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[00:00:42] >> The PGA Tour is proud to bring you the FedExCup Playoffs. Now, coverage of the 2025 BMW Championship.

[00:00:55] >> If you started the year with a PGA Tour card, this is where you want it to be, with two tournaments remaining in season. The BMW Championship, the Top 50, the top players on the PGA Tour are here, all vying for an opportunity to earn a berth in the Tour Championship in Atlanta, to fight and to etch their name into one of the most prestigious trophies in all of golf, the FedExCup. So glad to have your company. Ned Michaels, alongside Craig Perks and Daniel Chopra. Caves Valley Golf Club, it's been rejuvenated and strengthened. It's on the eastern seaboard, the Mid-Atlantic region, as it's known. About 50 miles northeast of the nation's capital, Washington D.C. It's a golf course originally stitched together and designed by Tom Fazio in the early 1990s. His son has come in and reimagined the layout. It's strengthened, it's longer, it's stronger. And Craig Perks, it's now a par 70.

[00:01:51] >> Yeah, it's much necessitated considering back in 2021, 27-under par won this gold tournament when they played the BMW here. Seven players were 20-under or better. They've modernized it. Numerous holes significantly reworked, every green complex ripped up, rebuilt, and a lot of changes.

[00:02:11] >> Well, they say, in professional golf, there's always next week. Well, not now. Oxygen is getting thin. We saw it in Memphis last week. Five players moved their way, Craig Perks, inside the Top 50. The two prior years, there had only been five total.

[00:02:24] >> Yeah. You think Kurt Kitayama played really well. He finished ninth. Rickie Fowler, sixth, Bud Cauley, 14th. Great seasons. And it's so significant to get into the BMW because ramped up importance of that Top 50.

[00:02:42] >> Look at where Jason Day is aiming, at the 15th. Certainly not.

[00:02:49] >> Certainly yes.

[00:02:52] >> He knew it was going to.

[00:02:55] >> The way he stepped out to the side, he knew is right on the fall line. How about that round? Bogey-free.

[00:03:39] >> Long time caddie, Ted Scott, back in Louisiana tending to a family matter. So Chris Kirk's caddie, who Chris finished 51st last week, so Michael Cromie on the bag. See a good player in his own right. Collegiately at a university in Georgia. Put this 190 yards up the hill. Tough to get it all the way to that back flag when it's playing this far up the slope.

[00:04:09] >> And impressive to get it hole high again.

[00:04:15] >> Scheffler putting for birdie at 18 to tie the lead.

[00:04:26] >> Well, another round. Well, finishing in style. That's three birdies in his last four holes. Another round, positive strokes gained putting now, Top five.

[00:04:36] >> And dominating.

[00:04:38] >> We jump back to 11 with Fleetwood playing his second from the fairway. He gets to 3-under.

[00:04:56] >> Now, Bobby MacIntyre from across the green here at the par 3.

[00:05:05] >> Look how still that water is in the background.

[00:05:16] >> How about it?

[00:05:16] >> How about it? Another one goes down for the Scotsman.

[00:05:25] >> As we watch Fleetwood out of the bunker at 12.

[00:05:37] >> Beautiful shot there from Fleetwood.

[00:05:41] >> Long shadows at the 14th, 6:30-ish local time in the evening.

[00:05:48] >> Forty feet. Did he make another one? Did he make another one?

[00:05:52] >> They're going to write songs about this man when it's all said and done. A hundred and forty feet of putts so far today.

[00:06:01] >> Second, 188.

[00:06:04] >> At 15th, MacIntyre, whirly bird of a finish.

[00:06:12] >> At 15 with MacIntyre putting for birdie to take the lead.

[00:06:29] >> Have a day on the greens, Robert MacIntyre.

[00:06:33] >> That is ridiculous. Good thing he's playing with Hideki Matsuyama, who doesn't really say much because there'd be a few choice words said by a Tommy Fleetwood or somebody like that.

[00:06:44] >> Leave some for the rest of us, big man. My goodness.

[00:06:48] >> Then the chap's easier. I'm chipping down.

[00:06:50] >> Yeah.

[00:06:50] >> I just think chipping down there is probably easier than chipping down.

[00:06:53] >> I feel like with a decent one in there, could, you know, or into there or whatever. If I land it --

[00:06:58] >> I'm not worried about -- If it's on the green, it's on the green. I'm not worried.

[00:07:00] >> Yeah. I feel like we've almost got as much chance of holding the green. Something in here is what we'll have because, I mean, it should still land fairly.

[00:07:08] >> Yeah, I'm, I'm not worried about going long. I'm more worried about the shore in this bunker.

[00:07:13] >> So 86, 96, 105 back edge.

[00:07:19] >> Yeah.

[00:07:20] >> Catching that ball. Trying to feel I'm touching is 100 yards.

[00:07:23] >> Hundred, yeah, exactly.

[00:07:26] >> Not worried about it being on the green, he said, because he's making everything. Hundred and fifty-six feet of putts he's already knocked home.

