

Production Transcript for **26INTCUTCH- AMERICAN FIC - MASTER**

[00:00:42.029]>>PGA TOUR Champions, 11th event of the year in Madison, Wisconsin for the 10th playing of the American Family Insurance Championship from TPC Wisconsin.

[00:00:54.389]>>Unique team format being used.

[00:00:58.049]>>With 38 teams in the field, Rory Sabbatini and Brian Gay are at 9 under par.

[00:01:05.150]>>Freddie Jacobson, Soren Kjeldsen at 8-under along with Cameron Percy and Greg Chalmers.

[00:01:13.860]>>Richard Green and Mark Hensby, the Aussies, off to a fast start.

[00:01:19.599]>>Okay leaves the group at 5 under.

[00:01:27.260]>>And we are fired up. Bob Papa, John Cook, so glad you could join us. John Maginnes out on the golf course in Madison, Wisconsin.

[00:01:36.839]>>A Little rain this morning, about 1/4 of an inch.

[00:01:40.339]>>But the afternoon is beautiful.

[00:01:43.830]>>Freddie Jacobson has this putt for birdie at the 12th. Just to get to 9 under.

[00:01:51.150]>>Good golf hole here, the 12th, you can lay the ball up or try to take a chance, get it across the cross hazard. Yeah, it's a nice little birdie there for Freddie.

[00:02:04.169]>>Now Langer to play his 2nd.

[00:02:08.550]>>3rd toughest hole on the golf course today, even in this team format. Only 7 birdies.

[00:02:16.179]>> Bernhard always playing the proper shot, trying to move it from left to right, yeah. Oh my, that took a look there, Bob.

[00:02:25.520]>>Yeah, thanks.

[00:02:29.690]>>My pleasure after that. Do you now Stricker for birdie.

[00:02:34.649]>>Here at 9, John

[00:02:36.820]>>Yeah, not a great look, but his partner's in clothes, so go ahead and get it to the hole.

[00:02:58.740]>>There's a way to speed up play. Langer's gonna just tap in for the birdie. Just brush it in.

[00:03:07.279]>>So they moved to 7 under.

[00:03:12.720]>>John, what about this putt for Stewart Cink?

[00:03:16.169]>>This whole lesions in a funny little part of the green. It's actually going slightly away from him.

[00:03:23.550]>>And that was just a misread.

[00:03:26.089]>>Yeah, missed a makeable putt back at the 8th. The team did not birdie the par 5, 7th. So a little bit of a lull right here for Cink Johnson team.

[00:03:41.880]>>I mean, Stewart hasn't won in a long time. You got to go back to the region's tradition. This is his last win.

[00:03:48.660]>>4 wins already this year for Stewart Cink.

[00:03:54.199]>>Now Tiziani for his birdie.

[00:03:57.000]>>Do we think it's an accident that they're wearing the same outfit, or they did they have a conversation about it, they did this last year.

[00:04:05.740]>>They went with the full-on team look.

[00:04:08.610]>>OK. I mean, that is the last winning American Ryder Cup captain right there. So I mean, I'd go with it.

[00:04:16.540]>>Do what Cap says

[00:04:21.209]>>Right now he's saying knock it in the hole. Mario played last year.

[00:04:26.079]>>Have his best day on Sunday, but.

[00:04:29.269]>>I did finish

[00:04:31.149]>>Tied for 2nd, I believe.

[00:04:34.820]>>A little bit of left or right in this, not much.

[00:04:39.820]>>Not that much. Yeah, good straight there, John. So nice birdie there for Mario.

[00:04:46.869]>>That's awesome.

[00:04:49.850]>>Freddie Jacobson playing his 2nd in the 13. Jacobson and Soren Kjeldsen.

[00:04:56.190]>>At 9 under.

[00:04:58.250]>>Another good par 4 here, danger off the tee and almost jars that we've had some hole outs. David Bransdon also holed one out at 15, the par 4, and Freddie Jacobson touched the hole there.

[00:05:12.829]>>Well, they've gone 2 straight holes without a birdie, Team Sabbatini and Gay, I mean, this is a great look.

[00:05:23.670]>>Another strong par 4, the, the 6th.

[00:05:28.600]>>So that gets them to 10 under and they're gonna have a chance to threaten the record. They got a par 5 coming up the 7th.

[00:05:35.989]>>Miguel Angel Jiménez.

[00:05:39.799]>>Has the short one for birdie.

[00:05:43.559]>>A menace.

[00:05:46.000]>>Was in the mix on several occasions here at the American Family Insurance Championship when it was played a stroke play over at University Ridge.

[00:05:58.549]>>Freddie Jacobson, we'll tap this in for Birdie.

[00:06:06.160]>>Good birdie there at the 13th.

[00:06:09.250]>>So they moved to 10 under.

[00:06:14.850]>>Langer's got about 3 ft for birdie. Alker will go though and.

[00:06:20.720]>>Makes it so he helps out his partner.

[00:06:31.859]>>Now, Sabbatini for his birdie, and John, I mentioned Rory Sabbatini won.

[00:06:37.230]>>Six times on the PGA TOUR, his last win came in 2011.

