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[00:00:39] >> Royal Golf Dar Es Salam, the red course, a par-73, Robert Trent Jones design. For many years on the European Tour it hosted Trophy Hassan II, and now for the third consecutive year, the PGA TOUR Champions, putting their game to the test against this very demanding layout. Colin Montgomerie even par. He has this putt for birdie. Monty won Trophy Hassan II on this golf course back in 1997. So Monty makes the birdie and that gets him to 1-under. And 4-under leading the way, Simon Griffiths, who got a win on the Legends Tour here in Europe, getting a spot in, and so far getting off to a really good start here in round one at Trophy Hassan II. Now, Jimenez to get even; and he rolls that in for birdie at the 9th.

[00:01:46] >> Yes, takes advantage of that nice tee shot, gets him back to even par.

[00:01:50] >> Long bogey came at the 2nd.

[00:01:54] >> Now, that -- straight up and downswing he's got. Very powerful man. It's really powerful, it is in this group.

[00:02:05] >> He's got it going a little to the right there, Jaime, he needs a kick off the slope. Will he get it?

[00:02:12] >> He's got it.

[00:02:12] >> Just enough.

[00:02:13] >> He's got it.

[00:02:20] >> That will leave him a nice little uphill putt. This is the third for Y.E. Yang at the par-5 12th. Y.E. was in contention last year. Through 36 Yang and Gonzalez shared the lead at 7-under. And watch out, you really have to be able to control spin on this hole because it -- that can get into the water quickly; and he does. Just catches that right edge there, Jaime. It goes in. Nice 2.

[00:03:00] >> Yes, it didn't take much, did it? Let's see if Y.E. can take advantage of that nice wedge shot. Control down that slope. Well done. Jimenez getting set to play his second at the 11th. And that trickles onto the putting surface.

[00:03:34] >> What a shot; around the columns, out of the rough.

[00:03:54] >> Steven Alker there right at it at the tough 11th. AJ Troy for birdie at 12. Got a good read off of Colin Montgomerie. He knows exactly what it's going to do. Catches that left edge.

[00:04:22] >> Stewart Cink from a similar position. Little earlier left it about eight feet short. Not Ernie. Lovely touch.

[00:04:33] >> Seven par-4, little bit of trouble here.

[00:04:40] >> This is the fairway. This is his last hole of the day. Like Bob mentioned, they go off the 1st and the 8th holes. And how about that crafty little shot?

[00:04:55] >> Now over at 11, the man of international intrigue, Miguel Angel Jimenez, for birdie?

[00:05:01] >> He got thrown in the left rough and played a crafty little shot between those bunkers. And he was just wanting to get out of there with 4, but makes a 3. That was a confident putt right there, Jaime, right in the back of the hole.

[00:05:30] >> Thomas Bjorn, who was in contention last year in that battle with Ricardo Gonzalez, his 3rd at the 12th.

[00:05:37] >> Great look at what they're -- the players are facing. You have to be able to get it out to the right, control spin. And he does, down that slope.

[00:05:47] >> Stewart Cink playing his 3rd. Really has to control that spin, John.

[00:05:51] >> Yes, we could see a good look right here. Getting out to the right, use some slope. Now, that's got some spin. Here it comes. That's really well done. We've seen some excellent wedge shots in here so far.

[00:06:11] >> Now over at the 11th, Steven Alker for birdie. Steven finished in a tie for 5th with Jerry Kelly at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai to kick off the 2025 season for the PGA TOUR Champions. We saw the wedge shot for Stewart Cink; this for his birdie.

[00:06:35] >> Little right to left of there for Stewart. Take advantage of these par-5s. Good little par-4 here, little dog leg from left to right. Hole location today in the -- well little right-hand corner. Get it into the right section and you'll have a nice birdie putt. And he does. Saw that nice approach from just the left side of the fairway there for Brett. Down the hill it goes. Hanging in there. Good putt.

[00:07:13] >> Seven, the final hole of the day for Olin Browne. Remember, you start on 1 or 8. Olin wasn't even looking and, "boom." Well, how about that birdie?

[00:07:26] >> How about that? How about that?

