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[00:00:32] >> PGA Tour Champions in Rancho Mirage, California, the sixth of 28 on the season schedule. The Galleri Classic in its third year underway with Round number 1. Mission Hills Country Club, steep tradition, in fact, the Coachella Valley, a long history with the PGA Tour. Dinah Shore took place here from 1972 to 2022. So many legendary winners. And now, the PGA Tour Champions in Year number here 3 at the Galleri Classic. And 78 degrees winds out of the northwest at 12 miles per hour. We've had gusts of up to 25 miles per hour, but the wind is suddenly starting to subside just a little bit. Bernhard Langer, in search of career win number 48 on the PGA Tour Champions, has gotten it to 4-under par. Cameron Percy at 4-under as well. Jason Caron continues his fine. Steven Alker, a runner up each of the last two years here at 2-under par. Bob Papa, along with John Cook, who lived on the property. So glad you can join us. Billy Ray Brown is out on the golf course. Take you out to the par-4 12th, and Billy Ray, the third for Ernie Els.

[00:01:58] >> Missed the green to the right coming down the slope with Ernie. Had a pretty good lie in that rough.

[00:02:09] >> Steve Flesch for birdie at 17.

[00:02:12] >> Good shot in here at 17, the par 3. Anything on the green here is tiny hole location, way in the back left.

[00:02:23] >> Stewart Cink at 1-over has this putt for birdie.

[00:02:28] >> Pretty slow putt into the wind, gave it a nice wrap, and in it goes. Great birdie there at 13.

[00:02:35] >> Bernhard Langer didn't play here last year because of that Achilles injury. Back in the desert. This birdie putt at 15.

[00:02:44] >> Up and over a ridge, should move to his left. And I thought it was going to be a tricky two putt.

[00:02:52] >> Not for the hall of famer, who's got a clean scorecard. Last hole of the day for Stuart Appleby at the par-5 9th. And taps in that short birdie pot. So Stuart, a 2-under par 70 with this wind in the afternoon. That's a good score.

[00:03:11] >> John Cook's house is a backdrop. Our very first place right there.

[00:03:17] >> David Toms.

[00:03:20] >> Really well done. Look at that wind blowing up there. Very exposed that 14th green across that water.

[00:03:30] >> Now, go over to 13. Ernie Els for birdie. You know, Billy Ray, we mentioned Ernie's had numerous chances to win. He did win already, and he's second in the Schwab Cup standings. You've been to the Chubb Classic in Naples. Can you imagine Ernie Els playing in the final group and not making a birdie in the final round at Tiburon.

[00:03:56] >> I cannot. That golf course sets up absolutely perfect for him. Nice putt. Really slow coming up that ridge.

[00:04:10] >> Well, from long range, no issues. Yeah, nice little bounce back.

[00:04:21] >> David Toms for birdie after that great tee shot of 14. Now, like late in the day, did you ever just go out and just play the hole?

[00:04:28] >> Oh, of course. Used to hit -- drop a bag of balls in the back there. Rip 3-irons in there. This hole can play pretty long sometimes, so.

[00:04:37] >> Miguel Angel Jimenez for birdie at 13.

[00:04:42] >> Got a fantastic read from the putt from Vijay Singh. So I love Miguel's chances here.

[00:04:55] >> This will tend to go his left a little bit. And you called it, BR, right in the center. Great teach.

[00:05:11] >> Big gust of wind.

[00:05:19] >> Yeah. Tricky little shot right here. You got that bulkhead staring you right in the face, winds blowing into you out of the right. It's like a little nine, maybe even a little chippy 8-iron type of shot.

[00:05:31] >> Yeah, this is the one you really want to almost hit this one with dead arms here and try to take some of the spin off of it so it doesn't get in the air. Vijay goes through the air, though, out to the right. The wind has got it. It's going to be a much better shot though, than the other two.

[00:05:51] >> Outstanding right there, Billy Ray. About 8 feet hole high.

[00:05:58] >> Goosen rinsed his second shot at 18, and then, Alker chose to not lay up. He rinsed his second. Goosen then got up and down to make an incredible par. Alker did not to win by one.

[00:06:11] >> Yeah, turn of events.

[00:06:16] >> Now, over at the 9th, Kirk Triplett. It's so windy. He doesn't have his floppy hat on.

[00:06:26] >> So weird seeing him in a regular cap.

[00:06:28] >> He would just blow away, put that floppy hat on. But nice finish there at the par 5.

[00:06:33] >> And that's a good round, 1-under 71.

[00:06:36] >> See if Retief Goosen can continue clawing back, has this putt for birdie.