[00:06:44.609]>>But

[00:06:45.929]>>There's a lot to like about his game here on the PGA TOUR Champions. That is for sure, Bob.

[00:06:52.369]>>It's this club right here gives him a little bit of an issue.

[00:06:57.290]>>He played in the final group.

[00:06:59.910]>>Uh, when he had just turned 50 and actually didn't even use his putter, putter with a sandwich, knock that one right square in the middle.

[00:07:12.670]>>So they get to 11 under.

[00:07:16.839]>>With 2 holes to play.

[00:07:23.059]>>Let's go back over to 12, Bernhard Langer.

[00:07:28.730]>>Boy, he's knocking the flag stick down over the last few holes, John. I'll tell you what, he hit that beautiful approach at the 10th hole that did catch a piece of the hole.

[00:07:39.920]>>And a nice little shaper in here, use some slope.

[00:07:44.160]>>Playing partner had driven it in trouble.

[00:07:48.209]>>Great look at Birdie here. Yeah, that's to get them to 2 within 2 of the lead.

[00:07:57.390]>>slightly to his left.

[00:08:00.309]>>Pours it in

[00:08:02.279]>>Yeah I like that.

[00:08:05.600]>>When your partner's in trouble, just make, make a birdie.

[00:08:08.690]>>It's 4 in a row for Langer and Alker.

[00:08:14.899]>>Miguel Angel Jiménez over at 15 for birdie team with Jose Maria Olahaba, one of 6 World Golf Hall of Famers in the field this week, and Miguel pours that in. It's been a rough start for Miguel. Last year going into this event, he was 1st in the Schwab Cup standings. This year he's 19th in 10 events. He only has 2 top 10 finishes. Jerry Kelly playing with Justin Leonard. Jerry, the only multiple champion of this event.

[00:08:41.869]>>Buries that. He won in 2019 in a playoff with Retief Goosen and Steve Stricker. He's gonna do his little Jiménez move.

[00:08:56.270]>>Up at 18, Freddie Jacobson for birdie. It was an interesting comment there by Stewart Cink that par felt like maybe it's momentum.

[00:09:06.099]>>That is Freddie Jacobson pours that in and they're in at 12-under. Breaks out of that tie, and that ties last year's low best ball of 12 under 59.

[00:09:22.169]>>Final hole of the day for Mark Hensby and Richard Green. Green for birdie to get the team to 12-under.

[00:09:36.099]>>And they have pars on their last 3 holes.

[00:09:40.210]>>7, 8, 9.

[00:09:45.960]>>Go up to the green at 18, Langer from that green side bunker, shortsighted.

[00:09:53.580]>>Just trying to get it out on that slope. Well, look at this.

[00:09:59.219]>>That was pretty sporty.

[00:10:04.369]>>Darren Clarke

[00:10:06.489]>>For Birdie.

[00:10:12.340]>>Ben Crane still has a birdie putt as well. I get this out there to the right.

[00:10:18.210]>>Down that slope right there.

[00:10:21.809]>>Why not?

[00:10:23.330]>>The defending champ with a new partner.

[00:10:27.309]>>Shoots 9 under.

[00:10:30.960]>>With birdies at 17 and 18, Bo Van Pelt teamed up with Retief Goosen for birdie at 17.

[00:10:39.030]>>Little downhill slider from left to right.

[00:10:43.690]>>I just have a feeling at some point he's really gonna break out.

[00:10:48.969]>>John, Stewart Cink playing his 3rd.

[00:10:53.119]>>And reading this one, trying to figure out how much it's gonna skip to the right when it lands on the front of the screen. Green leaning from his left to right.

[00:11:04.409]>>This is quite makable if you land it just in the right spot.

[00:11:12.320]>>He was trying to make it.

[00:11:27.599]>>Yeah, I'll have it.

[00:11:31.659]>>Sink said he's gonna tap it in for the par.

[00:11:35.489]>>Yeah.

[00:11:42.169]>>Hey Zach Johnson, a free run at it.

[00:11:52.710]>>Beautiful tee shot here, Bob.

[00:11:56.570]>>And 9 on.

[00:11:59.229]>>7 from the left.

[00:12:01.950]>>There's a tiny bit of slope to the right that you can use.

[00:12:05.450]>>Sitting in kind of a little bowl.

[00:12:14.179]>>Starting it to the right, trying to take it in from right to left. Oh yeah, it's great. There we go. Well, it looked like he flighted that, John. yep, played a controlled shot in there. Beautiful for that Hall of Famer.

[00:12:28.450]>>Els for birdie to get to 9 under.

[00:12:33.429]>>After that nice approach and

[00:12:36.020]>>Really let one get away there, Ernie.

[00:12:40.390]>>He's got about as much left for the par.

[00:12:43.640]>>Yeah, Shane had missed the

[00:12:46.340]>>Green well to the left up against the hospitality.

[00:12:55.750]>>This is a nervy little one.

[00:12:58.750]>>To finish out the day, I would say, John, you know, Ernie is.

[00:13:04.950]>>Anyway, he's 3rd in the Schwab Cup standings in his 8 events.

