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[00:00:06.920]>>The PGA TOUR is proud to bring you.

[00:00:12.029]>>Coverage of the 2025 Grant Thornton Invitational.

[00:00:18.649]>>Thrilled to welcome you to Naples, Florida and the Tiburón Golf Club Gold Course as we get set to bring you coverage of the 3rd playing of this Grant Thornton Invitational. 32 of the best from the LPGA and the PGA TOUR wage battle this week.

[00:00:39.330]>>In Naples, 77 degrees on this Friday afternoon, perfect conditions to start what is one of the most special events every calendar year, at least over the last couple. Alongside Billy Kratzert and Brendan De Young. I'm Justin Gallante, so glad to be with you.

[00:01:00.990]>>And let's take a look, fellas, at where in the world we are about as far south as you can get in the United States. We are just about 4 miles off the coast of the Gulf of Mexico. Two golf courses here at the Tiburón Golf Club.

[00:01:17.559]>>But it is a uh perfect place if you're in the United States, Billy, to spend some time in December. Oh, absolutely, and, um, the conditions today are, are just absolutely perfect so far as the wind and the temperature, and then you look at the golf course, Tiburón Golf Club.

[00:01:34.529]>>The Greens, Tiff Eagle, Bermuda, they're gonna be running maybe 12.5, 13, um, the 12th and the 18th greens, they've been kind of restored to the original dimensions. But all in all, the presentation of the golf course, uh, for the players, perfect.

[00:01:50.120]>>And Brendan, as we get into the format for this 54 hole event, the first round is always so important because we're playing scramble here. Foursomes tomorrow and then a modified 4 ball in the final round on Sunday. But when you're playing the

scramble, you know, you basically have to birdie every hole to have a shot to be in contention just going into the weekend. Yeah, very much so, Justin, and these players understand that you need to shoot something in the high 50s.

[00:02:14.850]>>Uh, today, if you really want to keep pace, anything higher than that, and you're kind of gonna get run over by these guys. Really interesting the way the first two years played out here at the Grant Thornton Invitational. In the inaugural event 2 years ago, Jason Day, Lydia Ko were your winners, a Hall of Famer and a major champion, and then last year, sort of out of nowhere, Jake Knapp and Patty Tavatanakit, who had barely met prior to the event, ended up winning.

[00:02:40.669]>>We see Lexi Thompson here, beautiful putt.

[00:02:45.520]>>Lexi now just playing part-time on the LPGA.

[00:02:50.830]>>Now we check in with Nelly Korda playing with Denny McCarthy this year, 3rd partner she's had in 3 years in this event. This is exactly where you want to putt from here, Billy, going straight up the hill, not too difficult at all. And that guy right there, Denny McCarthy, that's the one you want to have backing you up. If you miss, he'll make.

[00:03:13.559]>>Let's go to 10 and Charlie Hole for birdie.

[00:03:18.919]>>Well, I think the greens, you know, running 12.5, 13, you're going to see a lot of players make a lot of putts.

[00:03:28.630]>>Good look here from Megan Khang, not too difficult of a putt going straight back up the hill, and one you can really get aggressive with. Only problem is her partner has missed already.

[00:03:37.839]>>Currently at 5 under, really need to get a little, little giddy up for the rest of this round. Yeah, they pretty much need to birdie out from here. There's a good start there, beautifully done.

[00:03:51.660]>>Let's head to the 13th chance for Kupcho and Gotterup to tie the lead. Easily done.

[00:04:00.500]>>Last year, Jennifer Kupcho played in this event with Akshay Bhatia. They finished solo 3rd.

[00:04:07.199]>>Let's go to the 12th.

[00:04:14.830]>>Uh, this par 3, 215 yards.

[00:04:19.670]>>Oh, it doesn't have to sit too much, you can see the greens.

[00:04:24.700]>>This is Brooke, Brooke Henderson putting for birdie at 11. Yeah, we saw the wedge shot of Corey Conners out to the middle of the green and what a beautiful putt from Brooke Henderson. Nicely done there.

[00:04:37.399]>>These greens look like they are rolling absolutely perfectly right now.

[00:04:42.010]>>Let's go to 12.

[00:04:44.070]>>Pretty straight from here

[00:04:47.809]>>Not a lot of movement

[00:04:52.679]>>Let's get our first look at Rose Zhang today, putting for birdie at 14, playing with Michael Kim. Yeah, from the back of the green, that one just kind of rattles in on the right-hand side.

[00:05:06.220]>>Sure.

[00:05:09.519]>>Defending champion Patty Tavatanakit putting for birdie at 9. Down the hill going left to right the entire way.

[00:05:17.450]>>Oh yeah, beautifully done. Yeah, how about that? Are you talking about a golf swing that you would dearly love to emulate.

[00:05:25.899]>>And watch where the arms drive right down underneath the shoulder line.

[00:05:34.329]>>That is so pretty.