[00:06:40] >> Remember 2 years ago, Goosen in the final round was 9-under through 12 as he made a late charge at David Toms, but then played the last six holes 2-over.

[00:06:57] >> Langer's second at 17.

[00:07:00] >> No real issues here. Just kind of dump it out. And use the flagstick to slow it down. You get a good day going when things like that happen to you.

[00:07:09] >> Seventh in the Schwab Cup standings. And he pours that in. Four-under 68 for Jason Caron. What a story he has been. Bernhard Langer playing his third. And Johnny, laid up into the rough.

[00:07:28] >> That is the cardinal sin. Drove it in the right rough, laid it up to there, now going across the water, the island green, trying to use some slope. And what a shot that was.

[00:07:40] >> Vijay Singh's ball did not go in the bunker. This is his third.

[00:07:48] >> Headed on the upslope and into -- pitching it into the winds. Made a little bit easier, but that still was not that easy of a shot.

[00:07:57] >> Alex Cejka was a runner up here last year. This was his third at the 9th, his final hole of the day.

[00:08:04] >> Long bunker shot from the front part of the green. Used some slope, and it got everybody excited right there.

[00:08:11] >> Caught a lot of the hole.

[00:08:12] >> Sure did.

[00:08:16] >> Cejka for his birdie to finish the day at 1-under.

[00:08:21] >> He's got the extra wide stance with the wind blowing. He got some buddies in the crowd there. Like the way he finished it up.

[00:08:32] >> Final hole the day for Thongchai Jaidee. Has this for birdie to get to within one of the lead. A 4-under 68, clean scorecard. No bogeys. Richard Green playing with Thongchai Jaidee. Still looking for that first win after a great year last year. Finishing up his day. Let's see if he can end with a birdie. Buries it.

[00:09:01] >> It's just a matter of time for Richard Green. Really, really good and kind of touched all around those wins last year, but couldn't quite get it to the finish line.

[00:09:10] >> Over at 17, the second for Freddie Jacobsen.

[00:09:13] >> Get up a little bit up that little slope. He's got a lot of work left for his par

[00:09:24] >> Wait. Miguel Angel Jimenez made the turn at 4-under, and then made a bogey at the 10th. And Billy Ray, he's just kind of leaking oil. Birdied 13, and then bogeys at 15, and the double at 17, and now all kinds of issues here at 18.

[00:09:44] >> Yeah, this for par coming up the slope, off the green. A very slow putt with some movement from left to right.

[00:09:58] >> Shank the bunker shot at 17, missed the fairway to lead to bogey at 15. And 4-under going out and 4-over coming in. Even par 72. He's still playing with a lot of confidence, so. He showed that last week. And I think that this was just an anomaly for him. He'll come back out and play a good weekend.

[00:10:32] >> Billy Ray, what about this putt here for Els that's going to give a good read for Singh?

[00:10:40] >> Well, it's, one, you're going to have to factor in the wind. It will break back down to his left. Believe he's going to have Vijay move his mark since those two balls were positioned so close together. But John, I can't help but think the way Ernie's been putting, kind of coming in these last five holes, putting downwind here, downwind, a little bit of grain down as well. If this putt goes in, I think it's going to be on the last couple rolls here. He doesn't want to give himself that 4 or 5 footer if it gets away from him.

[00:11:18] >> Yeah, he's got to go highlined here. I think, Billy Ray, he made a nice confident stroke on 17, about a 5 footer for par. I think he's got to air this way out to the right. Just let that top edge drip, catch that -- run on that top edge. Just never got it -- He got it into the slope so hard or so much that it slowed the ball down.

[00:11:46] >> You could almost read his mind there exactly the approach that he was going to take there. He wasn't going to have a 4 or 5 footer left there.

[00:11:55] >> Even par 72 for Ernie Els.

[00:12:02] >> Now, Vijay Singh for his birdie.

[00:12:09] >> Yeah, this wind where we saw the position of Els, and now, Vijay putting from as well. This 18th green exposed to the conditions. You have to factor in that wind. As you said, John, if you the further you go out to the right, up to the right-hand side of the slope, a little bit of its uphill from the get go. But if it gets turning left and running with this wind, it can get away from you quickly.

[00:12:36] >> Yeah, there's a lot of layers of this putt, slope, wind, speed. That was a good looking putt. Just missing on the high side.

[00:12:46] >> What kind of odds would you have gotten that the group of Ernie Els, Vijay Singh, and Miguel Angel Jimenez would all shoot even par 72 today?