[00:07:33] >> Just 85 yards, but they're playing it as a hundred. Take that front bunker out of play. Just wise. That will give him that one as well. Move on. Beautiful shot and control it out of the rough.

[00:07:50] >> Look high above the par-5 16th, where our leader, Robert MacIntyre surveys what he has left for another birdie. He has one putted the last three greens, and that is not telling the whole story, is it Craig Perks?

[00:08:05] >> No. You talked about 150 odd feet of putts made. And he's really struggled with controlling his emotions. And he said this is a game he loved growing up. Hobby it was, became -- when it becomes your profession, you consciously have to find ways of falling back in love with a game when you struggle. But certainly, with the performance at the US Open finishing second and that the Open Championship as well, he's got to be having a love affair with this. And on the greens, you've got to feel comfortable for a left-hander, one moving left to right. Filling it up.

[00:08:50] >> Sit back and admire what Robert MacIntyre has done over the last four holes. Just 23 putts.

[00:09:10] >> There have been 21 aces on the PGA Tour season.

[00:09:16] >> Probably not even aiming at this flag.

[00:09:22] >> Yeah. But an easier shot for a lefty, if you're trying to turn the ball over from left to right.

[00:09:31] >> I think with you're right. I agree with that. But I don't think you want to make the mistake of being overly aggressive Round 1, even though you do have the lead. This three would be what you're looking for.

[00:09:43] >> Exactly.

[00:09:43] >> Especially coming off four consecutive birdies.

[00:09:45] >> Pick your battles. This is not one.

[00:09:56] >> Well, beautiful play.

[00:10:02] >> The flag isn't always the target.

[00:10:04][ Applause ]

[00:10:15] >> From 22 feet, looking down the scope.

[00:10:19] >> It's like he's got a little bit of an up and over. Uphill for the first 5 or 6 feet, and then plateaus and then down and to the right at the end. Not the easiest of putts to make.

[00:10:31] >> It was Hovland who holed one from almost this exact spot earlier in the day.

[00:10:45] >> No.

[00:10:45] >> No.

[00:10:45] >> Have you ever?

[00:10:48] >> He's not making 5-footers.

[00:10:50] >> That was 22 feet. Can we get over 200?

[00:10:54] >> That was 22 feet, and that was the second shortest of the five in a row that he's made. Three have been longer.

[00:11:02] >> Decadent stuff from the Scotsman as he makes his way perhaps for one more.

[00:11:09] >> Yeah. And the bunker's not great, but it's not horrific.

[00:11:15] >> Yeah, fine.

[00:11:16] >> I can hit this?

[00:11:16] >> Yeah. It's perfect, man. Just go ahead and get a good one.

[00:11:23] >> Looking for his 14th green in regulation.

[00:11:29] >> Of course, his trusty bagman, Michael Burrow.

[00:11:34] >> And he talked about the bunker, which is the left bunker. He's going to maybe trying to sweeping draw in there. If you don't overhook it, that would be the miss. But he's coming out of the top draw on this one. Come on. Come on.

[00:11:52] >> Doesn't it just run like that, Daniel? It's five birdies in a row, and everybody's looked at and getting now, get a little ground things in your favor.

[00:12:08] >> This would be the shortest birdie putt for MacIntyre in this string of one putt birdies that dates all the way back to the 13th hole. And you look at this closing nine, he's only made one par. He birdied the 11th, bogeyed the 12th, and since then, has made every putt that he's had five birdies in a row.

[00:12:26] >> And looks a little bit confused on this one. We've seen he'd come up and make his initial read and trusting of that here, given a little bit of extra little, few different aim point and the modified plumb bob right there.

[00:12:51] >> It has to be looking as big as a bucket right now.

[00:13:01] >> One more birdie.

[00:13:05] >> Never a doubt. As pretty as you please.

[00:13:09] >> Twenty-nine coming home.

[00:13:12] >> A piece of artwork, the scorecard, which by the way, will also be a course record given the renovations here at Caves Valley Golf Club. A 62 and leads by four. Fleetwood could chew into it a little bit.

[00:13:24] >> What a display from Robert MacIntyre.

[00:13:26] >> And he's going to get to go out a little earlier tomorrow. I think maybe not quite as hot, not quite as humid. The greens will be in immaculate condition. What a wonderful round of golf. What a wonderful start to this FedExCup Playoff event.

[00:13:40] >> Improbable. The putts that he's made over the last hour and a half, including the longest part of his season, it came at the 13th from 66 feet and a little bit of change. Robert MacIntyre, thank you for the entertainment, good sir. That was rather impressive from the Scotsman who will sleep on the lead. So much on the line and so much golf still to be played. Just the opening leg here of the second stage of the FedExCup Playoffs. Everybody trying to get inside that Top 30. Everybody wants a spot in Atlanta in the Tour Championship, a chance to win the FedExCup. And right now, it's Robert MacIntyre who sits in the pole position. Promises to be a fantastic Friday here in Baltimore.

