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[00:00:44] >> It's the first major of the year for the PGA Tour Champions. The 36th playing of the Regions Tradition from Hoover, Alabama, located about 10 miles southeast of Birmingham. The PGA Tour Champions proudly presents the season-long race for the Charles Schwab Cup. Today from Hoover, Alabama, it's live first round coverage of the Regions Tradition. And for the ninth year in a row, the best of the PGA Tour Champions coming to Greystone Golf and Country Club. The Founders Course, par 72, just under 7,300 yards. Doug Barron is the defending champ. Steve Stricker has won this event three times on this property and has gone low. Now, the golf course took on a lot of rain earlier in the week, but things starting to dry out and some good scoring conditions on hand here in Round number 1. As we take a look at the leaderboard, Robert Karlsson, who was in contention two years ago, finishing second behind Steve Stricker, off to a good start, 6-under through his first seven. Steven Alker, Y.E. Yang, Matt Gogel just a shot back. Miguel Angel Jimenez, the past champion of this event on this property, starting his day at 2-under par. Winds starting to pick up a little bit here on this Thursday afternoon. Bob Papa along with Paul Azinger. So glad you can join us. John Cook, Jeff Sluman out on the grounds for the first major of the year of the PGA Tour Champions, the Regions Tradition. Going to take you out to the par-5 2nd, Angel Cabrera, who picked up his first win in Boca Raton a few weeks ago, getting set for birdie currently at 3-under par. Jeff Sluman is with this group.

[00:02:46] >> Yeah, Bob. Cabrera had a beautiful third shot in there after driving it under the -- in the trees. He's probably got about a 15-foot. It's going to swing from right to left, very fast.

[00:03:01] >> Very fast is right. That looked like he left it way short.

[00:03:08] >> Angel Cabrera, eighth in the Charles Schwab Cup standings. This is the 10th of 28 events on the PGA Tour Champions schedule.

[00:03:19] >> Steven Alker playing his second shot at the par-4 3rd. And this has always been a challenging hole.

[00:03:27] >> Yeah, big time. John Cook just alluded to the difficulty of this shot. And Alker, man, he just never ceases to impress. What a nice shot. You see, there's a great example of how soft the greens are.

[00:03:42] >> Take you over to the 10th, the par-3 10th today, playing 157 yards. Got that hole location in the back center. And you cannot be long here, Zinger.

[00:03:56] >> No.

[00:04:00] >> Beauty.

[00:04:01][Applause]

[00:04:09] >> Richard Green, his tee shot.

[00:04:29] >> Oh, man. Now see, held on with both hands.

[00:04:35] >> Now, over a 10, Jerry Kelly for his birdie. And it feels like every putt on this green is fast.

[00:04:44] >> Well, the greens were sneaky fast, even the uphillers this morning when were out here. The grass is dark green. We know we're going uphill. And all of us were just blasting putts past the hole. Well.

[00:04:55] >> Jerry Kelly.

[00:04:57] >> Center guy. See making us look bad, Jerry.

[00:05:04] >> Stewart Cink won the last PGA Tour Champions event, the Insperity Invitational.

[00:05:10] >> Well, nobody can launch it higher than him. Maybe Billy Mayfair. He didn't really go for the moon shot here, Bob. What a -- Right at it. We've seen a lot of good shots here.

[00:05:24] >> Richard Green, playing his second into the 11th. Had himself in contention in the majors last year. Just couldn't get it across the finish line.

[00:05:51] >> Lovely look from behind there. At what Ernie faced, he had a beautiful wedge. A chance for birdie.

[00:06:00] >> David Toms for birdie at 5.

[00:06:04] >> Yeah, after not a very good wedge shot for David Toms in front of the green, now across the green, breaker from left to right. I guess he put it right where he wanted to.

[00:06:14] >> I guess so.

[00:06:20] >> Let's go over to the par-5 5th, the third for Cabrera, Jeff.

[00:06:24] >> Yeah, he's got a little sideboard, 124 yards, and if he flies it over the pin. Beautiful shot by Cabrera.

[00:06:33] >> Yeah, there's the sideboard.

[00:06:39] >> Cejka's third.

[00:06:46] >> Looks good there, Bob. Another beautiful shot by Cejka.

[00:06:52] >> Yeah, these guys, they're not dummies. They know.

[00:06:55] >> The best players out here.

[00:06:56] >> Now, Alker's third.

[00:07:07] >> Wow, what another fantastic shot, Bob.

[00:07:11] >> This guy doesn't --

[00:07:12] >> Bunker was in the rough, played it perfectly.

[00:07:18] >> Ernie Els to play his second at 6.

