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[00:00:30.079]>>The season-long race for the FedExCup.

[00:00:34.990]>>Now coverage of the Sony Open in Hawaii and the PGA Tour's opening drive.

[00:00:47.029]>>We welcome you to a brand new season on the island of Oahu, the Waiai Country Club, just a little bit south of Honolulu, Hawaii. What a spot and what a way to kick off the year.

[00:01:00.000]>>Best players in the world assembled right there just a little bit south of the Diamond Head volcano site and picture perfect temperatures. That is the city of Honolulu a little bit north. There's Cocoa Head, which you can see from most of the holes on the golf course, and we've got a world-class broadcast team assembled. Got a major champion out on the golf course in Rich Bean.

[00:01:23.839]>>Tour veterans and winners Craig Perks and Rob Lee with us and where are we? Well, there are over 100 islands in the Hawaiian Island chain, and we're on this one up here, the island of Oahu, the southwest corner of it, the thrilling metropolis.

[00:01:42.139]>>Of Honolulu and the beautiful Waiai Country Club. It is a private facility most of the year, but a hotel right on the water, designed way back in 1927 by world-class architect Seth Rainer, and there are some of his template holes right here on the golf course.

[00:02:03.269]>>We have seen a sub 60 round here on this par 70 layout, but wind is the primary factor, and it's gonna be a factor today.

[00:02:16.619]>>So, we are looking back on the season that was 2025 as we kick off the new season and Craig Perks, uh, the numbers were a whole lot of fun. 46 events. Scottie Scheffler stole the show. He and Rory McIlroy dueling down the stretch.

[00:02:31.964]>>That's that inevitability with Scottie Scheffler. Now 4 consecutive Jack Nicholas Award Player of the Year. Rory gets the, you could say the capstone or maybe the jumping off point to complete the career Grand Slam, Ben Griffin.

[00:02:47.679]>>It was, it was a remarkable year, and I just want to say, man, I'm thankful this season started. Aloha. So good to be in Hawaii. You know, you think the 61st playing golf course that opened a 100 years ago, and a lot of new things happening here in 2026, Brian. And you can see some of them right there, Rob. The full fields have been reduced.

[00:03:07.794]>>Uh, got a brand new Signature Event back in an old spot back at Doral, the Cadillac Championship. We have 22 rookies, and those guys are here, most of them in this field, and you can see that fewer playing opportunities, Rob. I was gonna say everyone chasing a W, as they always do every single week. This has got her up at 17.

[00:03:29.399]>>Earlier today, everybody looking up at a, uh, great scoring today, especially if you played in the morning.

[00:03:36.899]>>Goderup would make that one over at the 18th. This was one of the multiple winners that Craig pointed out, Ben Griffin at the par 5. Yeah, just two par 5s on this golf course, par 70, you have to take advantage of 9 and 18.

[00:03:51.089]>>And Vanderland back at the 15th for birdie and you got to keep making birdies.

[00:03:59.029]>>You think of this, it's unpredictable, this golf course. 7 of the last 13 years, 20 under par as one, but the last 3 years it's been less than 20 under, so wind uh indicative those scoring. Kevin Wah there.

[00:04:12.149]>>He had an incredible season last year, 3 top eights and continuing the good form. He would wind up shooting 62 and so would this man, defending champion Mr. Playoff. Nick Taylor won here in a playoff last year. He's won 3 times in playoffs when it goes extra hole.

[00:04:30.420]>>Falls, look out for that guy. You know, I always liked a past 70, cause even if you're just 1 under, 69 sounds OK. I'm OK with 69, liked a par 70. But if we get the breezes that they think might come along at the weekend here, I'm not sure if anyone's gonna go sub 60. 2 62's a good start.

[00:04:53.470]>>How about Vijay Singh over here at the 17th.

[00:05:00.089]>>You know he's trying to hook it into that left pin, it's a very game effort, this could be all over it.

[00:05:05.500]>>Oh, what a shot, Vijay. He gets back to even par.

[00:05:11.980]>>We jump up to 18 with Davis Riley playing his 2nd from the fairway at the par 5.

[00:05:23.959]>>Boom.

[00:05:26.160]>>Look out, get in.

[00:05:28.540]>>That is the ball of Davis Riley who just danced down the, the roof of the grandstands.

[00:05:35.559]>>At 18

[00:05:38.869]>>At the par 5 18th now with Riley putting for an eagle.

[00:05:49.739]>>Disappointing.

[00:05:51.220]>>Birdie, you would say there from Davis Riley, after the ball on the roof, but he's gonna make the turn at 5 under. He is the best of the afternoon group right now.

[00:06:03.089]>>Over to 18 now. Jake Knapp has this for Eagle.

[00:06:06.959]>>Gotta be an influence coming off the Moca, so moving right.

[00:06:11.609]>>Moving right in the center, beautiful putt there from.

[00:06:16.070]>>Jake.

[00:06:17.579]>>And nice way to make the turn.

[00:06:22.790]>>Thank you.

[00:06:26.230]>>Over to the 9th, Brian Harman has this for Eagle. The man that does not use a small headed putter, and he needs something to happen cause he's over par and right on cue.

[00:06:39.790]>>Brian, how are you feeling about the year with your uh putter? I like it. You got anything bigger? We sure do.

[00:06:49.170]>>We jump up to 18 with Gonzalez putting for an eagle at the par 5.

[00:07:05.769]>>Emilio Gonzalez.