[00:14:20] >> Round 2 is next.

[00:14:30] >> Second round of the BMW Championship is well underway. Middle leg of the FedExCup Playoffs. The heat is on, the pressure high, oxygen hard to find. Every shot has weight, every shot has meaning. Everyone in the field playing for a chance to win one of the oldest titles on Tour and earn a spot inside the Top 30, an opportunity to tee it up next week in Atlanta at the Tour Championship and perhaps etch their autograph on the FedExCup trophy.

[00:14:59] >> At 15 with Matsuyama putting for birdie.

[00:15:07] >> He gets to 6-under.

[00:15:10][ Applause ]

[00:15:15] >> MacIntyre's second shot at the 16th.

[00:15:19] >> Two hundred and ninety-five yards. Location pretty much right in the center of the green. But these greens have been recon to a lot of slope in them. That's amazing to carry it that far and use the tilt of the green. Have a chance for an eagle.

[00:15:41] >> Yeah. So we remember this at Oakmont with Dustin Johnson in that final round. And so, he's just going to replace the ball back to where it was. No penalty, no harm, no foul. And I love this new rule. Especially with the agronomy technology of the greens these days, you have these minute little imperfections, the ball may just trickle into a hole, and then the player gets a penalty shot. I love the fact that they changed that.

[00:16:04] >> You have to replace it.

[00:16:06] >> Yes.

[00:16:06] >> If you've marked it, you have to replace it, yes.

[00:16:08] >> If you've marked it.

[00:16:09] >> If you've not marked it and it moves and --

[00:16:11] >> You play from where it lies.

[00:16:12] >> -- you can play it from where it lies. That is correct.

[00:16:13] >> And you see the players enforcing the rules sometimes at their own expense. Reminds me of that wonderful quote from Bobby Jones when assessing a penalty to himself. The ball moved in the rough. Nobody saw it. He said, you might as well praise a man for not robbing a bank.

[00:16:28] >> Exactly right.

[00:16:28] >> And I was referencing the two rules changes that came about because of US Opens at Oakmont. The other one was there was a player that had a whole bunch of leaves in his way and the officials said just use your towel to brush them away. And the player told the officials, no, you cannot use the -- you have to either blow them or pick them up. And --

[00:16:49] >> This for eagle.

[00:16:51] >> Yeah.

[00:16:51] >> And the officials said, no. If I say you can do it, you can do it. And they changed that rule the very next day.

[00:17:00] >> MacIntyre with a short birdie putt at 16. He moves to 14-under.

[00:17:14] >> Seventeen.

[00:17:18] >> That wind just switching ever so slightly from left to right, now slightly back into the player's face for Matsuyama. Using the forward tee today here at 17. Playing 31 yards shorter than the actual scorecard yardage.

[00:17:35] >> Promising. Yeah.

[00:17:37] >> How about that? Anytime Matsuyama finishes with both hands on the grip, as the ball is coming down, you know it's painting the flagstick.

[00:17:50] >> Matsuyama now at 17, putting for birdie. To 7-under.

[00:18:02] >> Back at the 14th with Aberg, playing his second from the fairway. He'll move to 6-under. Now, down to McIlroy from the bunker.

[00:19:11] >> Well, he's in the flat part of the bunker here, guys. And clean lie, 157. It plays up a couple. It's a tough pin to get to. Only about three short on line.

[00:19:21] >> And Graham, I just think, and Daniel talked about it, he plays with such competitive pride. He's just looking for some spark, something to give him some hope, some belief. This is a really awkward angle to your point, coming over that bunker, but just looking for one good shot to gain some belief and confidence.

[00:19:42] >> This is an aggressive line here at this tucked pin.

[00:19:48] >> There you go. That might be it. Sit.

[00:19:56] >> Now, this might be the spark. You mentioned it, Craig Perks, can't start a fire without a spark. This for birdie, Rory.

[00:20:01] >> Yeah, not much in this, guys. And this is after making one on the last, these are the kind of ones you want to get a little momentum going.

[00:20:11] >> They're two in a row, to your point, Graham. So the embers start to warm up.

[00:20:17] >> We jump ahead to the 12th with Scheffler playing his second from the fairway.

[00:20:32] >> Two-seventeen with a 4-iron. It's all about a good strike spin, and distance control. And this just left of the hole bleeding back towards it.

[00:20:42] >> Loving it. Loving it the whole way. What an exceptional goal shot there from Scottie Scheffler. Goodness gracious me.

[00:20:50] >> At the 12th with Scheffler putting for birdie.

[00:21:07] >> It's a tricky little putt. I mean, he's obviously got to lay it way out to the right. It's a little bit downhill, so he's got to match that speed and line. But the wind is also coming across from right to left. So even though this is a pretty short putt, I would -- it's one that, if he missed, you wouldn't be surprised in all honesty.