[00:07:21] >> One-seventy-one, straight downwind, right center, part of the fairway. Also coming off a nice birdie. If this is the right one, it's on a good line. Might chase out. And it does. Nice golf shot.

[00:07:39] >> This was a moment ago over a 12, Miguel Angel Jimenez. Did something spectacular happen?

[00:07:47] >> Well, it's a big par 4. If something did, he'll make up some shots on the field. This is a good looking shot. Yeah, he's going to have a chance for birdie.

[00:07:59] >> Let's go back over to the 6th then. Alex Cejka to play his second.

[00:08:04] >> Yeah, Bob, 166 yards for Alex. Nice contact. Right down the pin.

[00:08:21] >> Gorgeous looking hole, this 14th.

[00:08:24] >> Yeah, it really is pretty. Big time downhill. You want to be careful to not miss to the left today. And if the shot tracer is accurate, that's right at it. And the shot tracer don't lie. That is an owl finish special.

[00:08:41] >> Let's go over to 14, and Stewart Cink.

[00:08:47] >> Well, I thought left was dead as a doornail, but Stricker proved that to be wrong. You can actually get it up and in. You got to make a 10 or 12 footer to do it. That's a pretty good shot for Stewart Cink.

[00:09:03] >> This is the third for Richard Green at the par-5 15th.

[00:09:09] >> He has a crazy round going, 9-under par.

[00:09:16] >> And he's going to have that for 10-under.

[00:09:22] >> Miguel Angela Jimenez, third at 15.

[00:09:24] >> Just a short shot. He's been dynamite with these wedges this season. And another example of that was really, if you miss right there at that shot, you are in big trouble.

[00:09:36] >> Charlie Wi finishing his day up on the other side. Playing a second into 8. This is his 17th hole of the day.

[00:09:44] >> Got the great Corby Segal caddying for him. Really good to see him today. And a nice shot for Charlie Wi.

[00:09:53] >> So he's going to have that to get to 7-under. Let's go ahead to the 18th, Paul Broadhurst.

[00:10:01] >> Well, he's got a major hitch in his giddy up. Looks like John Wayne trying to hem a hog in a ditch. Kind of bow legged looking.

[00:10:22] >> Paul is 1-under on his round today. He's made one bogey and two birdies. His birdies came at 13 and 14.

[00:10:34] >> Seven wins out here for Broadhurst. Just an impressive career. Looks like you ought to be holding a pint, doing a cigarette commercial or something. Chiseled face. You know, this is a lot of years of grind and this guy's face is epic. It's just got character.

[00:10:59] >> And he's a two-time major champion on the PGA Tour Champions. His first win was the Senior Open Championship Presented by Rolex, and also captured the Senior PGA Championship in 2018. Plus he's won at Pebble. Won at Warwick Hills. He's won a Pebble twice actually.

[00:11:26] >> He spent almost all his career in Europe. All right.

[00:11:43] >> Broadhurst will shoot under par today, 1-under par 71. Richard Green ties the Greystone tournament record with a 9-under par 63. Steven Alker, Jerry Kelly, Stewart Cink in at 7-under par. Alex Cejka with a 66 today. Chalmers with a hole to play at 16-under par.

[00:12:12] >> It's the first major of the year for the PGA Tour Championship. Greystone Golf and Country Club playing host to the Regions Tradition in its 36th year. Let's take a look at some highlights from early in round number 2. Jerry Kelly, who won earlier this year at the Mitsubishi Electric Classic at TPC Sugarloaf, Rolls in this putt for birdie at the 18th, his ninth hole of the day. That would get Jerry to 8-under par. Richard Green, who shot 63 yesterday, finishing his opening nine with a birdie, and then making the turn over at the par-4 1ST, rolls this one in. He's been in complete control of his game, Zinger.

[00:12:51] >> We witnessed it yesterday and we're seeing it again today. A good solid front nine. Nice birdie on the first hole, the back to get going. But Jimenez get red hot here with a chip in eagle at number 2.

[00:13:03] >> That was at the second, Jimenez, the only multiple winner this year on the PGA Tour Champions. That would get him to 9-under par. So we take a look at the leaderboard. Richard Green, 3-under on his round today, leads Jimenez by two. Steven Alker, bogey-free so far this week, is at 9-under par. With Jerry Kelly at 8-under and Stewart Cink at seven.

[00:13:27] >> Let's go over to the 5th. Jerry Kelly playing his third shot.

[00:13:32] >> Colorful scorecard for Jerry Kelly on the outgoing nine holes. Eagle, three birdies, two bogeys. This from 94 yards. Trying to use some slope.

[00:13:44] >> Another putt at it for Jerry.