[00:07:27] >> Yes.

[00:07:28] >> Not the scorecard he was hoping for, but you know, when you finish birdie, birdie, that's grinding.

[00:07:36] >> Fourteen and Harrington for his par.

[00:07:39] >> Kind of in the right bunker on the downslope. Looked like he had a pretty good little bunker shot that just ran off. Putt down that slope. Oh, nice save.

[00:07:55] >> Over at 16, long par putt for Colin Montgomerie. Monty seven wins in the PGA TOUR Champions. His last win, though, coming in 2019. And voila, how about that?

[00:08:10] >> Long distance for par. Tough 16th.

[00:08:13] >> Monty a couple of senior PGA championships and the US Senior Open Championship. This is the third for Jimenez over at 15.

[00:08:30] >> Tee shot in the right bunker, second to there but a brilliant pitch shot up the hill, down the slope.

[00:08:36] >> He is good.

[00:08:37] >> He is good.

[00:08:39] >> So his third birdie of the day, and Jimenez moves to 2-under, two off the lead. This is the third for Brett Quigley at 18.

[00:08:56] >> After a bogey at this drivable 17th took a go with this green, got it hole high and nice pitch.

[00:09:05] >> From the same bunker that Jimenez was in, Alker's 3rd at 16.

[00:09:10] >> Yes, very similar. Get it close. You really have to take a chance. Oh, that was -- oh how about it?

[00:09:19] >> It went in, Steven. Yes.

[00:09:23] >> Guess it wasn't that difficult. Barely got it out of the bunker there, Bob, and landed perfectly.

[00:09:34] >> So after the bogey at 17, Quigley has this birdie at 18 to join Tanigawa and Simon Griffiths at 4-under.

[00:09:45] >> Yes, nice up and down from the right side of the green and little bounce-back birdie for Brett.

[00:09:59] >> Over at 17, Stewart Cink for birdie Padraig Harrington's 2nd at 17.

[00:10:14] >> Yes, he laid the ball up. He had plenty of power to reach this green, maybe just didn't feel like he could squeeze it in the right areas.

[00:10:25] >> Broadhurst for birdie at 18 to finish in red figures.

[00:10:34] >> Sitting up on that left edge.

[00:10:36] >> Boom.

[00:10:37] >> And a good read.

[00:10:41] >> So Broadhurst shoots a 1-under.

[00:10:44] >> Tidy round.

[00:10:45] >> Three off the lead. Let's go over to 17 and the 2nd for Steven Alker.

[00:10:57] >> Back in the stance. Try to eliminate that first park and check and release. Stay up. And that was very well played.

[00:11:18] >> You mentioned there's been two eagles at 17 today. Can Miguel Angel Jimenez make it three?

[00:11:27] >> It goes up that hill and starts moving pretty good to the left. That was not very well judged. Pace was good, but not near enough borrow.

[00:11:47] >> This golf course opened in 1971, Robert Trent Jones design. And it really is a wonderful test.

[00:12:00] >> Pdraig will have to land the ball up here. That's a disciplined birdie there for Pdraig. Plenty of power to reach this green and drive the green, but --

[00:12:15] >> So after kind of lingering around at that 1-over number, back to back birdies getting to red figures.

[00:12:25] >> Just off the front edge of the green hit a nice pitch to here; no shift -- moved little bit from left to right. Keep that head steady.

[00:12:36] >> Middle.

[00:12:37] >> Steven Alker making a little run to the house. Fourth birdie on the incoming 9.

[00:12:43] >> So John, did you feel a lot of pressure in your playing days? Harrington made birdie, Alker made birdie. Now Jimenez has a putt for birdie.

[00:12:53] >> It's one of the toughest putts in golf. I have all the confidence in the world that Miguel will bury this; not get wooded.

[00:13:10] >> All three make birdies. And Miguel now to 3-under. Over at 17, Adilson da Silva for birdie. This would get him to 2-under and two off the lead playing in the last group with Jose Maria Olazabal and Angel Cabrera.

[00:13:36] >> Beautiful read there for Adilson.

[00:13:42] >> Alker currently at 3-under. Fujita, O'Neal, Quigley, Yang, Levet, all posted 3-under earlier.

