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[00:00:39] >> It is the 12th of 28 on the PGA Tour Champions schedule. The 24th playing of the Principal Charity Classic in the state capital of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa. Take a look at some highlights. Miguel Angel Jimenez, the leader in the Charles Schwab Cup standing, started his day with a bogey. This was his third at the par-5 8th, setting up yet another birdie for Jimenez. He birdied the 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, set that up for the 8th with a birdie. And then, John Cook, to finish his opening nine with a 31, rolls in this birdie putt at the par 3.

[00:01:16] >> Ninth hole playing 150 yards today down the hill, front left hole location, and no problem there from Miguel.

[00:01:23] >> Obviously, with the course renovations, a little different look. This is Year 2 wo that they're playing it this way. But a blind shot at the 10th.

[00:01:31] >> Yeah, front right hole location, blind second shot up hill. He didn't need to look at that.

[00:01:37] >> That would be for his sixth birdie in a row. Miguel, a winner twice this year of the PGA Tour Champions, has a one shot lead over Paul Stankowski. Kevin Sutherland, who won this event in 2019, is just two shots back. And Scott McCarron, a past champion in the mix.

[00:02:01] >> The PGA Tour Champions proudly presents the year-long race for the Charles Schwab Cup. Today from Des Moines, Iowa, it's first round coverage of the Principal Charity Classic. Des Moines, Iowa, located about 2 hours east of Omaha, 3 hours north of Kansas City. Wakonda Club for the 12th year hosting the Principal Charity Classic. Par 72, just under 6,900 yards. Underwent a big renovation in 2022 for '23. This is the second year that they're playing this restored golf course. And it is a challenge. Ernie Els is the defending champ. Bob Papa, John Cook. So glad you can join us. Billy Ray Brown out on the golf course. Let's take it over to the 12th. And Fred Couples has this putt for birdie. Haven't seen Fred playing in quite some time. And that one is long and left.

[00:03:04] >> Yeah. Fred had a triple bogey and a bogey on his card, but he's battled back to even par.

[00:03:11] >> Retief Goosen playing with Fred Couples and Ernie Els. Retief was right in the mix at the Senior PGA Championship last week, but could not chase down Angel Cabrera. Goosen, sixth in the season-long race for the Charles Schwab Cup. And 10 starts. His best finish a second at the Insperity, in which he lost in a playoff to Stewart Cink. Ernie Els has this putt for par. Ernie has played in 10 events this year. Has the one win, the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at a Hualalai. Cookie, he's had a lot of chances to win, but seemed to kind of that odd foul ball we saw at the Regions Tradition, where it just kind of derails his weekend a little bit.

[00:04:13] >> Yeah, no doubt. His game is in shape. Like you said, he tends to hit the little foul ball on Sundays. He was in the last group in Naples at the Chubb Classic. Did not make

a birdie on Sunday, which is very unlike Ernie Els. And it's a bad bogey there at the 12th. A lot of guys taking out driver and hitting it up close to the green. So, a little wasted effort there for Ernie.

[00:04:40] >> Ernie shot 62 last year in Round 1, matching the tournament low, and set a tournament record by shooting 21-under last year.

[00:04:56] >> Let's take you over to 15, where Harrington missed his tee shot well to the right.

[00:05:09] >> You know, Cookie, they were pointed way to the right. I wonder if he clipped the one of the trees and it kicked it back at least to this point.

[00:05:15] >> He must have. So just in that right hand rough, just trying to lay the ball up there. No, not at all. He's knocking it right on the middle of the green. Hole playing downwind today, Bob, so all these players have the firepower to reach.

[00:05:44] >> Should be just a little left to right. Not much. It's a better stroke. Missed a short one at 14 for par. Nice little bounce back.

[00:06:01] >> Paul Stankowski for birdie to shoot 67.

[00:06:06] >> Good little pitch shot from just short of the green. Good round of golf.

[00:06:14] >> So Paul Stankowski right in the mix.

[00:06:29] >> So he's going to have to birdie 18 to tie the tournament 18 hole low of 10-under par 62.

[00:06:37] >> I like his chances. Three-twelve downwind. Eighteen is playing today.

[00:06:51] >> Cameron Percy from off the back of the green for eagle at 18. And he's got it. How about that bounce back? Bogey at 17, drives it through the green at 18, and hoops it.

[00:07:11] >> He said -- He was telling me about Suzanne leaving and going back over to Europe for a while. He said, I'll probably win when she's not here. He said, rojo.

[00:07:18] >> Where you meeting him tonight? Principal Building. Chop House?

[00:07:23] >> Yeah.

[00:07:24] >> That's where he eats?

[00:07:25] >> Yeah, he eats there every night.

[00:07:28] >> Yup.

[00:07:28] >> We ate there a couple.

[00:07:30] >> Yeah.

[00:07:30] >> Remember that time --

[00:07:31] >> Place is good.