[00:07:09.100]>>That's awful nice in your first start as a PGA TOUR member. Eagle at the 18th. They are turning 32.

[00:07:18.890]>>One of the best scores out on the golf course.

[00:07:24.980]>>Over at the 9th, Adam Svensson going for the green.

[00:07:28.660]>>Oh, that's excellent. We've seen a lot of very high quality shots into this par 5.

[00:07:33.649]>>He gets to 5 under.

[00:07:39.250]>>Back at 12, SH Kim from off the green, popped a little bit through the fringe, but did not affect it at all. That's a bonus. OK, hm.

[00:07:51.649]>>Very steady afternoon for SH Kim back out here on the PGA TOUR.

[00:08:01.549]>>Here's Vijay Singh over at the 7th in the Greenside bunker.

[00:08:07.529]>>Beautifully played, oh, that's a bonus for PJ. By the way, I'm 2 under. 62 years old, 3 in a row. Got a great birdie opportunity coming up at the 9th.

[00:08:23.119]>>Joe Highsmith over at the 8th.

[00:08:27.160]>>Little bump and run, use the tilt of the land.

[00:08:30.950]>>Oh, that's nicely done.

[00:08:32.919]>>OK, got a par 5 to finish and maybe make it 3 and turn it into an extremely respectable round.

[00:08:42.549]>>Well, let's give a little love for Kevin Roy, 35 year old from Syracuse, New York, second-year PGA TOUR player. His name's been up at the top of this leaderboard all day and all we want to do is talk about Nick Taylor because, you know,

[00:08:56.169]>>He's the defending champion. Shout out for John Perry as well, by the way, on a, on a new adventure. Open up your account with a 64. There you go. It's the first start of the season, first event of the season.

[00:09:10.309]>>And day 1 was certainly a good one. Round 2 is next.

[00:09:28.130]>>We're just a little bit north of Cocoahead. Beautiful landscape here at the Waai Country Club in Honolulu, Hawaii, the island of Oahu, one of over 100 islands in this beautiful Hawaiian island chain, the city of downtown Honolulu, there in the background. We're just a couple of miles south of that.

[00:09:51.330]>>For the 61st playing of the Sony Open in Hawaii alongside tour veterans and winners Craig Perks, Rob Lee, and Rich Beam, I'm Brian Karick. Beamer down there on the golf course enjoying those lush surroundings and wonderful temperatures in front of the best players in the world. Here is W I. Craig, you have played it. What is not to like about this place? Well, it's 100 years old. Uh, Seth Rayner, uh, opened in 1927. It's

[00:10:22.099]>>It's quaint, you know, it's revered, uh, I think the rough is deeper than uh we've seen in maybe a decade, so, accuracy to a premium Bermuda throughout the, the green when Tom Doak came in here and did a major,

[00:10:37.469]>>Restoration in 2015 to 2018, he actually enlarged the greens, so these are some of the largest greens on the, the tour, they're flat, but there's subtleties to it, so it's, it's difficult to get the ball close when you're playing from out of the rough, and then it's difficult to read these greens, so it can always be quite a challenge.

[00:10:56.030]>>Here's how we got here, blustery again in the afternoon, but it was seemingly windier yesterday afternoon, so these are the guys that got the better conditions that are playing now.

[00:11:07.750]>>That's Davis Riley pouring one in. Riley is in now, he shot 64. Adrian Dumont De Chassar. Beautiful touch for his third at the 9th.

[00:11:19.919]>>And you talked about the difference in scoring yesterday. Early it was 68.1, in the afternoon it was 69.4. The gusts are supposed to get up this afternoon to 30 mile an hour, so you see you've got to take advantage of this golf course in these blustery conditions. Green's very, very receptive. SH Kim would shoot 68, he is currently in second. Goner up. I told you about the hot start, 3 under through 6.

[00:11:46.059]>>Well, that was even better than the bunker shot he hit to the 6th, that one holed out at the 2nd. Kevin Roy was the other co-leader after yesterday's round. Made the birdie at the 12th. We will see him out there, he's playing the golf course in the other order.

[00:12:01.789]>>Playing right behind our other featured group though, our defending champion Nick Taylor won in a playoff. Staring this down, this was the hardest hole in the golf course yesterday, not today. Uh, it's amazing, that's 62 he shot yesterday, that's 17 consecutive rounds at par or better, 12 of those in the 60s, um.

[00:12:22.049]>>And he certainly knows his way around Wye. And Godarup pouring that one in at the 5th, we saw him get up-and-down at the 6th, and this is where things stand. Chris Godterup busted onto the world scene last year, a couple of wins, he wins in Scotland. Nick Taylor, of course, won this event.

[00:12:41.070]>>In a playoff, so he was residing in Oklahoma, which is sort of in the middle of the country, it's cold, he's moved down to South Florida, he's played that TGL League, that, the simulator league, a couple of times, he played the Grant Thornton late in the year, in the, in the Bahamas, he said all of that golf is really, he's, he's feels fresh, but he feels like the game's in really good shape, certainly for the opening.

[00:13:04.419]>>PGA TOUR event of the season. He's got that pep in his step, Rob, all of a sudden Chris Godarup feels like he's a star. Yeah, I, I noticed, um, even when he wears a glove, he almost doesn't wear it cos it's the Velcro's off, played the bunker shot with no glove on. He's got his own way of doing things, but a very impressive player.