[00:21:30] >> Well, good call. Yeah, great view there. And it snapped across the hole. Played it outside the hole, and it dove in that left corner.

[00:21:40] >> At 16 now. Rory McIlroy playing his second at the par 5.

[00:21:44] >> Two-seventy-one for Rory. Plays up eight, though. So 278, but 258 front edge. No question. He's got the power. Wind out of the right.

[00:21:54] >> Looks like maybe a little upslope in the fairway might help as well.

[00:21:57] >> And I think, ideally, you want to try to cut this back up against the wind, try to land it a little bit softer.

[00:22:04] >> He's got this posture that he's going to try and hit this thing close and make a little three here.

[00:22:15] >> How about --

[00:22:15] >> Something like that.

[00:22:18] >> Something like that.

[00:22:19] >> And it will be McIlroy now who is putting for eagle. He's made, Graham, 10 eagles only on the season. His last eagle on the PGA Tour came in the third round on the 15th hole of the Masters.

[00:22:31] >> Well, there's a big corporate tent back in behind the 16th green on the left side. They're begging already for this thing to go in. And the roof's about to pop off this place. Outside right.

[00:22:42] >> We talked about a spark. Could he get a spark? Since then, he's played his last eight holes 5-under par, including the eagle. Timely.

[00:22:52] >> So the boa constrictor, as Daniel Chopra has given the moniker to Scottie Scheffler, he's going to start with a gentle hug on the first tee with Robert MacIntyre.

[00:23:02] >> Is it really a gentle hug?

[00:23:03] >> And every breath he takes, Scottie Scheffler is going to try to squeeze the air out of the young Scotsman. But five shots ahead and he's been nearly flawless. Just the missed birdie putt from a 6, 7 feet on the last hole, besides that Robert MacIntyre. And he said after his round today, when I'm feeling good with the putter, it's a dangerous thing.

[00:23:23] >> I absolutely 100% agree. Some of these great ball strikers, they rely on that part of the weeks that they putt well. It's good night to the rest of the field.

[00:23:34] >> Round 3 is next.

[00:23:43] >> Caves Valley Golf Club, that's where we are showing off on a sunny Saturday, where the third round is well underway here in the BMW Championship, the second leg of the FedExCup Playoffs. A gorgeous day for some golf. The teeth are back into Caves Valley Golf Club.

[00:24:02] >> At 17, Bhatia with his tee shot at the par 3.

[00:24:12] >> Oh, my. Do it. He's made an ace at the 17. He's going to drive in the new IX from BMW right there, sitting by the tee.

[00:24:25] >> Just go get in the car right now. Drive it down to the green.

[00:24:30] >> Oh, my, Akshay.

[00:24:32][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:24:48] >> Yeah?

[00:24:49] >> Yeah.

[00:24:49] >> Just finishing a yard or two right at this.

[00:24:51] >> Still fairly aggressive when you finish, though.



[00:24:54] >> I'm going straight out of it.

[00:24:55] >> Perfect.

[00:24:56] >> Well, 156 here for Bobby Mac. And I mean, this, you're just taking dead at it. This is pretty much a perfect 9-iron. There's nothing to be scared of.

[00:25:10] >> Just a little puff of help. I just felt I'm up by the green. This is on a really good line.

[00:25:15] >> And the beauty. Actually, just ever so slightly eavesdropped on the conversation. That was a pitching wedge there for MacIntyre.

[00:25:26] >> MacIntyre putting for birdie at the 9th.

[00:25:33] >> MacIntyre here. Now, there's a little momentum, a little pep in his step.

[00:25:41] >> Aberg did lay it up at the 306 yard 11th. This is second from 128.

[00:25:51] >> Oh, yes. Oh, yes. There we go. That's how you draw it up.

[00:25:56] >> He gets to 8-under. Ahead at 13 with McNealy putting for birdie at the par 3.

[00:26:11] >> He gets to 9-under.

[00:26:14][ Applause ]

[00:26:20] >> Englishman Tommy Fleetwood, his birdie attempt at 12.

[00:26:24] >> There you go.

[00:26:30] >> He'll move to 7-under.

[00:26:34] >> How about Viktor? How about Hovland? Why not?

[00:26:37] >> For a birdie at 14. Down the hill. And he hit exactly what he was aiming for. So Hovland cementing his spot, at least for now, inside the Top 30.

[00:26:49] >> There's a case to be made that, potentially, this shot here actually a little bit easier. Of course, if it's extremely thick, the lie, maybe not. But if it's just a rough lie, he can go ahead and fly this straight to the hole, Graham.

[00:27:03] >> Yeah, he's got 107. The lie was OK, not great, but anything I was going to say just left a bit, try to use that slope, which he's going to do. This is going to be good.

[00:27:14] >> Careful.

[00:27:18] >> Yeah, well done.

[00:27:21] >> Check in on Ludvig.

[00:27:22] >> Yeah, 186 yards. Got a little flurry going. Two birdies in a row. And that's a gorgeous iron shot there.