[00:07:33] >> he bought us a bottle of wine and I left my box lunch in the seat and Lanny hit me?

[00:07:38] >> Yeah.

[00:07:43] >> You're right. I wonder why they put you there instead of downtown.

[00:07:46] >> Yeah. You know what? Just let them know, it came back at 18 green just for a second. But man there at 17, you guys were clean. I think once they fixed your talk back button and not taking out program, that helped quite a bit with everything too.

[00:08:08] >> Yeah, exactly.

[00:08:11] >> Oh my goodness gracious.

[00:08:13] >> Billy Ray, you got a call -- so the camera can see you, you have to go into one of those luxury suites tomorrow.

[00:08:20] >> I'm definitely going to do that tomorrow.

[00:08:23] >> That's right. Bud Collins at Wimbledon right there.

[00:08:27] >> Yeah, that's what I thought. I felt like Bud Collins at Wimbledon.

[00:08:30] >> Yeah. Yeah, but where will it be tomorrow?

[00:08:39] >> Yeah.

[00:08:42] >> Just let me know him. But which one you need me in, and I'll get in there.

[00:08:45] >> It's probably going to be back right tomorrow.

[00:08:49] >> Let's go over to 16, and K.J. Choi for birdie.

[00:08:53] >> Down that slope.

[00:08:56] >> Good effort by K.J. Now, Goosen for birdie.

[00:09:14] >> Nicely done there for Retief at 18 --

[00:09:16] >> Yeah.

[00:09:16] >> -- to shoot 2-under 70.

[00:09:18] >> Bogey back there at 17. So birdie at 18. Had to take advantage of the 18th.

[00:09:23] >> With this hole being reachable, John, I'm sure these guys aren't all that happy that as they were getting ready to play, some, you know, tee shots were flying up on the green.

[00:09:32] >> I think there's going to be a little conversation.

[00:09:36] >> The group behind, everybody's been waiting. So it's not this just this group.

[00:09:46] >> What a comeback this would be for Fred Couples, who was 4-over through his opening four holes, 6-under since. And this to shoot a 3-under par 69.

[00:10:06] >> Break into his left. Does have some speed as well. What a battle back for Fred.

[00:10:22] >> Yeah. The 3-under 69 does not tell the story as Couples plays the last 14 holes 7-under. Jimenez played all 18 at 9-under and leads Percy by one.

[00:10:59] >> PGA Tour Champions playing the Principal Charity Classic for the 24th year. Gorgeous weather on this Saturday in Des Moines. Eighty-two degrees and sunny. Take a look at some of the highlights. Defending champ Ernie Els rolls in this birdie putt at 13. This would get Ernie to 8-under and 6-under on the day. He shot 21-under and winning last year by two shots. Retief Goosen playing with Els over at the par-5 15th. Rolls this putt in for birdie. This would get Goosen to 9-under, 7-under on his round today. Cam Percy started the day a shot behind Miguel Angel Jimenez. And this long birdie putt at the 6th gets him to 10-under par. Thomas Bjorn started the day two shots back. Had a good run last week at the Senior PGA. Rolls in this birdie putt at the 7th to get Bjorn to 9-under par. Miguel Angel Jimenez, who shot 63 yesterday, rolls in this birdie putt at the 8th to get him to 13-under par. And then, Ernie yells, driving in the green side bunker at 18, coaxes in this birdie putt. And Ernie Els shoots 64 today. And he's in at 10-under par. So they're going low on this moving day Saturday in Des Moines, Iowa at Wakonda Club and the Principal Charity Classic.

[00:12:28] >> Twenty-fourth edition of the Principal Charity Classic. And for the 12th year, Wakonda Club playing host to this event. Par 72, just under 6,900 yards. Underwent a massive renovation 2 years ago. And we have a star-studded leaderboard with seven World Golf Hall of Famers in the field here this week at the Principal Charity Classic. Weather has been absolutely perfect. Bob Papa along with John Cook. So glad you can join us. Billy Ray Brown out on the golf course. We take you out to the green at 12. Final group is there. Miguel Angel Jimenez has the birdie putt. Cameron Percy and Thomas Bjorn in this final group. And Billy Ray Brown is with Jimenez, Percy, and Bjorn.

[00:13:16] >> What a day we're going to have today, Bob, As you just touched on, scoring conditions are absolutely perfect. Light breeze, the golf course is in fantastic condition. Jimenez now playing his second shot from the left-hand side of the fairways. Got a great look for birdie here coming down the slopes. Going to move a little bit to his right.

[00:13:39] >> Miguel got off to a really quick start today with birdies at 1 and 3. He's had two bogeys in the mix though, but he still continues like yesterday to make a number of birdies because his iron play has been so spectacular.

[00:13:54] >> That it has, Billy Ray. Every iron shot he's hit is right around the hole, hole high. Take advantage of this one right here. Tricky little putt down that slope. He does. Bogey at the 10th, par 11. Nice little birdie there at the 12th.