[00:13:09.229]>>Um, a whole bunch of top tens, but would you not say that, you know,

[00:13:14.840]>>He hits it close a lot, but some of the shorter putts for birdie are the ones that he doesn't cash in on. Yeah, this club right there, it gets a little cold on him sometimes and

[00:13:26.510]>>You know, it's uh, it can be a problem.

[00:13:30.400]>>But 8 under 63 has him just 4 off the lead as we take a look.

[00:13:36.299]>>At the leaderboard here after round one of the American Family Insurance Championship, Freddie Jacobson and Soren Kjeldsen.

[00:13:45.659]>>Shoot 12 under 59. Roy Sabbatini and Brian Gay, Richard Green, Mark Hensby at 11 under, and John, it's wide open, wide open going into tomorrow. It, it certainly is. I mean, if we figure like, like you said earlier, maybe 8 under might be kind of where par was today, and that kind of the scoring average kind of says that.

[00:14:08.010]>>Uh, so if you shot 8 under, you know, or better, you're, you're right there, and then tomorrow is just hammer down. It's gonna be a fun, fun format.

[00:14:23.780]>>PGA TOUR Champions in Madison, Wisconsin for the 10th playing of the American Family Insurance Championship from TPC, Wisconsin.

[00:14:34.599]>>11th event of 28 on the PGA TOUR Champions schedule. They're using a team format this week.

[00:14:41.289]>>Darren Clarke and Ben Crane are 10-under today. They're at 19-under, but kind of like the Stapleford scoring system, when you look at the leaderboard, look who's played the fewest holes. Those are the ones to watch because in a scramble format,

[00:14:59.119]>>Two-man scramble, you're basically birdieing every hole. So Sabbatini and Gay are 2 back, but they've played 4 fewer holes. Papa and John Cook, so glad you can join us, John Maginnes.

[00:15:11.900]>>On the golf course in Madison, Wisconsin.

[00:15:16.539]>>Let's go over to the 3rd hole where Mario Tiziani is playing his 2nd. The team of Stricker and Tiziani, Steve Stricker, the tournament host, started the day at the 10th.

[00:15:28.030]>>And that's a wonderful shot there by Tiziani.

[00:15:36.640]>>I saw the tee shot of John Daly and.

[00:15:46.859]>>Pays off the birdie.

[00:15:52.859]>>And that's 5 in a row. They hit that lull, 7, 8, and 9.

[00:16:04.150]>>Unlike if you were playing in a.

[00:16:06.849]>>Scramble at a charity event, your partner and caddies cannot stand directly behind.

[00:16:15.059]>>The player putting, but you can stand on the other side of the hole, and Gay doesn't need to do any of that because Sabbatini buries it. Nice. Going off that eagle at the 7th, now a birdie at the 9th.

[00:16:29.869]>>Jacobson for birdie at the 9th.

[00:16:42.859]>>Yeah, yeah, I think, I think so. I just get.

[00:16:48.500]>>A little downhill with some right to left. They like it outside the hole.

[00:17:00.000]>>Yeah, I was, I was.

[00:17:04.219]>>A fist pump gets him to 20. Trust me, I kept trying to tell you.

[00:17:09.880]>>Over it, the line, the line was here. My putter was like, I know, I know, I know, I know. I kept it on this. I kept so they get to 20 under. Jacob for birdie at 13.

[00:17:22.750]>>Hit that nice shot in there to that front right pin, will he pay off? It does.

[00:17:31.050]>>So they're at 18 under.

[00:17:35.640]>> Mario Tiziani.

[00:17:37.619]>>Has this putt for birdie at the 4th.

[00:17:41.130]>>Me and Steve Stricker at 13 under.

[00:17:47.550]>>7 under today. I'm trying to make a little bit of a run.

[00:17:52.290]>>How shoot last year 15 under last year in this format.

[00:17:57.239]>>Yeah, they had the low scramble round 15 under 56 here at this.

[00:18:01.780]>>Par 71. They got off to a slow start, but that's now 5 in a row.

[00:18:07.180]>>Let's go over to 11, Steven Alker for birdie.

[00:18:12.420]>>To get he and Langer to 17 under.

[00:18:16.449]>>clutch putt.

[00:18:18.619]>>3 in a row there for the Alker Langer group. Greg Chalmers and Cameron Percy.

[00:18:24.579]>>Shot 10 under yesterday, was putt for eagle at 11.

[00:18:30.099]>>Only 5 under on their round today. They make that 7 under on their round today, OK.

[00:18:37.719]>>Jump above a couple of teams there.

[00:18:49.489]>>It's a good look uphill, a little right to left.

[00:18:53.239]>>And

[00:18:54.859]>>I don't know how much fun Darren's having. It's usually hard to tell with him on the golf course, but Ben Crane's having a blast.

[00:19:05.479]>>Why wouldn't you, right? You're, you're playing with the defending champ who's very comfortable in this team format.

[00:19:16.119]>>He just made a really nice putt at the last.

[00:19:19.239]>>Go, go.

[00:19:21.579]>>Oh.

[00:19:28.119]>>Is that a pretty scorecard or what? That is really pretty.

[00:19:34.150]>>Again, the low scramble number.