[00:05:37.679]>>And you talk about how technically sound the golf swing was of Michael Brennan. I'm right there with you. I think watching Nelly Korda swing a golf club really is a, it's a thing of beauty.

[00:05:47.420]>>Wyndham Clark's 2nd now at 11. Perfect tee shot, just a little wedge in here. All about controlling the spin if you're Wyndham Clark.

[00:05:58.510]>>And able to do that nicely.

[00:06:02.859]>>OK, Connor's

[00:06:04.910]>>It's right there in front of you. Start just outside left.

[00:06:11.309]>>Little more pace, little more, there you go.

[00:06:25.399]>>16.

[00:06:30.950]>>Oh, par 3.

[00:06:33.089]>>205 yards.

[00:06:37.359]>>Oh yeah, really good. Thanks. I started connecting with golf ball flagstick.

[00:06:44.119]>>Nodded the head.

[00:06:47.320]>>That's how you do it.

[00:06:49.149]>>2nd for Michael Brennan now at 13.

[00:06:54.109]>>Just a little chip shot up there for Brennan.

[00:06:57.119]>>This one gets down grain right here. That is awesome. Beautifully done.
Thanks.

[00:07:04.309]>>To 16 and Megan Khang.

[00:07:11.260]>>There we go.

[00:07:12.839]>>It's got some power in it right there.

[00:07:16.790]>>I mean, she brought that to a stop pretty quickly and that'll be another birdie.

[00:07:23.929]>>No car.

[00:07:28.279]>>Well, we've seen Lexy make a couple nice putts already.

[00:07:33.089]>>It says right where you want it, not too much break, maybe just a little right to left up the hill.

[00:07:39.440]>>Feeling very comfortable with a flat stick.

[00:07:45.549]>>Yeah, it's good to see the smile.

[00:07:49.269]>>At 15, Jessica Korda playing with Bud Cauley, this is to get to 8 under. Jessica and Bud, very good friends, so you have to believe they are extremely comfortable in each other's company, a nice putt down the hill there from Jess Korda.

[00:08:04.269]>>Somebody asked the two of them.

[00:08:06.649]>>How did this partnership come about for this week? And Jess said, I proposed to him.

[00:08:12.940]>>Andrew Novak now putting for birdie at 16 to go back in front with Lauren Coughlin.

[00:08:24.329]>>We check in with the winners two years ago, Lydia Ko and Jason Day, that Brendan need to get things going here on Friday. Yeah, they do. And well, how often have we seen that from Jason Day in his heyday, one of the very best with a flat stick. 2nd for Wyndham Clark at 13.

[00:08:41.080]>>Just trying to land something about halfway up the screen, get it trundling down there, this is gonna be nice, yeah. Mhm. Gorgeous pitch there from Wyndham Clark.

[00:08:54.739]>>Our leaders on the tee at 16. This is Michael Brett. Yeah, just take a look at this golf swing right here. Watch everything just match up.

[00:09:06.659]>>Cut, just a hair, cut just a hair.

[00:09:10.760]>>15 ft left of the hole, and he's calling it to cut a hair.

[00:09:14.500]>>Those are good problems to have, Krats, when you need that one to cut. I wouldn't know.

[00:09:24.729]>>Oh, I do know that that's gonna bring a smile.

[00:09:28.799]>>To Lauren's face

[00:09:31.390]>>What a round for Lauren Coughlin and Andrew Novak, 15 under par, 57. How about that finish?

[00:09:40.500]>>These groups that are stuck at 89 under par are putting themselves in a really hard spot going into the weekend. Yeah, no doubt about it, you know, with what Charlie Hall and Michael Brennan are doing, you, you can find yourself as much as 9 shots behind after the first round, and that's a, that's a lot to come back with in just 36 holes.

[00:09:58.090]>>Rose looking for a closing birdie, hoping to post 58 with Michael Kim.

[00:10:05.349]>>Nice job by Rose.

[00:10:08.469]>>Let's go to 15. Lydia Ko sitting at 9 under par, playing with Jason Day. We've already seen her hit a couple of short irons in there, really close. Love that rhythm through the ball, not ever gonna have to worry about overspinning it, and that's another beauty there from Lydia Ko.

[00:10:24.979]>>And now back to 18 and Denny McCarthy with a chance to.

[00:10:29.030]>>You know, pull these 2 within just 3 strokes. They kind of squeezed one in.

[00:10:35.419]>>On the 16th hole.

[00:10:40.150]>>Let's stay up. There you go. Well done.

[00:10:45.489]>>And that's kind of what I expected to see pretty much all day from Denny McCarthy. Nice way to finish the day with eagle Birdie.

[00:10:54.510]>>Get the par 5, birdie the tough 18th.

[00:11:07.780]>>The PGA TOUR proudly presents.

[00:11:11.679]>>2nd round coverage of the Grant Thornton Invitational.

[00:11:19.760]>>We welcome you back to Naples, Florida and Tiburón Golf Club as we roll along with one of the most fun events of the golf calendar. 32 of the best from the PGA TOUR and the LPGA teaming up in this event and trying to take home.