[00:13:53] >> Yes, he's got a long birdie putt, his beautiful tee shot and a -- kind of a sloppy second. It's going to go left early, down the slope, back to the right. It's got some speed and plank.

[00:14:08] >> Boy, he holed out the bunker shot, now he makes that for birdie. And three in a row for Alker. And look at that, he shoots 5-under on his incoming 9. And now he's going to share the lead at 4-under. Steven Alker birdies his final three holes to shoot a 4-under 69. Simon Griffiths 4-under 69 as well; so that group with 3-under par. Tim O'Neal, eagled 17, birdied 18, Y.E. Yang in contention, last year 3-under through his first round, Miguel Angel Jimenez right in the mix at 3-under par. But Jason Caron earning his spot on the PGA

TOUR Champion shoots 2-under. Ken Tanigawa under the weather but still shoots 2-under 71. Same for Stewart Cink and Paul Goydos. Adilson da Silva still on the golf course with 2-under par. Freddie Jacobson leads that group at 1-under. Harrington at 1-under par as well. Els has a lengthy birdie putt. So does Gonzalez at 18. They currently sit at 1-under. Steve Pate who lead through the opening round last year shoots an even par-73. Colin Montgomerie won Trophy Hassan II on this golf course back in 1997, shoots an even par-73. Weekly Tom Pernice even par-73s as well. Royal Golf Dar Es Salam, spectacular condition, the 49th playing of Trophy Hassan II here in Rabat, Morocco. Temperatures in the mid-60s, very comfortable, a little bit more wind today.

[00:16:11] This is a demanding layout. Par-73, just under 7,400 yards, a Robert Trent Jones design, this golf course opened in 1971. Tim O'Neal, who picked up his first win last fall on the PGA TOUR Champions 3-under on his round today. He's at 6-under par. Scott Hend 3-under today. He's just a shot back. Miguel Angel Jimenez, who hasn't won since the summer of 2022, right in the mix. Brian Gay, 6-under on his round today. He's at 2-under par, including Ernie Els, who won the season opener at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai. Over to 12, defending champ Ricardo Gonzalez has this putt for eagle.

[00:17:01] >> Got it on the proper level with a brilliant second shot. Takes advantage of it.

[00:17:08] >> So the defending champ makes eagle at the 12th. So Alker has this to get to 5-under and a shot off the lead.

[00:17:25] >> And it doesn't do a whole lot here. Might try to peel to the right at the very end. No, catches that right edge, goes in. Nice birdie.

[00:17:38] >> So a birdie for Alker at the 8th, and he pulls to within a shot of the lead. Waiting back on the tee now Thomas Levet for his birdie.

[00:17:51] >> He's just got to touch this, Thomas Levet. If anything it's just outside the left. It will go right in the hole. If it's got the right speed, it would be easy to knock this three, feet by.

[00:18:02] >> Levet making his 11th start on the PGA TOUR Champions, six wins on the DP World Tour.

[00:18:09] >> Great 2 there. Ninth hole today. Playing very difficult.

[00:18:21] >> And the second shot for our defending champ, Ricardo Gonzalez; 1-under today, 2-under for the week.

[00:18:30] >> This will cut right in the front as well. Using some slope that will get a little bit better. Should come down to his right, right underneath the hole. Good shot.

[00:18:47] >> Thomas Bjorn, who was in the mix last year, his 2nd in the 15.

[00:18:51] >> Front hole location in that little bowl can get it close, like this one; look out. There's already been one eagle made at 15 today by Brian Gay.

[00:19:16] >> Ricardo makes the birdie there. Gonzalez is now just three off the lead. He was a little under the weather this morning, but battling through. This is the third for Miguel Angel Jimenez at 12.

[00:19:36] >> Yes, you've got to get it way out to the right, control spin just like Miguel.

[00:19:48] >> Brett Quigley for his birdie.

[00:19:50] >> He had great chance after that pitch shot. Don't do that much, little Quigley. Great chance.

[00:19:56] >> So Quigley's first birdie of the day. Miguel Angel Jimenez stalking this putt par-5 12th. This is for a share of the lead.