[00:27:33] >> Hall putting for birdie at the par-3 14th.

[00:27:39] >> To 8-under.

[00:27:41][ Applause ] Back at 12 with Aberg putting for birdie to get to 9-under.

[00:27:57][ Applause ]

[00:28:06] >> Now, Scottie is going through his routine like he does, breaking up the putt into different segments.

[00:28:12] >> When he's just been quietly going about his business, hasn't he, all day, hasn't really -- This is an opportunity to really make a move. And the crowds are massive around this 11th hole today. And this place would go crazy. Quite a bit of right to left break in this putt though.

[00:28:28] >> I think for his own mindset, Daniel, he needs hit a good putt. Really hasn't hit too many good ones today. Still bogey-free, couple under par.

[00:28:36] >> He's getting closer and closer. It just seems like that ball is honing in. He's burning edges now, and this one is going to find the bottom. Like I said, he was finding the radar. And now, the second coil is wrapped.

[00:28:52] >> Ahead at 15 with Burns putting for birdie at the par 4. And he moves to 8-under.

[00:29:02][ Applause ]

[00:29:09] >> Check in with MacIntyre and Burrow, who are in the driver's seat, not only in the tournament with a four shot lead, but also here on the 14th hole.

[00:29:30] >> Yeah. And then, just --

[00:29:33] >> Down on the BMW side.

[00:29:35] >> Yeah. Even -- See the gap between the BMW logo and the FedEx logo.

[00:29:38] >> Yeah.

[00:29:38] >> I mean, literally just left the way you're looking on that gap.

[00:29:41] >> Just a stock one.

[00:29:42] >> Yeah, I like it.

[00:29:44] >> Well, good advice there, guys. This ball sitting down directly on line, especially being downwind, no chance to stop this ball. I have to play this out to the left side of the green. Something like 30 feet pin high left would be about perfect. But this is going to miss the green left. That settled down a little bit. He's got some green to work with from there. Depends on the lie.

[00:30:05] >> Yeah, exactly. Correct side to miss. I think you play cautiously out of this rough.

[00:30:13] >> To the 14th, Scottie.

[00:30:15] >> Yeah. Perfect lie in the bunker. This is no issue. He's got a backstop in behind this hole too, if he wants to use it.

[00:30:26] >> Yeah, the great angle really helped. He could be more aggressive. Contact sounded brilliant.

[00:30:33] >> So Scheffler will put a little pressure on the Scotsman, who has the four shot advantage. It just keeps coming. Just the one drop shot today, only three for the tournament.

[00:30:45] >> Graham, how is the lie for MacIntyre here left of the 14th?

[00:30:49] >> I mean, it's sitting down, but luckily for him, he's just got to kind of get this on the green with the right trajectory and just let it tumble all the way down. It's pretty flat to bow where he's standing, and then it goes a little bit downhill the rest of the way. But this is a pretty standard shot. If the lie was perfect, you'd expect him to get this up and down 10 out of 10. With this lie, I mean, something 4 or 5 feet I think that he can very well manage.

[00:31:12] >> Graham, it was a jittery start. but I'm really impressed. He's hung in there. He's under par on the round. He just sort of playing his own way.

[00:31:20] >> Absolutely. On a golf course, it's playing difficult today, you guys keep mentioning, I mean, there's been a couple scores, but this course is not giving up anything here today. Ball back in his stance.

[00:31:29] >> And there it is. Just try to get it out and get it tumbling on down. It's carrying a little bit too much speed.

[00:31:39] >> So, you know, MacIntyre is not going to give up. He's not going to hold.

[00:31:44] >> At 14, Scheffler putting for birdie.

[00:31:46] >> He moves to 12-under.

[00:31:50][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:31:55] >> We sort of expected it. It's been a struggle on the greens, still losing strokes, but a couple timely birdie.

[00:32:03] >> And all of a sudden, Graham, this looks like 18 feet, not 8 feet for MacIntyre.

[00:32:10] >> Well, I was thinking the same thing. I mean, that hole just shrunk, didn't it? This is back up the hill. A very, very makeable putt, you know, if this is a Tuesday with your buddies. But things are a little bit different now. These crowds are buzzing. They're on the clock. He's out of his just rhythm a little bit. You can tell he's not the fastest of the players.

[00:32:31] >> Impressive. Really impressive. And he gives him a little --

[00:32:37] >> Yeah.

[00:32:37] >> -- quiet down over there. Somebody must have been a little too loud in his USA commentary.

[00:32:42] >> I tell you what, you do that against these Europeans, man, that fires them up. It has a negative effect on trying to intimidate them.

[00:32:50] >> Second at 18.

[00:32:54] >> Aberg. This says promise. Right at it.

[00:32:57] >> Hundred and ninety yards up the hill, and that should feed back down the slope. Unfortunately, it didn't.

[00:33:07] >> Up to the green at 18 now with Aberg putting for birdie.

[00:33:18] >> To move to double digits.