[00:19:38.030]>>Is set by Steve Stricker and Mario Tiziani last year. They shot 15 under a 56.

[00:19:48.130]>>Just getting back, being competitive out here on the PGA TOUR Champions, just like Bob said, just turned 50, ton of game, smashes the golf ball, hits it way up in the air as well. So, won a couple of times on the PGA TOUR, so.

[00:20:03.869]>>Just starting to figure out how to win again. He's kind of tasted it though, all year since he turned 50 in February. Speaking of smashing it, Kenny Perry.

[00:20:14.640]>>In his, it's weird to say this, in his prime on the PGA TOUR Champions, smashed it. Absolutely, yeah, he won a ton after he turned 40 on the PGA TOUR, and you

know, he won a lot after 50, and I should say George's first event was in February, his birthday. We shared.

[00:20:32.969]>>Freddie Jacobson back at the 11th for birdie to get to 19 under.

[00:20:38.140]>>I take advantage of these par fives.

[00:20:42.060]>>Not many pars being made on these par fives.

[00:20:51.699]>>The only issue.

[00:20:53.770]>>That I can think of for this team is the fact that it's been about an hour since Darren Clarke hit a putt.

[00:20:59.880]>>He's been hitting the, hitting the close iron shots and just watching Ben Crane go through his routine and knock it in.

[00:21:08.699]>>Yeah, but what was the last, what was the last putt, John, that Clarke hit was after Crane missed the birdie putt, the right to left one on 10, and then Clarke missed it. Was that the last putt that Darren's hit?

[00:21:22.170]>>No, they had an eagle putt on 11 that they both missed.

[00:21:38.839]>>Just to get to 23 under. Last year, Clarke and Bjørn had the 36 hole lead at 22 under.

[00:21:47.250]>>That record is going down.

[00:21:53.459]>>It's like there's an interested spectator around Ben Green's ball there.

[00:21:57.979]>>There's really not enough breeze out here to keep the bugs away.

[00:22:06.359]>>He was running after that one. Yes, he was.

[00:22:10.540]>>Uh

[00:22:13.020]>>Steven Alker for birdie at 14. Remember, they've got a bunch of holes to play, so see if he and Langer can string some together.

[00:22:22.589]>>Oh, made a couple of nice long ones.

[00:22:26.689]>>Steven has made a good one back at the 11th hole, the par 5 of about 15 ft. Now over at 18, Doug Barron for his birdie.

[00:22:39.739]>>Boom

[00:22:42.459]>>We're seeing some putts being made.

[00:22:45.180]>>This format though, you can free it up. All right, over 12, Rory Sabbatini for birdie. Brian Gay hit a beautiful shot in here and Sabbatini curls it in a victory lap, and this is the group to watch. This group and the Jacobson Kjeldsen group, because they're the ones with the most holes to play. Over at 16, Stuart Appleby for birdie. Time for him to make one. He made one in the last hole.

[00:23:11.930]>>There we go.

[00:23:14.869]>>So, he's sort of dressed like the other team.

[00:23:21.369]>>Michael did not get the memo, but everyone else is dressed the same, including the broadcaster with this group.

[00:23:35.910]>>Well, Darren Clarke hit a.

[00:23:39.160]>>Poor tee shot into the penalty area, but Ben Crane got it just short of the green. Crane did not hit a good pitch, but Clarke bailed him out. Now they have a chance for their 15th birdie in 16 holes.

[00:23:53.829]>>After we cut away, uh, Darren looked up at Dan and said, I told you I had you.

[00:24:01.280]>>Yeah, he's had them most of the day.

[00:24:05.640]>>It's Ben Crane on the greens though. Yes.

[00:24:09.750]>>That's part of the team

[00:24:12.050]>>Yes, indeed.

[00:24:13.969]>>Darren's long putter's been very little more than a walking stick for the last 6 or 7 holes.

[00:24:21.880]>>I'll gladly watch my partner make a bunch of putts.

[00:24:26.750]>>We need another one.

[00:24:28.560]>>It's just, it's almost getting funny. Darren's not even going over there to practice. He just said, I'll just keep hitting it. You keep putting it.

[00:24:37.959]>>Let's go over to 14 and Greg Chalmers for birdie.

[00:24:43.689]>>Straight up the slope, should move to his left.

[00:24:48.489]>>Hit it. There it is.

[00:24:51.579]>>Again, long eagle putt at the 11th, so they're at 20 under.

[00:24:57.170]>>The lead group of Darren. Let's go over to 14 and Greg Chalmers for birdie.

[00:25:04.160]>>Straight up the slope, should move to his left.

[00:25:08.979]>>Hit it. There it is.

[00:25:12.069]>>And Again, long eagle putt at the 11th. So they're at 20 under. Remember, again, Darren Clarke and Ben Crane have a birdie putt here at 17 and.

[00:25:24.089]>> John Maginnes with the way.

[00:25:27.109]>>These guys have played today and the way.

[00:25:30.150]>>That Ben Crane has putted today, at least for today. I mean, can we call him Ben Crenshaw?

[00:25:37.739]>>Little different style.

[00:25:40.510]>>He has absolutely rolled his rock today. This one, a lot of break from left to right.