[00:20:11] >> Just off the left edge. There it is.

[00:20:16] >> So Miguel 2-under today; 5-under, to share the lead.

[00:20:21] >> Just kind of hanging around.

[00:20:25] >> Ernie Els for his eagle at 17.

[00:20:30] >> Just got to give this a really big wrap. Well out to the right, use some slope. Keep going. Come on. Come on. Yes, that was really well done. Well read.

[00:20:45] >> Now the 3rd for Alker at the 12th.

[00:20:55] >> Pretty straightforward pitch shot, just it's all about the catch on the contact. And nice little spin down that slope. Let it run out. Good shot.

[00:21:09] >> Back at 17 and Ernie Els drove the green at the par-4; now this for his birdie.

[00:21:16] >> Nice putt up that big slope. Well read, and nice two-putt birdie there for Ernie with a reachable par-5 coming up.

[00:21:24] >> Yes.

[00:21:24] >> So I'm pretty impressed with that two-putt.

[00:21:33] >> Fujita for his birdie at 12.

[00:21:36] >> I've seen this putt, it's slow and brakes pretty good from right to left. And he read it really nicely.

[00:21:42][ Applause ] Twelfth hole giving up lots of birdies and eagles.

[00:21:54] >> Adilson da Silva for birdie at 14.

[00:21:58] >> Down the hill; right there it goes down into that little valley. Clank.

[00:22:04] >> Oh. How about that; his third birdie of the day. He's within a shot of the lead. Over at 15 this is Hends' 3rd.

[00:22:20] >> Uh-oh, crafty little shot; used some slope. It's a fun pin right there in that front little bowl.

[00:22:30] >> Now back over at 13, Alker's 2nd came up short. This is his 3rd.

[00:22:38] >> Chosen putter, get through that Kikuyu fairway; and does a nice job.

[00:22:46] >> Let's go over to 15 and the 2nd for Miguel Angel Jimenez. And you're right, with this hole location, John, just get it in the fairway and you're setting yourself up for a great opportunity to make at least birdie.

[00:23:01] >> Yes, hole 7. Only 5 on the green and in a little bit of a bowl. But with a clean line and good contact, this is very doable for Miguel. Very doable.

[00:23:12] >> Good lie, clean contact.

[00:23:35] >> Steven Alker taking dead aim there at the 14th; under 92 yards.

[00:23:49] >> Now Jimenez for birdie. And this would give Miguel the outright lead at 6-under.

[00:23:56] >> Bravo.

[00:23:57] >> Fourth birdie of the day, 3-under on his round, Miguel Angel Jimenez with a one-shot lead in round two of Trophy Hassan II. Steven Alker for birdie at 14, and this would move him into a share of the lead at 6-under with Jimenez.

[00:24:17] >> Yes. Beautiful tee shot, took dead aim right behind the hole. Good catch there, hole. Nice 2.

[00:24:33] >> So this is where the creativeness comes in, right, John?

[00:24:35] >> Yes.

[00:24:36] >> I mean, because it's -- getting the ball to the putting surface is one thing, but then trying to figure out all the contours and everything else is where it becomes quite difficult.

[00:24:45] >> It's going to have to go up the right; right side of the green, maybe use some slope, kind of hit a low hook. Try to get up under that shelf.

[00:24:56] >> How good is this?

[00:24:57] >> How good is that? Talk about creativity. That is so good. What a shot.

[00:25:05] >> Thomas Levet, take a bow. That's incredible. I don't know if he's going to try to putt this or pitch it from just off the edge of the green. But I think he has to pitch it. He's got it going off that slope. And now it should come back a little bit. No, that was really well done. And that's another important thing is for you players and golfers at home is look at your options, see where some slope is; you don't always have to take a direct route.

[00:25:53] >> Now Quigley playing his 3rd. Well, he had to get a pretty good read off of O'Neal's.

[00:25:59] >> Certainly knows what it's going to do. He's got to make sure he hits it hard enough to be able to use that slope. How about it? How about that? I love that.

[00:26:17] >> Eh, just your routine par, right, Quigley?

