunner into the par 3.

[00:35:48.020]>>That'd get his day going.

[00:35:53.110]>>Michael Thorbjornsen, look out for him. Yeah, uh, he's got everything that you need to be a really good player, looking for a fast start and shots like that, he's gonna give himself every opportunity. So he's already 3 under through the five holes that he's played today, Ben and 3 under as well playing.

[00:36:11.084]>>8th hole as we speak. Nico Echavarria he's narrowed the gap. He's 3 under, playing the 9th hole. Alex Smalley, who faded away yesterday, needed something just to catapult himself back into the contention conversation. He's now 3 adrift of the man at the top of the leaderboard, Xander Schauffele.

[00:36:31.280]>>You go there's just a full one of these, right? Yeah, exactly. You want to say 35 on the machine, probably, right? Yeah.

[00:36:40.389]>>where the previous flag didn't really suit Zanzai, this one.

[00:36:47.100]>>Yeah.

[00:36:49.129]>>What that girl.

[00:36:56.830]>>This one will absolutely suit its eye left flag wedge in hand from 128 yards.

[00:37:05.830]>>Yep

[00:37:11.649]>>So basically, up and over the right edge of that trunk.

[00:37:33.360]>>Beautifully done. It's nice when you have to walk to the side to see past the trunk to see where that ball landed. Correct. 119 here.

[00:37:45.669]>>Stop on this.

[00:37:56.209]>>So 112, you heard 119 plays uphill about 7 yards, so.

[00:38:03.270]>>So be a a thump with a sandwich and take a little bit off a gap wedge.

[00:38:09.209]>>with the sandwich will bring it back a little bit too much, I think.

[00:38:12.929]>>It's taken this a little bit further right.

[00:38:26.989]>>Oh, so well managed there, great shot.

[00:38:35.399]>>Thobjornsen in his 2nd. 108.

[00:38:41.429]>>I thought Bronson.

[00:38:46.000]>>Well, 3 spectacular wedge shots there.

[00:38:51.110]>>OK, in this final group, it's going to be Xander Schauffele to put first, remember, he's tied for the lead with Max Greyserman. OK, I think he's gonna relish these situations to be the favorite and to see if you can just keep applying pressure.

[00:39:04.729]>>Maybe let experience be the defining factor.

[00:39:14.379]>>There we go. I think players will relish the opportunity, know knowing that it's not just gonna take pass to win, everyone's gonna be, you know, throwing burgers at you and you've got to respond.

[00:39:27.840]>>Now Michael Thorbjornsen with that delectable pitch shot, this is what's left. See if he can bring the thunder on the back line.

[00:39:36.649]>>OK, so we saw almost identical line to sharply.

[00:39:50.129]>>Absolutely rock solid lower half of the body there, what a, what a terrific part. So 4 of the last 5, seasoned veteran looking for the young man from Stanford.

[00:40:01.919]>>OK, so for the trifecta here.

[00:40:05.449]>>Just a high a right center.

[00:40:08.040]>>And outside the hole

[00:40:17.600]>>That did really well this week. It's been the strength of his game and keeps the same position, very impressive.

[00:40:26.439]>>24.5 stop 5 or 60 56 56, yeah, that makes sense. Yeah, I love it. I love it too. Oh, right over that golf ball finish wind direction.

[00:40:37.510]>>125 right it feels like it's just kind of indie right now. A sandwich.

[00:40:44.620]>>Green is set down.

[00:40:49.189]>>And with a bit of

[00:40:51.709]>>Good contact with this club with just a hint of waft of breeze into his face, he might be able to draw this back to the hole.

[00:41:12.389]>>Another swing he loves.

[00:41:15.179]>>Uh, terrific.

[00:41:17.639]>>No quarter given.

[00:41:26.419]>>Thorbjornsen now at 9 putting for Birdie to tie the lead.

[00:41:35.419]>>This is another one in that sort of birdy range.