[00:13:47] >> Over at the 8th here at the Regions Tradition. Steven Alker playing his second shot. Slu, what's he got in?

[00:13:53] >> Bob he's got 153 straight downwind, probably a 9-iron. Looks like he's chunked that. It's got to cover the bunker. He got a nice little break there.

[00:14:03] >> Did he ever now?

[00:14:04] >> Turns out good.

[00:14:05] >> Rolled up hole high. How do you like that? And now, Jimenez. Just look at the arms, just relaxed. These guys all fight those wedges and they hit them right at the stick most of the time. And there's another one. Three beautiful wedge shots.

[00:14:24] >> So that for birdie after the double at the last. Let's see if Alker can bounce back here, Slu, after his first bogey of the week.

[00:14:32] >> Yeah. We saw he got a nice little kick off the side there. And can he make it? And yes, he does. Great bounce back for Alker.

[00:14:44] >> He has a knack for the bounce back, and it makes him happy. Nice smile. Yeah, went 25 holes without a bogey before he finally made one.

[00:14:56] >> Now, Jimenez, this will be a nice bounce back after that disastrous double at the 4th.

[00:15:06] >> Thank you.

[00:15:11] >> He gave a bunch of it back and fought his way back to get in at 4-under yesterday. This birdie will give him a 1-under par 71 today, leaving him at 5-under.

[00:15:23] >> Wonder if Stricker would ever change putters. I would guess, why not?

[00:15:27] >> Cookie, he did.

[00:15:28] >> Earlier in the year.

[00:15:29] >> He did last year.

[00:15:30] >> He did. He had kind of a mallet head, heel shafted putter. But he brought out Old Faithful this week.

[00:15:37] >> Yeah. Well.

[00:15:38] >> Yeah, last year there was a stretch where he was kind of like shaking, knocking down flagsticks, but not making anything.

[00:15:45] >> Be like schlooming, not using a bullseye or like a ping putterhead. It's going with that long thing.

[00:15:53] >> Slu goes to anything but that bullseye. We're going to rip it right out of his hands.

[00:15:59] >> Well, that's solid.

[00:16:00] >> Nice.

[00:16:00] >> Birdie for Richard Green to get him back to 12-under.

[00:16:05] >> It's another one of those psyche builders because, you know, he had -- after the bogey, he had that chance with that great shot. You know, there's a lot of time between shots for these great players. And that's a nice birdie.

[00:16:21] >> Alker for birdie at 11.

[00:16:25] >> Yeah, Bob, this is going to be some kind of fast, going downhill, down grain, downwind. And --

[00:16:30] >> Down at the top.

[00:16:31] >> -- there you go. Down on the bottom.

[00:16:33] >> What did I tell you about this guy making 30 footers?

[00:16:36] >> Unbelievable, Paul. It's unbelievable.

[00:16:38] >> Well, it's some sort of gift. You know, I just -- that's all I can say. And he seems to have the gift now. He's a late bloomer to the game. We all have to get to know him because he's a real force of figure on this tour. Now, here we go. Cejka, he's watching Alker make putts from all over the lot. Finally gets one to drop that away. Still sitting pretty at 6-under par. What could be if that putter gets hot for Cejka?

[00:17:05] >> Can Ernie get hot with the putter?

[00:17:09] >> There you go, Ernst.

[00:17:14] >> Let's see if Heath Slocum can pay this off at 17.

[00:17:18] >> That's how you do it.

[00:17:37] >> This to set the Greystone 36-hole scoring record.

[00:17:43] >> Got to get it out there to the left, let it swoop in. Why not?

[00:17:48] >> Why not indeed? What a putt. Birdie, birdie finish. Certainly, that's a good round.

[00:18:03] >> Steven Alker for yet another birdie at 12.

[00:18:06] >> No, I wouldn't bet against him.

[00:18:09] >> Looks good. It's on a nice line. And in. Now, I understand why he's winning all these tournaments, Paul.

[00:18:16] >> It's easy to understand. He doesn't miss a shot and he makes most of the putts. It's a nice little formula.

[00:18:24] >> Y.E. Yang.

[00:18:25] >> Has this putt for birdie. He was bogey-free yesterday in shooting a 67. And he knocks that in.

[00:18:35] >> Here comes Boo Daddy hitting his third shot here from a perfect lie. He still goes down after it, Bob, gets that sweet divot. And another shot right over the flag. What a character. He is great to have around.

[00:18:58] >> Vijay Singh for birdie at 14.

[00:19:00] >> Good tee shot right underneath the flagstick. Now, moves to his left, going uphill just slightly.

[00:19:06][Applause]

[00:19:10] >> Back to back birdies for Vijay Singh. He's at 2-under.

