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[00:00:40] >> Today from Naples, Florida, it's live first round coverage of the Chubb Classic. For 38 years, the PGA Tour Champions has been coming to the west coast of Florida in spectacular Naples. And for the fifth consecutive year, Tiburon Golf Club, the Black Course. Playing host to the Chubb Classic. This par 72, just under 70 -- 6,900 yards. Stephen Ames, the defending champion. Bernhard Langer has won this event five times in his career. Missed it last year. How about Freddie Jacobson, who earned a spot through Q School? Birdied the last four holes on the front side. He's at 4-under par. Darren Clarke with four birdies on his opening nine, shooting 31. He's at 4-under par.

[00:01:30] >> Now, Ernie Els set to play.

[00:01:32] >> Yeah. Left side of the fairway for Ernie. Back left hole location. Way in the back. Easy to get this ball over the back of the green. Hundred and fifty-five yards for Ernie.

[00:01:53] >> Yeah, trying to drive it in there low to the back pin. Right at it. Good shot.

[00:02:01] >> Billy Andrade over at 12 for his birdie to get to 4-under par. And Billy rolls that in.

[00:02:07] >> Take it back over to the 9th. Ernie Els next to play.

[00:02:16] >> So Ernie rolls that in. Had a good showing in Morocco finishing solo third.

[00:02:26] >> Welcome back to the Chubb Classic is Jerry Kelly, Fred Couples, Ernie Els playing the par-5 12th.

[00:02:58] >> Got to take advantage of these par 5s. There's three of them on this 9. Good looking shot.

[00:03:03] >> And that is great. Gave a little Arnold Palmer finish to that too.

[00:03:10] >> Felt like the snapback was faster than the clubhead speed at the bottom.

[00:03:20] >> Over at 17, Tim Petrovic playing his second.

[00:03:35] >> That's a fine shot.

[00:03:39] >> Kelly has an eagle putt, Cookie. And --

[00:03:54] >> There you go. You can be right back on track.

[00:04:02] >> Now, take you over to 13. And here's a look at Freddie Jacobson. Did win three times on the DP World Tour.

[00:04:15] >> Stuff it right in there.

[00:04:18] >> Now, over at the 12th, Justin Leonard for birdie at the par 5. Twelve, the second easiest hole in the golf course. That's the 11th birdie there today.

[00:04:34] >> Back at 13. Can Freddie Jacobson add yet another birdie?

[00:04:39] >> Well, I brag on his putting from regular tour. He was one of the all-time best. Only one win. That's pure.

[00:04:47] >> Tim Petrovic for birdie over at 17 to get to 4-under par. And Petro drops that in.

[00:04:58] >> Tom Lehman for his birdie. And Tom with a nice start. He's in with a 5-under, bogey free 67.

[00:05:05] >> One-twenty-four Ernie.

[00:05:18] >> Good line. Good shot.

[00:05:19] >> What a great shot.

[00:05:22] >> He's in the slot.

[00:05:23] >> That looks like how I tossed my towel this morning.

[00:05:28] >> Justin Leonard, who has a Players Championship on his resume, for his birdie at 16 to get to 2-under.

[00:05:39] >> Great look, Cookie, here for Ernie to get to 2-under.

[00:05:45] >> Yeah, another good look. Right underneath the hole. Not much to this. Just got to keep speed up.

[00:05:59] >> So Ernie Els with a birdie. Gets him to 2-under.

[00:06:04] >> Go over to 18. Jacobson just short of the green in that bunker in two, his third.

[00:06:13] >> It's a nice shot from a long ways off.

[00:06:15] >> John, what about this lion stance for Ernie?

[00:06:22] >> Yeah, there's really no issues. He might have to keep it underneath the tree limb though that's right in front of him. Try to drive something up that chute, up the front of the green. He only has 184 yards to the front of the green. Good lie. Ball slightly below his feet.

[00:06:37] >> Probably a 5 or 6-iron for Ernie.

[00:06:39] >> Looks like he is going. He's looking low.

[00:06:41] >> Yeah. Watch how high he gets his glove hand.

[00:06:44] >> Yeah, no doubt.