[00:13:01] >> Tells you how hard the par-5 18th is playing today. Like you said, a third of a shot over par on a par 5. Just tough conditions right now.

[00:13:13] >> No worries for Bernhard Langer. He shot a bogey-free 67. Cameron Percy with a 67. Jason Caron in that group at 4-under. Thongchai Jaidee was bogey-free in his round. So was Stephen Ames with that 3-under par here in Round 1 of the Galleri Classic.

[00:13:40] >> PGA Tour Champions in Rancho Mirage, California. Less wind on the second round Saturday for the third playing of the Galleri Classic. Bob Papa, along with John Cook. Cameron Percy has this putt for birdie at the 7th. Percy eagled the second, birdied the

fourth, coming off of bogey at the 6th. And John didn't hit a very good second shot. In here to 7.

[00:14:07] >> No, he drove it right down there, around the corner there, Bob. Had just a little wedge into this hole location. Left it way short, but 7 playing the toughest hole in the golf course today.

[00:14:17] >> Let's go over to the 8th. Richard Green, in search of his first win on the PGA Tour Champions, has this putt for birdie.

[00:14:25] >> Par 3, 160 yards today, tee pushed way up to the front of the tee.

[00:14:31] >> How about Bernhard Langer, 67 years of age, has a birdie putt at the 7th? Langer in that wind yesterday, Cookie. Shot a bogey-free 5-under 67. Pretty amazing.

[00:14:44] >> Twenty-seventh time he shot his age or better on just the PGA Tour Champions. That's just incredible to me. Up a little bit of a slope. It's got some speed. Good pace, though.

[00:15:02] >> Tag Ridings, who got in via Monday qualifying, rolls in another birdie putt. And Tag Ridings, in only a second start on the PGA Tour Champions, has now gotten it to 8-under par and has the outright lead. Stephen Ames had a quiet year playing his third shot at the 9th. He has made only one par here on his opening nine holes, and that was not what he was looking for. Five birdies, two bogeys. Bernhard Langer for his par at the 7th. And Langer knocks that in. To remain 1-under on the day and 6-under for this championship. Tag Ridings, who won twice on the Korn Ferry Tour, the last time in 2021, got into the field on a Monday cue, is 8-under today and leads by two.

[00:16:14] >> Singh for birdie. And Vijay rolls that in to get to 5-under.

[00:16:18] >> Good round of golf going for Vijay, hall of famer. Clean card, five birdies.

[00:16:29] >> Billy Ray, Miguel Angel Jimenez over at 7, his 16th hole the day. What's he have in?

[00:16:41] >> Right over top of the flagstick. Really aggressive play to fly it all the way back there and hold it on the back of that green. Now he's got a real nice opportunity for birdie.

[00:16:53] >> Tag Ridings on the tee at 17. John, this is a tough green to deal with, isn't it?

[00:17:02] >> It is. It's really firm. It's pretty small, has a lot of undulation to it. And today, the pin is in the very front bowl. Only playing 173 yards today, and the wind should be in out of the left. Using that little bit of a slope. You see that little bowl? Catch it. Nice shot.

[00:17:23] >> Miguel Angel Jimenez for birdie at the 7th. Billy Ray, aggressive with that second shot.

[00:17:32] >> Well, he could be aggressive. He played driver off the tee and only had 117 in with his second.

[00:17:38] >> Just walking that one right in.

[00:17:44] >> He's officially back. What a finish yesterday, guys, that he, you know, finished double bogey, bogey yesterday. And, yeah, it's hard for a player, even a veteran player, to flip the script like he did today.

[00:18:00] >> Caron's third here at the par-5 9th.

[00:18:05] >> Just right of the green. Plenty of green to work with. Nice pitch shot there for Jason.

[00:18:14] >> Another good birdie look for Tag Ridings, who is 8-under today. Started the day five off the lead, now leads by one. And what's this want to do, John?

[00:18:30] >> Yeah, this has a little bit more break from right to left than you think it does. You got the valley behind you. Once it starts to slow down, it'll go left pretty quickly.

[00:18:41] >> Perfect read there, Bob. Right in the center. And what a round of golf Tag Ridings has going with a reachable par 5 forum coming up.

[00:18:53] >> Yeah, we saw Fred Couples and a couple others get home in two at 18 today. Yesterday, it was a nonstarter.

[00:19:00] >> Over at the 10th, Steve Allan playing his second.

[00:19:06] >> Aggressive off the tee, downwind, takes driver out past that bunker. And a beautiful wedge shot.

[00:19:14] >> Second for Langer at 10.