[00:19:16] >> Back to the tee at 14. And Alex Cejka will be first to play.

[00:19:30] >> Alex Decaf Cejka. I like it. Sluwy, you can't miss this to the left that. We haven't seen anybody get it even close from over there today.

[00:19:40] >> Yeah, absolutely not. And you can't rely on getting a good bounce. There's plenty of room to the right. You just got to hit a solid shot, 187 yards. A little downhill. Maybe a little trace behind you of wind. Probably some sort of 6-iron. He likes it.

[00:20:00] >> You see all kinds of shot. That's right at it. Another great shot out of Cejka. He continues to keep the pedal on the right. Boo with the claw. More conventional looking claw grip. Can he convert? Yes, he can.

[00:20:26] >> Sixty-eight for Boo Weekley. Leaves him at 6-under. Third for Langer at 15. You know, it was here last year or two years ago where Langer got into a spat with his putter, and we saw a very uncharacteristic reaction from Langer.

[00:20:49] >> Cejka for birdie at 14.

[00:20:52] >> Yeah, Bob, about 4 to 5 feet after another brilliant iron shot.

[00:20:55] >> He's got to make this. And he does.

[00:21:01] >> So Cejka after the eagle at 13, birdies 14. He's at 9-under.

[00:21:10] >> Cookie, what does Ernie left?

[00:21:12] >> Eighty-seven yards here for Ernie. Wind in out of the right slightly.

[00:21:17] >> Ernie's the all-time shot maker. Especially as he's gotten older, he likes to hit flighted shots.

[00:21:25] >> That'll just get better and better. Good shot there for Ernie.

[00:21:28] >> Yeah. Looked like he tried to take it in nice and low.

[00:21:35] >> Charlie Wi for a bounce back birdie at 18. And he pours that in.

[00:21:39] >> I'll be trying that grip this afternoon.

[00:21:45] >> Now, Cejka playing his third, Jeff.

[00:21:48] >> Hey, Paul, he did exactly what we talked about earlier today. He laid up and missed the fairway.

[00:21:53] >> Kind of costly, but at least he had a good angle.

[00:21:56] >> Yup.

[00:21:57] >> Beautiful shot he hit. But kind of surprising to miss the fairway.

[00:22:06] >> Retief Goosen for his birdie at 16.

[00:22:10] >> Retief, one of the great pressure putters of all time. And that, right on schedule.

[00:22:17] >> So that gets him to 2-under. He's 3-under on his round today.

[00:22:26] >> Ricardo Gonzalez, 2-under today, 6-under for the week, his birdie putt at 18 to get him in at 7-under.

[00:22:36] >> Watch his head. See how still it stays. Pretty still.

[00:22:39] >> Yeah. Nice -- Couple nice rounds.

[00:22:48] >> Mike Weir after that miss hit off the tee,. Knocks it in. Looked like birdie the whole way.

[00:22:53] >> Sure did. Nothing like leaving yourself a makeable birdie chip. That's the way to do it.

[00:23:00] >> Angel Cabrera for his birdie at 15.

[00:23:03] >> Yeah, Bob, he got a little read off of Alker's. And he --

[00:23:07] >> Makes it.

[00:23:08] >> With a little pace on it.

[00:23:09] >> Oh, my. He's as surprised as anyone.

[00:23:18] >> So Scott Parel's tee shot at 17 go right over the top of the flagstick. Did he make the birdie? Yes, he does. And he's got the length to get home in two. So he's at 8-under. Clean scorecard for Scott Parel. Five-under on his round. Fourth for Alker here at 18.

[00:23:39] >> This is a real important up and in, I think, for Alker. He doesn't want to leave the course feeling this way. Another great touch. My goodness. That's a gift, you know. That's one of the requirements to be a great player is to have that kind of touch and feel.

[00:24:05] >> So Alker is sure to be in the final group with Richard Green. The question is, will it be Cejka or Y.E. Yang, or maybe Scott Parel?

[00:24:18] >> Yeah, Scott Parel sitting back there. Possible chance for eagle if he can reach the green. You know, that's kind of the Charlie Wi grip too, isn't it? But the right hand's different. But the left hand looks the same. Another good putt. No, it just touches the lip. And that's the reaction you're going to get every time. Just disbelief.

[00:24:56] >> That putt looked like it hit a patch of Velcro. See the way it just.

[00:25:02] >> So I had a friend that used to say, I'd hit a putt like that, I'd say, how did that miss? And he'd run up there and he'd grab his ball and show you exactly how it went.

[00:25:12] >> Look at this.