[00:14:15] >> Miguel with two wins this year now. Thomas Bjorn to get to 11-under.

[00:14:25] >> Now, this for back to back birdies. He hit it really close at 11, a tap in birdie. And basically, here as well.

[00:14:33] >> Yeah. Also a good bounce back, Billy Ray, after a bogey at 10, birdie in 11 and 12. So Thomas Bjorn in the mix again.

[00:14:43] >> Eighteen is drivable. We had two eagles yesterday. Brendan Jones made an eagle today at 18.

[00:14:50] >> Pinned today in that left front corner, Bob. Tough little hole location if you miss left. Thongchai taking it right up the opening. And what a shot. This could go in. How about tap in eagles at your final hole? Looks like the golf course is drying out. Ball chasing.

[00:15:14] >> Thongchai Jaidee nearly made an ace at the drivable 18th. His second eagle on the incoming 9. Eagled 10, eagled 18, shoots 66. And he's in at 8-under par. Vijay Singh has been playing well. Has this putt for birdie at 16. Currently at 5-under.

[00:15:35] >> Yeah, good hole location here. We'll see down the stretch in that front right. So a couple birdies in a row there for Vijay.

[00:15:43] >> Michael Wright has a putt for birdie. Michael was on the PGA Tour Champions last year through the Q School. Remember, he's the guy that needed to make the birdie on the last hole of Q School. And from the desert, holed out to get his card. In as an alternate this week.

[00:16:00][Applause] Now, Bjorn, who finished tied for second at the Senior PGA last week, Billy Wright.

[00:16:13] >> Yeah, he's played very well last week. Now, 255. You can bet this ball is going to come out low and going to try to chase it up there. This is on a really good line here.

[00:16:28] >> Gets up that little slope. I don't think it's got enough steam, but good shot. Right in the middle of the green. That's going to be a tough two putt, though. Up the slope and across the green.

[00:16:42] >> Third shot for Cameron Percy at the par-5 13th.

[00:16:47] >> Yeah, pretty difficult little pitch because he has to come up over that shoulder on the right-hand side and carry it on the upper level.

[00:16:53] >> Billy Ray, that was outstanding.

[00:16:55] >> Are you kidding me?

[00:16:58] >> You see how hard he swung at that and the speed he had through the hitting zone> Used the grooves of the club to spin it. That was beautiful.

[00:17:10] >> Yeah, I'm glad I didn't get out in time. I thought the best he could do maybe 15, 18 feet from there. Well, he would have proved me wrong. So I'm telling on myself there. But what a shot there by Percy.

[00:17:21] >> God, he used all the grooves of that club.

[00:17:23] >> Cameron Percy --

[00:17:24] >> I didn't think there was any way he could catch that much spin from that position.

[00:17:27] >> Cameron Percy, 51 years of age. You heard a little roar. Let's go over to 14. Kevin Sutherland on the tee.

[00:17:35] >> Hundred and eighty-one yards, pin right in the front left hole, right tucked up against the edge of the green. Lands it perfectly. And Kevin, loving the Wakonda Club.

[00:17:52] >> Now, Thomas Bjorn, Billy Ray, for his eagle.

[00:17:56] >> Yeah, different position we saw Jimenez. Jimenez had to run that ridge a little bit. This is straight up and over this ridge. It's going to move left for sure.

[00:18:05] >> Yeah, pretty good. Underneath the hole as well. About 4 feet.

[00:18:08] >> Yeah.

[00:18:08] >> Difficult to get the read and the speed right from down there, Billy Ray.

[00:18:14] >> Yeah. Well, Bjorn, he's got the hot hand. He's birdied 11 and 12. Trying to make it three in a row here at the par-5 13th. And you hate giving one away after that spectacular third that he played from the right-hand side of the green.

[00:18:32] >> Wow.

[00:18:34] >> Jimenez going to have basically the same putt.

[00:18:39] >> Kevin Sutherland, just a moment ago, tapped in for birdie at 14. So he's within one of the lead now. Can Bjorn make it three in a row?

[00:18:50] >> Have we seen two short ones already missed here? And as I said, this would be for three in a row after the bogey at the 10th.

[00:19:11] >> Slightly different angle than the previous two. This one's got some pretty good break from right to left. Right in the center. Good two putt from down below for Thomas Bjorn.

[00:19:23] >> So Bjorn within a shot of the lead.

[00:19:26] >> Let's go over to 18. Fred Couples on the tee.

[00:19:33] >> Fred is currently 6-under today.

[00:19:37] >> Left side of the tee, not only means you're going to hit a draw, but this calls for a little bit of a cut. And perfect. Right up to the center of the green. Beautiful tee shot there for Fred. That'll be for eagle from about 20 feet.