[00:06:45] >> Big long backswing still for Ernie Els. And his glove hand gets way up high above his right shoulder, kind of between his ear and his shoulder. That's why he still hits it so far.

[00:07:11] >> Trying to shoot it up the front of the green. Needs to get a little left. Just kicks into the bunker.

[00:07:21] >> Freddie Jacobson now has a chance to post 6-under and the outright lead. And he pours in that birdie putt.

[00:07:28] >> A little fist pump to go with it. He's really stoked.

[00:07:32] >> Third for Els at 15.

[00:07:37] >> Yeah, good line. A lot of room. But the slope of the green goes away from him. That's the land that may be just on the green or a little chunk and run.

[00:07:50] >> Pretty impressive.

[00:07:55] >> Justin Leonard for birdie at 18. And Justin in with a 4-under 68.

[00:08:03] >> He wants to win more than Justin Leonard right now.

[00:08:06] >> Be a heck of a birdie for Ernie, considering missing the tee shot right, and then short sighting himself.

[00:08:16] >> Got to pay attention to this one a little bit. It does go away from him. Get up and down.

[00:08:34] >> Go over to 13. Paul Stankowski playing his second shot.

[00:08:39] >> He's still got a lovely action.

[00:08:43] >> Ernie now 226 front, 242 hole. This is that kind of driving 4-iron. It says 4 on the bottom, but the loft does not say 4.

[00:08:57] >> Yeah, I haven't seen him try the --

[00:09:02] >> Try the same shot he did at 12. Trying to hit a low runner.

[00:09:09] >> It's going to spill into that bunker.

[00:09:15] >> Over 13, Stankowski rolls in the birdie. And he's at 4-under.

[00:09:23] >> Much more straightforward shot here, Cookie, I would believe for Ernie.

[00:09:27] >> Yeah, it's just long, his long bunker shot. Give him probably 25-yard bunker shot. So good that one.

[00:09:42] >> Flies it all the way there and spins it. What a shot.

[00:09:47][Applause]

[00:09:53] >> Paul Stankowski with yet another birdie. So he's at 5-under and now just a shot off the lead.

[00:10:02] >> Now, Ernie for birdie. And, you know, we talked about Freddie Jacobson posting that 6-under. Darren Clarke had gotten it to 8-under. And it seems kind of quiet here, John, but Ernie has this to pull within one of the lead.

[00:10:18] >> Yeah, amazing, huh? For his fifth birdie on his incoming nine holes. What a great up and down.

[00:10:37] >> Ernie Els shoots 67 today.

[00:10:39] >> Well, this is the leaderboard as of now. Freddie Jacobson in at 6-under, Els, Clarke at 5-under in. But Stankowski's birdied three in a row. He's gotten it to 5-under par. Joe Durant on the golf course at 4-under. How about Mario Tiziani? Four-under through his opening nine. Petrovic and Andrade in with 4-under par 68s. Jerry Kelly grinding out that 3-under par 69. Jesper Parnevik, who played in Morocco, he's at 3-under through his opening 10. Couples and Richard Green in at 2-under par. Thomas Bjorn, Brett Quigley playing 18. Hensby heading to 18. They're at 2-under par.

[00:11:26] >> Today from Naples, Florida, it's live second round coverage of the Chubb Classic. Situated along the Gulf. So many wonderful things to do in Naples in the community year in and year out. Roll rolls out the red carpet. Tiburon Golf Club for the fifth year. The Black Course playing host to the 38th playing of the Chubb Classic, the longest running PGA Tour Champions event in the same market, 38 years strong. Justin Leonard getting off to a really fast start in search of that first win on the PGA Tour Champions. Rolls in this birdie putt at 7. That would be his third in a row and get him to 8-under par. Ernie Els, a winner already this year, playing his second into the 8th. Paul Azinger, he had doubled the 7th, so a great bounce back for Ernie.

[00:12:13] >> Yeah. And when it's breezy, swing easy. And that's what happens when you watch the big easy. How about all those rhymes?

[00:12:20] >> Justin Leonard for another birdie at the 11th. Pours this one in and this gets him to 9-under par. Boy, and held the follow through. That's the club that will get Justin Leonard over the line, Bob, and to get his first win. Ernie Els, he's hit so many like little three finger shots, knockdown shots today with the wind. I think he's really going to perform well. And look at him go again. Holy mac.

