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[00:00:26.409]>>The PGA TOUR proudly presents.

[00:00:30.799]>>The Hero World Challenge.

[00:00:39.000]>>December begins with an island escape, this unofficial PGA TOUR event. Now the 26th edition of the Hero World Challenge, where Albany Golf Course in the Bahamas welcomes 20 of the best in the world with warm weather and a \$5 million purse, Official World Golf Ranking points as well.

[00:01:00.159]>>And what is expected to be a very exciting preview of 2026 and perhaps a year in review from some of the brightest stars in our game.

[00:01:11.839]>>Well, Scottie Scheffler already off to a great start, number one player in the world came in firmly as the player to beat and showing some depth early green side touch.

[00:01:25.330]>>He's able to pick up the birdie.

[00:01:28.220]>>At the 2nd then.

[00:01:30.980]>>Mark at the last couple of seasons, this has been where the putters come to play for Scottie golf course too. It's a happy hunting ground. He has 2 wins looking to be the first guy.

[00:01:42.050]>>To win 3 straight at this Hero World Challenge. 2 wins, 2 runners-up, and you're going after another par 5.

[00:01:50.459]>>Leads so many statistical categories Collin and Park by scoring one of them. He just always seems to take care of business when expected to. Well, the tournament host Tiger Woods did exactly that, took advantage of the par 5s and this man here also following suit. A lot of similarities between him and the tournament host Tiger Woods.

[00:02:11.039]>>That was for an eagle there to back up the birdie. Just hangs on the edge as a tap in birdie to get to 2 under and now looking for another.

[00:02:23.089]>>So Scottie Scheffler able to pick up the birdie there at the 6th, his 3rd of the day and gets him to 3 under par and 1 shot off the lead to 9.

[00:02:36.020]>>JJ

[00:02:40.789]>>Oh yeah, converts with a wedge and a putter, Spaun quickly to 4 under.

[00:02:47.389]>>Get the birdies while you can. Spieth with his effort. Oh there you go, 2 in a row for Jordan Spieth taking full advantage that sponsor's exemption into this week.

[00:03:01.699]>>At the 12th co-leader Clark.

[00:03:06.889]>>Yeah, all downhill, down grain here should hold its line very well.

[00:03:11.639]>>Oh.

[00:03:16.919]>>Not only are we all smiling, he's smiling as well, Mark.

[00:03:24.059]>>We're gonna watch Keegan Bradley try and convert for his birdie 4.

[00:03:32.460]>>He's been making a lot of putts lately, hasn't he?

[00:03:37.130]>>Go back to 13 now.

[00:03:39.110]>>Hideki

[00:03:41.330]>>He saw Wyndham Clark missing the left, so a little early teach for the Japanese star, major champion, tip of the cap. Matsuyama with a conversion.

[00:04:00.509]>>And there's another birdie on the scorecard for J.J. Spaun.

[00:04:09.580]>>Wyndham Clark at the short 7th.

[00:04:13.419]>>Hm. Nicely done there from the back of the bunker, that was not easy.

[00:04:19.859]>>Connor's in, which means it's Fairway Green, Fairway Green looking for an eagle, Corey. Well lands here on the par 5.

[00:04:30.260]>>He's just holding the golf course and look at that, 4 3s and he's lost 4 holes.

[00:04:38.720]>>It's be a great birdie, Colin. Yeah, it certainly would be. Kicked it in off the side of the green.

[00:04:45.679]>>And nicely done for Akshay Bhatia. He will finish his day. It's a strong opening 66, still just 23 years young for Akshay Bhatia. Multiple winner already.

[00:05:00.000]>>Back 117, Corey Connors loves to draw the golf ball.

[00:05:06.709]>>You could set your wristwatch on that pattern out of him.

[00:05:10.480]>>He does that a lot too.

[00:05:13.100]>>Say Corey with a little late burst here.

[00:05:18.450]>>Hideki up the hill for an eagle 3.

[00:05:23.019]>>Maybe, oh yeah. He didn't look convinced when that came off the face.

[00:05:29.109]>>that

[00:05:32.390]>>Sepp Straka, this is for Birdie.

[00:05:36.600]>>He converts, so the work that he's been putting in is proving fruitful.

[00:05:44.690]>>Very much a similar look for Corey.

[00:05:48.390]>>And

[00:05:50.119]>>He converts, so we got doodling deuces here on the par 31 hole to come.

[00:05:58.690]>>Meanwhile, J.J.

[00:06:00.899]>>Anything but frustrated as he nudges that in?

[00:06:05.619]>>And now in the solo lead.

[00:06:08.579]>>Scottie Scheffler at 13 who is trying to move one shot closer to the lead and there's not too much in this one up the hill.

[00:06:19.510]>>Right in the hearts, how about that hole perfectly played. Tee shot right center, 2nd shot on the button, 1 putt, birdie 3.

[00:06:28.459]>>Back at 14, the driver will par 4 and Keegan Bradley.