[00:13:24.590]>>Low 65 and ties will make it to the weekend. We'll be keeping our eye on that group right there at 1 under par. J.J. Spaun starting on the number, that's what it looks like it's gonna take. Might get better than that. Could, could go to 2, wind dependent.

[00:13:41.570]>>We'll move over to the 16th hole, Taylor Pendrith putting from the fringe. Well, the fringes are very smooth, it's all Bermuda, the strength of the Canadians' game, and, well, hello.

[00:13:55.270]>>A nice start for Taylor, 7 back, clear of the cut line with this win, those ones may be safe.

[00:14:03.909]>>Back in the 4th, this is Alejandro Tosti.

[00:14:07.380]>>A little easier, I think, come back into the wind and made it look, uh, simple. Very well done. Hardest hole on the golf course, huh? OK. Guy that has made it through Q school two years in a row.

[00:14:23.750]>>These early events are so important, those guys, they're so massive. You get behind the eight ball and you've made it through Q school, you start to think this is another wasted year.

[00:14:36.429]>>Over at 17, here's another guy putting through the fringe, Corey Conners. Outside chance for a 2, it's a very good chance for a 2, confirmed, it is a 2. I think the makeup of the, the winners over here the last 10 years, Corey Conners fits that mold very nicely, accurate, good ball striker.

[00:15:01.059]>>A moment ago at 11, no problem for Ben Griffin.

[00:15:06.489]>>He was on the upslope.

[00:15:09.280]>>Big, big chance that was, the only chance he had. Good fortune, exquisite, the way he played that, and he's walked away with a cheeky 2.

[00:15:20.630]>>Here's another look.

[00:15:26.520]>>That all made possible by where it finished in the sand, but fair play to him. How about the little salute to the crowd with the ball, still had about 1 ft to go.

[00:15:37.710]>>Takumi Kanaya for eagle. Somehow he got his 2nd shot, clinging to the edge of the bunker, and he's rattled it home for an eagle, Kanaya quickly to -6. He's still got a chunk of holes left, half a round.

[00:15:51.419]>>Up to 13 now with Griffin putting for birdie at the par 4.

[00:16:08.150]>>6 under through 12 holes, a chance to move to 7 under par.

[00:16:17.599]>>The 26 footer.

[00:16:19.659]>>This good

[00:16:25.869]>>Back at 13, John Perry is only 1 back. This would tie him.

[00:16:34.150]>>That has got a chance. Oh, in you go, John Perry, in you go. He's won twice on the DP World Tour, you, you know this world better than I. I'm just looking it up. Look at the gap. Yeah, 14 years, right, that's what I'm saying, the journey in between was very difficult. And now look where he finds himself tied for the lead. It's a great story.

[00:16:53.960]>>It's a little bit rough here late in the afternoon. Seamus Power needs 2 putts from here to make this cut. Yeah, just straight down the hill, really good opportunity. Turning right. Oh, what a way to finish. Wow, that's, that is clutch. That's clutch. Yeah, that's great.

[00:17:10.979]>>At 17 with Henley chipping from off the green at the par 3.

[00:17:15.708]>>Like.

[00:17:20.800]>>Needed, he needed something cause he's, he's been fraying at the edges today. That's a 2 out of nowhere really. And how about you pitch this in, you birdie 18, you go out and shoot 62 tomorrow and you put thrust yourself into contention again, it's gonna happen on a course you've won on, you know, he's got some good vibes around here. Yeah, winning a loss, loss in a playoff and yeah.

[00:17:41.439]>>Nick Taylor, the defending champion with a 1 under par, 69. The afternoon wins so far, the first two days have proven to be tough.

[00:17:53.900]>>Did see some good scores, especially earlier in the day, sixty-sixes from Maverick McNeely and Vince Whaley.

[00:18:02.189]>>The 64 out of Ryan Gerrard, he's just too back.

[00:18:08.400]>>So we got ourselves a shootout heading into the weekend. We have, I mean, one birdie or a bogey, and it's 15 or 20 players are either going below or jumping above, it's a chance for those going out early on Saturday with quieter wind conditions to really have a go.

[00:18:25.079]>>Man, you've got nearly 30 players.

[00:18:27.810]>>Uh, 50 or better, so, but it's still gonna be blustery.

[00:18:32.839]>>Oh, it's, you've gotta be at your best.

[00:18:37.109]>>Vijay Singh is gonna be a part of the picture on the weekend.

[00:18:42.410]>>Wouldn't that be something.

[00:18:46.270]>>Jordan Spieth gonna be playing the weekend also.

[00:18:54.140]>>Round 3 is next.

[00:19:05.239]>>There are over 100 islands in the Hawaiian Island chain. We're on the island of Oahu, just a little bit south of Honolulu, Hawaii. It is the state capital of Hawaii and the Wailai Country Club. There's Honolulu in the background and Waiai Country Club in the foreground. What a setting. The weather again cooperating as it always does. The wind once again will be a factor for the 3rd consecutive day.

[00:19:33.680]>>World-class broadcast team for you here out on the golf course, Rich Bean.

[00:19:38.329]>>Alongside Rob Lee, Greg Perks, I'm Brian Kaitrick. Where are we? Well, we're in the middle of the South Pacific. There are some of those over 100 islands. Down there, you see.

[00:19:50.979]>>The island of Maui, which where we would have played last week, and now we're up here on Oahu playing this week at a very small little piece of property here, this Wailai Country Club. It is beautiful. Yeah, it really is. Opened in 1927. Seth Rayner got some classic characteristics to it. Just to tick over 7000 yards and the wind has really troubled the players, played over par yesterday and is playing over par again today.