[00:12:44] >> That was at the 10th. And that would get him to 7-under par. Ernie made a double, but he's not backing down. And then, Justin Leonard, that short game at the par-5 12th, plays his third, and sets up another birdie.

[00:12:55] >> He's a Bermuda grass specialist, and that was a crummy lie. And you saw he could put spin on it. Great shot.

[00:13:02] >> Here's Justin Leonard's third shot at the par-5 12th.

[00:13:08] >> Twelve, a little tougher today than yesterday. Playing into the wind more.

[00:13:14] >> Ernie Els to hit his second shot over at the par-5 12th.

[00:13:26] >> Ernie's got confidence, you know, galore right now with that big win. That's driver off the deck. Twelve is into the wind.

[00:13:34] >> We saw that nice third shot by Justin Leonard as he tries now to get to 10-under par.

[00:13:43] >> Talked about the way he follows through on his putts. It's still kind of the same. You know, you don't want to stop at the bottom of that stroke. You want to keep going at the hole. So easy to kind of pop it. But Justin Leonard, he exemplifies the perfect follow through, I think.

[00:14:00] >> Els' third at 12. And you'd expect this to be close.

[00:14:04] >> Yeah, bump and run specialist as well. A couple little knee knockers left there. I'd give this knee knocker category, wouldn't you?

[00:14:19] >> Mario Tiziani will be the last to play here at the par-5 12th.

[00:14:23] >> Mario had a really good year last year, earning a spot on the PGA Tour Champions and having an opportunity to play a lot of events. Shane, go ahead.

[00:14:36] >> I was going to say he wants to get this just right. You know, this is a real chance for him. He's got an iron out, so obviously he can reach. You know, he's a bigger hitter, still young. He's only 54 years old. And he just -- He and his caddie spent a lot of time on this shot. The wind is into him now. Even got a little left or right in it. Nice long green. Not a lot of trouble up here.

[00:15:05] >> And he laid up.

[00:15:15] >> Let's take you out to the 13th, where we find John Cook with Justin Leonard.

[00:15:50] >> I call that a gimme.

[00:15:56] >> Today, we need -- we saw this man, Ernie Els, with his length. Have to use driver off the deck. But he makes yet another birdie.

[00:16:07] >> Justin Leonard, so far, he's hit it the straightest. He's putted great.

[00:16:11] >> Clean scorecard for Justin. He was in contention a couple of years ago out of Pebble Beach in the PURE Insurance. Came up short, but played in the last group. But he has worked very hard on his game to get in that winner's circle. And he's got a chance here this week here in Naples.

[00:16:29] >> Now, over at the 12, Mario Tiziani elected to lay up again, playing into a heavy wind.

[00:16:37] >> Well, that's why he counted on that wedge.

[00:16:40] >> Justin Leonard playing his second into 14. Cookie, what you got in?

[00:16:43] >> Straight downwind, 128. Just a nice pitching wedge here for Justin. Hole location right in the front part of the green. Take it in there nice and high. Right at it. Another good looking shot.

[00:16:53] >> Not quite tap in, but what a good shot.

[00:16:57] >> Well, Tiziani elected to lay up.

[00:17:04] >> He plays point to point and it pays dividends.

[00:17:08] >> Can Justin Leonard add another one?

[00:17:16] >> Justin Leonard, wow.

[00:17:19] >> Let's go over to 15. Billy Andrade has a putt for eagle. As I mentioned, Charlie Wi, the only eagle today at 15. Can Billy be number 2?

[00:18:01] >> What a good shot that was.

[00:18:04] >> Freddie Jacobson's looking for his first birdie of the day. He's 1-over.

[00:18:07] >> Back over at 15, the second for Ernie Els. Number 12, Ernie went with Driver off the deck, playing into the wind.

[00:18:18] >> Plenty of green there to play with. See what kind of lie he's got.

[00:18:23] >> Paul Stankowski for his birdie at 14. Remember, Freddie Jacobson hit it in there tight. And Paul Stankowski gets to 8-under.