[00:06:34.380]>>Ran into a little bit of trouble, left off the tee in the native area, found the green side bunker just off to the right of the camera. And now with this one coming from the right, nicely done.

[00:06:51.339]>>As we go to 18, Sepp Straka.

[00:06:53.829]>>Yeah, coming back up the hill here from his right. We've seen a number of players not keep up to speed, but not for Sepp Straka.

[00:07:01.429]>>Nicely done for him, that'll get him into that share of 2nd.

[00:07:06.380]>>Yeah

[00:07:10.200]>> MacIntyre now.

[00:07:15.329]>> MacIntyre.

[00:07:17.799]>>For a long range birdie.

[00:07:23.630]>>Par effort for Alex Noren at the 18.

[00:07:30.850]>>And coming straight back up the hill here from his right.

[00:07:38.589]>>And that will be a good pass save to keep him off tied 9th.

[00:07:45.160]>>Justin Rose for birdie.

[00:07:48.709]>>The resident here in the Bahamas.

[00:07:51.700]>>Didn't get off to a great start on that outward 9 in fact turned in 2 over par, 38, but since then, a whole host of birdies.

[00:08:02.019]>>You the

[00:08:04.700]>>He's at the 16th. Cam Young. Cameron's side knocks it in. How about that little run there.

[00:08:17.459]>>Rose now

[00:08:22.970]>>Rosie.

[00:08:24.929]>>With the fans cheering him all the way to the finish. How about that? 6 - 5, pardon me, birdies in his last six holes.

[00:08:38.690]>>Now Spieth Michael Grella choosing to play this one just a touch in from the right.

[00:08:47.729]>>I don't know where it's gonna

[00:08:50.080]>>And they, they worked it out just perfectly, look at that one there for Jordan Spieth after rinsing the tee shot.

[00:08:57.510]>>A chance to save par. Yeah.

[00:09:02.619]>>But Jordan Spieth, who rinsed his tee ball.

[00:09:06.549]>>And hit a beautiful 3rd, just gonna go ahead and tap it in for a finishing 4, so Jordan Spieth finishes with a park.

[00:09:14.380]>>Scottie Scheffler, if he doesn't hold this from off the green, we'll make it a five-way tie for first going into tomorrow.

[00:09:29.250]>>He's gonna spend one

[00:09:31.460]>>At 18,

[00:09:35.190]>>It is the loan bogey today for Scottie Scheffler. It comes at the last and Scottie Scheffler posts a 6 under par 66 in round one, which means there are 5 players tied for the lead after.

[00:09:50.580]>>18 holes of action.

[00:09:53.599]>>That wraps up play today at Albany Golf Course, a course that played 3 shots under par in the opening round. A lot of players bunched at the top, which you might expect in an event like this with the best players in the world competing. 5 tied for the lead at 6 under. The second round is next.

[00:10:19.090]>>The PGA TOUR proudly presents live second round coverage of the 2025 Hero World Challenge.

[00:10:31.039]>>There were 5 players who shot 6 under 66 yesterday for the 18 hole lead, and J.J. Spaun is just a couple back on. Yeah, having a crack at it here with the lumber. Played fantastically yesterday, had that little hiccup at the home hole, and this is an absolute ripper. Take a look at this one.

[00:10:51.890]>>Yeah.

[00:10:54.580]>>Perfect

[00:10:55.909]>>That is picture perfect and that will be for Eagle.

[00:11:00.460]>>We can add that to the highlight reel perhaps Hideki Matsuyama, some highlights from earlier today, a 68 yesterday for the Japanese superstar and he gets things off and running early, and he's so good around the greens already 3 birdies at this point, Mark, this was at that short par 4 7th green side. The touch here pitching downwind down grain that was far from below the surface and neatly done by Hideki.

[00:11:27.070]>>So Matsuyama 4 under today and leads at 8 under par and Colin, Akshay, multiple winner on the PGA TOUR. That club has come to life lately.

[00:11:38.880]>>Come to life for Scottie Scheffler as well.

[00:11:47.659]>>So Scheffler with the birdie at the 3rd.

[00:11:51.900]>>Also a bogey on the card, so he's even today through 6, a back-to-back defending champion, 2 shots off of Hideki Matsuyama's lead.

[00:12:02.140]>>Breeze coming out of a different direction today, but still in that 5 to 10 mile an hour range. Opening round with the scoring average was about 3 shots under par for this 20 player field, more of the same so far in round 2. 19 of the top 50 in the official world golf rankings are here.

[00:12:22.190]>>And that includes 3 tournament debutantes. At the 6th, Wyndham Clark now, have plenty of green to work with here. Hang on.

[00:12:32.690]>>And that is a big bird there for Wyndham Clark, good way to bounce back after that bogey at the previous hole.

[00:12:40.500]>>Bogey on the 2nd hole bounced right back with a birdie on the par 5, 3rd, now looking for his 2nd of the day.