[00:26:19] >> Yes, how about that? Yes, he's --

[00:26:20] >> Back at 18 Miguel Angel Jimenez for his birdie and a share of the lead.

[00:26:29] >> Drove it in the left fairway bunker, pitched out, wedged to here. Not a lot in this.

[00:26:37] >> Aye, Miguel pours it in. It's good. So Jimenez birdies 15, bogeys 16, birdies at 17 and 18, and he's in at 7-under after shooting a 4-under par 69.

[00:26:59] >> Delicate little putt here.

[00:27:05] >> Nice birdie there for Tim, takes advantage of the drivable par-4.

[00:27:19] >> Wow.

[00:27:19] >> Whoa, that was very classy there, Jamie, a little spinner out of that.

[00:27:24] >> Yes, he stiffed it at a loss out of Bunker as well, so maybe he's just saving for the bunkers.

[00:27:28] >> Game plan for tomorrow.

[00:27:46] >> How about that?

[00:27:47] >> Looked like a four all the way, didn't it, Jamie? As soon as you those trees 50 yards of the tee.

[00:28:04] >> This will remain tied Jimenez for the lead. And he buries it. Steven Alker who started the day in a share of the lead with Simon Griffiths will head into tomorrow's final round and a share of the lead with Miguel Angel Jimenez. Tim O'Neal will be in the final group, defending champ Ricardo Gonzalez. And then you've got big-time players in KJ Choi, Colin Montgomerie, Justin Leonard, Ernie Els, Thomas Bjorn, all in the hunt. What a day it's been here in Rabat, Morocco, 49th playing of Trophy Hassan II. Final round coverage is under way from Rabat, Morocco, Trophy Hassan II from Royal Golf Dar Es Salam. Miguel Angel Jimenez started this day in a share of the lead with Steven Alker, Jimenez after an early bogey. This his third at the par-5 5th, and he is a master from the bunkers. And Miguel hits it in close setting up a birdie opportunity which would get him back to 7-under par. Playing in that final group, Steven Alker, bogey the opening hole rolls this in for birdie, and this would get Alker to 8-under par and a one-shot lead. Ernie Els, World Golf Hall of Famer playing his 3rd shot at the par-5. And Ernie able to knock it close and set up a birdie opportunity. So Ernie's right in the mix as well. And then this just a moment ago over at 14,



Jeev Milkha Singh -- with the first ace in Trophy Hassan II history for the PGA TOUR Champions, from 162 yards, John Cook using the slope.

[00:30:07] >> Yes, we thought that there might be some action there at the par-3 14th 164 yards today and Jeev Milkha Singh dunks it.

[00:30:16] >> So take a look at the leaderboard, Steven Alker at 8-under par with a two-shot lead over Miguel Angel Jimenez. Els and KJ Choi just three shots back. Angel Cabrera will be next to play here at the 9th; Cabrera, a Masters and US Open champion.

[00:30:42] >> One-under par for his round today, taking advantage of the par-5 8th. See if he can put 1 in there closer at the 9th. Trying to make a run up the board. They like it.

[00:31:07] >> Miguel Angel Jimenez rolls in a birdie putt at the 8th. So Miguel gets to within a shot of the lead. Alker still has a par putt on the tee at the 9th.

[00:31:24] >> Signature hole 156 been slightly down a breeze here, been a nine, nine. So Miguel, just a nice club for him it, and actually hasn't been taking anything off it or add any.

[00:31:35] >> Let's see, if he wants to bring it in from right to left, use that slope a little bit.

[00:31:40] >> That had a lot of turn on it, John.

[00:31:42] >> Yes, he can sling it. He loves to place different shots, and that was really well done.

[00:31:52] >> Now, Steven Alker.

[00:31:58] >> That should be a 9 as well, because well similar distance he hits it to Miguel differently. He hits it high so with the breeze behind him, and I think, no it's perfect, just rip it into the bank, let it spin.

[00:32:10] >> Yes, that will be plenty club for Steve, and he does go at it especially with his short irons fairly hard. And that's why he's doing what he's doing, beautiful distance control. He's so consistent in his routine and everything. Jimenez for birdie at the 9th.