[00:11:40.520]>>Surprise this weekend. 81 degrees here in Naples today, a little windier than yesterday. Combine that with a much more difficult format, alternate shot instead of a scramble, and the scoring is going to be much more challenging on this Saturday alongside Billy Kratzert.

[00:12:01.500]>>And Brendon De Jonge, I'm Justin Galante, thrilled to be with you for what should be another really fun day here at the Grant Thornton Invitational. Where exactly are we here in Florida? Well, just about as far south as you can get, just 4 miles off the coast of the Gulf of Mexico sits this Tiburón Golf Club. There's a black course. There's the gold course, and.

[00:12:27.460]>>All three years of the Grant Thornton Invitational have been played on the gold course. Let's get into today, Billy, alternate shot. So after incredibly slow scores yesterday, we will not see that today. Not even close. Uh, in fact, uh, the 217 unders, uh, 55 by a couple of teams, that is well out of reach, uh, with this, uh, format that we're playing. And, uh, it's just tougher. Uh,

[00:12:55.950]>>You know, the teams, they're not going to be able to run that risk. They're not going to be able to see the putt. Uh, you're a little more careful, you're a little more mindful of your partner. So, it's more of a, a careful and kind of navigate your way around. And if you can post 68, 67, that's a job well done for your team if you can do that. The groups of Charlie Hall and Michael Brennan, as well as Lexi Thompson and Wyndham Clark, both posted 55s yesterday, which was a tournament record.

[00:13:27.510]>>This is Lily Vu for birdie. Beautiful approach shot from Tony Finau, and that's a nice birdie there at the 11th.

[00:13:37.580]>>Let's go to 11

[00:13:39.460]>>Brooke Henderson trying to pay off the, the beautiful approach from Corey Conners, good spot to putt from here, not breaking a whole lot, and nicely done, a couple of birdies in that group.

[00:13:48.719]>>This team of Brooke Henderson and Corey Conners, top 5 finishes each of the last 2 years.

[00:13:55.900]>>This is Rose from the middle of the 9th fairway.

[00:14:03.530]>>Lovely approach right on line.

[00:14:10.559]>>Kind of a shortish par 4 here at the 10th.

[00:14:15.869]>>Trying to drive this wedge in about mid height. I wanna hop and stop. Oh, beautiful work there, really nice.

[00:14:26.820]>>Mm.

[00:14:28.309]>>The miss at the par 3, you can see the shoulder that Henderson's gonna have to come across.

[00:14:36.789]>>You know, for a short shot, you make a big mistake here, not covering that shoulder.

[00:14:47.559]>>Well played, very well played.

[00:14:53.219]>>Nice sound there. Good, good audio and that little pitch shot.

[00:14:58.969]>>2nd shot here for Neil Shipley.

[00:15:02.799]>>Uh, 13

[00:15:05.349]>>Just a wedge up the hill for Shipley, trying to fly it beyond the hole and oh yeah.

[00:15:11.190]>>Birdie putt for Jess Korda here at 13.

[00:15:14.919]>>Fairly straight putt from the front of this 13th green.

[00:15:19.640]>>Yeah

[00:15:21.559]>>Beautifully done there. And that reaction shows you they've been a little bit on the struggle bus today. I was gonna say that's their first birdie of the day.

[00:15:31.099]>>Rose Zhang with a putt for Bernie at 10. Yeah, keep it inside that left edge. Do not give it away.

[00:15:39.349]>>Good part. Really good part.

[00:15:46.960]>>Now at the par 5, 14.

[00:15:50.789]>>Third,

[00:15:54.469]>>And Bud Cauley.

[00:15:56.770]>>In they're tight, they may go birdie birdie. So let's see what Chris Gotterup can do out of the bunker here.

[00:16:04.750]>>The ball did pop out of its plug mark as you can see there. This one takes a little bit of speed here. You gotta take a chance, get a little bit closer to the golf ball.

[00:16:14.539]>>Try and get some elevation, get it coming out with some spin.

[00:16:18.830]>>As he does with everything, Gotterup aimed well left, trying to cut the legs out under this one.

[00:16:29.640]>>Uh, something like that, Billy. It was a perfect lea.

[00:16:34.440]>>Oh, what a good golf shot.

[00:16:38.059]>>Thank you for bailing me out.

[00:16:43.330]>>The winner of this year's Genesis Scottish Open, Chris Gotterup.

[00:16:48.650]>>He and Jennifer Kupcho are now just one off the lead.

[00:16:53.140]>>And you can see here, the technique absolutely perfect and right about here, he knows it's going nowhere else than in the bottom of the cup. And I think that thumbs up might have been great leave, partner.

[00:17:18.958]>>It's really impressive earlier this year, not only when Gotterup won that Genesis Scottish Open, but then the way he backed it up with a 3rd at The Open Championship the next week was really an impressive performance.