[00:12:49.229]>>Back up the hill, a little into the grain, can't afford to be aggressive, Scheffler.

[00:12:55.890]>>Nice looking roll. Oh yeah, bingo.

[00:12:59.080]>>That's how you do it.

[00:13:01.630]>>And we make the turn to the 10th now. Cameron Young for birdie and up-and-down you yesterday for Cameron Young. It's going.

[00:13:09.830]>>Beautifully today, a couple of birdies on that front nine, we'd like one here to start the backside and he gets it.

[00:13:18.960]>>Over at the 9th hole, this one down the hill for Hideki to get to 9 under.

[00:13:26.500]>>He has worked hard on this department of the game and there you are, Hideki Matsuyama, Quick to 9 under.

[00:13:36.039]>>Alex Noren, now on the par 5 11th, 12 ft left for Birdie.

[00:13:42.880]>>That moves him to 7 under 2 off the lead.

[00:13:48.830]>>And here's Scottie, grass seems OK. Problem here though is the greens above you, which means some of the spin mitigated.

[00:13:58.380]>>Oh my goodness. Is there anything you can't do?

[00:14:05.969]>>Cory Connors was for Birdie 4.

[00:14:12.929]>>Oh, said to cut right into the heart. Corey Connors and now Scottie Scheffler led the field putting in round 1.

[00:14:24.830]>>And uh adds to the account, Scottie.

[00:14:28.309]>>Just lurking.

[00:14:33.450]>>Over to the 17th.

[00:14:36.099]>>This'll have a little piece to it down the hill, down the green.

[00:14:42.890]>>With authority, Bobby Mack.

[00:14:47.440]>>He's quietly becoming one of the leading players on the world's stage now inside the world's top 10.

[00:14:53.369]>>Back to 10, J.J. Spaun.

[00:14:56.719]>>Second shot here, back into the breeze. Remember that pin location all the way in the back. Players have struggled to get it back there.

[00:15:04.609]>>Oh, not J.J. Spaun.

[00:15:09.530]>>At 12, Bradley for birdie.

[00:15:14.159]>>Back down the hills, sporty one.

[00:15:18.210]>>Oh, make that 5 birdies on the day through his 1st 12. Couple of bogies back at 4 and 8.

[00:15:26.330]>>In that logjam there.

[00:15:28.789]>>At 8 under tied for second.

[00:15:33.109]>>We're back at 10, Spaun for birdie.

[00:15:41.200]>>15

[00:15:43.070]>>Another one of those into the green and lie Greenside for Cameron Young.

[00:15:49.880]>>Oh, nicely clip there.

[00:15:52.039]>>Oh baby.

[00:15:54.409]>>He is on a torrid table he's on 10, 12, 14, and now the Eagle on 15. Look out, Cameron Young tied for the lead.

[00:16:05.099]>>Also great around the greens Hideki Matsuyama gets up-and-down here, Colin, he's got the outright lead once again.

[00:16:15.200]>>Ooh, that was nice.

[00:16:17.799]>>Lovely crisp sound, saucy.

[00:16:29.820]>>15, Harris English, 4, eagle. Find it. Oh baby.

[00:16:36.940]>>That does a lot for the scorecard. 2 3s in a row, all of a sudden, just 4 back.

[00:16:45.039]>>One shot closer to Cameron Young, who could grab a share of the lead.

[00:16:49.690]>>Oh, yes he does, and what a round he's putting together today.

[00:16:54.840]>>8 under. Look at that scorecard there.

[00:17:00.460]>>At 14, and quite easily could have gone up there. Look at the low route here, he's got to judge this one just perfectly. If he does it, the Bermuda will just chew it up.

[00:17:12.109]>>Mhm, well done, buddy.

[00:17:14.630]>>I would agree Ted Scott, that was beautifully done.

[00:17:20.948]>>Let's go to 17. Cameron Young.

[00:17:24.208]>>His 4th start in this Hero World Challenge.

[00:17:30.020]>>And making the most of it.

[00:17:36.819]>>How about that run there?

[00:17:42.859]>>Wyndham Clark

[00:17:45.510]>>First Wyndham, carrying speed here, oh, right in the heart.

[00:17:51.619]>>Hey, Johnny.

[00:17:56.410]>>Over on 17, which is also playing easier downwind. Alex Noren has this for 9 under.

[00:18:02.579]>>Left and low holds the follow through. Oh yeah, thank you, Jesus.

[00:18:08.329]>>It was gracious of you.

[00:18:10.359]>>That's some sort of bounce back after that double bogey, isn't it?

[00:18:16.010]>>Cameron Young now for par at the last. now this.

[00:18:21.030]>>Left to put a bow on a beautiful round, but that was a pull, straight off the club there for Cameron Young, not the finish he wanted.

[00:18:29.560]>>And he will spend one at the home hole and slip back into a tie for our early leader, Hideki Matsuyama at 10 under par.

[00:18:38.250]>>To tie the lead.

[00:18:42.719]>>Really not that hard a putt.