[00:32:32] >> Yes, just off to the left. He's got the crowd behind him. Miguel, he's the crowd favorite.

[00:32:39] >> A couple bogeys on his card, but also three birdies.

[00:32:55] >> Follows it up.

[00:32:56][ Applause ] Pretty unflappable, Steven Alker. Now Miguel.

[00:33:25] >> On the 78 for Miguel.

[00:33:29] >> He likes to shape shots as well, unafraid to go at some flags with the proper flight. And that was pretty proper; got it on the back shelf.

[00:33:44] >> Last year Thomas Bjorn was right in the mix to win Trophy Hassan II. Having another good week this week; this at the par-5 12th.

[00:33:55] >> Another hole location that if you can use some slope, you can get it very close and maybe hole one. Using some slope right there for Thomas.

[00:34:03] >> Yes, you'll see a few of those today.

[00:34:12] >> Now, over at the 10th, Miguel Angel Jimenez for birdie. And Jaime, I think he's got to feel pressure with Alker knocking down flagsticks here.

[00:34:21] >> He's just got to play your game, and he will. This is uphill, bitter right to left for the birdie at the end.

[00:34:28] >> Well, he's made three in a row. He is good. He's the best. He's at now at 9-under, Miguel Angel Jimenez. Stewart Cink playing his 3rd at the par-5 12th. And Cookie, we have seen in the past pitch shots from here actually roll off the green and into the penalty area.

[00:35:12] >> Yes, he got that one wide to the right, which was wisely done --

[00:35:18] >> Whoa.

[00:35:19] >> -- and -- perfectly done.

[00:35:21] >> So after a bogey at 11th, Cink pitches in for eagle at 12, and that gets him back to 3-under, six off the lead. Lot of circles and squares -- -- as Els plays his 3rd at 12th.

[00:35:48] >> Let's see what cut -- or shot Ernie can play off that slope. Pretty well done.

[00:35:56] >> Well, it's always a special week when we have an opportunity to come here to Rabat and Trophy Hassan II Royal Golf Club Dar Es Salam. Steven Alker, Miguel Angel Jimenez share the lead. Ernie Els after the bogey at 11 has this for birdie at 12. Really any chance. I mean, he's going to need some help, but got to make this one.

[00:36:25] >> Yes, no doubt. Coming in from the left, keep turning and go. Well done. Just dripping speed.

[00:36:41] >> Second for Cink at 14.

[00:36:43] >> He's got some slope he can use. There it is. It's what we were talking about yesterday, just be aware of where some slope is; you don't have to go directly at the flagstick all the time. And used it perfectly

[00:37:02] >> At par-5 12th, this a putt for eagle. And this would get Choi within 2 of the lead.

[00:37:09] >> Yes, just chipped right into that separation. Pretty good little breaker from right to left.

[00:37:23] >> That's one right across the hole.

[00:37:26] >> That's an opportunity missed. Should be able to clean that up, though, for his birdie.

[00:37:38] >> Final group on the fairway at 12.

[00:37:44] >> Well, pivotal shot's coming up right here for this tournament, I think. He's birdied it both days out good, but he's a downslope here. Two twenty two into the breeze of this pin, way left. It's the downslope. Well, I mean, Miguel's in a great spot here. He's a few yards closer. We can see what Alker does. I've got to think he's going to bail out right here.

[00:38:06] >> Yes, pretty much has to here, Jamie. He carries it forward. Definitely the proper club for Steven here. This has to be to the right. Trying to use some slope. He's trying. He's trying. He doesn't want it back.

[00:38:40] >> No, he doesn't.

[00:39:01] >> Two-putt birdie for KJ. Gets him to 6-under; 3 off the lead.

[00:39:16] >> Just middle the green, that's where he's aiming, between the bunkers; because he's somewhat straight here.

[00:39:32] >> Trying to get a little draw in there. That lands on the putting surface. This will get better and better, too. This is not finished.

[00:39:43] >> Oh, he just needed a couple more feet.

[00:39:47] >> What a beautiful shot, eh, just up the middle.

[00:39:51] >> Hit it.