[00:25:46.439]>>In a short period of time.

[00:25:49.270]>>Why did they choose this putt over Clarke's, do you think?

[00:25:53.469]>>At much shorter and uphill.

[00:26:00.680]>>Yeah, because Ben was gonna make it.

[00:26:06.489]>>He took my shot because Ben said I would have putt this one.

[00:26:10.150]>>I know I should. That would never get there, did they?

[00:26:13.569]>>They've birdied 16 of the 17 holes they've played in this scramble format.

[00:26:22.000]>>Well, back over at 18, Freddie Jacobson has this putt for birdie.

[00:26:28.410]>>Unfortunately for this team, they had gotten it to 19 under, but then 5 straight pars holes 12 through 16.

[00:26:37.310]>>Did make one at 17.

[00:26:41.400]>>Pretty good breaker right to left, starting right there. Of course they make the last two after whiffing that 3 footer at 16.

[00:26:51.280]>>Darren Clarke and Ben Crane make 17 birdies in the 18th. What a pretty scorecard that was. They shot 54 today. They'll have a 3-shot lead going into the final round tomorrow over Cameron Percy and Greg Chalmers as they look for their first win on the PGA TOUR Champions.

[00:27:16.939]>>PGA TOUR Champions in Madison, Wisconsin, 10th playing of the American Family Insurance Championship for the 2nd year.

[00:27:24.630]>>Team format. They played best ball on Friday, scramble yesterday and best ball today. The team of Clarke and Crane, 6 straight pars to start the day in the best ball. They just made their first birdie of the day. They're at 27-under. Stewart Cink and Zach Johnson, they're 6-under today, but they're running out of holes at this point.

[00:27:47.469]>>The same for Green and Hensby. Bob Papa along with John Cook, so glad you can join us. John Maginnes is on the golf course at TP, Wisconsin.

[00:28:01.189]>>Take you over to the tee at the 8th and.

[00:28:04.609]>>In the opening round.

[00:28:07.250]>>Darren Clarke and Ben Crane.

[00:28:10.780]>>Got off to a nice start. They shot 9 under, and then yesterday they birdied 17 of 18 holes in the scramble.

[00:28:17.609]>>A Little bit of a struggle today and John Maginnes, I mean, I know it's a different format than yesterday, but.

[00:28:25.359]>>What's been the issue for these guys?

[00:28:28.569]>>Uh, they just really haven't given themselves very many good looks, you know, a lot of twenty-footers.

[00:28:34.729]>>Uh, the valley

[00:28:36.869]>>Got the seal pulled off on the last hole in the par 5. They both had it inside 5 ft for birdie.

[00:28:42.300]>>Darren rolled it in

[00:28:47.510]>>They got their hands full here, 224 yards wind whipping from right to left.

[00:28:57.430]>>First day this hole played about 180 yards and today 224 pin all the way in the back.

[00:29:05.800]>>It's very good. Nice golf shot right there from Ben Crane.

[00:29:15.099]>>Let's go over to 10 and Paul Stankowski for his birdie.

[00:29:19.770]>>Yeah, just off that left side of the green pin in that back left.

[00:29:24.060]>>Stanko.

[00:29:29.030]>>Thanks.

[00:29:30.369]>>It's 1 to 25.

[00:29:32.969]>>And they have back over to 14 and the birdie putt for Stewart Cink.

[00:29:40.790]>>Stewart Cink and Zach Johnson 1 and 2 in the season-long race.

[00:29:45.599]>>For the Charles Schwab Cup partnered this week, so there'll be no change at 1 or 2.

[00:29:53.359]>>They missed a makeable birdie putt back at the 13th. That one runs across the edge. They have a great round of golf going, but they're starting to run out of holes. Let's go over to 11. This is the 4th shot for Soren Kjeldsen. Last year, finished in a tie for 2nd with Alex Cejka and go in looked like birdie all the way. Clank right off the flag stick.

[00:30:18.000]>>Yep, so 3 birdies.

[00:30:23.459]>>For Kjeldsen and Jacobson today.

[00:30:27.599]>>Cameron Percy

[00:30:30.859]>>is this

[00:30:32.959]>>For birdie

[00:30:37.030]>>Inside left at most.

[00:30:39.819]>>Uphill though, you gotta give it some pace.

[00:30:42.729]>>Oh, beautiful. There we go. Made a nice par putt back there at the 8th for a par save and a.

[00:30:49.530]>>Beautiful birdie there at the 9th. Great tee shot, aggressive 2nd, right? And they know they're, they know they're picking up a shot here because.

[00:30:58.150]>>George McNeill

[00:31:00.000]>>Has this putt for birdie.

[00:31:03.099]>>George McNeill and the great Kenny Perry at 25 under. Second year in a row that we're using a team format. Today is best ball at the par 5 7th. Brian Gay teamed up with Rory Sabbatini. His 4th goes in for birdie.

[00:31:22.849]>>And that gets them to 25 under par.

[00:31:27.859]>>Darren Clarke at the 7th, playing his 3rd shot. Clarke and Crane in the scramble yesterday birdied 17 of the 18 holes, and they had a 3-shot lead that would set up a birdie getting them to 27 under par. And then at the par 4 10th, Brian Gay, after a perfect tee shot, is 2nd into the par 4, and he judges it perfectly.