[00:20:22.520]>>Well, here's how we got here. I told you Kevin was off to a hot start.

[00:20:26.859]>>2 under through his 1st 5, here he was at the 2nd.

[00:20:31.900]>>And top 5 in putting this week and.

[00:20:35.420]>>There's a nice roll there. We know Harry Hall's got it going today. This was him at 9. Yeah, one of the gift par 5s, they end both 9s, uh, that wasn't an eagle, but a tap in birdie, stay about to get better.

[00:20:49.910]>>Nick Taylor, the defending champion who is still very much in the mix.

[00:20:56.319]>>Coming off a bogey at 3, wonderful bounce back on what has been the hardest path through on the golf course all week.

[00:21:04.489]>>And then Kevin Roy, who wasn't done yet, this was over at the 5th. Well, he played a lot of his golf on Friday from the fairways, again, hitting a really good tee shot, and even better 2nd.

[00:21:18.750]>>Back up at the 13th. Harry Hall for birdie. Yeah, this doesn't do an awful lot for him, he's left his approach shot in the perfect spot, putting up towards the cup, he can be aggressive with this.

[00:21:31.329]>>This would tie the lead.

[00:21:35.000]>>Their handful left. What a position to be in.

[00:21:40.310]>>Chance. Oh yeah, that's how you do it. 4 under today and tied for the lead for the man from Cornwall.

[00:21:51.810]>>This is the other player in the final group, it's Davis Riley. Yeah, didn't get off to the best of starts, bogeys at 1 and 3, but.

[00:22:00.000]>>But, oh, he led the field by a wide, wide margin and strokes gain putting in. How about that? That was from nearly 60 ft.

[00:22:11.599]>>Harry Hall tied for the lead. He's the farthest along.

[00:22:15.630]>>And off another very good tee shot, Harry Hall.

[00:22:19.609]>>Pins just 6 from the left, but way back, fit, oh, that's evil, that stuff, it really is.

[00:22:27.859]>>Speaking of Harry, this is him for par now at 15. Yeah, this has got a bit of curl from the left, didn't commit, head up quickly and she drifts away.

[00:22:38.089]>>So that's a mistake at just the wrong time for Harry.

[00:22:41.479]>>Well, no one's ever gonna measure it this way, but you'd have a tough sell to Kevin Roy that that par at 9's gonna give you the lead alone.

[00:22:51.180]>>Well, Harry Hall just bogeyed 15 and he's bunkered here at 16.

[00:23:01.630]>>Wait a minute.

[00:23:03.209]>>This is his 2nd shot, so it says what.

[00:23:06.910]>>4, it's saying 405 yards he's hit this tee shot. How is that possible? He took it over everything.

[00:23:15.420]>>Took, took it over your house. Wait, how do you drive the green, the hole's 435 yards. 405 yards. This is the shortcut off the roof.

[00:23:28.079]>>I mean, did you, the roof and the path, yeah, there you 3. wow. So it's nearly out of bounds, nearly out of bounds, and he's driven into the greenside bunker. He's got a 10-footer for a birdie. Just to clarify, didn't actually get the roof. We were joking. Might

have, could have used it off the path and into a greenside bunker. Put that in the yardage book.

[00:23:50.030]>>And after all this at 16, this would put Harry Hall back into a tie for the lead. Yeah just inside 10 ft, this would be a wonderful bounce back after the bogut 15.

[00:24:01.410]>>It's really a tremendous break. I mean that could have done, if it didn't hit the cart path and hit a tree, it actually could have gone out, out of bounds.

[00:24:09.189]>>So, yeah, well done.

[00:24:11.790]>>Where it all.

[00:24:13.800]>>Back at 9, Davis Riley to move into a tie for 4th, just put down the shadow. There you go. Simple enough.

[00:24:23.430]>>This man tied for the lead and he's here in 2 at 18, uh, number 1 in scrambling. This week, tough little shot though, not a lot of green. Trying to clip it so cleanly off that tight Bermuda.

[00:24:35.150]>>At the par 3 11th with Taylor chipping from off the green. Well this is a difficult shot coming out of this stuff, no spin, downwind, got a gamble.

[00:24:53.439]>>Ah.

[00:24:55.599]>>There's some money, dog.

[00:24:57.660]>>He was so far left there he almost needed the yardage.

[00:25:03.550]>>And over to 18, Harry Hall with a chance to post 11 under. Yeah, and a chance shoots 65 today.

[00:25:12.170]>>Marvelous round of golf though, 5 birdies. Striking's been very good, very, very good, and he missed 12 fairways and 13 greens the entire week in some blustery conditions and a chance to win for the second time in his career tomorrow.

[00:25:28.800]>>11.

[00:25:30.560]>>And that left for a bogey 4 for a joint leader. He drops back to 9 under par.

[00:25:38.270]>>Ahead to 15

[00:25:45.859]>>'I'll tell you what, a flush tee shot and a flush 2 for Gerard is a very makeable putt at 15. He can get onto that little mini leaderboard, but he holds that.

[00:25:58.660]>>Here's Ryan Gerrard, the world traveler.

[00:26:02.619]>>And now there's Gerrard now at 8 under.

[00:26:07.479]>>Got her up in the middle of the fairway here.