[00:41:39.209]>>11 ft

[00:41:45.699]>>Yeah, pick it out, very impressive, very, very impressive. 15 under now tied for the lead. Who's gonna blink first? Well, he's just played his joker there. I'll have a look at what's in your hand.

[00:42:02.030]>>That's gonna be Max G then, reminder, so we, we talk about the top 100 and the next 10. He was just trying to probably go into these events. Max Greyserman and trying to lock up that.

[00:42:13.879]>>Spot inside the next 10, but look at this. I mean this is all about trying to get the victory. He's not thinking about the A on next 10 here. Yeah, you've got about 30 ft on top of that top ridge to land it on and keep it there.

[00:42:34.050]>>Flag tucked right on top.

[00:42:38.909]>>So stays up there and a really good look at Birdie.

[00:42:45.000]>>Definitely definitely yeah.

[00:42:48.310]>>I think this one's straight at you.

[00:42:51.919]>>I come in.

[00:42:54.080]>>It's amazing that looking at the score of all this, this, this first page, I mean it's 4s and 6s and sevens and 8 unders today, it's just a absolutely perfect day to score.

[00:43:06.449]>>There you go, Michael, up to 605th projected.

[00:43:11.120]>>And within touch of distance of that next 10.

[00:43:21.169]>>Very nice, very nice.

[00:43:26.820]>>Greyserman's turn is to tie things up at the top. OK.

[00:43:31.010]>>So let's keep the pace up, let's see if he can hit this at the pace that will go about 18 inches to 2 ft past.

[00:43:37.830]>>Pace is really good, and there we go. That's been the strength of the game this week and he's just continuing it, so joint leader.

[00:43:46.989]>>Now back to Michael Thorbjornsen also another man looking for a maiden title, as is the case for pretty much everyone on this leaderboard apart from Xander Schauffele, and this is a really good chance, Gary Christian. Yeah, this is it, this is the one where you've got to respond to an opportunity where.

[00:44:03.260]>>Schauffele didn't hit a great iron shot, didn't make birdie.

[00:44:11.320]>>I don't think this is one is outside the hole with a just a little bit of pace. I think keep this inside.

[00:44:17.330]>>And in there with a little authority.

[00:44:39.000]>>It's looked fearless with that part doesn't he, Rob, tremendous, everything, firing all cylinders for Michael Thorbjornsen.

[00:44:46.580]>>Now to 14, and what about two co-leaders, his second shot, tucked on that edge of the green, just 4 paces from the left edge, will suit his shot shape.

[00:45:01.399]>>If you can work it in, start a little right. Oh beautiful shot there. So took all the strain out there, aimed at the middle of the green, turned it in, can make an aggressive swing, gives them a really good look up the hill and one of the hardest holes on the PGA TOUR this season statistically.

[00:45:18.320]>>Now this is Xander, to once again see the solo initiative.

[00:45:25.530]>>Keep going, keep going, I'll see your birdie and I'll raise it. He is just kind of just turning the screw, isn't he?

[00:45:37.080]>>We jump up to 17 with Schauffele playing his approach from the fairway.

[00:45:41.870]>>OK, so take this a little bit left of the hole, just a little bit.

[00:45:46.280]>>OK, not this one closer than Greyserman.

[00:45:57.360]>>Mm. Excellent, yeah, excellent shot, really good.

[00:46:03.699]>>Championship golf does not shout. It endures and every shot here is echoing louder than it seems on this wonderful layout.hole really, you'd say here to seal the deal. This is to go too clear.

[00:46:25.010]>>That could be game, set and match. What a putt, what a birdie, what a player. Xander is back. He's got to 19 under par, that's a stiff target now. He has to come back to them, and I don't think he's going to.

[00:46:39.199]>>Listen

[00:46:40.699]>>this

[00:46:42.179]>>It's going to be Michael Thorbjornsen to play first here at the 18th, but only just a ropey 6, that's a hooky 6.