[00:19:18] >> The front hole location. Chose to lay the ball back and hit a fuller shot in there. Nice shot.

[00:19:27] >> Stephen Ames for birdie. Ames was bogey-free yesterday and shooting that 3-under par 69. He's made two bogeys today.

[00:19:35] >> Oh, that is rude. Just fell right off the table from right to left.

[00:19:45] >> Bernhard Langer, a two-time Masters champion. He is not playing in the PGA Tour Champions event in Boca next week. It's going to be his final competitive round at Augusta. Wants to enjoy it. Steven Alker has been a runner up here in each of the last 2 years. Has this for birdie at the difficult 14th. And he walks that in. And Alker is now at 8-under and just a shot off the lead.

[00:20:14] >> Coming off a win a couple weeks ago in Tucson.

[00:20:19] >> Vijay Singh tapping in for his birdie.

[00:20:22] >> Nice two putt from the back of the green. And what a nice group to watch today.

[00:20:35] >> Steve Allan for birdie, and pours that in. So he gets to 8-under. Taking advantage of the par-5 11th.

[00:20:44] >> Nice up and down from that front right bunker.

[00:20:50] >> We talked about how 14 is playing as the hardest hole in the golf course. We saw Steven Alker make birdie. How about Steve Flesch.

[00:20:58] >> How about it? Clanked it right in there.

[00:21:03] >> Can't be too happy about his Kentucky Wildcats last night.

[00:21:09] >> Yeah. Like took the fall.

[00:21:10] >> Flesch moves to 4-under. Brett Quigley, 2-under on his round today. Three birdies on the front, bogey at 14. Delicate birdie putt here at 17.

[00:21:24] >> Down that hill into that bowl. But, yeah, Q from downtown.

[00:21:30] >> Nobody beats the Quigs. He's 3-under today.

[00:21:35] >> Jason Caron. Second shot came up short of the green, has this one for birdie. And that gets Jason to within two of the lead. Steve Allan for birdie. I don't know how you top that. But for his birdie putt and a share of the lead to get him to 9-under and 6-under on the day.

[00:21:59] >> Yeah. This goes into the grain. And pretty good breaker from right to left. How about it? It's a couple in a row now for Steve Allan after that short miss at 10 for birdie.

[00:22:10] >> The only reason he's even playing this week is because Stricker was forced to withdraw because of an injury. Making the most of it.

[00:22:23] >> Jason Caron for his birdie.

[00:22:29] >> Little deeper into the green than what Cameron Percy was. So he really has to contend with the slope that's just to his right.

[00:23:02] >> Catches that slope. Keep turning and go. Good putt. What a great putt across the slope there. Birdies in a row for Jason Caron.

[00:23:13] >> And he's within one of the lead. Rod Pampling. That is a putt for birdie. Rod didn't get the kick that were seeing.

[00:23:32] >> Well, the three shots in this grouping today are awesome. I mean, all players got a great look. Steven Alker hit one in there. Just almost give me range. Yeah, this putt for Rod's going to move across this slope a little bit. It'll break a little bit from the start from right to left and straighten up.

[00:23:59] >> Rod is 1-over today.

[00:24:03] >> Not anymore.

[00:24:10] >> Even for the day for Rodney. Alker for birdie.

[00:24:21][Applause] That's his eighth birdie of the day. He's now in a share of the lead. Doug Barron for birdie at 15 to get to within three of the lead.

[00:24:39] >> Just off the back edge. Good putt.

[00:24:45] >> So Doug Barron, 4-under today. Steve Allan playing his second at 14. We just saw Stephen Ames make bogey from this bunker.

[00:24:55] >> Yeah. Had it on the downslope. Had to take a chance on landing it just off the green. And what an effort.

[00:25:01] >> Boy, Alex Cejka's had -- he's had said a lot of good putts that didn't fall, Billy Ray. And you know, he went out bogey-free, 4-under. And he's made eight straight pars after that birdie at the 9th. Really could use this one.

[00:25:16] >> Yeah, this one, even though it's coming down the slope, he's got the flagstick in, just inside left here. Should be very simple for him.

[00:25:29] >> So Cejka shoots 67. And you know, he's only three -- within three of the lead. Stephen Ames has this putt for birdie at 16. He's given himself a lot of good looks.

[00:25:43] >> Yeah, they've pushed the tee up here at 16, so it's shorter shots into this green. And he played a beautiful approach. Takes advantage.

[00:25:56] >> So Ames at 6-under. He's only three off the lead. Billy Ray, you know you were with the Alker group and you saw Alker play it perfectly. It feels like over the last 30 minutes or so, we've seen a lot more errant shots in the 17.