[00:19:50] >> Let's see if Mark Wilson can make another one here at 15. This for birdie to get to 9-inder.

[00:19:57] >> Yeah. Just short of the green in two. Pitch it there.

[00:20:00] >> Nice up and down there for Mark.

[00:20:05] >> Fred Couples for eagle at 18 to get to 11-under.

[00:20:08] >> Cut through the fringe cut. Turning right the left. How about one, Fred? Try. Aggressive tee shot right to the front of the green. And without the fourth hole being played this week for Fred, he'd be right near the lead.

[00:20:25] >> Well, yeah. I mean, he's 4-over on the fourth hole through the first two rounds. Shoots a 65 today.

[00:20:31] >> And --

[00:20:32] >> Shoot his age at 10-under.

[00:20:33] >> Oh, yeah, that's right.

[00:20:34] >> Shot his age.

[00:20:36] >> Mark Wilson playing his second at 16.

[00:20:40] >> Uphill a little bit. Pin right in the front right part of the green. Tough to get it close. Going to use the right slope. Asking for it to go. Easy, stay right there. That's all right.

[00:20:56] >> Miguel Angel Jimenez getting ready to play his third shot at par-5 15th.

[00:21:04] >> It's going to be interesting. He went to the front part of the bunker, so he could see just the top of the flagstick from this position here. It's a totally blind third here at the par 5. This is very doable though, because once the ball gets onto the surface, the green runs sharply back in that back center bowl. Perfect lie.

[00:21:30] >> He's so good out of the bunkers and around the greens, Billy Ray. Trying to stretch it out. OK, good shot.

[00:21:41][Applause]

[00:21:52] >> Jimenez, 4-under on his round today. Six birdies, two bogeys. Did not birdie the par-5 13th. Will have a short putt for birdie. Now, Percy with pretty difficult third shot, Billy Ray.

[00:22:08] >> I would say we saw a spectacular shot here at 13. But now, it's got the cliff face wide open. Going to try to land it down in the flat. Man, I'm telling you, he is showing some short game skill right now. Shots like they're at 13 and 15.

[00:22:26] >> Yeah, he took -- he chose to take the slope out and fly it across it. So that was really well done and well planned out.

[00:22:34] >> Let's see if Mark Wilson can make another here at 16. This would get him to 10-under par.

[00:22:42] >> Up the hill, he does. What a way, Mark Wilson.

[00:22:47] >> Clean scorecard, 4-under.

[00:22:50] >> And he's a 10-under par. Billy Ray, we talked about Sutherland not birdieing 13 and 15. Jimenez did not birdie 13. I know it's only Saturday, but this is one you got to have.

[00:23:08] >> There's no doubt you got to have this. And in the last hole, we had a great camera angle of Jimenez putting downhill and caught it in the center of the putter. We'll keep a note here, see if he catches out of the center. And he finds the bottom of the cup. To your point, Bob, that was crucial for him not to have another par 5 get away.

[00:23:32] >> Percy for his birdie. That was a great up and down.

[00:23:37] >> Cameron's got a clean card going. Four birdies for Cameron.

[00:23:42] >> Scott McCarron, who, in 2016, beat Miguel Angel Jimenez by a shot, birdied three of the last five to shoot 65 in the final round for birdie.

[00:23:53] >> There you go, Scotty Mac.

[00:23:58] >> One-under today for Scott. Good to see him playing better. Billy Ray, what's this one going to do here?

[00:24:08] >> This is going left to right. But I got my new friend over to my right. He was giving me the breakdown on Sutherland. Being from California, has been close here, played well here in years past. He's going after my job. This is something. And more importantly, he's got the beverage of choice to my right here. I'm a little jealous right now.

[00:24:28] >> Daddy Soda.

[00:24:29] >> Couple more minutes here, BR, then you'll be clear.

[00:24:33] >> There you go.

[00:24:36] >> Billy Ray's got a ready-made booth at 18. Now, Bjorn missed his tee shot to the right. Obviously, Billy Ray can't see this and he doesn't have a monitor, so.

[00:24:50] >> Well --

[00:24:50] >> We got you covered.

[00:24:51] >> -- I'll tell you, I can't call the shot. I can see it right when it hits the green.

[00:24:56] >> There it is. Pretty well done. That might get a little better as well. Not quite, but that's good shot from down there. Ball below his feet, out of the rough.

[00:25:08][Applause]

[00:25:21][Cheering and Applause]

[00:25:25] >> Always a fan favorite, isn't he?

[00:25:28] >> Yeah. Nearly won here in 2016. Now, Percy playing his second.

[00:25:43] >> Pretty flat lie and --

[00:25:45][Applause]

[00:25:50] >> His misses, he's kind of wiped across just like that. Hit some good short ones, but 15, 16 and right there.

[00:26:01] >> So he's going to start the final round probably four back. I don't want to be premature here and give Miguel the birdie, but he's been so steady.