[00:17:34.719]>>Wyndham Clark off the tee shot, Lexi Thompson. Oh yeah, just buries it in there, so they'll walk away with 3. They'll move it back to -17.

[00:17:50.010]>>7 o'clock to down straight.

[00:17:53.920]>>Up 1 to the 11th, Nelly Korda trying to make up for the 3 putt at the previous hole.

[00:18:00.900]>>There you go. Nicely done there, beautiful roll down the hill. Ends that unfortunate streak of consecutive bogeys for Korda and McCarthy.

[00:18:14.550]>>And now to Jess Korda with that birdie putt after the great 3rd from Bud Cauley. Nicely done.

[00:18:22.839]>>Good teamwork there.

[00:18:25.479]>>And smiles again.

[00:18:31.410]>>clipped it absolutely perfectly.

[00:18:38.819]>>uh

[00:18:40.520]>>A look at our leaderboard 18 under at the top. Hall and Brennan teaming up with a 1 underscore today. Lydia Ko and Jason Day just outside the top 5 with a 2 underscore this afternoon. Round 2 coverage continues next.

[00:19:03.530]>>19 of the 32 players in the field this week are in the top 50 of their respective world rankings, and Chris Gotterup is the highest ranked man in the field this week at number 28 in the official world golf rankings. We are playing alternate shot today, played the scramble yesterday.

[00:19:24.030]>>And tomorrow will be an interesting modified 4 ball where both players will hit a tee shot and then they'll switch balls to play the rest of the hole. So that's a fun way to finish up the 54 hole event.

[00:19:39.640]>>Just Korda here at 15, long range for Birdie, carrying a bit of speed and oh, little 3 in a row, clawing their way back.

[00:19:52.859]>>Sweet

[00:20:00.140]>>Nice. I mean that ball was, I'm gonna say 3 ft short of the hole and he was kind of walking it in.

[00:20:10.130]>>3rd for Jason Day here at the par 5.

[00:20:16.550]>>Another lovely wide shot.

[00:20:20.189]>>Right, the 8 ft range.

[00:20:24.030]>>Both Denny McCarthy and his teammate Nelly Korda had played in this event.

[00:20:29.589]>>In the past, but not together. This is the first year they are playing together and, you know, they've kind of been battling to stay in the mix. You're only 4 shots back and, you know, you get 1 here and then you get the par 5 and you can cut it in half from here by the end of the day.

[00:20:47.449]>>Absolutely, Your Honor.

[00:20:51.030]>>And that's a good start there, yeah.

[00:21:00.000]>>Not much to this one for Nelly Korra, Inside right. All right, beautifully done there.

[00:21:07.709]>>Well played hole.

[00:21:19.290]>> Bud Cauley, she just continues to putt well. She made a lot of putts yesterday and.

[00:21:26.949]>>Nice putt there

[00:21:32.780]>>Michael Kim's 3rd at 13, and how about this after the double bogey at 12.

[00:21:40.619]>>Nice little bounce back there.

[00:21:44.689]>>Let's see if we can have a new lead right here. Lauren Coughlin up the hill, right on line. Oh yeah, just catches enough of the hole.

[00:21:56.160]>>I would, I would love to see the putts that she's made.

[00:22:00.650]>>These two days

[00:22:05.910]>>That's a good way to finish for Megan Khang and Keith Mitchell.

[00:22:12.790]>>After a tough front nine, they come home in 32.

[00:22:20.290]>>Slow round for the Knapp Tavatanakit team, but a nice birdie there at 15.

[00:22:26.020]>>Patty's the only one that I've seen with the outward clap when her teammate makes a putt.

[00:22:32.089]>>Not unusual to see big shakeups on the leaderboard on a par 5, but this par 5 is, uh, providing challenges as opposed to rewards for these players.

[00:22:49.229]>>Well, this would be.

[00:22:51.660]>>Some kind of 9 holes this back 9 if Bud makes this one.

[00:22:56.910]>>So, you start the back nine with a pair of double bogeys.

[00:23:02.410]>>And then

[00:23:04.140]>>You finish birding 5 out of the last 6. That'd have been easy just to kind of, you know, check out, smile and laugh and walk on in, but nice grinding on their part.

[00:23:23.839]>>Good opportunity here for the Day Ko group to move a little, little bit closer now with a couple of those leading groups making messes of that 14th.

[00:23:34.849]>>Oh, what a shot that is to fit it in that tight little corner there in the front right. That's worth a big smile.

[00:23:44.770]>>After 17 under was leading after the first round, would you have believed me? I would have looked at you funny. I would have looked at you very funny.

[00:23:56.550]>>How about that bounce back from Chris Gotterup, he's now made that putt, he's holed out from the sand and he and Kupcho are back with him one.

[00:24:06.810]>>Charlie Hall on 18 for birdie.

[00:24:20.459]>>Yeah

[00:24:22.609]>>Back where they have been most of the day alone in the lead, Charlie Hall and Michael Brennan at 18 under par. From one Michael to another, this is Michael Kim.