[00:26:12.770]>>Pins all the way back there, left side of the green.

[00:26:17.069]>>If you bowled it better be straight. Oh, and that is.

[00:26:20.849]>>Fantastic.

[00:26:25.459]>>Chris Goddard up here at 15, dripping that one in and he's now 1 back.

[00:26:37.199]>>This is John Perry at 16.

[00:26:40.550]>>Yeah beautiful angle from the fairway and.

[00:26:43.770]>>Excellent shot from the Englishman, that'll get them to 9 under and 1 back.

[00:26:51.300]>>Just Davis Riley back at 14. Another beautiful tee shot. Oh, just 90 yards.

[00:26:58.800]>>Wonderful.

[00:27:04.170]>>Formality for Riley and we have 2 players at 10 under.

[00:27:09.469]>>He joins Harry Hall.

[00:27:14.599]>>Now back at 15 is where Davis Riley hit it.

[00:27:18.640]>>Well, he's hit some better iron shots, Davis Riley. Here he needs another from 161. Start it on a pin and try and hold it, if it drifts a little bit right, that's fine.

[00:27:31.489]>>Club twizzle.

[00:27:35.869]>>Yeah.

[00:27:37.859]>>Not that one.

[00:27:41.520]>>Davis Riley has this for the lead alone.

[00:27:48.290]>>Well, uh, I'll tell you what, he's continues to hit shots like that, and, and he is leading the field by a wide margin. He's picked up nearly 11 strokes on the greens.

[00:28:01.609]>>Here's Goddard up at 18, his 3rd.

[00:28:05.060]>>Well, he's been perfect out of the bunkers this week.

[00:28:09.560]>>Uh, that one dug in much more quickly than he anticipated.

[00:28:19.369]>>Chris Goddard up to stay perfect out of the bunkers. This one would be for birdie and 68.

[00:28:26.160]>>Or

[00:28:27.729]>>The American, so in prime spot to win.

[00:28:32.859]>>He won Myrtle Beach 2 years ago, the Scottish last year, so looking to win 3 consecutive years. burgeoning superstar.

[00:28:43.560]>>18. This is gonna be the 3rd shot for Kevin Roy. It's right where Goderup was. Can you clip it, elevate it, and spin it.

[00:28:52.430]>>Wonderful, wonderful indeed. He gets to 10 under par.

[00:29:06.199]>>To 18, 254, back into the sun, downwind.

[00:29:11.849]>>And magnificent shot from the Canadian.

[00:29:16.599]>>Chance to make the eagle and get him to double digits. Our defending champion is Lon Waai again.

[00:29:25.810]>>At 18 green with Taylor putting for an eagle at the par 5.

[00:29:41.109]>>A tap in birdie to move to 9 under.

[00:29:51.229]>>My first instincts, I just.

[00:29:53.359]>>the green.

[00:29:55.660]>>And as exposed as this is.

[00:29:58.489]>>It's gonna push it just a little right just in case you know. I know we definitely wanna try to be behind this one if we can because everything's back into the mountain.

[00:30:11.609]>>If we have this one right now it's like 75 shots car 90 to 95.

[00:30:21.619]>>No, I'm all, I think it's, this is, this is a win as exposed as we are, this is perfect.

[00:30:27.270]>>It's gonna push it a little rice, so I'm just gonna try to stop him with the right to.

[00:30:31.969]>>Give me one more good one.

[00:30:35.410]>>Uh, they're right in line with what they want to do here. Stockade iron.

[00:30:40.680]>>Just go ahead and hit it solid, he's talked about being deep in the green.

[00:30:48.170]>>Seems like he has a very clear picture, just go ahead and execute.

[00:31:05.939]>>On just like that, it's fine.

[00:31:09.270]>>I couldn't see it. Long and left, Rob. Yeah, that's I mean I thought it stayed right at the nothing wrong with that at all in the shadow.

[00:31:17.680]>>Eagle putt for Davis Riley, already leading.

[00:31:23.369]>>Uh, 60 ft, just trying to get the speed right.

[00:31:39.380]>>Well, at that speed, it wasn't gonna break much. Nope. But it never quite got to that 6 ft range, kind of topped out more in the 1.5 ft range.

[00:31:49.010]>>Of break.

[00:31:58.369]>>Hugepot here, nearly 8 ft, um.

[00:32:02.469]>>Give them a 2 shot lead and just a a maybe just a different mindset leaving the golf course on such a positive note.

[00:32:10.089]>>Make the shoot 67 today.

[00:32:16.859]>>Well done, well done indeed.

[00:32:20.030]>>Well, it's the hottest putter in the field, it wasn't gonna let him down there.

[00:32:24.920]>>And Davis Riley battles back today, posts 2-under, 12 under par heading into Sunday, and it's a 2-shot lead.

[00:32:35.439]>>Yeah, to beat 2 over through 3 holes and shoot 67 today is really impressive in a day that the golf course played over par for the field.

[00:32:45.209]>>So this is where we stand. It's gonna be Riley and Harry Hall in the final group tomorrow. Goderup will play with Kevin Roy.

[00:32:52.819]>>Ryan Gerrard and John Perry.

[00:32:56.880]>>We'll be there and then, uh, the Canadian pairing a little bit before the end. Nick Taylor and Corey Connors will get together.

[00:33:05.989]>>The final round is next.

[00:33:12.400]>>We are here and we are playing for history and we're playing for the players that came before us.