[00:26:21] >> Billy Ray's looking right at him so he can tell if it catches in the middle of the face. It does. Miguel Angel Jimenez shoots 66 today. Eight birdies against two bogeys, ties the 36-hole scoring record for the Principal Charity Classic at 15-under. And he's going to take a two shot lead into the final round over Cameron Percy who makes birdie and shoots 67. So the final group on Sunday will be Jimenez, Sutherland, and Cameron Percy.

[00:27:05] >> After shooting a 63 in Round 1, Miguel Angel Jimenez shoots a 66 in Round 2, leads through 36 by two shots over Cameron Percy here at the Principal Charity Classic.

[00:27:24] >> Final round is underway for the Principal Charity Classic here in Des Moines, Iowa. Miguel Angel Jimenez, seeking his third win of the year, started this day with a two shot lead over Cameron Percy. But Jimenez made a bogey at the 4th, took the flagstick out, and at the 5th, pitches in for birdie to get back to 15 under par. Cameron Percy, with birdies at 4 and 5, has now tied him for the lead. Soren Kjeldsen, playing in his second PGA Tour Champions event, 5-under on his round. Mark Hensby, 7-under today. And how about Scott McCarron, the past champion in 2016, climbing up that leaderboard? Soren Kjeldsen, who just turned 50, made his first start at the Senior PGA Championship last week, finished in a tie for 8th. And he pours that in. That's three in a row.

[00:28:26] >> Kevin Sutherland has won five times on the PGA Tour Champions, including this event in 2019. Hasn't won since 2020. And Billy Ray, he's dealt with a myriad of injuries, but this is a guy that, not only did he win five times, but over a certain period of time on the PGA Tour Champions, it felt like he was always near the lead. There's no doubt about that. The multitude of injuries -- A nice putt there by Kevin. But the multitude of injuries that he went through, and finally back to playing golf. Remember, he might not be a household name, Kevin Sutherland, but the man is not scared to win golf tournaments.

[00:29:12] >> Ernie, the defending champion, shot 21-under. Set a tournament record last year. Was tied through 36 with Rod Pamplung at 14-under.

[00:29:23] >> Let's go out to 10, and Freddie Jacobson playing his second.

[00:29:27] >> Pin in the middle of the green up the right-hand side. Soren Kjeldsen hit a really good approach shot. And Freddie Jacobson right there, just past hole high.

[00:29:40] >> Let's go over to 9th. And Ernie Els on the tee.

[00:29:45] >> Ernie likes to shape the ball correctly. Will he try to hit a little hold shot to this right pin from 170 today? He does. Masterful shot.

[00:29:58] >> Thomas Bjorn for his birdie. Ernie Els has a birdie putt here at 9. And Bjorn gets back to even for the day with that birdie at the 9th.

[00:30:09] >> Yeah.

[00:30:10] >> Ernie Els has this putt for birdie.

[00:30:15] >> Stuffed it in there like John Cook did this morning at number 8 at the yards.

[00:30:19][Applause]

[00:30:24] >> Let's go over to 17, and our first look at the par-3 17th, 180 yards down the hill. Paul Goydos' tee shot is on its way.

[00:30:34] >> Let's play 15 downhill there, Bob. And what a nice shot there for Paul Goydos.

[00:30:40] >> Let's go over to 11. And Michael Wright for birdie to get to within three of the lead.

[00:30:46] >> Yeah. Slope goes towards the back of the green and to the right. So good birdie right there for Michael Wright trying to run down the leaders.

[00:30:55] >> Freddie Jacobson for birdie at the 12th. Bernhard Langer, 47 wins of the PGA Tour Championship, has this putt for birdie on his final hole of the week.

[00:31:11] >> Another great round of golf there for Bernhard. He just kind of lives in that 65 to 67 on Sundays.

[00:31:24] >> Shoots his age again or better than his age. He and Steven Alker will be partners next week at the American Family Insurance Championship.

[00:31:37] >> Kjeldsen's third at 13.

[00:31:41] >> From right of the green, down that slope. Pretty good shot. Going to leave him a little ticklish. Three-footer though.

[00:31:49] >> You know, 126 yards. Can just see the top of the flagstick. Good lie in the bunker. This is on a wonderful line. You do not want to miss right here.

[00:31:57] >> Yeah. Look like it was pretty good contact. Kind of hold right there. Really well done, Billy Ray. Excellent shot for Kevin Sutherland.

[00:32:04] >> That was a gutsy shot there.

[00:32:06] >> Soren Kjeldsen making only his second start since turning 50. Tied for 8th at the Senior PGA Championship. Birdies 13. He is on fire.

[00:32:17] >> Seven-under on his round today. And now, in a share of the lead. And Billy Ray, the lie for Cameron Percy, less than ideal.