[00:31:51.339]>>Little right of the hole, little draw spin, and just trickles in for eagle too, and that moves them to a share of the lead at 27 under. They are 5 under on the day.

Stewart Cink and Zach Johnson 1-2 in the Schwab Cup standings. They're 6-under but running out of holes.

[00:32:16.280]>>Over 13.

[00:32:19.119]>>Steven Alker for his birdie, and he pours that in.

[00:32:25.109]>>Kenny Perry for birdie at 13, Kenny.

[00:32:28.530]>>10 wins on the PGA TOUR Champions. You know, with this weekend being the 50th Memorial, he's got his first ever PGA TOUR win at the Memorial.

[00:32:41.459]>>Kenny Perry for birdie at 13. Kenny, 10 wins on the PGA TOUR Champions. You know, with this weekend being the 50th memorial, he's got his first ever PGA TOUR win at the Memorial, won the memorial 3 times.

[00:32:56.400]>>Soren Kjeldsen for a birdie over at 14 to get the team to 250. OK. Kjeldsen and Jacobson led after round one after shooting a 12 under 59 in this format.

[00:33:13.300]>>Over at 14.

[00:33:15.400]>>George McNeill for birdie, and Kenny Perry made the birdie at 13. George makes 1 at 14.

[00:33:23.920]>>And they get to 27 under.

[00:33:30.020]>>Now, Cameron Percy for his birdie and, and John Maginnes, it's not match play, but you know where you stand on the leaderboard, and you know, most likely the team you're chasing is going to make a birdie.

[00:33:42.119]>>And he's been rock solid.

[00:33:46.270]>>It's an opportunity back there at 10, but.

[00:33:51.410]>>Great up-and-down there. That was not an easy pitch shot he had from short left of the green.

[00:33:59.380]>>Now, Crane with this birdie putt to give Clarke and Crane the outright lead.

[00:34:09.080]>>In Green's Crossing, right? Yes.

[00:34:12.219]>>would you be barely outside the edge or on the edge.

[00:34:19.719]>>I think it's

[00:34:21.489]>>On the edge edge

[00:34:23.939]>>What do you like perfectly I think I like that line, yeah, which is like a whisker outside the air OK this is.

[00:34:33.790]>>Yeah

[00:34:35.908]>>Trust.

[00:34:39.729]>>Uh, they won't know what's going on. There hasn't been a.

[00:34:43.469]>>Leaderboard since the 9th green.

[00:34:46.510]>>But I know this is important.

[00:34:50.300]>>OK, nice two-putt birdie there for Ben Crane. They take the lead once again at 28 under. Punched up leaderboard here in the final round of the American Family Insurance Championship.

[00:35:07.020]>>Zach Johnson and Stewart Cink playing their 2nd into 18.

[00:35:15.429]>>Kind of a middle right pin today back there. Nice shot there for Zach Johnson. See the wind blowing in and out of the left. Let's go up to 18 and Zach Johnson.

[00:35:28.489]>>Well, what a day for the team of Johnson and Sink. They shoot 63 and finish at 27 under. So 1 and 2 in the Schwab Cup standings will stay just that way.

[00:35:41.600]>>Well, now Darren Clarke has this putt for birdie to open up a two-shot lead on the teams that are still on the golf course. Sink and Johnson. They've already posted 27 under. That's not gonna be enough to win. Pretty easy putt uphill, or right to left.

[00:36:03.260]>>OK. Feeling a little bit.

[00:36:07.439]>>Better about themselves now.

[00:36:11.419]>>Keith Nolan right there says taking long enough, guys.

[00:36:15.570]>>Sorry.

[00:36:19.060]>>Now Richard Green for birdie.

[00:36:22.600]>>Finish up and get the team.

[00:36:25.080]>>27

[00:36:27.889]>>And that goes in. So along with Cink and Zach Johnson, they are in at 27 under.

[00:36:36.590]>>Well, over at 16, Kenny Perry.

[00:36:39.919]>>Has this for birdie.

[00:36:48.209]>>And this would get them to 28 under.

[00:36:53.080]>>You know, this is, George McNeill is 15th in the Schwab Cup standings. Kenny Perry doesn't play a full-time schedule anymore.

[00:37:01.189]>>But if they can wind up finishing solo 2nd or 3rd, that's a lot of Schwab Cup dollars. That's for big George McNeill and, and, and George is.

[00:37:12.449]>>He needs all of that.

[00:37:14.409]>>He needs to be in that top 36 at the end of the year to be fully exempt.

[00:37:20.070]>>How about Kenny Perry though this week?

[00:37:22.939]>>It's so great to see him.

[00:37:25.719]>>Like I say, plays a very limited schedule.

[00:37:33.120]>>Again, it was 10 wins on the PGA TOUR Champions, 4 of them were majors.

[00:37:42.989]>>Chalmers for his birdie.

[00:37:50.610]>>Way down south.

[00:37:54.550]>>Cam and Percy said, welcome.

[00:37:57.610]>>Welcome.