[00:33:18.219]>>I've worked since I was 2 or 3 years old to have a chance to play professional golf for a living. The, the guys that win the most, they're in contention so much, they're up there all the time. That's where I want to be.

[00:33:45.180]>>A great kickoff to the brand new season on the PGA TOUR, the stunning vistas of the Waiai Country Club in Honolulu, Hawaii. The weather has been sparkling all week long, just enough wind to keep the, the scores down.

[00:34:00.295]>>And a whole lot of fun here. That is the capital city of the state of Hawaii up there, Honolulu, the most populous city in the entire Hawaiian Island chain and enjoying warm temperatures. The wind always blows, but this is a little low for what we've been considering. More on that coming up from our broadcast team, tour veterans all around, Craig Perks, Rob Lee, and Rich Beam, the 2002 PGA champion.

[00:34:29.239]>>I'm Brian Karick. Somebody's gonna get that trophy. It could be Davis Riley looking for his 3rd PGA TOUR win and a two-shot lead at the end of 54 holes. Harry Hall in that final group with Davis Riley looking to become another multiple winner, the first European to win this tournament. Chris Goddard is another guy trying to chase Riley down, looking for his 3rd career PGA TOUR win.

[00:34:57.810]>>And then there is the feel-good story of Kevin Roy.

[00:35:02.360]>>Watching that all day long, looking for his first career PGA TOUR win and the defending champion is lurking also, Nick Taylor. It took extra holes last year, he doesn't care how many holes it takes this year. Nick Taylor would love to have another crack at it at the Sony Open.

[00:35:23.629]>>Here's what's on the line, 500 FedExCup points, you get in a bunch of big-time events directly in. It's a leg up into a couple of big national opens also. \$1.5 million and lots to play for here today.

[00:35:44.489]>>Out of the 7th. 163 for Godroup, Hands way ahead of the ball, but not Velcroed.

[00:35:53.429]>>Ames miles left, pushes it onto the ball flight line.

[00:35:57.580]>>He's trying to cut this into the spin position, and that is very well played. It's a proper thump, isn't it? Oh yeah, and he's got a lot of, a lot of compression.

[00:36:08.300]>>Great shot in here at 7 for Godrup. Godrup with the toe down, the heel up with the putter, the, the club faces aiming right, he's got to counteract that. Start it further left.

[00:36:18.899]>>Down the hill.

[00:36:22.750]>>Has he worked all of it out? I think he has. How about that?

[00:36:27.010]>>Never anywhere else forgot her.

[00:36:31.909]>>A good look down at the 7th, Davis Riley has stumbled a bit, but he still leads.

[00:36:38.750]>>You make bogey, that's, that's always a tough one, especially when you're leading, you've been putting great all week long and from long range though.

[00:36:47.649]>>he's got the same club.

[00:36:52.479]>>Hard to believe there's nothing in there, but it might be the 8 iron actually.

[00:37:01.800]>>Well, a right pin and a drawer of the ball, and the wind from the right, you're always gonna be left with a pin, always.

[00:37:10.030]>>Davis Riley just had a long birdie putt at the last. He three-putted at Beaver. Here we go again. Another slippery putt coming down the slope.

[00:37:18.649]>>Tough to read, I must say I didn't quite get a good look at this one. Gotta be feeding right or had to have been feeding right, I should say. It was a good try, had a look.

[00:37:31.580]>>back-to-back 3 putts for Davis Riley.

[00:37:35.850]>>He drops to 12 under par.

[00:37:39.899]>>Got a good visual. Yeah, I mean, just trying to hit this pretty hard, it's a little flat ones just kind of up that like left edge of the shower, yeah.

[00:37:53.939]>>He's just looking for a knuckleball here with a 7 iron. Come out flat and chase it 40 yards up the fairway onto the front of the green.

[00:38:03.580]>>Certainly got the power to do it.

[00:38:09.139]>>Are you done?

[00:38:10.659]>>I think that's come out exactly as he wanted it to. That's a great shot. It's a little fiery, but.

[00:38:20.040]>>Couldn't really ask for better than that. That's a very straightforward chip.

[00:38:30.360]>>15, MacIntyre. Birdie in for Robert, Birdie all the way.

[00:38:37.419]>>And he gets to 11 under.

[00:38:41.459]>>Back to 9.

[00:38:45.909]>>Well, this is very straightforward.

[00:38:48.679]>>Let's just shove it forward and let it run out to the hole.

[00:38:52.439]>>You get lucky, you might chip it in.

[00:39:00.679]>>Not far away, it's an easy 4k.

[00:39:03.790]>>And his day gets better, and that's gonna give Chris Goddardup, at least for the moment, the lead alone.

[00:39:11.879]>>Meanwhile, back at 8, Davis Riley's situation continues. Rich, what's going on? Well, he's, he's, uh, he's struggling on the 6.

[00:39:27.060]>>I mean, I'm assuming what they're trying to do is trying to figure out a way to get in the front left bunker and from there it's a fairly simple, straightforward. He's got 4 palm trees right in front of him with some palm fronds hanging down, so he's got Doug miss those. He's got a massive, uh, abandoned tree up another extra 100 yards, so 157 or so. Just trying to figure out a way not to make 6. He's coming off back-to-back bogeys, it's unraveling quickly.

[00:39:52.370]>>right.