[00:18:45.880]>>Bang.

[00:18:47.530]>>Driving the fairway, 2nd, safe side of the flag, 1 putt, Scottie Scheffler, Eagle 3, and now tied atop this leaderboard.

[00:19:00.760]>>Group right behind Scheffler and Company is J.J. Spaun, who's on the way down the par 5.

[00:19:08.489]>>If he's screaming, sit, that's.

[00:19:11.979]>>Right on the line, my gosh.

[00:19:15.839]>>So J.J. Spaun delivers a gorgeous tee shot. That was a moment ago at 14, the drivable par 4 and sets up an eagle putt that colony pours in, makes it look like a pitch and putt.

[00:19:34.859]>>Right, good try.

[00:19:37.189]>>Bhatia finds a birdie call. Yeah, that goes with those 4 other birdies he has on the day against those 2 bogies.

[00:19:48.770]>>Uh, Scottie Scheffler.

[00:19:51.000]>>Can tie the lead.

[00:20:13.810]>>Perhaps a slightly sour end for Scottie Scheffler, but still a strong day. 3 under par, 69 here in round two. He's 1 back right now.

[00:20:25.530]>>J.J. Spaun could claim it outright.

[00:20:28.650]>>Yeah, coming back down the hill, High point just off to his rear.

[00:20:40.939]>>Uh, just loses a little bit of speed at the end.

[00:20:47.420]>>And then all a good day at the office, didn't get off to the hottest of starts.

[00:20:51.719]>>On his front side, turned him 1 under, came home in 33.

[00:21:00.000]>>You see coming down the hill, moving to his left.

[00:21:03.859]>>For share the lead

[00:21:10.119]>>Buries it.

[00:21:13.150]>>Player too, Mark Immelman. I tell you what, and you got to give an assist to there you go Joe Greiner, my boy, who talked me into hitting the right club despite what I was wanting to. That's a heck of a finish.

[00:21:26.260]>>All adds up to 68 for Bettia at 10 under par. Piece of that 5 slice pie at the top. Scottie Scheffler is lurking, trying to win for the 3rd straight Hero World Challenge. Number of guys right there in the mix. We are only halfway home here at Albany Golf Course. The 3rd round is next.

[00:21:52.750]>>The PGA TOUR proudly presents live third round coverage of the 2025 Hero World Challenge, where 20 of the best in our game have gathered in the Bahamas, a beautiful, blissful backdrop at Albany Golf Course, where the Hero World Challenge heads to the weekend, the 26th edition of this event.

[00:22:18.724]>>On another picture perfect day in paradise. Temps will climb towards the 80s. That breeze will creep up this afternoon, and it's led to a lot of leaderboard parody. A quarter of this field tied for the 36 hole lead at 10 under par.

[00:22:37.949]>>At the first and Billy Horschel.

[00:22:41.819]>>On the comeback trail.

[00:22:45.339]>>That's the way to do it. The long range bomb for Billy.

[00:22:52.689]>>Scheffler now.

[00:23:01.339]>>Oh

[00:23:02.949]>>Well, he picked it.

[00:23:06.650]>>That's the opening birdie for Scheffler and

[00:23:09.569]>>Look at that.

[00:23:11.430]>>No birdies yet at this par 3 2nd, a couple of quality looks for Bhatia, and this is for a share of the lead.

[00:23:20.270]>>At that, of strucker that missed it on the right.

[00:23:23.319]>>But not for Noren, 1st birdie of the day at the difficult 2.

[00:23:28.349]>>Could be chasing this man in a moment, Mark. Stop me if you've heard this, Scottie Scheffler for the lead.

[00:23:36.170]>>There isn't too much break in this.

[00:23:40.329]>>Oh, Scottie.

[00:23:42.349]>>On 15 yesterday and there we go, 333. Look at.

[00:23:54.000]>>Is Alex Noren with little club twirling on the way to the 3rd?

[00:23:59.280]>>Oh, this could be really, really good.

[00:24:03.550]>>Really, really good.

[00:24:06.469]>>Alex Noren with that to get to 12 under.

[00:24:11.260]>>Scottie Scheffler for the outright lead.

[00:24:22.250]>>Oh my gosh. Come to play today. Scottie Scheffler, a scorching start, and he's in front again, the outright leader.

[00:24:38.199]>>Up to 7 now and Keegan Bradley, Long ranger for Birdie.

[00:24:45.959]>>Oh my gosh, look at what I found.

[00:24:49.199]>>That stems his tired a little bit. Couple bogeys in 3 holes, back to even for the day.

[00:25:02.260]>>Yeah.

[00:25:04.319]>>That's J.J. Spaun from Greenside looking like a birdie, the first one of the day for him.

[00:25:11.550]>>Coming off that birdie at the 3rd, great tee shot here to the heart of the green. Down grain, is it there? It is. And Wyndham Clark races into that tie for 2nd at 12 under.

[00:25:28.969]>>Now we have Sepp Straka.