[00:24:37.709]>>Coming from well below the green surface, this is nicely done.

[00:24:45.640]>>Seen a couple of those from Michael Kim today, beautiful shot. He and Rose Zhang are back in the mix, 3 birdies in a row after the double at 12. Only 3 back and.

[00:25:00.339]>>That's a fired up Michael Kim.

[00:25:05.500]>>Now Novak.

[00:25:08.160]>>R 30, he is going right at it.

[00:25:14.920]>>Beautiful.

[00:25:16.939]>>That is beautiful.

[00:25:21.660]>>It was OK.

[00:25:24.130]>>Charlie Hull now at 15 with a chance to extend the lead to 2.

[00:25:29.859]>>Charlie Hull's really worked hard on that. I'll tell you what, she's looking very comfortable with that putter in her hand.

[00:25:37.209]>>It's almost like that bogey at 12 was a reset for this team.

[00:25:43.810]>>17.

[00:25:46.400]>>Not much green to work with here for Lauren Coughlin. Oh, you don't need it. I mean, how good has she been with the short game? Hand was up there early. She knew exactly where that was going.

[00:25:58.380]>>Oh, she's got good hops too. She went up the face of that bunker pretty quickly. I'll get that for you, partner.

[00:26:08.589]>>And just like that, a tie for the lead.

[00:26:11.989]>>She has more than made up for the mistake back at 14.

[00:26:17.829]>>Well, I'll tell you what, if Lauren Coughlin and Andrew Novak win tomorrow, this shot and the putt two holes back will be the ones you'll remember.

[00:26:47.839]>>I thought that was, uh, an awesome quote from Andrew Novak in his press conference. He said some are calling this the new Grand Slam, the Zurich Classic of New Orleans and the Grant Thornton Invitational, the two team events. He said, my legacy is on the line tomorrow, but Billy, what are your expectations for Sunday? Well, that, that was well played by him, but, uh, I look at, uh,

[00:27:09.680]>>Coughlin and Novak, uh, the way that she's putting, I, I'm going to give them a little bit of a nod. Uh, but like you said, from, uh, from

[00:27:20.500]>>The tie for 4th, which includes 7 players from 1 to 7, I think those are the teams that have a chance. I think we're gonna see some musical chairs tomorrow. I think we're gonna see a bunch of lead changes, and that's fun. That's exciting. That's exactly what we want, and it, uh, it promises to be an exciting Sunday.

[00:27:37.979]>>Well, today was a ton of fun and we expect the same tomorrow. The winning score the last two years, 27 under and 26 under. We'll see if we get that low this year, but pretty much everyone on that graphic is in contention. But it will be Andrew Novak and Lauren Coughlin who head into the final round with the lead.

[00:28:06.829]>>Day 3 is coming up next.

[00:28:45.189]>>The PGA TOUR proudly presents final round coverage of the Grant Thornton Invitational.

[00:28:56.579]>>We have had great drama the first two days here in Naples. We expect the same on this Sunday, and the conditions are ideal. 77 degrees, not much wind, a little bit of overcast setting up for a dramatic.

[00:29:14.000]>>Finish here today. An interesting format today, Brendan, modified 4 ball where each player hits a tee shot and then they switch balls, the players do to play the rest of the hole. Today you're gonna have to get aggressive again. If you don't shoot something in the low 60s today, you're definitely losing ground.

[00:29:33.030]>>The leading team at the moment, Jennifer Kupcho and Chris Gotterup. This team was tied for 4th after yesterday, 3 strokes off the lead of Lauren Coughlin and Andrew Novak. But so far today, Brendan, 7 under through 10, and Chris Goderup has a look for birdie.

[00:29:54.040]>>Very upright, let that putter just swing and beautifully done there, fantastic roll. That looked really good. Kind of locks everything in, you kind of sits it on the toe.

[00:30:09.939]>>Well, this is the par 5 14th.

[00:30:14.989]>>Big Tony, nice little pitch shot there, about 3 ft. That should lead to birdie, get them to 1600.

[00:30:21.709]>>Here's Andrew Novak

[00:30:23.619]>>On the 10th with his 2nd.

[00:30:28.680]>>It'll be a good look and that'll be a putt that's gonna move to his left so nice leave there.

[00:30:37.229]>>Michael Brennan and Charlie Hull, part of a co-lead after the first round.

[00:30:45.810]>>Actually, the right foot slipped.

[00:30:52.040]>>It's actually not bad.

[00:30:54.699]>>Let's go up to 15 in the defending championship team of Patty Tavatanakit and Jake Knapp, who have a great day going. Yeah, nice round going for these two and not getting that much better with that putt from Jake Knapp. Beautiful stroke there.

[00:31:10.699]>>That's good.

[00:31:12.589]>>13. Jason Day playing from the middle of the fairway, just a reminder, this would be the tee shot from Lydia Ko.