[00:39:52] >> Mm-hmm.

[00:39:52] >> Yes, it's forward, eh?

[00:39:55] >> Thomas Bjorn trying to stop the bogey train. Bogeys at 15 and 16; has this for birdie at the drivable 17th and chars that one.

[00:40:05] >> Very nice.

[00:40:06] >> Very nice.

[00:40:12] >> Three sort of funky holes coming up, John, aren't there, 13, 14, 15.

[00:40:16] >> Definitely.

[00:40:17] >> He can birdie them, but he can bogey them so easily.

[00:40:20] >> Can; and get a little out of position. Thirteen plain is the fifth toughest 15. After just getting slaughtered yesterday, it's the toughest hole today just because of hole location in 14. He's already seen a hole-in-one; depends -- yes. Jimenez for his fourth birdie in the last five holes.

[00:40:55] >> Confidence stroke. So that gets Miguel to 10-under. Trophy Hassan II this is the third year that it's a PGA TOUR Champions event. Stephen Ames won last -- the first

year at 9-under, 5 shots over Mark Hensby. And Ricardo Gonzalez last year a one-shot win over Thomas Bjorn. Jimenez is at 10 now, Alker has the short putt to join him at 10-under.

[00:41:27] >> Straight up the hill.

[00:41:39] >> Going step for step these two.

[00:41:42] >> And they are 4 clear of Choi, 5 clear of Els; a really good week for Adilson da Silva, the pro from Brazil; has this putt for birdie at 18 to shoot 1-under today. And right now he's in solo 5th.

[00:42:01] >> How about that?

[00:42:03] >> An eagle putt for Ernie Els. Suddenly, this would jump him into a tie for third.

[00:42:10] >> A 30-footer all cut today on a -- we talked about these little tabletops. That one right there at 17 is the same.

[00:42:17] >> For a finish even for the day. Very colorful scorecard there for Stewart, three birdies, an eagle, and five bogeys. Ernie Els over at 17, this for birdie. He gets a 3-under for the day, 6-under for the week.

[00:42:47] >> Nice little two-putt from the front part of the green; just off the front part of the green.

[00:42:53] >> He's going to have to take a little bit off this. It bends a little low one to make it up.

[00:43:00] >> Tried to hit a low runner yesterday and kind of hit a little dive hook into the mid bunker.

[00:43:05] >> Oh, we don't want that.

[00:43:09] >> Yes, definitely setting up for a draw.

[00:43:15] >> Perfect.

[00:43:18] >> Good job.

[00:43:18] >> Close to that one. And that's on a great line. And that's going to roll onto the green, and he's going to have about ten feet for eagle.

[00:43:28] >> What a shot.

[00:43:29] >> What a response to the little bit of stress on 16.

[00:43:42] >> It's been a minute for both of them that -- since their last win; Steven Alker just over a year and talked about Miguel well over two years.

[00:43:54] >> Meanwhile, we've got Jamie now rooting here for Tim O'Neal to make some more birdies.

[00:43:59] >> Yes, go Tim. Well, he just plays with a great spirit and a big smile on his face. He rips it. He's going places. And he's still learning his game, isn't he, playing with these players?

[00:44:08] >> Absolutely.

[00:44:10] >> Good watching him through his life, and he's playing with them. And he's -- let me tell you, he deserves his spot here. Playing a bit more. What a birdie this will be.

[00:44:27] >> There we go.

[00:44:27] >> Yes, he catches that right edge, chipping his way back to -- got two birdie holes coming up for Tim.

[00:44:41] >> Miguel Angel Jimenez has a putt for eagle that would give him a two-shot lead with one hole to play.

[00:44:50] >> Biggest part of the week coming up right here. And it's just on the left edge. That's all it is for Miguel up the hill. He's held nothing this back nine.

[00:45:10] >> And he pours it in. Miguel Angel Jimenez breaks the tie with one hole to play with an eagle at 17, the first eagle of the day at 17. He hasn't won in two and a half years. But Jimenez now has an opportunity heading to 18th with a two-shot lead to put it in the books. KJ Choi has played beautifully this week. Has this putt for par. Only one bogey on the scorecard today. He's 4-under on his round. That comes up short and from the middle of the fairway. He had a second where he hit it. Got a sting.