[00:33:20] >> Yeah. And to have that fleeting hope that you could go out and shoot maybe 64 tomorrow. Potentially a huge putt for Aberg. Shot 64 yesterday. Can he go out? He's going to -- I'm going to say he might need 64 again tomorrow to get to 16-under.

[00:34:10] >> We applaud him for seemingly always hitting the right shot at the right time.

[00:34:17] >> From a prudent standpoint. Don't have to go up this flag. Anywhere in the middle of this green would be more than acceptable.

[00:34:29] >> And I believe this is a 7-iron. Came out pretty good, but low as you'd expect. It's on a good line up the middle of the green. Perfect.

[00:34:37] >> Yeah. And this is going to collect down the right. That is exceptional. And another one, which is just hard to believe. Perfectly hole high. It's unimaginable.

[00:34:50] >> How does he do it? Judging the lie --

[00:34:51] >> I have no idea.

[00:34:52] >> Judging the release, how far is going to fly?

[00:34:54] >> No one in the game has ever been able to hit it hole high more consistently than Scottie Scheffler, really in the history of the game. This is 5-inch fescue bluegrass rifle which is so unpredictable. And then, to hit a shot from 185 yards, perfectly high 20 feet is just amazing.

[00:35:16] >> Well, 168, plays uphill from where he's at. He's up a little bit higher. Eight uphill called 176. And just trying to pick that number. And he saw the perfect blueprint watching Scottie Scheffler. Decent lie.

[00:35:31] >> This came out much higher. Not a similar line. Middle of the green.

[00:35:35] >> Yeah, that's marvelous as well. A little easier with more walk. You get through that rough, and it's pretty much exactly what he wanted. I'm thoroughly impressed with Robert MacIntyre. I know he's going to collect it back. Bogeyed the 1st, he's underpass since. He stood tall against the -- one of the hardest guys to play against, because you know Scheffler's not going to make any mistakes on a golf course that has sort of been unrelenting today.

[00:36:08] >> How much break, Graham, are we giving this one?

[00:36:11] >> Well, you guys have seen this a few times. He's coming up this first tier, and then once it gets up on top, it's going to take a hard right turn. And I think you pick a spot in the shadows of these greens here where you want to almost try to curve -- you know, crest the ball, and then just let it trickle on down. But it's not a gimme two putt, that's for sure.

[00:36:31] >> A caddie, I think, standing in the perfect spot there. Very experienced, giving his player an outside look at potentially a target point.

[00:36:44] >> On the right line. It's on the right line.

[00:36:48] >> Wow.

[00:36:50] >> Robert MacIntyre, get you a little bit of that.

[00:36:54] >> And to carry that momentum of that putt. You got a 40-footer on the last hole, carried all the way through the -- all the way into tomorrow. That got to be huge for the belief and the confidence.

[00:37:08] >> How will he respond?

[00:37:10] >> Well, that was loud guys, but I can't even imagine how loud it's going to be if this goes in. Downhill, a little left to right.

[00:37:15] >> His speed has been off today, Graham. He's had a lot of opportunities, I would say five or six inside 20 feet, and a lot of them have not hit the hole. Disappointing finish for Scheffler.

[00:37:31] >> I mean, MacIntyre wins the day. even though he lost a shot to Scheffler, don't you think?

[00:37:35] >> Hundred percent.

[00:37:39] >> My goodness, what a Saturday. It has been sensational here at the BMW Championship. Everything you could have wanted. It got close for a little bit. MacIntyre coming down the stretch, leaned on his short game and what he's done all week, making putts, comes to the last hole, and perhaps the most improbable of all, holds the long one for birdie right in front of Scottie Scheffler. And those two will go at it again tomorrow in the final pairing. It will be Robert MacIntyre with the World number 1 right on his heels. But a four shot lead.

[00:38:11] >> The final round is next.

[00:38:49] >> Caves Valley Golf Club, that's where we are. Still riding high on the energy of yesterday's finish. The resounding roar still ringing in our ears as the 29-year-old Robert MacIntyre authored a script for the ages. A 41-footer on the last hole as he stared down the rowdy crowds and the World number 1, a lead that at the beginning of the day was five shots and had been trimmed to three. Scottie Scheffler firmly in the rear view mirror. But he answered the call. As he said after his round, it's not the size of the dog and the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog. Looking for his third win on the PGA Tour, promises to be a sensational Sunday.

[00:39:32] >> Scottie Scheffler is in the Mayor's Office.

[00:39:35] >> What an opportunity. Right out of the gates here. One-twenty-six for Scottie. Dead aim. Anything left of this hole will kind of feed in.

[00:39:51] >> Indeed. Another one perfectly hole high from wedge in your hand and maybe two shot swing.

[00:39:57] >> Third shot at the opening par 4.

[00:39:59] >> MacIntyre.

[00:40:00] >> Yeah, that was clean.