[00:25:13] >> Look at that. So I'd say, how did that miss? And he'd run up and grab it and just did the same lip out. That -- He got robbed, let's just say it.

[00:25:28] >> Cejka now for birdie, which would get him to 10-under.

[00:25:35] >> He really gets down low. Kind of takes the worm cam view of the line. His arms -- This is one of those guys. You know, a lot of players will let their arms just hang. You see some guys like Jerry Kelly, his elbows are more out. Cejka's arms just hang so nice and relaxed. He chokes way down on the grip. Great chance. Another great chance for him here.

[00:26:02] >> Got to go.

[00:26:06] >> And he had it right on line. Look of exasperation.

[00:26:15] >> Sixty-nine for Cejka, leaves him at 9-under, but right in the mix --

[00:26:22] >> Yeah.

[00:26:22] >> -- heading into the weekend.

[00:26:23] >> That's a what might have been round for Cejka. He had all kinds of chances to go crazy low. He knows it. Caddie knows it.

[00:26:34] >> Tim O'Neal finishing his day up, has this putt for birdie at the 9th.

[00:26:40] >> Be a good birdie. Nine is a tough hole. Not kind of quite get there.

[00:27:00] >> So Tim O'Neal with a 3-under 69 this afternoon here in Round 2. Take a look at the leaderboard. Richard Green, who shot 63 yesterday, shoots 68 today. Steven Alker with a 67. They'll be in the last group on Saturday. Can Scott Parel make an eagle at 18 to get into that last group? Alex Cejka in at 9-under along with Y.E. Yang. Chris DiMarco with the round of the day, a 7-under par 65. Jimenez, the leader in the Schwab Cup standings, right in the mix as well.

[00:27:35] >> What do you think? You think DiMarco tomorrow going to put another move down? He hadn't been on the board in a while. He's got a chance. It's a good course for Chris. Never know.

[00:27:44] >> Yeah. And again, 72 holes, so 36 to go. But Richard Green sets the Regions Tradition Greystone record through 36 at 13-under par. Heavy storms swept through Hoover, Alabama overnight and into the morning. Third round delayed about an hour. First major of the year for the PGA Tour Champions, the Regions Tradition. Alex Cejka, winner here in 2021, getting off to a fast start. Makes this birdie at the 1st. And Cejka would get to 10-under par. Chris DiMarco finding himself having a good week. This was his third shot at the par-5 2nd. And Paul Azinger, watch this.

[00:28:49] >> His swing. And, oh, man, he just -- that club stands straight up. He brings it straight down.

[00:28:57] >> That got him to 11-under with the eagles. Steven Alker bogeyed the 1st, and then, at the par-5 2nd, rolls this in for birdie to get it back to 12-under par. And maybe this is Chris DiMarco's week because of the difficult third hole. This was his fourth shot. And he pitches it on the green and is able to save his par. And he met another great par save at the 4th. So Richard Green at 13-under. Alker is at 12-under. But Alker is in a host of trouble at the 3rd. Moving day here at the Regions Tradition. Let's go over 7. And Matt Gogel. Got off to a fast start on Thursday, hasn't done much since. And that goes in for birdie. So Gogel gets to 6-under.

[00:30:01] >> Charlie Wi for birdie at the 5th to get to 10-under. And he buries that. So Charlie Wi, 2-under on his round, two off the lead.

[00:30:13] >> It lands mostly. Oh, no.

[00:30:22] >> Third shot for Richard Green at 5.

[00:30:24] >> I think he's got to like this, I think, with the ball above his feet for a left hander with a right pin. Can use some slope. Sling it in there. Expect to get this pretty close. Use some spin. Yeah, that just was a perfect setup there, Paul.

[00:30:44] >> Third shot down for Steven Alker, Cookie.

[00:30:47] >> Ball below his feet a little bit, 118 to the flag. Downwind slightly. Not really blowing much out here right now. Part of this game he's really wanted to get better at was controlling spin on wedges. He worked on it this past off season. Right over top of the flagstick, using some slope. Another good shot.

[00:31:09] >> What a pretty good visual here for Y.E. Yang, huh, Cookie?

[00:31:11] >> Saw two good ones. Absolutely. Hundred and two yards here for Y.E. It's been pretty solid so far. He's going to try to use the slope left, but it needs to catch that slope. It does. Now, watch this feed right towards the hole.

[00:31:29] >> He's read it perfectly. We'll say he did that on purpose. Going down there to the collar.

[00:31:42] >> Cabrera for birdie at 7. So he's at 8-under par. Who's going to make a move today?

[00:31:58] >> Chris DiMarco over at 6. Has only hit two greens of the five so far, but is wiggled out of some danger with a great par save pitch in at 3, and then a great bunker save at 4.