[00:46:52.590]>>3060 to 475 uphill, wow. Trust.

[00:47:03.560]>>209 yards.

[00:47:06.620]>>Let's see if he can finish with a shot to remember.

[00:47:17.909]>>He's absolutely crunched this, and he'll need to to get it back to the pin. Oh shot after shot after shot. If that isn't a sign of just what Michael Thorbjornson has in store for us on the PGA TOUR over the course of the next few years, I don't know what is.

[00:47:40.090]>>OK, so one more good shot.

[00:47:43.780]>>And just remove the any kind of excitement here. Close this one out.

[00:48:11.389]>>And you're on the green 2 putts, it's over. There we go, might collect a little bit. Well done, job done. You know he's 7 under par for his final round. Xander Schauffele. It's super impressive. And you said at the start of play, Rob, actually that you know the pressure was all on him.

[00:48:29.409]>>92, if this ain't pitch is 92, then it's good, OK.

[00:48:36.500]>>It's going to be another nearly thought of week for Max Greyserman, but the way he's played.

[00:48:42.989]>>He can't really knock anything that he's done. I think you play this nicely aggressively and and use that backstop, just take it straight at it.

[00:48:50.770]>>And if you just flight it a little bit further, it will come back.

[00:49:03.310]>>Oh, go on then. Oh hold it. How do they do it? Week in, week in, week out, we see some of the most spectacular shots in professional sports. He is gonna make Zander have the two-putt. Yes, yes.

[00:49:21.139]>>What will Max do here? Oh, just tap it in. I think, I think he's just wiping it. I, yeah, just tap it in.

[00:49:35.290]>>What a great day's golf that is for Max Greyserman and it will be maybe I know so nearly another one, but a Sunday 65 when tied for the lead and he can't really have any complaints about the way he handled himself. Look, another week that wins, you know, 18 under par and there was some really horrible tough weather through the week as well, by the way, when this course did bare its teeth.

[00:50:05.520]>>Move slow, breeze slow.

[00:50:08.260]>>And just get the mind clear so you can do what you've done.

[00:50:11.949]>>Thousands of times before.

[00:50:14.209]>>Like this one up there, tap it in and get your 10th PGA TOUR win.

[00:50:19.600]>>This is good as a homegrown winner. These thousands of spectators here at Yokohama Country Club.

[00:50:41.090]>>Mm, well done.

[00:50:44.120]>>Clinical.

[00:50:50.169]>>No clatter, no clank for Xander Schauffele.

[00:50:56.959]>>2 putts for Thorbjornsen secures 3rd.

[00:51:09.820]>>Star, star in the making. That boy has got it all. That is a 64, a brilliant round of golf under the most intense oppression.

[00:51:21.830]>>But here for Xander Schauffele.

[00:51:27.429]>>A homecoming of the heart. He returns to his family roots and rises again in the land of the rising sun. From champion golfer of the year to champion once more than from California cool to Japanese calm, show play finds something a little deeper here with this win, a win not just of skill but of soul, a baker and classic and a beautiful comeback win and a reminder that Champions don't fade, they flourish.

[00:51:56.449]>>When he goes to sleep and wakes up tomorrow morning, it'll be right, what's next? It's so short-lived, the glory, the wind, the great feeling that he has right now, but it lasts until you get on the range at the next event you play, everyone says, Oh, well done, Xander. Great, um, you're straight away you're into next week. You're the forgotten guy. It's amazing. It is ridiculous how short lived a win is. Thanks so much for being with us.

[00:52:19.379]>>It's been a corker of a Sunday. The Baycurrent Classic definitely was a classic. Rob Lee, Gary Christian, many thanks for your company over the course of the last 4 days and all of the production staff that bring the PGA TOUR to you every single week of the year, live from Japan. It's been a joy and a pleasure, and the world number 4 with win number 10 in start number 200.

[00:52:43.389]>>This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of the Baycurrent Classic from Yokohama, Japan.