[00:31:19.439]>>Just a wedge up the hill here, good opportunity to get another one close and does exactly that. Andrew Novak putting for birdie here to.

[00:31:28.599]>>Get his team within one of the lead.

[00:31:37.660]>>Yeah.

[00:31:45.040]>>Gotterup playing the tee shot that Kupcho hit. This is his 2nd, so it stayed in play.

[00:31:55.219]>>That's a heck of a shot.

[00:32:04.709]>>That's really nice work from Kupcho out of the bunker. You know, this is a team that we have felt like was lurking over the last 2 days, and they have a chance to get within 2.

[00:32:20.780]>>Yeah

[00:32:27.199]>>Now we check in with Billy Horschel.

[00:32:30.640]>>Fine round going for Billy Horschel and Andrea Lee and another great putt there for Billy.

[00:32:38.319]>>Yeah, I want to be starting the 3rd shot, not the 4th. Clearly a mistake off the tee from Andrew Novak here at 11, so.

[00:32:47.479]>>That has provided Lauren Coughlin with some issues. Looks like she's got some sort of little hybrid club there and she's gonna try and chip it through there, get it running.

[00:33:00.000]>>Well, all in all, that's a quite spectacular result there and back in play.

[00:33:09.380]>>Charlie Hall for birdie. This would be big hair with her partner making bogey. Beautifully done.

[00:33:16.530]>>Lexi Thompson is for birdie at the par 3 and.

[00:33:20.479]>>I think going right back up the hill and a little bit into the grain.

[00:33:25.569]>>Nicely done. I mean, really good.

[00:33:32.849]>>Yeah.

[00:33:36.760]>>To 14

[00:33:40.060]>>Love the wedge play, Jason Day. I mean, everything's so well thought out. There's no extra movement.

[00:33:49.280]>>This is going to be awkward here for Jennifer Kupcher. He's going to kick it hard left. Difficult to judge the speed coming through a lot of fairway cut.

[00:33:58.449]>>It takes a good look at the hole on the way by, but he's gonna have that 10-foot range just to save par now.

[00:34:07.939]>>Knuckle this one in, get something going, yeah, it's a good stroke.

[00:34:15.989]>>So they stay at 24 under par.

[00:34:19.290]>>Third for Patty Tavatanakit at the par 5 17th. Not a difficult shot here.

[00:34:29.199]>>Beautifully done.

[00:34:31.989]>>So Nelly Korda tapped in for par here, but Denny McCarthy still has a great look for birdie.

[00:34:40.648]>>Yeah. Beautifully done.

[00:34:46.070]>>So Korda and McCarthy within 1 of the lead. Maya Stark for birdie on 17.

[00:34:57.820]>>Yes

[00:35:01.370]>>That's an eagle 3 at the 17th.

[00:35:04.790]>>The winner of this year's US Women's Open playing with Neil Shipley.

[00:35:10.419]>>1. 2nd for Luke Clanton here at the 15th playing with Lottie Woad. Some sort of wedge in there at 15, look for this one to be dancing all around that hole location.

[00:35:24.560]>>Excellent shot there from the young superstar.

[00:35:28.629]>>Nelly Korda on 14 with her 3rd.

[00:35:33.949]>>On the par 5, that's left for birdie.

[00:35:48.419]>>Boy oh boy, is this going to be fun coming down to the finish.

[00:35:54.590]>>Nelly Korda and Denny McCarthy have a very short putt to get to 24 under and tie Kupcho and got her up at the top of the leaderboard.

[00:36:11.679]>>Back a couple holes to 13, this is Lauren Coughlin for birdie.

[00:36:17.320]>>Yeah

[00:36:18.629]>>Gave that one a little bit too much.

[00:36:22.199]>>Partner still does have a par put in Andrew Novak.

[00:36:27.540]>>Nicely done there.

[00:36:30.439]>>So Coughlan and Novak tied for the lead now at 24 under par. To 18, Jake Knapp for par.

[00:36:42.189]>>Nice round today.

[00:36:44.500]>>62, 10 and a par, finished the week at 21 under.

[00:36:50.520]>>Nelly Korda now with her 2nd at the 15th.

[00:36:55.580]>>Really is such a technically sound golf swinging, a lot of results like that.

[00:37:02.879]>>You know, back-to-back approach shots for Nelly Korda.

[00:37:06.850]>>Oh, Spot on.

[00:37:12.189]>>Jennifer Kupcho with her 2nd at 15.

[00:37:20.350]>>Nothing to fight about that one. It's gonna leave her inside of 3 ft for birdie.

[00:37:27.399]>>This is to take it back for Kupcho and Gotterup.

[00:37:33.590]>>And nicely done there. So that team moves to 25 under, 3 holes to play, and a 1 stroke lead.

[00:37:42.379]>>To 16 with Angel Yen.

[00:37:55.719]>>Almost in. That's left for Birdie to join the top 5.

[00:38:02.320]>>Here's Denny McCarthy on the tee at 16.