[00:18:35] >> Ernie Els from the bunker just short of the green at 15. An Ernie specialty.

[00:18:43] >> Yeah, that's such a fine shot, you know.

[00:18:45] >> Back over at 14. And Freddie Jacobson for birdie.

[00:18:52] >> Easy tap in for Freddie to get to 6-under par.

[00:18:58] >> After a wonderful bunker shot, Ernie Els has this putt for birdie to get to within one of the lead.

[00:19:16] >> Well, that is just pure as mother's love. Just dead straight. Beautiful putt.

[00:19:23] >> Let's go over to 18 from the greenside bunker at the par 5, Heath Slocum. And he's going to have that for birdie. Now, Jacobson, who was over the green in two, has this putt for birdie to get to 7-under. Heath Slocum for birdie. And what a round it's been for Heath as he shoots a 5-under 67. Buddy's right in contention.

[00:20:00] >> Justin Leonard playing his second into 18, John.

[00:20:04] >> Straight down win, 246 front, 253 hole. Pinned on that front left corner. Going a little left. Needs a straight kick.

[00:20:11] >> With his bunker skills, he may be able to pull that off.

[00:20:20] >> Paul Stankowski to play his second into 18.

[00:20:29] >> Get up, he says. Oh, that's the high draw. What a great shot for Paul Stankowski, a chance for eagle.

[00:20:37] >> John, what about this shot here for Justin?

[00:20:42] >> Well, ball below his feet, but it is on the upslope. Just trying to flip it out and maybe spin it a little bit. Caught it maybe just a little thin, maybe a half of a groove lobe. Not too bad.

[00:20:56] >> Paul Stankowski has this putt for eagle to get to within two of the lead. And this obviously would get him in the last group. Two putts gets him in the last group. Great try by Paul, but he'll tap in for birdie.

[00:21:19] >> The last putt of the day for Mario Tiziani, currently 2-over on his round today.

[00:21:35] >> In his 61st start on the PGA Tour Champions and finishes with a birdie, 1-over 73. Can Justin Leonard add one more birdie today's ledger? Justin is --

[00:21:53] >> This would move Leonard back to the outright lead.

[00:22:05] >> That's solid.

[00:22:06] >> What a day for Justin Leonard.

[00:22:09][Applause] Justin Leonard, brilliant day today. Other than the hiccup at 17, shoots 7-under. He'll go into the final round with a one shot lead over Ernie Els. Paul Stankowski with that two putt birdie at 18, shoots 71. That gets him into the last group. See Darren Clarke, Freddie Jacobson in that group at 7-under par.

[00:22:35] >> Is 6 too far back, you think?

[00:22:36] >> You never know, but I probably -- I think it probably is.

[00:22:47] >> It's live final round coverage of the Chubb Classic. Chubb in its 27th year as title sponsor. Thirty-eight years the PGA Tour Champions has been coming to gorgeous Naples, Florida. Tiburon Golf Club, the 10th venue used now in its fifth year. The Black Course playing host to the third of 28 on the PGA Tour Champions schedule, an event that Bernhard Langer has won a record five times. Stephen Ames, the defending champion. Couples a two time winner here. Jimenez, Stricker, notable champions over the years.

[00:23:22] >> And Paul Azinger, after a wide right putt, Leonard has this for par.

[00:23:27] >> Yeah, this is a real early kind of mid round gut check here at number 9. He's going to go to the back nine with the lead, which is going to be good for Justin Leonard. You know, it's a pretty good leaderboard behind him.

[00:23:39] >> Darren Clarke is right in the mix. He's 3-under on his round today, two off the lead. This is his third at 12, and just a hair aggressive there. Darren had a costly double bogey at 17 in Round 1. Had another double yesterday.

[00:23:56] >> Now, Justin Leonard, who played the front nine even par and got the lead, looking for his first win on the tee here at 10.

[00:24:13] >> Really high in the air and well to the right. There's a penalty area over there.

[00:24:18] >> He's OK and he's not past the hole. He had enough club to blast that right over the green.

[00:24:23] >> Let's see if Darren Clarke can make birdie here at the 12th to get to within one of the lead. And he does.

[00:24:33] >> John, what about this lie here for Justin Leonard? Everything good?