[00:25:31.459]>>From the front of the green here.

[00:25:33.660]>>This is about as easy as it gets. Look at the way he has that handle, nice and high.

[00:25:43.439]>>it in. He said it was easy. That's about as easy as it gets for these guys. That's exactly what he was aiming at, right? Oh, absolutely.

[00:25:54.119]>>Back at 7

[00:25:56.140]>>For his 4th birdie of the day.

[00:26:02.430]>>Evergreen, the man, he is evergreen.

[00:26:09.699]>>Back at 4, Matsuyama.

[00:26:12.920]>>12 of 13 in scrambling.

[00:26:16.420]>>Get it, get it.

[00:26:19.989]>>Make that 1 to 14. They're shooting the grass of this golf course right now.

[00:26:29.729]>>And this green tilts from the back to the front, so that makes this one for Scottie moving from his right to left.

[00:26:36.709]>>And it is up the hill a touch.

[00:26:42.359]>>No, he didn't, did he? Oh, he did.

[00:26:47.599]>>Uh, Scottie's like, what's the course record and why is it so high?

[00:26:55.250]>>That went in with absolutely immaculate pace.

[00:26:59.719]>>And let me tell you what Sepp Straka is thinking right now. He's like, are you kidding me? This hole looks like the size of a thimble right now to me.

[00:27:08.800]>>Uh, but he finds it.

[00:27:14.859]>>Back 1 at 6, Hideki Matsuyama for birdie.

[00:27:19.390]>>You would call it a mid-range putt here for Matsuyama for Birdie, did Birdie the.

[00:27:25.119]>>First of the par 5s here, 3 of them on the outward side, make that 2.

[00:27:32.859]>>So he's just one shot off the lead, as is J.J. Spaun trying to follow suit.

[00:27:39.520]>>And execute a similar shot to Wyndham Clark.

[00:27:43.969]>>Oh gosh, target practice.

[00:27:51.939]>>Here is Hideki

[00:27:54.579]>>That's for the 2nd on 7. That's way up in the breeze.

[00:28:00.000]>>Oh, dancing around the hole.

[00:28:14.500]>>Mm, that's exactly what he needed there. Try and get back on track. little hiccup there at the 8th.

[00:28:26.420]>>Up ahead on 9, this one, not too much doing straight back up the hill for Noren which he converts.

[00:28:33.880]>>Now within one of the three-way lead.

[00:28:39.459]>>And there shouldn't be too much doing in this part here for Scheffler.

[00:28:47.099]>>Mm, and I've got a feeling that might set the tone on this inward 9 for the world number 1.

[00:28:53.579]>>And solo lead, Scottie Scheffler.

[00:28:57.180]>>To 11.

[00:29:05.380]>>Yes, Se.

[00:29:17.020]>>Back at 10, J.J. Spaun.

[00:29:19.910]>>A birdie effort of his own.

[00:29:22.390]>>This would be a great start to his inward 9.

[00:29:28.510]>>Oh nice, that'll get him to 13 in the tie for 4th, 3 behind our leader. This man here, Scottie Scheffler.

[00:29:42.109]>>Oh this one much better. Mm.

[00:29:46.689]>>Just perfect there.

[00:29:51.800]>>We've got 18 Burns.

[00:29:56.469]>>Nicely done there for Sam Burns.

[00:30:05.530]>>So J.J. is part of this peloton who's trying to chase down Scheffler, who's got to start finding a way to rattle a few of these in.

[00:30:15.130]>>Yeah, finally.

[00:30:18.430]>>They bounced back after the bogey back on 12, that's the birdie on 13, J.J..

[00:30:24.569]>>Back to 15, Scottie's closest pursuer.

[00:30:30.800]>>Handsome look yeah for an eagle 3.

[00:30:35.630]>>Slide

[00:30:36.890]>>Yes.

[00:30:39.939]>>A bulldog.

[00:30:46.579]>>Two eagles on his Saturday scorecard.

[00:30:51.680]>>And as Scheffler.

[00:30:55.260]>>Ever careful

[00:30:58.819]>>And the birdie is on the card.

[00:31:05.839]>>To the 18th MacIntyre.

[00:31:10.569]>>Uh good look here for Bobby McIntyre, back up the hill.

[00:31:16.979]>>There you go, Bobby. That makes up for a bit of the mess that he had at 17.

[00:31:22.699]>>just

[00:31:24.800]>>Remember just about 15 holes ago he said he couldn't play golf. Golf is a psycho.

[00:31:31.869]>>I think Bobby's ready for a pint this evening, perhaps. Kick his feet up on the pier and enjoy all that Albany has to offer. It is a Saturday. 69 for the Scotsman.

[00:31:52.300]>>This would be a beauty of his to make it uphill from his left.

[00:31:58.020]>>Has he?

[00:32:00.930]>>Oh, it just runs out, a go go juice.

[00:32:05.719]>>He is hot.