[00:46:02] >> Costly bogey there for KJ.

[00:46:08] >> Now Jimenez playing his 2nd at 18 with a two-shot lead.

[00:46:11] >> Yes, and he's not having anything to do with it, he's just laying up. I thought he might hit the 3 with the bunker on the green, but no. He's a wise old sage.

[00:46:21] >> Yes, he has assessed the situation, knows exactly what he needs to do. He knows that -- he's such a good wedge player, he just lays the ball up. Chances of him making a 6 are one in a hundred maybe.

[00:46:33] >> What's Alker have in here?

[00:46:36] >> Well, he's got a chance, but the problem is the trees. He's got to hook it around the corner. Steve Alker, he's got 260 in the front so the distance isn't the problem; 252 all up, just pin it the back left. It's doable, this, the way he plays. Got that forward out. He's going to a little hook. He's got to hook it 15 yards.

[00:46:56] >> Well, he needs to do something no player in the field has done today, make eagle at 18. Jimenez with his eagle at 17, the only player to date at eagle 17.

[00:47:09] >> He's calling a shot here.

[00:47:13] >> No, it's not looking --

[00:47:16] >> Aw.

[00:47:16] >> That's way up into the -- behind that grandstand. And he'll get a drop from that.

[00:47:26] >> So he misses his left of the green. Now Jimenez again with a two-shot lead playing his 3rd into the par-5 18th.

[00:47:34] >> He has one eye now. And what a lovely position to be in. He's got his feet at 52-degree around. It's just a normal one down the wind.

[00:47:44] >> Little sliver of a green back there. Don't want to miss it long or left. Control the spin. Exactly what he needed to do, putt shorter to the hole and into the right.

[00:48:03] >> Steven Alker playing his 3rd here at 18.

[00:48:07] >> Yes, got a nice --

[00:48:08] >> I'm sorry, Jamie, go ahead.

[00:48:09] >> Sitting down, John, don't like it.

[00:48:11] >> Yes, that had chunk written all over it, didn't it?

[00:48:17] >> So really taking all the pressure off Miguel with a two-shot lead here at 18. And Miguel has a putt for birdie. So even if Alker holds that 4th shot for birdie, Miguel is going to have three putts for the win.

[00:48:47] >> Hmm, pretty good shot there, but disappointing there the finish here for Steven Alker starting at 15.

[00:48:59] >> You know, after the birdie at 16, O'Neal was hole high at 17, wound up making birdie; now playing his 4th here at 18th.

[00:49:24] >> That's probably a little pit shot there, but he's just hit it in a couple positions that you can't put yourself in, especially on a championship Saturday or Sunday.

[00:49:39] >> Well, if Miguel two putts he'll set the new scoring record for the PGA TOUR Champions at the Trophy Hassan II. Last year, Ricardo Gonzalez set it at 10-under. He's at 11-under. He has this putt for birdie to post 12-under. But Miguel Angel Jimenez is going to win his 14th event on the PGA TOUR Champions.

[00:50:12] >> Well, that was cautious.

[00:50:16] >> Listen, he wins with a bogey.

[00:50:20] >> Definitely.

[00:50:20] >> Get two-putt from there and still win; because the best that Alker could do was make par and post 9-under.

[00:50:27] >> Yes, so difficult on the last hole to know you -- all you need is two putts, because you haven't had that thought in your mind all week. Knock it in there, Tim. Bad finish there for Tim, bogey, bogey after that, nice birdie at 16.

[00:50:48][ Applause ]

[00:51:06] >> Alker for par.

[00:51:24] >> Another good week for Steven Alker, but comes up a little bit short again.

[00:51:29] >> Solo 2nd this week after tie for 5th at Hualalai. Now Miguel Angel Jimenez. Two putts for the win. And there you have it, Miguel Angel Jimenez has won Trophy Hassan II, his 14th win on the PGA TOUR Champions. And he ends the drought of two and a half years without a victory. Light up the cigar, roll out the red win, Miguel Angel Jimenez is your champion.