[00:40:01] >> Got it on the down slope. Checked it. Just above the hole. You would have preferred to be in that distance below, but that'll be very testy. About 7 feet short.

[00:40:15] >> And an opportunity for Scottie. Opening birdie perhaps.

[00:40:22] >> Well, you guys called it exactly. Pin high again. Not too much in this putt.

[00:40:27] >> What a start.

[00:40:32] >> Well, you thought that maybe the elation of how yesterday ended might carry right into this opening hole the final round. But it's quickly the pressure, Graham, right back on Robert MacIntyre.

[00:40:45] >> One I'll tell you guys here, right out of the gates, Scottie rolls that thing in and there was someone in the crowd screamed out, that putt just got a lot longer, and everybody was giggling. So he's very well aware that he's the underdog here today.

[00:40:58] >> Be careful, be careful. Embrace that.

[00:41:01] >> That's right. That's where he tends to thrive. It never broke.

[00:41:08] >> Two shot swing. Lead is cut in half. And remember, they were put on the clock yesterday, and Scottie had some remarks about it after the round.

[00:41:17] >> Three groups were. So it wasn't necessarily just MacIntyre and Scottie, but --

[00:41:21] >> Opening bogey just like yesterday for MacIntyre.

[00:41:27] >> So the third shot at the 2nd, MacIntyre digging in.

[00:41:36] >> Well, the ball was sitting OK, but he just had no green to work with. It was a difficult shot. Took his medicine there.

[00:41:46] >> MacIntyre tries to avoid back to back bogeys to start this final round.

[00:41:51] >> Yeah, slightly uphill here and should be gently going right to left pretty much the whole way.

[00:42:01] >> Good effort.

[00:42:04] >> Staying at the 2nd now with MacIntyre putting for bogey. He drops to 14-under.

[00:42:17][ Applause ]

[00:42:20] >> Shot really well.

[00:42:21] >> Correct. Especially up that downslope a little bit.

[00:42:24] >> Just not really quite feeling that.

[00:42:26] >> If there's no help. Up to 4%.

[00:42:31] >> Still going to get it. Come down a little right of this pin.

[00:42:37] >> Yes.

[00:42:40] >> Six.

[00:42:42] >> Yes.

[00:42:44] >> Well, there you go, guys. This is such a delicate little wedge shot. It's four off the right and they're actually trying to miss this right, if anything, because anything left can catch this little slope and come down. He's got about 4 yards or so paces to play with, short of the hole. One hundred and twenty-one yards. This is a gap wedge. And it is right at the hole. A little deep.

[00:43:14] >> All right. Once again, perfectly hole high.

[00:43:17] >> MacIntyre.

[00:43:20] >> MacIntyre had 87, but he only had about three paces short of the hole. And that's the difference of the angle.

[00:43:27] >> Boy, and that is almost inexcusable. What a mistake.

[00:43:33] >> To the 5th. MacIntyre's bunker shot.

[00:43:36] >> This takes absolute precision. You're probably going to have to hit two good shots to get up and down from here.

[00:43:44] >> And that's pretty well done. And that's one of them. Now, you got to go make a putt.

[00:43:50] >> And back to the 5th. Scottie for birdie.

[00:43:56] >> Down the hill, breaking to the right, to the bottom. Gauntlet has been thrown, and the boa has now fully enveloped MacIntyre.

[00:44:10] >> Well, all of a sudden this putt for MacIntyre has more meaning and more length to it. And Graham, we just had a nice shot from behind the golf ball. It actually looks like a little bit of a devilish read with two breaks in it.

[00:44:21] >> Yeah, I think you're kind of right. He got a little bit of a read as it went past the hole, but it was kind of from a different angle because he hit that bunker shot about 2, 3 feet right of the hole as it went by. But he's got a pretty good idea of what this does. But I think he also knows the importance of this putt at this time of the -- in this championship.

[00:44:41] >> This to maintain a lead of one. And all those four shots in the first five holes are now gone.

[00:44:59] >> One-eighteen. Time to break out the nail gun if you're Scottie Scheffler at the 7th.

[00:45:06] >> What an opportunity here. This wind, it's not blowing hard, but it's fooling these guys. It's a different direction every hole.

[00:45:12] >> Another beauty.

[00:45:13] >> He never fails to seize the opportunities. Scottie Scheffler.

[00:45:25] >> Robert MacIntyre has led the entirety of this event. He opened with record setting 62. And if Scottie knocks this in, it will be the first time that MacIntyre will not be at the top in the number one position.

[00:45:37] >> Maybe then the mentality flips. Instead of protecting, now you're chasing. But it's amazing how easy Scheffler just lets himself get in contention.

[00:45:47] >> It's almost that sense of inevitability --

[00:45:50] >> Yup.

[00:45:51] >> -- when Scottie Scheffler is in that final round, four shots behind, I'd love to have seen what the bookies were of -- the odds were on Scottie Scheffler chasing down MacIntyre. And now, he's got the lead by himself, 14 under.