[00:32:09.420]>>Uh, Ted Scott, Ted Scott's in for an extended period on the range, I guess there's a little blow.

[00:32:16.010]>>Little uh decompressed time upcoming, and a little fish food there.

[00:32:20.489]>>And a fuming Scheffler at the end.

[00:32:24.069]>>He's one shot back for now, Sepp Straka.

[00:32:28.060]>>For birdie and a 2 shot lead. He's only made just over 65 ft a putts, and so more important than this one.

[00:32:37.300]>>Downhill moving to his right.

[00:32:40.579]>>Never high enough for Sepp Straka.

[00:32:44.569]>>But all in all, a very, very tidy round for this man.

[00:32:52.290]>>Matches the low round of the week. It is a bogey-free 8 under 64 and Sepp Straka leads the way 17 under par for the four-time PGA TOUR winner.

[00:33:06.180]>>Just a stunning backdrop at Albany Golf Course where somebody will take home this title tomorrow. So as we look at this board, you guys are thinking 23, 24, perhaps under par, really makes it a 5 or 6 horse race going into tomorrow and the biggest thoroughbred at the top, Scottie Scheffler is just one shot off the lead.

[00:33:29.290]>>The final round starts next.

[00:34:06.680]>>The PGA TOUR proudly presents live final round coverage of the 2025 Hero World Challenge.

[00:34:18.928]>>Everybody is well into this final round, Sepp Straka.

[00:34:24.219]>>A three-shot lead.

[00:34:26.820]>>As we got some early highlights getting you caught up on the action in the final round here at the Hero World Challenge, the lead 1700 coming into the day, and while camelman Sepp Straka wasted no time. Yeah, Scottie his tee shot into the waist area down the right. Long iron onto the green, and how about it's the unlikely birdie 3 it still counts though.

[00:34:49.120]>>44 footer goes down. He's English making a little charge today. Well, he's just known for that silky smooth swing of his, but don't underestimate his short game on and around the greens. That was gorgeous. He goes out in 32. Hideki Matsuyama's been great around the greens his entire career. No difference here in the final round. Underestimate that that's.

[00:35:12.925]>>Skill at your peril because that's a dandy from the green side sand. That was a birdie 4 for Matsuyama who's, uh, making his presence felt. Well, one of the closest pursuers right now. And right now the hot man on the golf course is Corey Connors, one eagle today at the 6th. Yeah, 280 yards to get to that point, pays it off with that beautiful downhill curver from left to right, but the biggest of birds. 4's been tough today, only 2 birdies from this field of 20.

[00:35:40.239]>>Here's one of them. Beautifully executed little body Japanese from his bagman there, he had a driver in a long iron to this whole pick up 3, you're gaining strokes on the field.

[00:35:52.080]>>And Hideki Matsuyama making a little bit of a move, but Sepp Straka delivering on the tee at 5. Now, my colleague Mark Immelman called this one left pin location, scoring 9 in hand. That man there, the Austrian.

[00:36:09.290]>>Does what he does best. So it's a kicking birdie at 5 for Sepp Straka, the lead 3 over Scottie Scheffler and Hideki Matsuyama.

[00:36:23.949]>>J.J. Spaun down the hill.

[00:36:26.330]>>And he converts.

[00:36:28.729]>>Three straight, 16 under 3 back. He's not out of the mix.

[00:36:34.110]>>Straka away at the 6th. Yeah, Pin was on the front edge over there where Scottie Scheffler was standing yesterday, uh, a little bit more difficult up the back here.

[00:36:45.409]>>He's only missed 2 up and downs this week, so you'd expect a good one here from striker, and he delivers.

[00:36:55.320]>>Let's go to the hole locations on the short par 4.

[00:37:07.580]>>Hurting wind from the left.

[00:37:10.879]>>A backboard behind this front hole location, you can spin it back off with a wedge. Kinda like that.

[00:37:18.600]>>Alex Noren.

[00:37:23.489]>>See if Scottie can pick one. He's seen Sepp come down a similar line.

[00:37:30.080]>>I finish.

[00:37:33.169]>>And finally finds the bottom.

[00:37:36.989]>>He's not going to go away competition, but you all know that.

[00:37:44.149]>>Make way for the man in yellow, Hideki Matsuyama. He is on a pretty good little run here, 3 birdies through his 1st 7.

[00:37:56.679]>>Has he hit it? He has. Matsuyama 4 circles on the scorecard, including this one here, birdie 2 at the difficult 8th.

[00:38:10.790]>>Par 5 15th has been the easiest hole of the week.

[00:38:15.909]>>Downwind playing like a long par 4 for this crowd.

[00:38:20.379]>>Oh, Aaron.

[00:38:25.600]>>For 59th Hideki Matsuyama looking for another birdie, and he's at the range on the greens, just a little of that fringe grass to traverse.

[00:38:35.989]>>May cause the ball to bubble a little bit. It can be aggressive up the hill.

[00:38:41.449]>>Through the fringe clean, get there decky.