[00:32:27] >> Yeah, it's in an old divot. It's not even sand filled. So it's going to be tough contact here. He's definitely going to have to flight this one down. He's only got 86 yards. But I will say, what an attitude he has. He hit it into a couple divots yesterday. Didn't bother him. Came up there again. He is a cool customer.

[00:32:44] >> Trying to drive it in there low, skip it down that slope. That's nicely done.

[00:32:54] >> East. All right there. Now, he's putting back up the slope. That was also a gutsy play.

[00:33:04] >> Ernie Els' second into 12. Can he get hot, put some heat on the leaders? That's a good start.

[00:33:12] >> Yup. Underneath the hole there. Good shot there from Ernie. Pressed it down there, took driver.

[00:33:17] >> Freddie Jacobson for birdie.

[00:33:20] >> Yeah. A little more than he had hoped for. Being just short of the green in two. Uphill putt, moving to his left. Keep the speed up. OK.

[00:33:42] >> Miguel Angel Jimenez, Soren Kjeldsen share the lead at 15-under, with Perseus and Sutherland a shot back.

[00:33:54] >> Billy Ray, what does Miguel have left here at 12?

[00:33:58] >> He's got 71 yards total. But it's interesting here. He's got 68 yards that's going to carry over that left-hand side. But he's out of a divot, sand filled divot. So he's going to have to catch this one first. I would expect this is going to be a little right of the hole.

[00:34:16] >> He can use some slope here. Take it in low, use that slope. How about it?

[00:34:21][Applause]

[00:34:31] >> Now, Kevin Sutherland to play his second.

[00:34:38] >> He might just wait. Hey, he's going to -- might just wait here for the tee to clear at 13. Freddy Couples is over there at 13 hitting his tee shot. OK. All set to go here. Just 68 yards total. Kevin coming off the upslope here. And that's a good thing. It's going to help him spin it. This line is really tight.

[00:35:02] >> Pass the flag, draws it back.

[00:35:04] >> Got a chance.

[00:35:05] >> Got a chance.

[00:35:07][Applause]

[00:35:23] >> Now, Percy just off the upslope as well.

[00:35:31] >> All right. That ball didn't spin back, Billy Ray. So it's just underneath the hole, about 12 feet. So three good looks here at the 12th for the lead group. Need to make something happen.

[00:35:47] >> You know, the Principal Charity Classic, since 2007, has raised a remarkable \$62 million for Iowa youth. And a lot of credit goes to the former CEO of Principal Financial Group, Dan Houston. We got a chance to know Dan over the last 10 years. And not only did he make this tournament bigger and better and feel like a major event, but all of his initiatives within the community and, John, the years that we would be out there in Des Moines and, you know, recording the CE interview with Dan out on the golf course, and all the different Principal customers and employees that were involved with the Pro-Am, and everybody would just shout out to Dan, like, you know, he was just one of the guys.

[00:36:38] >> Yeah, exactly. And that's the way this community is, Bob. You know, this is a community event. And with Dan's leadership, and like you said, the initiatives that he has brought forward, raising all that money, you know, great causes around the community, it feels like a community event. And you go play and you play in front of people. We've done that all of our careers. So to come to some of these great Midwestern cities, where the community support is so great and playing in front of people is just a tremendous honor.

[00:37:10] >> Yeah. That drive for 515 challenge that started last year, they raised almost \$100,000 for the legacy project over the years, the bicycles for children with special needs. And Dan has been behind all that. Just to make this bigger and better, the way they built out over the years, that 16, 17, 18 feel. And, you know, adding those little sweets into 18 and all that stuff. And Dan's role, 10 years as CEO of Principal Financial Group, has been a resounding success. Wish we would have been able to get a chance to see him this year, but I know he's out on the golf course today, enjoying this final round action. But kudos. Little golf tip of the cap to our man, Dan Houston.

[00:37:56] >> Absolutely.

[00:37:57] >> Really great getting to know him over the last decade.

[00:38:00] >> Cameron Percy finally rolls one in. He gets to 15-under.

[00:38:10] >> Little bit of discipline coming down the stretch.

[00:38:13] >> Now, Kevin Sutherland --

[00:38:17] >> You bring a really good point. Sorry.

[00:38:18] >> I was going to say, Billy Ray, Kevin Sutherland for birdie here to join the group at 15-under.

[00:38:23] >> Yeah, he had a wonderful second shot. Spun it back there. You know, Miguel's been in this situation many times. But asking for patience on Sunday afternoon with nine holes to play, that's hard to come by sometimes, even from a veteran player.

[00:38:39] >> No question.

[00:38:44] >> Sutherland makes birdie at 12.

[00:38:48] >> Now, all of a sudden we've got a quartet up there at 15-under par.

[00:38:53] >> Kjeldsen, Jimenez. Percy, and Sutherland share the lead at 15-under par.

[00:39:05] >> Now, up at the green, this is the third for Ernie Els at 13.