[00:26:16] >> Well, it's, you know, it's maybe just a little nerve Saturday afternoon, but the conditions are absolutely perfect.

[00:26:27] >> How about it?

[00:26:29] >> Cameron Percy nearly knocked it in.

[00:26:37] >> So much for the errant shots there, Bob.

[00:26:40] >> Mayfair, if he makes this putt, gets to 7-under and within two of the leads.

[00:26:55] >> Put him in the second to last group too, which is he hasn't been in that position for a while. So he found something in his game this week.

[00:27:07] >> Jaidee hit his second shot into the penalty here, into the water. This is his fourth at 18.

[00:27:15] >> Plus-1. Not any longer.

[00:27:19] >> He made birdie.

[00:27:21] >> Not any longer.

[00:27:24] >> Wow.

[00:27:25] >> Well, I saw a lot of incredible golf today. Steve Allan shooting a bogey-free 65. Steven Alker, a bogey-free 65. And of course, Sunday qualifier Tag Ridings shoots a bogey-free 63.

[00:27:50] >> PGA Tour Champions in Rancho Mirage, California. The third playing of Galleri Classic. Mission Hills Country Club, what a wonderful venue to host the PGA Tour Championship. Steve Allan on the tee. Steve looking for his first win on the PGA Tour Champions, started the day with a one shot lead, this at the par-3 8th, John.

[00:28:15] >> Already made three birdies in his first seven holes. A dream start here for Steve Allan trying to win his first PGA Tour Champions trophy. And what a golf shot there at the 165-yard 8th.

[00:28:27] >> Shot a 65 yesterday, bogey-free. Miguel Angel Jimenez missed a makeable birdie putt at the par-3 8th. Does not make birdie at the 9th. That's a hole you have to get the par-5 9th. Darren Clarke has this putt for birdie at the 9th, playing with Jimenez.

[00:28:53] >> Going to go a little bit. Last turn.

[00:28:55][Applause]

[00:29:00] >> And Steve Allan has a chance for his fourth birdie through his opening eight holes. And Billy Ray, for a guy who's playing in the final group on a Sunday for only the second time, he's never won on the PGA Tour Champions, got in because Steve Stricker withdrew. He looks rock steady.

[00:29:21] >> No doubt. Definitely taking advantage of his opportunity.

[00:29:25] >> He has now opened up a three shot lead. Fist pump from his son, Liam, who's on the bag. Mark Hensby for birdie.

[00:29:39] >> The tough 12th.

[00:29:46] >> So he's made five birdies today. So with the wind down, golf course is very gettable. Tag Ridings at 63 yesterday to vault himself up into contention. But Steve Allan in cruise control leads Steven Alker by three. Let's go over to 11. We saw that third shot in for Steve Flesch, and he pours this in for birdie. So Flesch gets to 10-under. Defending champ Retief Goosen has this putt for birdie at 12.

[00:30:19] >> Just underneath the hole with a stretch. It does. Defending champion with a birdie at the tough 12th.

[00:30:32] >> Certainly are not making Allan sweat.

[00:30:35] >> And it doesn't get -- Not at all. And it doesn't get much easier than this right here for Stephen Allan. After watching the putt, even though Alker hit it through the break, it would tell him that I cannot give the hole away here on this right-hand side. It's inside right, and speed's definitely not going to be an issue. If anything, it's a little bit back into the green, John.

[00:31:03] >> Yeah, it's a good read, Billy Ray. It has a little bit of left movement in it, but not outside the hole. He looks comfortable, Billy Ray.

[00:31:16] >> That was center cut.

[00:31:22] >> Well, this is an important birdie putt for Tag Ridings, Billy Ray. Probably not going to win, but as a guy who had to money queue into this event, he needs to stack as high a finish as he can get.

[00:31:36] >> No doubt. We talked about it on the previous hole.

[00:31:39][Applause]

[00:31:44] >> Even par 36. Up at the green, Cameron Percy for birdie. Percy shared the lead after Round 1 with Bernhard Langer after shooting a 5-under 67. And he knocks that in. Shot a 3-under yesterday. Miguel Angel Jimenez playing his third shot at the par-5 11th. Over the green, so good with the short game, John.

[00:32:10] >> Yeah, had to loft it up over a little bit of a down slope and it landed perfectly. And that was so well judged.

[00:32:16] >> Let's go the 18. Former Schwab Cup champion, Scott McCarron, who's really been since he injured his ankle, it has been just horrific for him as far as results and play. And puts that in for birdie. And what a day for Scott. He shoots a 7-under par 65 to finish the week at 8-under.