[00:24:39] >> It's OK. It's not great. It's sitting down a little bit. He's such a wonderful picture of the golf ball. It's all about the catch and the contact. I think he's going to have to play it onto the putting surface and let it run out. That was a danger with that lie.

[00:24:58] >> Yeah, you could tell he was uncomfortable. And, you know, he's a Bermuda grass specialist, so when he gets fooled like that, it was just one of those lies. It's one of those tweener lies. You don't know what to do.

[00:25:12] >> Stankowski's second at 10. And that's overly aggressive.

[00:25:18] >> Justin Leonard first to play. Now, he's got a wiggle out of some more danger here to stay at 11-under.

[00:25:25] >> That one's not stone dead either. You can bring your coin as we say, Bob.

[00:25:37] >> Let's go over to 11. And Heath Slocum is just a shot off the lead here.

[00:25:45] >> Oh, what a smooth swing. Great result.

[00:25:52] >> Stankow needs this for par to stay just one shot back. Actually, to stay tied because JL's already going to make --

[00:26:09] >> A little frisky with that pitch shot.

[00:26:10] >> Yup.

[00:26:10] >> Increases that right edge.

[00:26:17] >> We know Leonard's given back at least one here. And the door is open for a lot of other players all of a sudden. So Leonard with a bogey at the par-3 10th. Heath Slocum, a four-time winner on the PGA Tour, earned exempt status from the PGA Tour Champions last year. And he can't make that one.

[00:26:46] >> You know, he hit it right where he's looking. I don't know if he misread that putt or not. But that was right where he was aimed.

[00:26:53] >> Darren Clarke over 13, playing his second. And Zinger, I mean, he is right in the mix.

[00:27:00] >> Incredible. He's had all kinds of things happen to him right over the flagstick.

[00:27:05] >> Speaking of Fred Couples, he has this for par at 17.

[00:27:22] >> He's still got some serious game, Old Freddy Couples. He's had a lot of up and downs this tournament.

[00:27:31] >> Now, Justin Leonard to play his third. John, what --

[00:27:34] >> Kind of tugged it right through the wind.

[00:27:36] >> What does Justin have left for his third here?

[00:27:39] >> Yeah, he's 131 yards. Wind is in slightly out of the left. A little loose swing back there off the tee there for Justin. First really loose swing of the day. It's always fascinating on how these players handle a little bit of stress and adversity.

[00:28:00] >> That's a good looking shot right on line.

[00:28:02] >> Let's go over to 13. And Darren Clarke has this putt for birdie to get to 11-under and 5-under on his round today.

[00:28:13] >> Absolutely dead center. What a resilient player Darren Clarke is.

[00:28:18] >> Let's go over to 12. How about the run here for Billy Andrade? He has this for birdie at 12. And this would get Billy to within a shot of the lead.

[00:28:28] >> If you want to sometimes look at a par that could spark your round, this would be it for Justin Leonard after that bogey at the last.

[00:28:48] >> Wow, what a save. And a little fist pump from Justin from somebody's backyard.

[00:28:57] >> Andrade's second at 13.

[00:29:00] >> This is a shot you got to deal with the water if he hits a poor one. And that's a good shot. Another great shot for Billy Andrade.

[00:29:10] >> This is the second for Justin Leonard at the par-5 12th.

[00:29:24] >> Another slam on the brake. Yikes.

[00:29:27] >> OK. That just wide open to the flag, but a terrible place to be.

[00:29:33] >> Fred Couples in the greenside bunker in two at 18. This is his third. And Fred will have that for birdie.

[00:29:44] >> Let's go over to 13. Billy Andrade.

[00:29:47] >> Billy Andrade.

[00:29:53] >> Kind of coming out of nowhere, Billy Andrade, to play this way.

[00:29:59] >> Over at 18, Fred Couples for his birdie. Great up and down for Couples. Two-time champion of the Chubb Classic.

[00:30:08][Applause] Back at the Chubb Classic. This is Justin Leonard's third at the par-5 12th.

[00:30:19] >> Those 30-yard bunker shots into the wind. Take a big full swing. Almost charted.

[00:30:26] >> That was a confident shot.