[00:38:14.159]>>Oh, he's begging. 00.

[00:38:25.860]>>That was probably

[00:38:27.850]>>A half a yard from being really good.

[00:38:31.129]>>came back.

[00:38:36.669]>>It's one of those shots, Brendan, that you hit right in the center of the club face. You know it's going to carry deep.

[00:38:43.629]>>OK.

[00:38:46.149]>>This is one that you don't want to go into too deeply.

[00:38:51.860]>>It's kind of just graze the grass.

[00:38:55.469]>>Oh

[00:38:57.010]>>That's twice in the last couple of holes she's nearly holed one.

[00:39:03.709]>>He's made a couple of nice putts. Uh, he made a nice putt back at 10, just kind of the same flavor putt.

[00:39:12.570]>>There you go.

[00:39:19.479]>>Jason Day here at 17 for birdie.

[00:39:23.949]>>Little bit trickier putting through the shadow from that TV tower, not for the Australian, beautiful stroke there.

[00:39:34.250]>>Chris Gotterup with a par putt here.

[00:39:37.719]>>Especially after watching the putt from McCarthy.

[00:39:42.239]>>And nicely done.

[00:39:45.149]>>It, it doesn't bother me, but if you.

[00:39:51.330]>>The final stretch with a pair of teams tied at the top at 25 under, two holes left for Korda and McCarthy, they are 8 under on the day.

[00:40:04.110]>>The conclusion of the final round coming up.

[00:40:10.689]>>I'll see what Jason Day can do here at the final hole.

[00:40:22.320]>>A little bit lighter, you keep hitting shots like that.

[00:40:29.429]>>OK, see what lamp can do here at the final hole.

[00:40:35.080]>>Well, we got a twirl.

[00:40:38.679]>>We've got the eyes connecting to the golf ball and fly, and we get a great result.

[00:40:46.139]>>Pay off that.

[00:40:49.719]>>Outstanding iron shot and.

[00:40:54.320]>>That was a big first step.

[00:40:56.699]>>Getting that out of the hole, they end up 22 under par. Nice week.

[00:41:07.159]>>This would give him a 2-shot lead with the par 5 to play. Oh.

[00:41:13.120]>>Good effort

[00:41:15.709]>>That could have been the nail in the coffin.

[00:41:19.729]>>Instead, things remained tight.

[00:41:30.830]>>And a nice look here for Jennifer Kupcho, we saw the huge tee shot from Gotterup all the way into the left side of this fairway.

[00:41:38.209]>>By far the best angle, if she can move someone left or right, and, uh, that reaction says no, this left and going left.

[00:41:47.139]>>Not helped out by a very firm bounce either.

[00:42:00.379]>>This is a flyer from Kupcho, and how about this at 17.

[00:42:07.810]>>Oh thank you.

[00:42:11.199]>>Not much green to work with, well below the green surface.

[00:42:16.330]>>That's excellent. Excellent shot was fabulous.

[00:42:26.409]>>Denny McCarthy, 17, a chance for birdie.

[00:42:32.070]>>And the team moves to 25 under within 1.

[00:42:38.550]>>Now McCarthy moves to the tee at 18.

[00:42:42.949]>>Super.

[00:42:45.620]>>That was pretty.

[00:42:49.199]>>He's really been swinging the club well.

[00:42:54.010]>>Stand on the path, guys. Must birdie hole for this team.

[00:43:02.689]>>Chris Gotterup now on the tee at the 18th. Well, it's a wide fairway.

[00:43:11.330]>>Hi, you.

[00:43:18.050]>>Let.

[00:43:22.469]>>Take it right off the corner of the hotel.

[00:43:26.760]>>Oh.

[00:43:29.570]>>That's a rarity there.

[00:43:33.520]>>But that gives you an indication as to just how wide this fairway is.

[00:43:49.090]>>Might be her best drive on the final 9 holes that I've seen.

[00:43:59.790]>>Just outside 200 yards to the hole for McCarthy.

[00:44:06.669]>>He likes it. He likes it.

[00:44:09.439]>>Oh stop.

[00:44:13.199]>>That was such a good looking shot.

[00:44:17.939]>>You called it back at 16, that same sort of thing where you know you've just absolutely nuttered it.

[00:44:27.189]>>Now Kupcho

[00:44:39.850]>>OK, that's exactly what she needed to do. Just give yourself a look. Give yourself a chance to make a putt.

[00:44:54.060]>>Uh from 170 yards, trying to tone it down just a little bit, take a little bit off of it, ease it up there and look at this.

[00:45:04.560]>>What a golf shot. Oh yeah.

[00:45:07.669]>>And she hit some high-level iron shots, pitch shots. You know, it's, it's just a shame that that she's had a tough week on the greens, but

[00:45:21.320]>>And

[00:45:23.139]>>That was beautiful. Outstanding.

[00:45:29.010]>>I'll tell you what, that's a lot of loft on this club.

[00:45:33.439]>>I mean, he is planted off his right foot. I don't think I've seen.