[00:38:03.310]>>Kenny Perry trying to add another birdie for the team. This is 17 for the 65-year-old.

[00:38:12.320]>>And he pours it in. How about it? Will they get the 30? They have 1 hole to play.

[00:38:21.050]>>Look at that incoming 9.

[00:38:25.979]>>Freddie Jacobson just over the back of the green here at 18.

[00:38:30.449]>>Jacobson and Soren Kjeldsen led after round one after shooting 12 under and best ball.

[00:38:38.679]>>Man, they finished with a birdie.

[00:38:42.219]>>And shoot 65 here in the final round.

[00:38:54.260]>>Over at 16, Rory Sabbatini.

[00:38:57.270]>>Has this for birdie. Ryan Gay still has a birdie putt, but Sabbatini knocks it in, so their first birdie since the eagle at 10.

[00:39:06.000]>>there

[00:39:15.199]>>You have the drivable par 4 coming up, so no missteps here.

[00:39:26.560]>>That was good and solid.

[00:39:28.709]>>It should be left of the flag, right over top of the flag.

[00:39:34.600]>>What a shot by Ben Crane. Talk about rise to the occasion.

[00:39:40.439]>>He's an excitable boy right there, Crane.

[00:39:53.189]>>A little left to right.

[00:40:02.020]>>Boy did that fly across the hole there, John.

[00:40:07.030]>>Like he hit it with some nice speed.

[00:40:12.399]>>It's a good putt.

[00:40:22.149]>>Captain obvious here but must make for Cameron Percy.

[00:40:26.540]>>To stay one back.

[00:40:40.469]>>Tag Ridings is trying to finish up with a birdie here at 18.

[00:40:45.870]>>Teamed up with Tommy Gainey here this week.

[00:40:51.139]>>And he knocks it in.

[00:40:53.459]>>Well, he could have sold that one to the Brian Gay, Rory Sabbatini pairing.

[00:40:59.080]>>6 under 65.

[00:41:08.050]>>Over at 17, Ben Crane has missed his birdie putt.

[00:41:14.139]>>Chalmers now has a putt for Bernie.

[00:41:19.060]>>Crane rolled it down there to a couple of feet, which.

[00:41:22.379]>>We'll free up

[00:41:24.000]>>Darren Clarke to try to get them to 31 under.

[00:41:28.469]>>Chalmers has this

[00:41:30.310]>>Papa that's gonna break away from him to the left all the way.

[00:41:41.929]>>Did make a long one a few holes back.

[00:41:46.530]>>Now

[00:41:48.030]>>Oh, I think he felt like that was exactly where he wanted to hit it.

[00:42:00.580]>>Really

[00:42:03.719]>>Needed to make that.

[00:42:13.219]>>Well, Rory Sabbatini hit his 2nd shot from the fairway bunker into the penalty area, so.

[00:42:20.320]>>He knocks that in for bogey, but a very disappointing finish for Sabbatini and Gay. It's a good week.

[00:42:27.479]>>That's fine.

[00:42:30.510]>>So Darren Clarke has this putt for birdie.

[00:42:35.189]>>To open up a two-shot lead over Kenny Perry and George McNeill, who have posted 29 under.

[00:42:48.189]>>Well, this will just make 18 a whole lot easier.

[00:42:57.239]>>Get it just outside that left edge.

[00:43:00.629]>>And that whipped right across the hole.

[00:43:07.429]>>2 balls in play off 18, and that's not easy.

[00:43:20.310]>>Well, Ben Crane, who turned 50 earlier this year, hasn't won since 2014.

[00:43:36.489]>>It's clear your mind. What do I need to do to make a good golf swing. Put this golf ball in the fairway any way I can.

[00:43:55.030]>>Hang in there, hang in there out to the right. This is way right.

[00:43:58.689]>>Yeah, he tried to save it at the end.

[00:44:01.909]>>I don't know if that caught the bunker or not. I'm not sure it did.

[00:44:07.429]>>Let's see what this.

[00:44:11.030]>>Well, they found it.

[00:44:13.530]>>In the fees gear, he laid his hat down.

[00:44:18.350]>>You could see the finish, John, on from the shot from behind. He steered it. He was trying to save it.

[00:44:25.360]>>Darren Clarke now, John, he, he is, he is kind of.

[00:44:29.699]>>Met the challenge a number of times.

[00:44:32.959]>>Here it is again. This one had the left.

[00:44:37.260]>>There's thick fescue over there on that knob too. We'll find it though.

[00:44:46.189]>>So Percy and Chalmers, maybe there's a chance.

[00:44:52.159]>>I certainly need a, a 3.

[00:44:59.459]>>That's right, no, because Perry, Perry and McNeill are in. They've already posted 29 under.

[00:45:10.280]>>Clarke and Crane lead by one here in the final round of the American Family Insurance Championship.

[00:45:19.219]>>Ben Crane

[00:45:20.949]>>Identifying his golf ball.

[00:45:24.260]>>Both he and Clarke have missed the fairway here at 18.

[00:45:30.129]>>Oh, he's just trying to figure out a way to.

[00:45:33.199]>>Get a 3rd shot on the green.