[00:32:37] >> Over at the 11th, Darren Clarke for birdie. Darren gobbled up the back nine yesterday. Shot 30 on the incoming nine. And there's a birdie at the 11th for Clarke. What about this putt, Billy Ray, for Tag.

[00:32:57] >> Well, there's no doubt about what it does. On the same line as Alker.

[00:33:05] >> Two in a row there for Tag.

[00:33:07] >> There you go.

[00:33:18] >> And Steve Allan for his sixth birdie in his opening 10 holes.

[00:33:31] >> Well, he is seeing two good reads at it there from Ridings and also Alker. So, I like his chances here.

[00:33:39] >> Not wasting any time either. Just didn't hit it, Billy Ray.

[00:33:52] >> Ridings now has a chance to get to within four with this short one for birdie.

[00:34:00] >> That was a really sporty little pitch in which Tags Ridings played off that tight lie. Showing no signs of nerves at all. But he has on the line right now.

[00:34:18][Applause]

[00:34:25] >> Richard Green for his birdie to get to 10-under at 17.

[00:34:30] >> And you won't see many birdies today at 17.

[00:34:33][Applause]

[00:34:41] >> Appleby for birdie.

[00:34:43] >> What a round of golf there for Stuart Appleby, 64.

[00:34:50] >> Bogey-free. Doug Barron after that wonderful tee shot. Little shorty here for birdie at 14.

[00:35:00] >> Nice two there at the 14th, the par 3.

[00:35:04] >> He's at 9-under. Ernie Els, second in the Schwab cup standings, for birdie at 16.

[00:35:16] >> Nice birdie there. They've moved the tee up again on the 16th hole. So not playing at its 470. It's up there today playing 425.

[00:35:26] >> Let's see if Steven Alker can add a little drama to this final round after not birdieing the par-5 11th. He started the day with three straight birdies, 1, 2, and 3. And then, all par since Billy Ray. Can he get something going here?

[00:35:46] >> You talk about missing the par -5 11th, but you got to go back to the 9th, free Mr. Shore and for birdie, hit it in there close at the 10th, unable to convert. And obviously, the 11 that you spoke of, he needs something to go in just for his psyche right now.

[00:36:03] >> Should move just a little bit to his left. Just hangs in there, Billy Ray. So good birdie.

[00:36:09][Applause]

[00:36:14] >> Retief Goosen for birdie at 17. Excuse me, 16. The defending champions pours that in.

[00:36:22] >> Well, after that hiccup at the second, the par 5, he could hit driver in the short iron in two. He's made himself six birdies.

[00:36:33] >> Dives into that rough, though. Now, Allan.

[00:36:46] >> You know, it's never easy to win on the PGA Tour Champions. And with that lead he has right now, rest assured, someone's going to make a challenge.

[00:36:56] >> No doubt. And a good -- important tee ball here for Steve Allan. And he answers the call. Beautiful tee shot.

[00:37:09] >> Let's go over to 18. Thongchai Jaidee playing his second. One-over on his round today at the par-5 18th. Catches that front edge and look at this feed down. And he's going to have that for eagle.

[00:37:26] >> Let's see if Jaidee can make that eagle. Caught that left edge.

[00:37:44] >> Limps in there, but a nice eagle finish there for Thongchai.

[00:37:49] >> Now, Jimenez, a couple of loose iron shots. Has this lengthy putt for birdie at 14.

[00:37:57] >> Up the hill, up the slope. And --

[00:38:00] >> Miguel, take out the saber.

[00:38:05] >> Missed some short ones, but he'll make that long one.

[00:38:07] >> So that gets him to 11-under. Richard Green has this putt for birdie, his fifth on the incoming nine. And he shoots 31 coming in, 7-under 65. Actually bogeyed the par-5 9th.

[00:38:31] >> Let's see, Billy Ray, if Steve Allan now can stuff one in there.

[00:38:40] >> Also 124 yards. Holding the pose.

[00:38:47] >> Keeps it underneath the hole there, Billy Ray. Good opportunity.

[00:38:50] >> Steve Allan now, Billy Ray has a chance to push that lead back to four here for birdie.

[00:39:00] >> He's doing everything he's supposed to do at this point.

[00:39:05] >> He's got a couple dangerous tee shots coming up. Fourteen with the water, 15 with Gerald Ford drive down the left-hand side. But other than that, he's pretty much in the driver's seat.

[00:39:23] >> Jimenez, I think, is next.