[00:32:13] >> Yeah, Bob, he's got 174 yards downwind. The only place you really can't miss it is right. Chris has hit a beautiful shot in there. Inside 10 feet, right down the hole. Beautiful.

[00:32:26] >> He's going to have that to get to 12-under. Second for Jerry Kelly at 6.

[00:32:33] >> Yeah, 167 yards, Bob and Paul. Doesn't it feel good as a player to watch your opponent hit down the pin?

[00:32:39] >> Always, always. Look at that.

[00:32:42] >> How about that?

[00:32:44] >> Anything you can do, I can do better.

[00:32:47] >> That's Jerry Kelly's mindset.

[00:32:50] >> Richard Green for birdie at the 5th.

[00:32:52] >> He just got a great preview of what Steven Alker did. Same line. Move slightly to his left. It's got some speed too. You got to be a little careful.

[00:33:07] >> Buries it. So Green back to 13-under, even for the day.

[00:33:20] >> Let's go over to the 8th. Boo Weekley for birdie.

[00:33:26] >> Boo Daddy.

[00:33:30] >> Miguel Angel Jimenez has hit a rough patch, to say the least.

[00:33:37] >> Very unusual. He got a putt to finally go in.

[00:33:45] >> So Miguel at 6-under. Let's go over to the 9th. And Stephen Ames for birdie.

[00:33:56] >> He barely touched it. Straight down the hill. Count it.

[00:34:05] >> Three great shots, two misses. Can Alker make the birdie?

[00:34:09] >> Got to take advantage of these right there.

[00:34:15] >> So Alker, now two off the lead.

[00:34:21] >> Boo Daddy. See if he can make birdie here to get the 9-under par. Yes, sir.

[00:34:29] >> Let's go over to 10. Stephen Ames for birdie. Back to back birdies for Ames. Two-under for the day, 8-under for the week. Alker for birdie.

[00:34:48] >> Goes uphill a little bit, then moves from left to right as it starts to break and pulling it in.

[00:34:53] >> Hey, we could have a two-shot swing here too, because Green is not in yet for his par. What is why he need this one?

[00:35:11] >> That he does. Like I said, he it nine greens in a row with one short miss at number 7. This about as easy a putt as you can have. It gets uphill with maybe moving slightly to his right.

[00:35:22] >> There we go.

[00:35:23][Applause]

[00:35:31] >> Angel Cabrera for birdie at 14.

[00:35:35] >> He's got the Charlie Wi grip. Look at this. Hello.

[00:35:41] >> Angel Cabrera who won the James Hardie Pro Football Hall of Fame Invitational.

[00:35:50] >> That'll get him a taste of the lead, temporarily at least.

[00:35:55] >> So birdie for Y.E. Yang. But remember, Steven Alker has a really good look at eagle.

[00:36:08] >> Yeah. I mean, because you start taking a look at it, right? That was a great opportunity.

[00:36:13] >> Fifteen is playing as a three-shot hole. Eighteen for the most part is playing as a three-shot hole.

[00:36:21] >> Keeps his head so still. See if he can drain another one of these.

[00:36:25] >> OK. Yup.

[00:36:27] >> So Alker takes the lead. It's not often you're disappointed with a birdie. But he birdies 13 and he leads by one.

[00:36:51] >> From Hoover, Alabama, it's final round coverage of the Regions Tradition. Now, this golf course took on a lot of water last week and earlier this week, and the last two nights heavy storms, thunder and lightning sweeping through. But Jason Miller, Travis Cook and the entire ground staff have done an incredible job to get this golf course ready to play after a 3-hour weather delay, and the 36 playing of the Regions Traditions, final round is underway. Jerry Kelly, after shooting a bogey-free 65 yesterday, has the lead at first 15-under par. He tees off at 312, along with Y.E. Yang. Steven Alker in that group at 301. Charlie Wi in that last group. Y.E. Yang was bogey-free yesterday in shooting a 67. Paul Stankowski had a big day moving up the leaderboard, shooting 66.

[00:37:59] >> Let's go over to the 1st. And Matt Gogel having a good week, 7-under, has this putt for birdie.

[00:38:14] >> At the par-5 2nd, Matt Gogel to get to 9-under.

[00:38:24] >> So a good start for Goges. Birdie's on his first two holes.

[00:38:31] >> You know, some guys -- I think Goosen reads putts really well, especially fast greens. He's proven that. But look at that stroke. Is that the stroke he's going to put on this putt? It's an interesting grip he's going with.

[00:38:48] >> Yeah, he broke that out at Firestone a couple years ago in winning.