[00:39:56.159]>>This is what happened to Davis Riley. Went down there in the wash, had the chance to possibly play it out, but as Rich Beam said, all the rocks, so he takes the drop, drops 2, hits 3 over the green, and so now you're chipping or pitching for par. Yeah, his punting has been incredibly good. The ball striking has been below standard. It's so important to try and get this ball up-and-down. And that ball goes, sinks down to that Bermuda, it's a lot of guesswork.

[00:40:24.179]>>Riley falls to 10 under par.

[00:40:27.419]>>Up to the 12th, Ryan Gerrard is all of a sudden 3 shots back and a great angle here.

[00:40:35.260]>>Good shot there.

[00:40:37.239]>>And he gets to 11 under par. Harry Hall could use this here at 9.

[00:40:45.250]>>For Harry Hall, 1 under at the turn, 2 shots back, the most holes left. He's in pretty good position here, heading to the back nine. Chris Goderup doesn't care about the wind, but it's not blowing as much today. The scoring is good at the Sony Open.

[00:41:06.870]>>At the 12th, God up in just 75 yards, kind of an awkward little number here. It's not a full lo wedge.

[00:41:17.570]>>Mm, a really good point there, Rich, he's on 10 and.

[00:41:23.689]>>12 here, he's actually been too close to the greens, doesn't quite judge the distance correctly. Got tremendous power but it'll work on the distance control.

[00:41:35.729]>>Back at 10, Davis Riley trying to climb back in this. Yeah, I think you've just gotta change the mindset and go, not, you're 4 over the last 4 holes, but you're still just 3 back, and a chance to rectify some of those problems, good shot to get it up on top there.

[00:41:52.429]>>Looked down

[00:41:54.100]>>At the 12th, holes over here, when you get to the back 9, they start to play kind of back and forth away from the water and back toward the water. This one plays inland. Chris Goderup is putting right back down toward the Pacific Ocean.

[00:42:09.129]>>Higher or lower?

[00:42:14.379]>>Yes, you're going back down the hill. I don't think it's gonna be overly quick. I have a bit of pace about it.

[00:42:20.399]>>Just how much

[00:42:22.270]>>If at all, is that wind gonna affect it blowing from left to right as it makes its way down.

[00:42:27.209]>>Over 21 ft here.

[00:42:34.879]>>Put some space between you and the rest of the field, beautiful putt from the American. Now 2 out in front.

[00:42:46.449]>>Well, remember Davis Riley, our 54 hole leader, has this for birdie at 10. So important. Yeah, well done.

[00:42:55.330]>>Nice bounce back. They're playing the last 4 holes on that front 94 over.

[00:43:01.060]>>55 shot or a little more just a touch. I'm moving 59 holes so you're trying to land at 53, so yeah, I mean 50 high 50s, yeah, high 50s.

[00:43:12.760]>>Yeah, just a mere 76 yards between those two tee shots distance wise.

[00:43:19.360]>>He's gonna hit a 9 iron back there. Again, he kind of takes this thing and puts his hands so far forward, almost turning it into an 8 iron here.

[00:43:30.100]>>Very narrow stance, get steep in the back of the ball.

[00:43:35.520]>>Good swing. Rob, you've said this all week, how far left he aims and he does have the steep angle, but he, he's able to get the ball started much farther right. It's like a trap push.

[00:43:50.879]>>At 18, Robert McIntyre to post a new clubhouse lead.

[00:43:56.370]>>And low round of the day, 63. Started the day 20th, he's now that tied for second, brilliant round of golf for the Scotsman.

[00:44:04.449]>>OK

[00:44:06.959]>>Look, Godup's in the box seat here, he, he's probably on the winning score.

[00:44:12.639]>>The others have got to hope that he backs up, but he has shown us no sign that that's gonna happen so far today. It's been a very accomplished Teeter Green performance, and again at 13, he's got another putt he can make.

[00:44:27.870]>>He made that beautiful putt at 12, so this would be for back-to-back birdies and to sneak out by 3 and

[00:44:33.830]>>You'd see a commanding lead.

[00:44:41.689]>>Hello. Oh wow.

[00:44:46.560]>>It sneaks in the right side, 2 in a row for Goderup, and the lead is 3. That is the first putt all week for anybody that has sneaked into the hole.

[00:44:58.739]>>Nobody has done that all week. You've been on that all week.

[00:45:04.780]>>Back to the 15th, this is where our leader is, but he's right behind this group, Ryan Gerrard. I think sometimes guys, beautiful putt there from Ryan to get him to 12 under.

[00:45:17.209]>>Over at the 18th, Jacob Bridgeman to close out with a birdie and 64. Started the day 13th, currently in a tie for second, brilliant round of golf.

[00:45:31.379]>>6 iron from 220, Maiden eagle here on Friday. You stand up here and hit the best iron shot of the week, try and cut it in there.

[00:45:40.110]>>Step up and do it.

[00:45:42.139]>>Mm. A little too cautious there, you find yourself 3 back and you really feel like you have to make an eagle.

[00:45:52.120]>>Ryan Gerrard is next 17.

[00:45:55.149]>>It's a lot of downcock in his swing, Ryan Gerrard.

[00:45:58.459]>>Should stop. Excellent, really well done.

[00:46:04.620]>>Ahead at 18 with Rodgers putting for eagle at the par 5.

[00:46:20.419]>>Well, it was never high enough and uh it's it's lackluster. It's leaving the worst of all possibilities there now.

[00:46:28.719]>>Just hasn't had the speed all day.