[00:45:38.570]>>A player consistently play it back that far in the stands.

[00:45:49.250]>>And now we go to 17 in the second for Lauren Coughlin.

[00:45:53.600]>>245 yards fairway metal, just trying to get it on the left side of the green.

[00:46:00.729]>>Yeah, OK, that's a good spot. OK, yeah, that is a good spot. Good leave right there. Plenty of green to work with.

[00:46:08.750]>>Up to the 18th.

[00:46:13.320]>>Oh, McCarthy with the putter. Did he hit it? Did it hit it? That's a good effort.

[00:46:21.919]>>Now, the second half of that putt was on a pretty similar line to where Nelly Korda is about to putt from for birdie.

[00:46:30.929]>>So maybe a little bit of a teach for her as she has a must-make putt coming up.

[00:46:37.399]>>Well, I mean, what you gain is, is you gain the line. Uh, you know that.

[00:46:45.709]>>It's going to be going into the grain just a little bit.

[00:46:49.300]>>First it will be Jennifer Kupcho putting for birdie. 2 looks here for Kupcho and Gotterup up to try to get to 26 under.

[00:46:59.179]>>And match the best round of the day in this modified 4-ball format of 10 under.

[00:47:13.770]>>No, if she makes this, this would be the highlight for her on this back nine, but that's gonna dry up and come up short.

[00:47:25.199]>>Just so hard not to get in your own head a little bit because you don't want to let your partner down and as you say, you're just trying so, so hard and sometimes it just doesn't work. I got a good feeling about this putt though.

[00:47:50.100]>>But it looks like Kupcho and Gotterup will come up just short.

[00:47:53.939]>>Back to 17.

[00:47:58.629]>> Coughlin coming up the 17th green, you can see there what she's facing, it's gonna kick it hard left and then try and come back right as it gets down towards the hole. That's uh about that 12 ft short there.

[00:48:17.399]>>And now Nelly Korda with a chance to tie the lead here at 18.

[00:48:26.379]>>Just put some pace behind it. Put a little more speed behind it. There you go. That was, that was better, but it's still on the low side.

[00:48:38.500]>>It was a week worth of putts that were always, the misses were always on the low side.

[00:48:52.250]>>Conner's at the finishing hole.

[00:48:58.500]>>He's trying to loop it in there from right to left, and he likes it.

[00:49:05.399]>>Did he make it? Did he make it?

[00:49:10.340]>>Well played, my friend.

[00:49:14.300]>>Charlie Hull up the hill for birdie.

[00:49:17.340]>>This has to go and then it's still gonna require a little bit of help. And nicely down there, beautiful stroke. That moves them to within one for now.

[00:49:29.270]>>Puts a little bit of pressure.

[00:49:31.540]>>On Novak's putt the last day.

[00:49:36.669]>>She said to her partner, Let's birdie the last.

[00:49:40.709]>>But if Andrew Novak makes this, they'll need to do more than just birdie the last.

[00:49:47.239]>>But that really doesn't do a whole lot. Your partner's in for 5. Take a little bit of the breakout.

[00:49:55.520]>>And do exactly that.

[00:49:59.179]>>A 2 stroke lead for Lauren Coughlin and Andrew Novak, heading to the final hole.

[00:50:07.780]>>Just under 200 yards for his sack.

[00:50:14.840]>>Just kind of comfortable 6 better by the minute.

[00:50:21.689]>>There you go. There you go. Hold on. There you go. That's what they call a dagger. I need to make sure. Watch the motion. Watch the shoulders, the arms, you know, the upper body all move.

[00:50:36.459]>>In unison. I mean, it's very much a one unit swing.

[00:50:49.610]>>So a bunch of good shots into the green here at 18.

[00:50:53.409]>>Lauren Coughlin will be 1st to putt for birdie at 18.

[00:51:02.219]>>Trying to put an exclamation point on what is going to be a victory.

[00:51:08.459]>>For Team Coughlin Novak here at the Grant Thornton Invitational. It's been a lot of nice work this week for this team.

[00:51:17.459]>>I thought Coughlin, I mean, the way that she putted, the way that she handled all the short shots around the green, and that's.

[00:51:24.510]>>Just kind of the, the final nail right there.

[00:51:28.780]>>She had a, she had a wonderful week on the greens.

[00:51:36.739]>>Andrew Novak and Lauren Coughlin are the Champions of the 2025 Grant Thornton Invitational.

[00:51:46.449]>>This putt never even looked like it was gonna miss.

[00:51:52.989]>>And she was raising the hand up when it was about 4 ft from the hole. I don't think that could have been more central if you tried. Absolutely beautiful finish there.

[00:52:03.139]>>And they set the new tournament scoring record.

[00:52:06.739]>>28 under par at 63 today.

[00:52:11.020]>>As the sun sets, a sterling performance from our Champions. This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of the Grant Thornton Invitational from Tiburón Golf Club in Naples, Florida.