[00:38:46.459]>>The hole looks like the size of the Caribbean outside there at Hideki.

[00:38:52.310]>>Look at that. Putts made from all over the joint. He's 19 under and just one back.

[00:39:00.639]>>Once again, you see the grass getting kicked up, pitching into the grain and down grain on the surface.

[00:39:08.679]>>Yeah real lengthy shot, now a round of applause from the gallery and from my announces colleague.

[00:39:14.830]>>That was good.

[00:39:19.199]>>Alex Noren now for birdie at the 9th.

[00:39:22.300]>>3 birdies and 1 bogey on the scorecard today.

[00:39:26.239]>>Well done. Adding another, he moves to 17 under.

[00:39:32.770]>>Inside edge with speed.

[00:39:35.850]>>I

[00:39:37.830]>>2 stroke lead with 9 to come for Sepp Straka.

[00:39:43.949]>>Back to 10, Matsuyama.

[00:39:47.449]>>116, scoring wedge in hand for Matsuyama. What. Maybe, maybe.

[00:39:55.959]>>He ties the lead.

[00:40:02.030]>>So Hideki Matsuyama makes the turn at 5 under bogey free for the day. Scottie Scheffler is just 3 back of Matsuyama and Straka. His turn on the 10th.

[00:40:14.330]>>Third shot from the friends, he moves to 18 under.

[00:40:24.250]>>First look at the home hole today, Robert MacIntyre, battled the lefties today, playing alongside Brian Harman, there's a nice way to finish off your day.

[00:40:37.090]>>68 today, get to 11 under par.

[00:40:43.520]>>Noren

[00:40:46.479]>>Coming across the green, gonna keep some speed up here. Oh, side door for Noren picking up a 2 here at the difficult 12th.

[00:40:58.620]>>But to you with the putter around at 18.

[00:41:03.169]>>He had it going. Early in the week. Wow, we've seen a little fireworks today at 18.

[00:41:14.439]>>Just off the right-hand side of 13.

[00:41:20.229]>>He's trying. Oh yeah.

[00:41:24.330]>>J.J. Spaun has entered the chat.

[00:41:32.620]>>So 13 now. The tournament leader Hideki Matsuyama trying to pad that lead with a long range attempt.

[00:41:39.479]>>2 from this range would be acceptable.

[00:41:44.639]>>The rhythm of the stroke has been impeccable and Diddy, I can't believe this. I mean this has been absolutely virtuoso for Matsuyama. That putter is red hot.

[00:42:00.000]>>Hideki Matsuyama, who won this event back in 2016, leads by 2, coming down the home stretch here on Sunday, the conclusion of the 2025 Hero World Challenge coming up.

[00:42:16.300]>>Back in the fairway on the par 5 15th, Scottie Scheffler, 200 yards left to the hole, his second.

[00:42:32.350]>>Excellent placement he'll have that to get back to 20 under 2 back of Matsuyama.

[00:42:40.320]>>In the 15

[00:42:42.790]>>This to join the group at 20 under.

[00:42:52.239]>>Timely.

[00:42:53.949]>>Scheffler, birdie eagle, he's not done with proceedings just yet.

[00:43:01.060]>>Coming down to the wire at the Hero World Challenge, Alex Noren for birdie to jump one off the lead.

[00:43:07.899]>>Oh yes. Alex Noren, the Swede. He is putting plenty of circles on that scorecard and keeping that man honest.

[00:43:20.770]>>Wyndham Clark finishing up.

[00:43:23.679]>>Coming back down the hill.

[00:43:27.189]>>Hey, we've seen some nice putts made at the 18th today, and that one also a beauty there for Wyndham Clark.

[00:43:35.959]>>And now, Scottie, this is for 2.

[00:43:38.750]>>To eke one closer

[00:43:46.729]>>Nope.

[00:43:48.260]>>That's been the order of the week for Scheffler, who seems to really struggle reading these greens.

[00:43:56.209]>>A little more breathing room to Matsuyama.

[00:43:59.139]>>Just worried about Noren's birdie effort marring the miraculous behind them.

[00:44:06.919]>>But it's Hideki who's away, the 33 year old from Sendai, Japan, turned pro back in 2013, been doing this for a dozen years.

[00:44:17.250]>>And he's got this putt to win the Hero World Challenge once again.

[00:44:22.580]>>Yeah, from the far right-hand side of the green here.

[00:44:26.219]>>Low point down to his left-hand side.

[00:44:30.040]>>It'll have some movement to it, not a lot.

[00:44:35.100]>>And we've talked about the flow and the cadence of his stroke.

[00:44:39.409]>>And it has been superb all day.

[00:44:55.780]>>Oh, nicely done, coming across the slope, he will post.

[00:45:00.669]>>At par and stay at 22.

[00:45:03.860]>>And now the stage will be set for Alex Noren coming from the back of the green.

[00:45:08.739]>>To match the man in yellow, Hideki Matsuyama.