[00:46:35.169]>>All right, back at 17 now. This is Ryan Gerrard for birdie.

[00:46:39.260]>>Well, he's one of those

[00:46:41.810]>>Locked in 2nd spot, this is worth a lot of gold, and he's popped it right in the middle.

[00:46:47.979]>>Great 2.

[00:46:50.030]>>And they've been hard to come by at 17 today. That's just everyday, yeah, the 10th birdie.

[00:46:57.570]>>Uh, back at 18 now, Patrick Rodgers to take the new clubhouse lead. A little over 5 ft, hit it with some pace, right in the center.

[00:47:07.800]>>The wonderful round of golf, the round of 65 today, probably not good enough, but.

[00:47:14.260]>>Potentially his 5th, 2nd place finish on the PGA TOUR, it's coming, I think the time will come eventually. Still learn from this experience.

[00:47:24.290]>>And you're trying to land it at 80. Yeah, I bet that's 8070.

[00:47:28.570]>>Yeah, the Golf Channel 70, right, the Golf Channel. Love that.

[00:47:34.489]>>Straight down, just straight down, yes, yeah, straight down, 9 iron.

[00:47:42.949]>>Two TV towers in the distance there, probably going at the right one.

[00:47:47.939]>>Straight downwind that helps this golf ball stay a lot straighter, not much curve to this golf, I would imagine.

[00:47:57.820]>>It's a beautiful swing, it's the right club.

[00:48:00.840]>>Oh, fantastic shot, fantastic shot, top quality. It's been surgical today.

[00:48:09.770]>>At 17 green now with Godera putting for birdie at the par 3.

[00:48:27.239]>>Have a go, have a go. Another one lipping in, perfect read there, Ron.

[00:48:39.050]>>Gerrard here at 18. Beautifully done.

[00:48:43.149]>>Very good touch off the closely mown area.

[00:48:46.770]>>What an excellent short game.

[00:48:51.179]>>This to take the clubhouse lead away from Patrick Rodgers.

[00:48:56.530]>>Post 14 under.

[00:49:00.860]>>Finished 22-4 to shoot that 65, good plan. 26 year old gonna continue to rise up the world rankings.

[00:49:10.530]>>If it bounces and fairly, it's gonna go close to 200. This is gonna get closer to 70.

[00:49:15.810]>>Just at the right of the short tower, yeah, perfect.

[00:49:19.280]>>Straight down, pull it off the left. Good. Let me just tag it one more time. Put it straight down.

[00:49:27.239]>>Anything barely off the flag right now. His caddie walked up to us, standing up here about 70 yards up here and wanted to know what was going on up there just so, uh, Chris should know. I love that. He wants to know exactly what he needs to do.

[00:49:41.189]>>Yeah

[00:49:43.199]>>I believe this is 8.

[00:49:46.179]>>I say forearm, but maybe his.

[00:49:51.030]>>I think I heard something, yeah, yeah, 7 or 8 iron there, just not even taking any risk.

[00:49:57.429]>>But I mean, I'd get it up there.

[00:50:02.510]>>Well, it's the walk of a champion for Chris Goddardup, a 2-shot lead here on the last hole.

[00:50:09.110]>>Yeah, that's OK. We can too loud here.

[00:50:11.899]>>There's the guy in the dark, yep, perfect.

[00:50:14.709]>>And winning at every level is so beneficial because you know how to win it.

[00:50:20.939]>>You're comfortable in making these decisions.

[00:50:27.199]>>Yeah, but if I was his caddie, I'd have given him 3 iron, not 8 iron.

[00:50:32.000]>>70 yards, straight downwind.

[00:50:37.370]>>Chris.

[00:50:40.750]>>Pretty much what he wanted to do. All the trouble, long out of play. It's a lovely walk really.

[00:50:52.639]>>This will be a first, those first two wins at Myrtle Beach in the Scottish, he had the 54 hole lead. This one he's come.

[00:51:00.629]>>From two back, so now you've proved yourself you can win from behind, so he's done it from in front, held the lead, and he's done it from behind.

[00:51:11.250]>>All eyes on Chris Goderup. Finishes that off, 6 under par, 64, he storms from behind and a statement made by Chris Goderup as he wins the Sony Open in Hawaii.

[00:51:28.370]>>You know what Ryan Gerrard did at at Mauritius to, to go over there and play well and to, it just gives you so much confidence, and you've continued to, these, some of these other guys have been out of the competitive juices for 3 or 4 months, but some, the guys that have played well, we've talked about Chris Goddarup playing a, you know, played at the hero, played at the Grant Thornton, has done some TGL stuff. He said he's had the clubs in his hands a lot more than ordinarily does. He's moved to Florida, and I think he's.

[00:51:57.290]>>Guys now know that you can't take 3 or 4 months off and expect to come out and perform well, you've gotta, you've gotta keep the, keep the feels and then keep sort of being in that competitive environment. More pageantry there, Miss Hawaii on hand.

[00:52:14.540]>>Christmas.

[00:52:17.040]>>And this is a wonderful part of really every tournament, professional golf. We don't get to see this much, but.

[00:52:23.820]>>The trophy ceremony for all the folks that are there and all the folks behind the scenes that worked so hard to put it on.

[00:52:32.510]>>They went and got that trophy from off those rocks out in the Pacific Ocean and they handed it to Chris Goderup.

[00:52:40.489]>>This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of the Sony Open in Hawaii from Wlai Country Club in Honolulu, Hawaii.