[00:38:52] >> Yeah, you see all kinds of grips at this level now.

[00:38:58] >> Ricardo Gonzalez has this putt for birdie at the difficult 4th.

[00:39:06] >> Is he the happiest guy out here? He's got to be a little --

[00:39:09] >> Lot of happy guys out here.

[00:39:10] >> He's Top 5 happy, huh?

[00:39:12] >> He's very appreciative. You know, he came out of nowhere to win in Morocco in 2024. It changed his life as far as getting him exempt on the PGA Tour Champions. He was playing a lot of mini tour events and playing back in Argentina. Now, he's got a place to play. Then he -- You know, not only did he come out of nowhere to win last year, but then he finished in the Top 10 in the Schwab Cup standings. So he validated that win by playing well the rest of the year. And he buries that putt. This is Michael Wright's birdie attempt.

[00:39:55] >> So a good start to Michael's final round.

[00:40:00] >> Richard Green for his birdie today to get things going.

[00:40:15] >> Jaidee for birdie at the 2nd.

[00:40:22] >> Come racing down the hill and in. That would have gone in a thimble. He's pretty small. You could put him in a thimble.

[00:40:32] >> Let's go back over to 1. Cabrera for birdie to get to 13-under.

[00:40:38] >> Yeah, Bob. It's downhill, a little right to left. Beautiful way to start the round.

[00:40:46] >> Back at the 2nd, Stephen Ames, nine-time winner on the PGA Tour Champions, has this putt for birdie to get to within two of the lead. The only thing missing on Ames' resume on the PGA Tour Champions is a major.

[00:41:01] >> Really? Interesting. This will be a big day in his mind. He really wants to get it done. He is making beautiful putts. He's kind of doing everything right at the moment.

[00:41:14] >> Richard Green for birdie at the 3rd.

[00:41:27] >> Nicely done for Richard. So two birdies in his first three gets him 12-under, three off the lead.

[00:41:35] >> Birdie putt for Boo Weekley.

[00:41:37] >> Big putt for Boo early in the round.

[00:41:39] >> Should have got a good read from Alker.

[00:41:41][Applause]

[00:41:47] >> Players react sometimes differently when -- They all react differently when they touch the lead. He hasn't led all week.

[00:41:56][Applause]

[00:42:06] >> So Jerry Kelly has this putt for birdie to keep the outright lead.

[00:42:11] >> Have to keep the speed up on this. It does go slightly uphill into any grain that there is. Not much break to it. Keep the speed up, though. For the right hit.

[00:42:26] >> Wow. Good birdie for Jerry Kelly.

[00:42:30] >> Confident, comfortable player. Twelve times he's been in this last group. He's got a heck of a record. Six out of 11 times he's pulled off the victory.

[00:42:41] >> And again in PGA Tour Champions majors, he's two for three. He won the two at Firestone, and then in that epic battle with Stricker and Langer in Wisconsin at the US Senior Open. Obviously, Langer prevailed. So Jerry is not going to back down. Well done for Charlie Wi as he makes his birdie at the 2nd. Let's see if Stephen Ames could add another birdie.

[00:43:21] >> One of the few players that have put it left of the flag. And he capitalizes on an easy uphill putt.

[00:43:34] >> Alker for birdie.

[00:43:35] >> Yeah, I would say, Paul, he definitely pushed that second shot. But he might get rewarded for it. And he does.

[00:43:47] >> So Alker with a birdie at the 3rd. Alex Cejka for birdie at 5. He makes that.

[00:44:02] >> Stephen Ames for birdie to get to within two of the lead. And Stephen Ames has yet to make a par here in the final round. Four birdies and a bogey for Ames. Now, back over to the 5th. And Angel Cabrera stalking his birdie putt. Hey, Slu, just a quick question for you. Did Alker fall asleep on the layup or did he just hit a poor tee shot?

[00:44:30] >> No, he hit a perfect tee shot and just wheel hooked it way left up almost into the woods.

[00:44:41] >> Here goes Cabrera. I feel like he's the big bully on this leaderboard, other than Jerry Kelly.

[00:44:52] >> That gets him to within a shot of the lead. Paul Stankowski for his birdie to get to 11-under. And he drips it in.

[00:45:14] >> There's more elbows out guy.

[00:45:17] >> Yeah, that was a great opportunity there for Jerry Kelly. Takes advantage of it. Made two birdies on the par 5s.

[00:45:24] >> Yeah, he's played perfect golf so far. Just kind of almost surgical really, isn't it? Just picking this place apart, point A to point B, no mistakes.

[00:45:41] >> Talk about all the things that Cabrera has gone through, now back and playing, got a win, played a trip the Masters this year, and makes an easy birdie at 13.