[00:30:30] >> Look who caught a break. That ball didn't go all the way down in the water and gives it the big step through swing. See if he likes it.

[00:30:39] >> You hear him say, really, it kicked left?

[00:30:45] >> Sure did. Holy mackerel. Justin now with a chance to make another birdie.

[00:30:51] >> That's one heck of a shot he hit over there in that sand bunker or whatever that was. Looked like a waste bunker almost.

[00:30:57] >> Yeah, that was pretty special.

[00:31:10] >> Bingo.

[00:31:11][Applause] He's made some nice putts as Paul Stankowski. This is a big one. Stay within touch.

[00:31:24] >> There you go.

[00:31:27] >> Stankowski with a birdie. Heath Slocum, who played at Milton Florida High School with Boo Weekley, same high school that Bubba Watson later attended. And I would say that's a little bit of a misread.

[00:31:45] >> Yes, it was.

[00:31:47] >> Billy Andrade, who was a three-time All America at Wake Forest and Wake Forest Hall of Fame, won the 1986 NCAA Team Championship, 2022 Payne Stewart Award winner, with another good one.

[00:32:00] >> Good shot though.

[00:32:02] >> Can Slocum save par? Gets out of there with par.

[00:32:10] >> Back over 13. Justin Leonard to play his second.

[00:32:20] >> He's the best wedge player on the leaderboard.

[00:32:23] >> Andrade for four in a row on the outright lead.

[00:32:28] >> That's crazy. Billy Andrade out of nowhere today.

[00:32:34] >> Justin Leonard now for his birdie to join Andrade to 12-under.

[00:32:50] >> Holing speed.

[00:32:52] >> That is a really good birdie.

[00:32:55] >> Justin Leonard back to back birdies. He's at 12-under.

[00:33:00] >> Over at 17, Richard Green for birdie.

[00:33:10] >> How about that for Richard Green? A rare birdie at 17.

[00:33:17] >> Now, Justin Leonard's second and 14.

[00:33:21] >> Hundred and twenty-six yards. Cute little pin here. Anything past the flag, it can get over the green in a hurry. This is well out to the right.

[00:33:34] >> Billy Andrade ready to play at 16.

[00:33:59] >> See, and that's just a little tuggy. You're kind of on it. You've seen it before.

[00:34:10] >> Justin Leonard has a putt for birdie. This would be his third in a row, and give him the outright lead.

[00:34:17] >> Oh, wow.

[00:34:21] >> Or walk it in.

[00:34:22] >> Yeah, that's a huge putt there. He's made some good putts on this back nine.

[00:34:32] >> His par putt headed over the back of the green. Could sense the frustration with Ernie today. Just nothing happening. He's kind of a little out of sorts, moving some people around.

[00:34:44] >> I think we felt it was going to be a real head to head battle with Ernie and Justin Leonard today. But Ernie just hadn't put anything together. And Justin Leonard's having a pretty good round in this heavy wind. He's a couple under par.

[00:35:11] >> Billy Andrade playing at second at 16. Didn't make birdie at 15. And he's going to have a long putt for par at 16.

[00:35:24] >> He went from starting this final round with a one shot lead to trailing. Now, back up by two, his second for Justin Leonard at 15.

[00:35:32] >> That's a perfect leave though, John. I think he's in great shape. Now, Justin Leonard really in control.

[00:35:41] >> He is swinging beautifully.

[00:35:44] >> Big par putt for Billy Andrade at 16.

[00:35:47] >> That's a killer.

[00:35:51] >> He knows it needed to make at least just a par here.

[00:36:03] >> And now, makes a bogey at 16. Paul Stankowski now at 15.

[00:36:13] >> Two-fifteen front, 233 hole, back into the wind. Now, this is up in the air. Struggling a little bit, but up that gap.

[00:36:25] >> Richard Green finishing up for birdie at 18.

[00:36:28] >> And another good week for Richard. Done at 9-under.

[00:36:37] >> Paul Stankowski now to play his third shot.

[00:36:59] >> Justin Leonard playing his third shot at the par 5.

[00:37:10] >> Not dead cozy, but a very good chance for another birdie.