[00:39:30] >> Miguel coming off of birdie at 14. Or is it Hall of Famer Vijay Singh. Vijay along with Olazabal, Monty, Langer, Goosen, and Els, and Couples, Hall of Famers in the field here this week. You know, we were in Vincenzo's the other night. You signed the poster.

[00:39:50] >> I did.

[00:39:50] >> Vijay's name.

[00:39:51] >> I did. Signed right by the Hall of Famer.

[00:39:54] >> Vijay a mainstay there.

[00:39:56] >> I was honored to be asked to sign that.

[00:40:01] >> After that dinner, it was. I don't know what that dish you made up that we had after the pizza. That was phenomenal.

[00:40:13] >> Boom. Vijay buries it.

[00:40:15] >> Very well read. That was going to go just slightly to the right.

[00:40:19] >> Get him a slice.

[00:40:20] >> Get him a slice for that. He'd take it.

[00:40:23] >> Let's go over to 14. And Steven Alker, and again, John and Billy Ray, the 14th hole today has yielded 12 birdies. Not playing as difficult with the yardage today. And let's see if Alker, BR, can stuff one in there.

[00:40:42] >> Yeah. Also the lack of wind. Plays downhill as well, about 8 yards. And Cookie, you're a veteran. You should know that you cannot go wrong when you go with an order from Bob Papa in an Italian restaurant. The guy is spot on.

[00:40:56] >> Spot on. Spot on. He kind of made it up. Vincenzo said, of course. For you, Bob, anything you want.

[00:41:06] >> Billy Ray, it was a muscle clam, shrimp dish, nice and spicy.

[00:41:13] >> Linguine.

[00:41:14] >> Fra diavolo. I actually went there today after --

[00:41:19] >> Yes.

[00:41:20] >> -- playing golf with my son Max. I'm like, where do you want to go for lunch? He said, pizza, Vincenzo's. It's automatic.

[00:41:31] >> Just a light breeze here. I mean, if anything, just a slight bit of help. But I mean, as I said, downhill.

[00:41:42] >> He's looking at it.

[00:41:43] >> Yeah, well done.

[00:41:48] >> Let's see if Miguel could go back to back. Wonderful shot into 15. Hit the fairway. Played a second to here. Got a great read from Vijay Singh, and boom.

[00:41:59] >> Right on top of him. Got a great read, got a great preview from Vijay, and beautiful putt. Nice little card right there for Miguel.

[00:42:09] >> So he's within three of the lead as Ridings on the tee at 14.

[00:42:16] >> Yeah, to his own right. He's really hung in there today, Tag Ridings. He's hit some quality shots.

[00:42:26] >> Another one.

[00:42:27] >> There's another one right there.

[00:42:32] >> Again, Steve Allan is in next week's event in Boca. So if Tag Ridings has the best finish in the Top 10 of players not in the field for next week, he gets a spot.

[00:43:03] >> And by my calculation, because Applebee's in having a finishing 34th last year. So this is just huge for Tag Ridings. Now, this is huge for Steve Allan, leader by three. And Billy Ray, backing off that shot, little wind or just uncertainty?

[00:43:23] >> Just a little breeze came across from the right there for Allan. And when you're standing on the tee and you got a three shot lead and you see one of your closest competitors, they're about 8 feet away, that'll back you off as well.

[00:43:39] >> Yeah, anywhere on the putting surface would be good. And he did a little bit better than that. Really nice tee shot there for Steve Allan.

[00:43:47] >> That is awesome there by Steven. He answered the bell.

[00:43:52] >> Seems to be managing whatever nerves creep in and he's hitting quality shots here at the Galleri Classic.

[00:44:09] >> Back at the Galleri Classic. And Steve Allan will be first to play here at the 14th. And another good look for birdie to get to 16-under.

[00:44:30] >> This is a really good look coming across the green here, John. And it might go a little bit to the right at the end to see if he's got it read correctly.

[00:44:39] >> Yeah, just hung out there on that right lip. Just hung there.

[00:44:44] >> He hit a good putt.

[00:44:46] >> Yeah, he did. Great speed, caught a piece. All you can do, keep the ball in front of you. Good pace. Check this out. He thought he made it right there. Yeah. It's all you can do.

[00:45:06] >> Well, Billy Ray, I mean, Allan hit a good putt. He's hit a bunch of good putts, but he's not making birdies. And all of a sudden, Steven Alker has this putt to cut the lead to two.

[00:45:17] >> And got a great reach in the putt of Allan. This thing can get close, if this goes in.

[00:45:27] >> It's a whole new ballgame. The four shot lead is down to two.