[00:45:58] >> Yeah, this is another one of those. Late in the, you know, late in the day. Your eyes are starting to adjust to the sun going down. You've missed one a couple holes before.

[00:46:13] >> Yeah, there's probably been 200-foot pins between him and the hole.

[00:46:20] >> There you go. Good putt. Two putt birdie for Kelly. Gets to within one of Cabrera heading to the difficult 14th here in the final round of the Regions Tradition.

[00:46:42] >> Players dealt with 4 hours and 20 minutes in total of weather delays yesterday. And Jerry Kelly in the last group getting ready to hit his third shot into the par-5 15th, where we find John Cook.

[00:46:57] >> Thank you there. Good morning, everybody. Let's put a bow on this here with Jerry Kelly. Hundred and four yards, slightly downhill. Tough pin, kind of in the middle right, tucked right up against that right edge.

[00:47:11] >> These guys made the decision last night that it was too dark to finish. So here we are.

[00:47:21] >> I was on the range, and Jerry was working the wedge game pretty good.

[00:47:25] >> Yeah, you're going to look at this, find this all day or all morning with the control and spin, these wet grains.

[00:47:34] >> Angel Cabrera playing his third from the bunker.

[00:47:38] >> Yeah, Bob. There was a little red stake and I thought that was a perfect aiming point for Angel. And he hit it beautifully.

[00:47:47] >> Jerry Kelly's second.

[00:47:49] >> Yeah, that was semi-buried on the face and came out a little bit hot. Not horrible, though. He's got about 8 feet for par.

[00:47:56] >> Yeah, that's one of those few fried eggs, where the players thinking this isn't a hard shot. During the break, all of us looked at it and thought this is doable for him. And, you know, he was licking his chops, I believe, on that shot. And he just hit it a hair too hard.

[00:48:14] >> Steven Alker for eagle.

[00:48:15] >> Yeah, you can see Bobby's aiming way to the right. Expecting about 8 feet of break. It's getting there. It's breaking hard left. It's got a chance.

[00:48:31] >> Y.E. Yang's second.

[00:48:33] >> Yeah, I thought he might have to pitch this. Ball's sitting pretty good. It's all about contact and the catch. Just a little wide right. That's not great. He's got about 5 feet.

[00:48:49] >> He needed to make that. He really did. Cabrera with a putt to get to 20-under. The way he's rolling it, I wouldn't be surprised if he buries it. Here it is, Slu.

[00:49:03] >> This is the putt of the tournament. He saw Alker's come up and break sharply right to left. Depending on his pace, because Alker's ball was moving so slowly, you know, he might play a little less break. Obviously doesn't know that Jerry's got an 8-footer for par on 17. This could really decide the whole tournament.

[00:49:28] >> It'll be for a round of 64 to get to 20-under, Jeff. He is a big time pressure putter.

[00:49:35] >> You don't win the tournaments he's won missing many of these. Right in the middle.

[00:49:46] >> Angel Cabrera shoots 64 in the final round and is posted 20-under. And now, he waits and watches to see if he'll win his first major on the PGA Tour Champions.

[00:50:03] >> This was a no doubter. He had to play it a good cup outside the right edge. It went in. Perfect speed. He was ready today, this morning. He certainly was ready yesterday. He came out striping it off the tee, hitting the greens, making the putts. And then, this morning, Bob, it's the same. Cabrera showed up to start his morning, and then what an up and in.

[00:50:29] >> Charlie Wi missed his birdie pot. And now, Jerry Kelly to stay one back.

[00:50:37] >> Yeah, Charlie hit the left side of the hole and spun out. Hit a really nice putt. Now, you talk about putts of the tournament. Right here, Jerry Kelly with an 8-footer for par, give himself a reasonable chance at 18. He's a gutty little guy, so he's going to give this all his attention.

[00:51:00] >> He's made a lot of big time putts the last couple of tournaments. He made a big one on the last hole too, John.

[00:51:14] >> So that means Jerry Kelly needs to make eagle at 18 to tie Cabrera, who's posted 20-under. Jerry Kelly needs to make an eagle or Angel Cabrera is going to win. Charlie Wi for his par.

[00:51:45] >> Yeah. He made a nice little sprint to the finish after a really poor start to his round yesterday. Steadied the ship. Going to learn a lot playing here in the final pairing, a major championship. So take this --

[00:51:59] >> No doubt about it. He overpowered the golf course, five par fives, and he made all the putts he needed to make.

[00:52:07] >> He shoots 64 in the final round to beat Jerry Kelly, who started the final round with a one shot lead. Cabrera trailed in that final round going into the final round by three.