[00:37:14] >> So Stankowski for birdie and keeps himself in the equation.

[00:37:27] >> Justin Leonard now for his fourth birdie in a row and open up a three shot lead.

[00:37:52] >> Wow.

[00:37:53] >> A little opportunity miss.

[00:37:54] >> Speaking of the par-3 16th, away we go with our final group.

[00:38:03] >> Stankowski is going to play first.

[00:38:11] >> He needs to just stuff one right here. Seventeen is a very difficult birdie. If he could just stuff one here, maybe eagle the last hole.

[00:38:30] >> Oh, he stuck it in the ground.

[00:38:33] >> He did. Man, we haven't seen anything like that out of Stankow. And it's just got away from him on the right.

[00:38:46] >> Talk about Justin Leonard trying to win for the first time. Billy Andrade hasn't won since 2015. We've seen some of the pressure here down the stretch. And so far, Justin has survived it the best.

[00:39:00] >> Unflappable.

[00:39:10] >> Do not need to mess with the right-hand side. Confident swing to a conservative target. A little long left. You don't want to -- You know, it stays up a little bit. He's got some room to work with. But that's not horrible.

[00:39:29] >> He has room.

[00:39:30] >> But cannot miss right.

[00:39:31] >> Go up to the green at 18. And Joe Durant, who won the Chubb Classic back in 2018. How about that?

[00:39:42] >> What a great way to finish your day.

[00:39:44][Cheering and Applause]

[00:39:48] >> This is a big birdie putt here for Heath Slocum when you just think about dollars.

[00:40:07] >> That's a big cash putt. Gets you into a tie for fourth.

[00:40:12][Applause]

[00:40:22] >> Paul Stankowski, Cookie, playing his second here at 16.

[00:40:30] >> Yeah, not a very good lie. Choosing to pitch this. Body just stopped.

[00:40:40] >> Justin Leonard, who leads by two, over at 16, his second.

[00:40:48] >> But this one, oh, it caught perfectly.

[00:40:51] >> Let's go over to 18. Second for Billy Andrade, trailing by two.

[00:41:02] >> That's going to miss the green to the right in that bunker. Stankowski for his par.

[00:41:10] >> And he could have used it, trickled on, a little knee knocker.

[00:41:19] >> Well, this would be a heck of a save. Justin Leonard played a terrific shot from that thickish Bermuda grass on top of the hill. Put it in the air a little bit, played it to spin, which it did. Now, just this little tester.

[00:41:39] >> No hill for a climber. That's a heck of a par for Justin Leonard there.

[00:42:01] >> So a bogey for Stankowski.

[00:42:10] >> Darren Clarke playing his third shot at 18. And Darren, wow.

[00:42:22] >> Yup, right in the middle of the green.

[00:42:26] >> Justin Leonard, you know, this is a tough hole, tough shot. Two shot lead. Just kind of just going to draw on all his experiences here. Knows how to win. This is the most important shot of the day right here.

[00:42:51] >> Solid contact. A little bit out to the right, but that's exactly where we needed to put it. Yup.

[00:42:56] >> Beautiful --

[00:42:56] >> Called the shot right there.

[00:43:13] >> Get ready for Billy Andrade's third here at 18.

[00:43:20] >> He's got some work to do, boy. And that is a money putt.

[00:43:26] >> Now, the fourth for Darren Clarke.

[00:43:31][Applause]

[00:43:35] >> He must have just caught some kind of horrible break.

[00:43:37] >> Andrade to finish with a birdie and post 12-under.

[00:43:42] >> Oh, no.

[00:43:43] >> Went the other way.

[00:43:48] >> Well, that's too bad.

[00:43:53] >> Now, Darren Clarke.

[00:44:00][Applause]

[00:44:01] >> A tough pill to swallow at the last hole. That's going to drop Darren Clarke back to a just a tie for third.

[00:44:13] >> Now, Justin Leonard for his birdie at 17.

[00:44:34] >> Holes the finish again on that putt. Perfect speed. In.

[00:44:37] >> Wow. One of the rare birdies at 17. Justin Leonard.

[00:44:45][Applause]

[00:45:10] >> Back at the Chubb Classic. Justin Leonard with a three shot lead, playing his second into the par-5 18th.