[00:46:13] >> Now, Scheffler back in control here, his second.

[00:46:17] >> Yeah. He's got 86, Perksy. And I mean, that's not obviously a full shot by any means. So he's going to have to take some off of this, which takes off spin and makes it just a little bit more precise. But if there was anyone I wanted to hit it for me, it'd be this guy right here. He's bringing in much lower.

[00:46:34] >> Lands it on the front edge of the green. Actually lands it closer to the penalty area than he does to the hole. Absolutely incredible, Scottie Scheffler.



[00:46:50] >> We'll go through all the routines. Scottie Scheffler, we see it with each putt, doesn't matter whether it's 3 feet or 33 feet, but there certainly doesn't look like, from our vantage point, there's a whole lot in this.

[00:47:02] >> This is close. You got to expect him to make this and start separating himself from the field. The difficult 12th coming up, it's an important putt.

[00:47:17] >> You get the two shot lead now. You dictate everything.

[00:47:21] >> You play your game, you force everyone else to take a lot of risks.

[00:47:28] >> Now, Scottie.

[00:47:30] >> Yeah, 205 back to the hole, 190 front edge. It's on a really good line. Might struggle to get there.

[00:47:36] >> Take advantage of the great line. Excellent shot.

[00:47:43] >> And so, Scottie, ready putter.

[00:47:50] >> Scheffler would bogey and drop to 14-under par.

[00:47:53] >> At 13 now with MacIntyre hitting his tee shot at the par 3.

[00:48:04] >> This is just kind of tugged towards the middle of the green. And long.

[00:48:10] >> Wow.

[00:48:10] >> Oh, boy.

[00:48:11] >> That's going to be difficult.

[00:48:13] >> Well, he'll be able to putt it, but that's 75, 80 feet maybe.

[00:48:18] >> And long way out is Robert MacIntyre, Graham. Eight feet would be good here.

[00:48:29] >> Yeah, I think he can -- Yeah, I think that would be probably average. If you want to say a good one, maybe call it 4 feet, but I think it's a triple breaker. It's uphill the first third, then it kind of flattens out, and then it goes straight downhill once it gets over that crest.

[00:48:56] >> And another kind of putt that gives you gray hairs.

[00:49:06] >> There shouldn't be too much in this. I got this as inside right. As his ball rolled past the hole, it started moving to the right, which will make this move just ever so slightly to his left I believe. If you're firm here, you keep this inside the hole.

[00:49:20] >> Yeah. And then, pressure squarely back on Scheffler.

[00:49:23] >> Just lacking in speed and conviction. And that's the second time MacIntyre has had to rid the surfaces of a golf ball today.

[00:49:37] >> Overpower on the round without a birdie. Certainly didn't expect that from the feisty Scotsman.

[00:49:45] >> At 17 with Scheffler playing his second from the rough.

[00:50:02] >> Here it comes. This is completely decadent stuff from Scheffler.

[00:50:18] >> Graham DeLaet, Scottie Scheffler's not wasting any time.

[00:50:22] >> And pretty far back here, I think. Shockingly short tee shot there, but he was just trying to get the ball in the fairway, 158. It does play uphill. Almost 10 from where he's at.

[00:50:33] >> There's 30 feet --

[00:50:34] >> This is the last shot that really matters.

[00:50:36] >> Thirty feet left of the hole. Just trying to it pin high. Pretty much exactly what he had to do.

[00:50:47] >> The third shot, he could pitch it in for birdie, at least make Scheffler earn it. Have to two putt the last.

[00:50:54] >> The appropriate play into the slope.

[00:51:01] >> For birdie and the win.

[00:51:08] >> He would just leave himself one of those, wouldn't he?

[00:51:12] >> All right, Mr. MacIntyre, finish with a good one. One more par on the day.

[00:51:16] >> Lovely.

[00:51:17] >> Yes, it was.

[00:51:20] >> Wasn't what he wanted, no doubt about it. But you get the sense that he's the kind of guy who's going to put that in the pipe smoke on it for a while and only get better, only get stronger and.

[00:51:30] >> And you know he's going to use today's experience come Ryder Cup time. He just has the makeup and the metal of a man where you think the pressure could melt you. And maybe it got him today, but that's only going to make him a better competitor.

[00:51:53] >> For his 18th title on the PGA Tour.

[00:51:55] >> It's another Scheffler Sunday.

[00:51:57] >> Started four behind. And the inevitable, he just kept coming.

[00:52:02] >> And the asterisks potentially Michael Cromie on the bag, not Teddy Scott. He's got to make Michael feel really good.

[00:52:19] >> Teddy Scott going through some difficult times with his family. So hopefully, this is an uplifting vocal point for the Scott family. Our thoughts, hearts, and prayers continue to be with them as Scottie Scheffler gets it done on a Sunday 3-under par. And it was MacIntyre who got off to the rough start and just could never get his feet back under.

[00:52:41] >> This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of the BMW Championship from Owings Mills, Maryland.