[00:45:49.889]>>Oh, he got it out. That was pretty good contact.

[00:45:54.129]>>That's pretty, pretty impressive considering on his takeaway, John, he was catching, he's still catching, yeah, vegetation. He's pretty, he's strong.

[00:46:03.459]>>Had to use all his might to get that one moved across. What about this lie here for Clarke? All right, he can get on the back of the ball. The problem is, the ball is sitting on smashed down fescue. So is it gonna come out fast? Is it gonna come out slow? Ball's way above his feet.

[00:46:24.110]>>Came out really soft way to the right.

[00:46:28.979]>>Make sure you keep it in play, so you gotta get one of those up and in.

[00:46:35.540]>>Cameron Percy has been the anchor here, John Maginnes. What's he have left here? Can he knock one tight?

[00:46:43.530]>>165.

[00:46:48.020]>>Not a flag he would love. He loves hitting a draw. This is left of it, but.

[00:46:55.199]>>All right, I'll have 2 looks at it.

[00:46:58.750]>>Back at the American Family Insurance Championship, this just a moment ago, Fenn Crane's 3rd from 100 yards.

[00:47:07.280]>>Uh, it looks like he got on top of it a little bit, trying to keep it from going from to the right.

[00:47:13.320]>>Uh, OK, not great.

[00:47:18.149]>>He is a wonderful pitcher of the golf ball. He's got great motion and he's very rotational, keeping that upper body moving.

[00:47:26.229]>>Drive it in there pretty low.

[00:47:29.389]>>Yeah, he can hit whatever shot he wants. He can hit a little skipper.

[00:47:33.469]>>You can fly it all the way there.

[00:47:35.800]>>Followed through, and that's really nicely done. Not an easy putt there.

[00:47:43.550]>>But an excellent chance to save par and win this golf tournament.

[00:47:47.850]>>Again, Perry and George McNeill have posted 29 under.

[00:47:52.590]>>Oh

[00:47:54.229]>>That's a very fast putt right there that Greg just hit.

[00:48:03.100]>>Pretty well done.

[00:48:05.530]>>And almost run that fringe line, get it way up there.

[00:48:10.449]>>He knocks us in. It gets to 29.

[00:48:15.560]>>Favorite the paste

[00:48:18.570]>>And that's um.

[00:48:30.139]>>Crane was so clutch yesterday, especially on this incoming 9.

[00:48:35.909]>>Making putts all over the place. Can he make this one for par and the win.

[00:48:45.639]>>Well, he hit it right where he was looking. Yeah, I think he carried a tiny bit too much speed there, John, because it just hit that left lip.

[00:48:58.780]>>Percy and Chalmers have been eliminated.

[00:49:02.000]>>Because they're at 28, they have two par putts.

[00:49:06.659]>>Perry and McNeill are already, have already posted 29.

[00:49:11.439]>>Yeah, they're gonna have Greg Chalmers go ahead and putt.

[00:49:14.800]>>There was a, a meeting about that with notes and.

[00:49:20.419]>>Minutes and they finally decided on this.

[00:49:24.020]>>But it was almost a little, it, it, it, it was felt like match play for a second.

[00:49:41.790]>>Chalmers makes the par. Percy will pick his mark up.

[00:49:48.510]>>No birdies since the 13th. They finish at 28 under.

[00:49:55.699]>>In a tie for 3rd, so now the stage is set.

[00:50:01.280]>>Ben Crane.

[00:50:03.040]>>Has helped Darren Clarke with these reads and the aim point and everything else.

[00:50:13.040]>>They haven't made a bogey all week. Not that you would in best ball and especially scramble, but there have been some.

[00:50:25.060]>>John Maginnes, what do you see in this?

[00:50:27.750]>>Uh, it's got to move right, and if you don't give it enough pace, it's gonna dive underneath the hole.

[00:50:36.010]>>Darren Clarke won this event last year with Thomas Bjørn by 4 shots. They shot 32 under.

[00:50:43.500]>>This year, with Bjørn out with a back injury, Ben Crane has stepped in.

[00:50:52.399]>>They're giving this the full treatment.

[00:50:55.270]>>Do you think Darren Clarke has ever spent this much time over a pot with this much help? Never, never.

[00:51:03.189]>>OK

[00:51:05.879]>>Well, Jason Caron and Tim McNeill missed the same putt, and they both missed it to the right in the previous group for, for birdie.

[00:51:16.129]>>It certainly does feel like that's the easy miss.

[00:51:20.719]>>Darren Clarke for par.

[00:51:24.000]>>And a win here in Madison, Wisconsin.

[00:51:32.060]>>And it falls in and Darren Clarke.

[00:51:35.409]>>Has gone back-to-back this year with Ben Crane.

[00:51:40.760]>>They have won the American Family Insurance Championship.

[00:51:45.770]>>And Ben Crane, like Thomas Bjørn last year, gets his first PGA TOUR Champions win. Take a look at the final results. Clarke and Crane had the lead by 3 going into the final round. What a run by George McNeill and Kenny Perry, but it comes up a shot short. Sabbatini and Gay were right there as well. Langer and Alker get a top 10 shooting 26 under.