[00:45:32] >> This is not going to the right. Find one of those greenside bunkers. And it does in the second one. That should be fine. A lot of green to work with.

[00:45:50] >> It's now Ernie Els.

[00:46:03] >> See Ernie hit a good one here, make a three or a four. Got it going a little left being the -- just short of the front bunker. Just creeps in. Pretty easy bunker shot though.

[00:46:26] >> Yeah, those bunker shots are simple.

[00:46:34] >> Stankow now with a chance to really make a move up the leaderboard.

[00:46:40] >> Yeah, 219 front, Paul, 234 hole.

[00:46:42] >> This is like a 5-wood or a 7-wood or something, I think.

[00:46:52] >> Way up in the air. Cutting. Won't get all the way to the bad stuff, but you'll have some green to work with.

[00:47:04] >> Well, John Cook, pretty simple bunker shot for Justin Leonard.

[00:47:10] >> Pretty much, yeah. Pretty straightforward. Got plenty of green to work with. He's hit a couple pretty good bunker shots here on this incoming nine holes. This is pretty stock standard, except it is trying to close out a tournament period of time for the three shot.

[00:47:22] >> Well, you went a lot period of time.

[00:47:24] >> Makes this a little easier.

[00:47:26] >> Yeah. John, you went a long period of time, you know, a win on the regular tour, then came out here and bunch of wins on this tour. What do you think emotionally he's feeling?

[00:47:33] >> Yeah, we're going to ask him that question. I think that he's going to be very proud of himself. I think that he's going to talk about how hard he's worked, how he's going to be dedicated, kind of rededicating and relearning how to play and win.

[00:47:46] >> And he's going to have that pot to post 15-under.

[00:48:00] >> Ernie Els playing his third here at 18. John, have you ever seen, you know, not in a major, on the regular tour, but around where Ernie Els is birdie less?

[00:48:10] >> No, I haven't.

[00:48:11] >> It's got to be mark your calendars to this. That was a pretty stock standard shot too. So he's got that for his first birdie of the day. Not going to get shut out.

[00:48:19] >> Don't want to go old for Naples today.

[00:48:23] >> Not today, you don't.

[00:48:28] >> Stankowski, his third at 18.

[00:48:33] >> Clear that bunker. And that's a beauty. Stankow can make a move here. If he makes that putt, that'll get him to, let's see, that'll get him to 10-under and a tie for third. That's a huge putt for him.

[00:48:48] >> Cookie, you still down there?

[00:48:51] >> I am. He's grinding on this.

[00:48:53] >> Yeah, he is. He wants to make a birdie so bad it.

[00:49:39] >> Birdie free final round for Ernie Els.

[00:49:43][Applause]

[00:50:03] >> That putt there was for a bundle of cash.

[00:50:07] >> That would have moved him to 10-under and in a tie for third with Darren Clarke. Two hundred seventy for Paul Stankowski in his 80th start. And we say in Naples, all is perfect in paradise. Today has been perfect for this man, Justin Leonard, as he is going

to win the Chubb Classic and pick up win number one on the PGA Tour Champions. A birdie at 17. And then, caps it off with a birdie at 18. He started the day with a one shot lead. He finishes the day with a four shot victory, shooting a 4-under par 68. And after the bogey at 10, Justin Leonard plays the final eight holes in 5-under par. Justin Leonard is the Chubb Classic champion.

[00:51:07] >> And another major champion from the regular tour. Now, on the PGA Tour Champions has picked up a victory.

[00:51:18] >> Yeah. He was real candid about everything there. It's been about 16 years actually since Justin won. And obviously, it was very emotional day for him. And it's just, you know, in your mind, the walks between shots or the cart ride, whatever he did, you know, he did what he needed to do. It was a gut check for him. I said earlier, he's tougher than new booties. He's tougher than alligator skin. All those gators we were watching today too. And I really respect him.

[00:51:45] >> A lot of guys gave it a run. Billy Andrade's game rounded into form. Heath Slocum was in the mix as well. And Darren Clarke made a charge. But in the end, it was Justin Leonard playing his final holes 5-under over his last seven to win the Chubb Classic.