[00:45:35] >> Now, if I'm Steve Allan though, I'm saying, I'm not making mistakes. Steven Alker, I expected this from Steven Alker. He was just a matter of time before he was going to make some birdies. So what's in front of me? Quality tee shot at 15, and then, there's not a whole lot of trouble coming down the stretch. So just keep making good swings and good decisions.

[00:46:01] >> Tag Ridings for another birdie.

[00:46:06] >> Big birdie right there for Tag.

[00:46:17] >> So Stephen Allan had a four shot lead. And now, it is down to two.

[00:46:26] >> Steve Flesch for birdie at 17.

[00:46:31] >> Left side of the green, down the slope. And Steve Flesch out in front making a ton of birdies today.

[00:46:43] >> He's 7-under on his round after Appleby shot a bogey-free 64. Ernie Els for birdie at 18.

[00:46:56] >> Now, all of a sudden the putts are going in. Ernie has missed, over the last couple weeks, so many makeable birdie putts.

[00:47:14] >> Last little bit of stress right here for Steve Allan as far as tricky golf shots. Look for this one to be to the right.

[00:47:24] >> This one's headed well right. He is going to catch a break. That went past the trees on the right-hand side. The ball did sit down on the rough, but coming in from that right-hand side, he will not have to contend with any of the bunkers.

[00:47:40] >> Go over to 18. Defending champ Retief Goosen trying to end with an eagle.

[00:47:45] >> Nice tee shot for Retief. Quality second, and just slows up across the hole. But defending champ, it's a good week.

[00:47:59] >> Goosen for 66. That included a bogey at the par-5 2nd. Miguel Angel Jimenez trying for his third birdie in a row. And it gets within two of the lead. This at 16.

[00:48:14] >> Pretty good. Look does go uphill a little bit, moving to the right.

[00:48:20] >> Knows you didn't hit it. Tag Ridings has this putt for birdie. And Billy Ray, when you start thinking about this, yeah, he makes this, that gets him to 13. Allan is not in yet for his par.

[00:48:40] >> No doubt. And this is a quick putt for Tag coming down the slope. But I'm going to tell you, Stephen Allan will have a watchful eye on the this putt. He's on a similar line for his par save. But Tag has got to be careful here. Don't force the issue. This is quick coming down the slope.

[00:48:59] >> Yeah. Started to work its way to the right as well, Billy Ray.

[00:49:04] >> Wow. Tag Ridings with a birdie.

[00:49:12] >> How about that, guys?

[00:49:14] >> And he pours that in. How about Flesch? A bogey-free 64 matching the low net round of the day with Stuart Appleby. So Flesch is in and is posted 13-under.

[00:49:30] >> Don't pack your bags yet there, Steve Flesch.

[00:49:33] >> Go over to 17. It's been a quiet day for Jason Caron. He's just 2-under on his round. Has birdie putt here at 17. And buries it. So Jason Caron gets to 11-under. Billy Ray, what about this putt here for Steve Allan?

[00:49:50] >> You know, I think it's a really difficult read. The first part of the putt is flat, and then, it starts going downhill. But the Santa Rosa Mountains are to his back. And this is going to be much faster initially than what I think he would have anticipate.

[00:50:09] >> That's a good call, Billy Ray. Yup, going away from the Santa Rosas, away from San Geronio, down the valley. Need to be a little careful with speed here.

[00:50:24] >> Steve Allan with a birdie at 16. Bounces back after the bogey at 15. He moves back to 15-under.

[00:50:35] >> What a putt by Stephen Allan, and what a timely one as well.

[00:50:48] >> Keeps him only one back.

[00:50:56] >> Being a New Zealander, you know, he's got to be pulling for Steve Allan to get that first win, if he's not winning.

[00:51:06] >> Yeah, his undoing was back there at the 15th. Missed hitting that wedge shot out of that right rough, and then hitting a bad poor pitch shot, so. But another good week for one of the best players on the PGA Tour Champions.

[00:51:22] >> I mentioned Richard Green from Australia, Cameron Percy, Rutanen, fellow Aussie Steve Allan. Tag Ridings for his par. Cost himself a chance with the tee shot in the water at 18. Great par save though. And that guarantees a solo second and a spot in next week. Now, Steve Allan, 28th start of the PGA Tour Champions, makes par at 18 and wins by a shot. His first win on the PGA Tour Champions comes at Mission Hills. He is the winner of the Galleri Classics. Steve Allan has won for the first time on the PGA Tour Champions. Shoots a 5-under 67 in this final round to beat Tag Ridings by a shot.