[00:39:11] >> So good there, Bob. Short of the green. Awkward little pitch shot. What great hands Ernie Els has. That was exquisite.

[00:39:21] >> Ernie Els can get one in for birdie.

[00:39:25] >> Nice pitch shot from just short of the green. Starting to make a little bit of a run after that bogey at 1. Birdies at 8, 9, and now 13. Have to take advantage of that 13th.

[00:39:39] >> Speaking of Soren, this is his third at 15.

[00:39:44] >> Long bunker shot here, Bob. It is aided by pitching on the downslope. As we talked about, you have to take advantage of the par 5s out here.

[00:39:54] >> Fred Couples, obviously, a Bridgestone ambassador. We appreciate Fred helping us with that Bridgestone segment. Pays it off with the birdie.

[00:40:06] >> So Fred won over on his round today. Just got off to a brutal start. You see that's his first birdie of the day.

[00:40:14] >> Retief Goosen, who was in the mix at the Senior PGA last week, has this putt for birdie at 14 to get to within three of the lead.

[00:40:22] >> Just has to breathe on this one, Bob. Breath on it just right.

[00:40:29] >> Well, again he can reach 15. Obviously, he can drive 18. Cameron Percy playing his third at the 13th.

[00:40:41] >> Yeah, landed it just short of the surface. Using all that slope to help him out.

[00:40:49] >> That's really well judged.

[00:40:51] >> Billy Ray, Miguel Angel Jimenez over the years has been a great bunker player. Has this one here at 13.

[00:40:57] >> Well, he's going to have to use that skill now coming off the really flat lie. Incredible.

[00:41:04] >> So good. He just kind of flipped that right hand right underneath there.

[00:41:08] >> Thomas Bjorn on the tee, 1-over today. Not a lot going on with Couples, Els, and Bjorn in that second to last group.

[00:41:19] >> There's a good one there for Thomas Bjorn. Maybe this group can get some birdies coming down the stretch.

[00:41:25] >> Kevin Sutherland from the bunker at 13.

[00:41:29] >> Much easier shot off the up slope. Very doable.

[00:41:35] >> Oh, yeah.

[00:41:37] >> Yeah. He needed answer for with Jimenez in there.

[00:41:41] >> Sutherland, obviously from the bunker, hit it in tight. Now, Jimenez for his birdie to get 16-under.

[00:41:54] >> Yeah, what a wonderful bunker play he had there. He had to reach into his bag of tricks coming off the flat of that bunker. And there is a scoreboard just to the right of the green here at 13. All three players know exactly where they stand.

[00:42:12] >> This is one of those putts, Billy Ray, that you got to keep an eye on. Miguel needs speed, needs to keep that speed up. Catch that ball right in the center. Went a little bit better.

[00:42:25] >> Only his second birdie of the day, his first birdie since the fifth hole. And Miguel gets to 16-under. Sutherland has a tap in to join him at 16-under. So now, the lead is shared by two instead of four. And Sutherland with back to back birdies trying to win the Principal Charity Classic for the second time.

[00:42:51] >> John, I know it's an individual sport, but, you know, as someone who's won 21 times over the course of your PGA Tour, PGA Tour Champions career, as well as what you did collegiately, but as a professional, do you sometimes kind of just draft as a group? And sometimes, if it's not really --

[00:43:14] >> No question.

[00:43:14] >> -- nothing's happening, it kind of stays that way?

[00:43:16] >> It can do that, absolutely. What was the group yesterday? I think Ernie, Retief, and whoever they played with, they all shot --

[00:43:23] >> I think Couples.

[00:43:24] >> -- seven -- Yeah, exactly. So they were drafted off of each other there too.

[00:43:34][Applause]

[00:43:39] >> Now, a little opening here for Cameron Percy, who's just a shot off the lead.

[00:43:46] >> No doubt, Bob. This door is wide open now. This is doable. We saw the shot from Thomas Bjorn, how close you can get it in there.

[00:43:56] >> It does play uphill just a bit here.

[00:44:00] >> Played as the second hardest hole. The second hole, the par 3, is played as the hardest hole.

[00:44:05] >> Now, this one on a much better line here.

[00:44:11] >> Yeah, that'll get better as it goes down that slope a little bit. Our leaders are in trouble here at 14.

[00:44:21] >> Freddie Jacobson to get to 14-under.

[00:44:27] >> Not a very good pitch shot from just right of the green.

[00:44:41] >> Kjeldsen for birdie at 16. And Soren Kjeldsen has moved into a share of the lead at 16-under. Third for Sutherland at 15.

[00:45:01] >> Pretty well done from the just off the right side of the green in the primary.

[00:45:05] >> So he'll have that to get to 16under. Freddie Jacobson's second at 17.