[00:45:18.520]>>Back on the tee, Scheffler, we'll need a hole out in the fairway, so you got to find the fairway.

[00:45:24.340]>>And dialing back with 3 wood.

[00:45:27.000]>>Hasn't been the

[00:45:29.179]>>The happiest hunting ground, the 18th, he's gonna need some magic today.

[00:45:34.600]>>And that is part one of the equation.

[00:45:37.540]>>And it's gonna take a hole out for Scheffler.

[00:45:42.909]>>On the green Alex Noren.

[00:45:45.919]>>To tie the lead.

[00:45:52.810]>>He got it.

[00:45:55.399]>>Pressure packed and clutch. Alex Noren, the veteran Swede, birdies two of the last 3.

[00:46:04.780]>>And gets to 22 under.

[00:46:09.129]>>He knows it's gotta go. Scottie Scheffler, he wants to join the playoff, keep the hopes for three straight alive. Must make. Yeah, 168, helping breeze. You can see the ripples on the pond.

[00:46:33.919]>>Now it's been made from there but.

[00:46:36.939]>>It's a birdie. Won't get him in the playoff.

[00:46:43.100]>>Between those two players, Alex Noren and Hideki Matsuyama.

[00:46:49.909]>>Quest for 3 in a row come up a little short for Scottie Scheffler at the Hero World Challenge, trying to finish at 21 under, which could be 3rd alone.

[00:47:02.229]>>Took the wind out of the sails.

[00:47:07.770]>>An amazing a guy that was putting so well in the early portion of the week just couldn't find the hole whatsoever over the final 54 holes, 36 holes I should say, despite shooting 65 and 68.

[00:47:22.149]>>Made fewer than 50 ft worth of putts today. Just nothing went down for Scottie Scheffler.

[00:47:28.550]>>And Sepp Straka, the Austrian, who won twice this year, and he could have 3rd outright if this goes.

[00:47:35.290]>>Yeah, straight back up the hill, not much in this.

[00:47:41.419]>>Too little too late, sadly for Sepp Straka, but a good week all the same.

[00:47:51.379]>>51 weeks out of the year it's a very serene still walk coming up this final hole, a golden hour at Albany golf course down in the Bahamas.

[00:48:09.010]>>But the heat is on. Alex Noren and Hideki Matsuyama.

[00:48:13.669]>>Battling each other, battling the remaining sunlight, and the signal there from Kyle Morrison, 4 fingers.

[00:48:23.489]>>He tells us it's a 99 here.

[00:48:31.199]>>And all in all a good shot below the hole.

[00:48:35.060]>>But will it be enough? You will love that a few feet closer.

[00:48:40.620]>>Because you know this man, Collin is taking dead aim.

[00:48:45.439]>>If he's got a comfy club, there's no doubts.

[00:48:49.290]>>He's going after this whole location.

[00:49:03.629]>>It is right, it is excellent. Matsuyama magic.

[00:49:14.149]>>This has been the strength this week for Alex Noren on the greens for the 43 year old. He led the field in putting.

[00:49:23.600]>>And while he does not have any PGA TOUR victories, and this would not be a PGA TOUR victory. He's got 13 wins worldwide in his professional career that spans now two decades.

[00:49:37.590]>>Birdie Putt on the first playoff hole.

[00:49:50.419]>>I gave it a valiant ride.

[00:50:00.989]>>He's acting like a deck. He's already made this. I'd be waiting just a little while.

[00:50:08.550]>>I don't know rush proceedings and miss and give way too from there, do you, Colin? Wow, that's not in yet.

[00:50:21.040]>>Maybe this is the uh golfing version of icing the kicker, calling the time out just before the other guy has to kick or play. Could be.

[00:50:30.489]>>It's gotta go down for Alex Noren to have any sliver of hope.

[00:50:53.550]>>And the stage is set.

[00:50:59.010]>>Hideki Matsuyama.

[00:51:02.510]>>For birdie

[00:51:04.729]>>And for the wind

[00:51:24.729]>>Hideki heroics, Matsuyama, magical on Sunday and wins the Hero World Challenge.

[00:51:42.330]>>The

[00:51:45.520]>>He bookends his year with victories, starts with a win in Hawaii, and finishes victorious in the Bahamas. Hideki Matsuyama.

[00:51:58.139]>>Outshines them all with a birdie on the first playoff hole, and when he needed it most, he certainly showed up. That was some quality play. I mean, perfect tee shot down the fairway by Matsuyama and the dart with the scoring club and there's a kick in the range, and I just can't help but think of the man from the land of the rising sun winning Tigers' event as the sun sets on the Bahamas. I mean, poetic. What a round of golf.

[00:52:26.239]>>He's shown Collin while he's why he's a world-class champion, wins this event now for the 2nd time, prevails in a playoff, and Hideki Matsuyama made a big move, able to make that Sunday surge.

[00:52:39.330]>>This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of the Hero World Challenge from Albany Golf Course in Albany Bahamas.