[00:45:10] >> Tee shot in that front right bunker. But --

[00:45:16] >> I saw Percy hit so many great pitch shots yesterday, Billy Ray. But now, you're on -- it's Sunday. You're coming down the stretch, four holes to go, and haven't won on the PGA Tour Champions. And, you know, nerves do become a factor.

[00:45:35] >> One hundred percent. There are a lot of thoughts can go through a player's mind. You're coming down the stretch, one, just to try to win, but also try to win your first on the PGA Tour Champions.

[00:45:46] >> That putt went a long way right there. He kept his cool even after a poor pitch shot.

[00:45:55] >> Kjeldsen for birdie at 18 and to post 17-under.

[00:46:00] >> Takes advantage of a great break off the tee. Sixty-three to end the day, and post.

[00:46:09] >> He started today seven shots off the lead.

[00:46:19] >> Let's go over to 18. And this is the second for Michael Wright. Going to go over that mound in the middle of the green.

[00:46:32] >> Got a little too much of that one.

[00:46:35] >> We've only had one three-man playoff as Percy taps in for his birdie to join Kjeldsen at 17-under after shooting a 68. The only time we had a three-man playoff, '09, Mark McNulty birdied the fourth extra hole to beat Fred Funk and Nick Price.

[00:47:00] >> Birdie for Jimenez and the leader in the Schwab Cup standings. They'll sign the scorecards and head to the tee at 18. And we will have a three-man playoff between Soren Kjeldsen, Miguel Angel Jimenez, and Cameron Percy, as Kjeldsen gets a ride from the practice area. And away we go. Bonus golf from Des Moines here at the Principal Charity

Classic. And there are some tremendous scorers out on the golf course today. Mark Hensby and Soren Kjeldsen each shot bogey-free 66 -- 63s today. Ricardo Gonzalez shot a bogey-free 66. Scott McCarran, a bogey-free 65.

[00:47:52] >> Now, Percy's going to go ahead and play. Up and over that scoreboard. What a play he made there.

[00:48:04] >> That's it. Just left to the green, Billy Ray, in the little pitching area. So he was ready to go.

[00:48:12] >> The tree up the right-hand side, guys, is not going to really present any problem whatsoever. A lot of green to work with. But it's a blind pitch shot here. Back up the slope over there.

[00:48:25] >> Yeah.

[00:48:26] >> Sound good?

[00:48:27] >> Yeah.

[00:48:28] >> OK.

[00:48:29] >> Just off the team -- forward team ground at the 1st.

[00:48:38] >> He'll try to just to get it up and over that slope in the middle of the green. I think putting the ball in the green is not going to be an issue for him. It's how close can he get it with the blind shot here?

[00:48:51] >> Come on.

[00:48:57] >> That downslope and his ball is going to go right by Percy. So now, the door is wide open for Miguel Angel Jimenez as he gets set to play his second shot.

[00:49:05][Applause] Now, what about this pitch shot from Miguel?

[00:49:13] >> Well, he is going to take his time here, let the crowd to the right. Settle down just a bit. He's playing a club that has less loft. He's going to run it up and over that ridge. He's got the ball back in his stance. Plenty of green to work with. He's going to come over that ridge and move back to his left.

[00:49:31] >> Miss low, but pretty well judged.

[00:49:39][Cheering and Applause]

[00:49:46] >> Now, it's up to Kjeldsen and Percy are going to have to make these pitch shots if they choose to pitch it or putt it. Half must make in their minds. Absolutely must make.

[00:50:01] >> right. You have to assume that Jimenez is going to make his.

[00:50:06] >> And I -- Soren, what he's doing here, even though he can putt this ball, he takes out a bit of guesswork pitching the ball here, how it's going to come through the

fairway there. I like this play to make it, if he's going to pitch the ball. Takes out a little bit of guesswork. Quick coming down the slope.

[00:50:24] >> Had it on line, Billy Ray. That was a really good effort.

[00:50:34] >> Now, Percy's turn.

[00:50:42] >> In the hole.

[00:50:43] >> That ball really, really bounced three or four good times there.

[00:50:51] >> Miguel Angel Jimenez has this putt for birdie and to win for the third time this year. The reigning Charles Schwab Cup leader has this putt for birdie for the victory and career win number 16. Miguel Angel Jimenez, with a birdie on the first playoff hole, has captured the Principal Charity Classic and wins the for the third time in 2025.

[00:51:29] >> What a confident stroke that was, Bob. There was no doubt.

[00:51:37][Applause]

[00:51:42] >> Hey, we'd like to make it all day.

[00:51:45] >> He shot 63 in Round 1, shot 66 in Round 2 to take the lead into the final round and birdie the first playoff hole to win the Principal Charity Classic. And the dagger set for Miguel in Des Moines. He birdies the first hole in the playoff with Soren Kjeldsen. How about the start to Soren Kjeldsen's PGA Tour Champions career? Tie for eighth at the Senior PGA Championship, finishes in a tie for second here at the Principal Charity Classic.