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[00:00:35] >> The return to the picturesque Pacific Northwest for the 20th edition of this longstanding event, staged every year right here at the stunning Jack Nicklaus designed Club at Snoqualmie Ridge. This is the 18th of 25 regular season events, along the road to the Charles Schwab Cup. And what a spectacular introduction and entre to tournament week. We had earlier today soaring over the 18th green there the Boeing 777-9. Made a couple of loops around the 18th to "oohs" and "ahs" from everyone watching down below. Great to have your company. John Swantek with Peter Jacobsen. John Cook is our man on the ground this week, and he's down on the ground with Ernie Els, Justin Leonard, and Fred Couples. Hello, Cookie.

[00:01:22] >> Hello, there, guys. Spectacular out here. The vistas are incredible. Fred drove it in the right kind of fescue. Hit a pretty good shot to here, just needed one bounce. Chose to putt it, and that's got some serious speed. Watch out. That will go down on the next level. Just stayed up.

[00:01:45] >> Up a hole to the 13th, and Steve Allan, one of the multiple winners on the Champions. It's been a breakdown season for him, Peter.

[00:01:53] >> Yeah, he's always been a really good player. I think it's -- he's a surprise out here this year. He's had such quick success, like that one right there, back to back now. Here's a good look down the hill. See those bunkers surround the left side of that green.

[00:02:11] >> Yeah, Peter, plays downhill as well, and when this green gets firm that back left comes in really quickly. They do have the tee pushed up one deck, so it's 187 today. One seventy-nine clears online with the pin, but like you said, this is out to the right. Put your hand over the flag and just hit it out to the right.

[00:02:31] >> Yeah, just because -- I think Roger Maltbie said this, Cookie, years ago, just because they put the flag on the green doesn't mean you have to shoot at it --

[00:02:40] >> Yes.

[00:02:40] >> -- because it brings in a lot of trouble if you go left of this flag.

[00:02:46] >> Yeah, playing just enough downhill, maybe a little bit downwind as well. This is 7-iron, and I think it's a really good club. One seventy-nine clears downhill about 9. Yeah, little out to the right. There is a little bit of slope there it can use.

[00:03:04] >> Oh, that's an excellent shot.

[00:03:06] >> Up one to 14, Jerry Kelly with a 4-under par round going.

[00:03:10] >> Yeah, the smart play, lay it up off this tee. It's only 290 yards from tee we'll see across that barranca. Ooh, wow, look at the spin. That's going to come off that green.

[00:03:22] >> Do you guys see where Jimenez's ball landed?

[00:03:25] >> Landed in the sand bunker and bounced down.

[00:03:29] >> Back to 14th, and the third shot now for Jerry Kelly, just short of the green.

[00:03:33] >> And it got a bad break. Hit a pretty good wedge shot, pulled it all the way off the green, but he makes a birdie anyway.

[00:03:41] >> One for the 13th time in his career out here earlier this season.

[00:03:49] >> Just a good opportunity for back-to-back birdies. And give it 20 feet. Everything kind of goes towards the back left corner, so pretty straight from here. Back to back.

[00:04:14] >> John, every time --

[00:04:14] >> Actually, that went a little to the right, so I'd have missed it to the right.

[00:04:19] >> Up to 14 where Jerry Kelly just pitched in moments ago, Jimenez looking to stack one up right on top of him here.

[00:04:26] >> And this downhill putt it can get pretty quick, but if you just make the pin stop the ball, you'll get into the bottom of the cup.

[00:04:43] >> There's Kelly's approach into the 16th.

[00:04:46] >> That's more like it. That's what Jimenez was looking for, go in, go in.

[00:04:52] >> That is going to be five straight birdies for Jerry Kelly. He's about to move to 7-under and take the lead here, providing the blueprint there at 16.

[00:05:01] >> Stewart Cink in search of a birdie at 15, and finding one. So Stewart moves to minus-2, fourth birdie of the round. Seventeen and Kelly has peeled off five straight birdies to take the lead.

[00:05:16] >> See, just 159. This hole can play almost 215. And we'll see that on the weekend, but this is -- got a lot of slope back there, but I don't think he's going to be that happy with that. He was probably taking dead aim after making those five birdies in a row.

[00:05:34] >> Alker next at 17. Look at how simple and efficient this action is here, Peter.

[00:05:41] >> Yeah, it's -- he swings the golfclub like he's 30 years old. He's got good power, good control.

[00:05:49] >> Hmm.

[00:05:49] >> He just seems to hit the ball at the flag every time.

[00:05:55] >> And the last member of the group at 17 is Jimenez. So Jimenez and Alker going right at it. Jerry Kelly took a little bit more to secure this rift, but three birdie putts coming up there.

[00:06:15] >> Three birdie putts at 17. Kelly will get the first crack at it.

[00:06:19] >> This is downhill. This is going to swing to the right. And yeah, how about Jerry?

[00:06:26] >> Unstoppable. Six in a row. So after Kelly birdied the 17th, it will be Alker for 2. And Miguel will have a chance from about four or five feet coming up as well. So it's really a thing, if you're two playing partners make birdie. I know it is among amateurs.

[00:06:48] >> Yep. Using his wife, Susanne's putter.

[00:06:54] >> Justin just in the primary cut, 117 hole. This is going to have a little bit of heat to it, so he's got to land it about 105 yards I think it should run out.

[00:07:10] >> Taking it in there a lot higher. Out to the right, needs to go. Now it can catch that slope a little bit. There it goes.

[00:07:26] >> Eighteen playing just 503, so Alker trying to nudge one down there.

[00:07:31] >> Ooh, it's got to sit. It's left all the way. It's -- that doesn't leave him a lot of room to be able to play his 3rd.

[00:07:39] >> Justin Leonard has had the hand the last handful of holes, Cookie.

[00:07:46] >> That he has. And another good opportunity here, although this is not an easy putt. This has got some pretty good break from right to left, and once it starts, hits its apex, Peter, it will pick up some speed. So this has got to be way out to the right, kind of let that slope kill it. Kind of let that right edge of the hole gather it.

[00:08:14] >> Wow, perfect.

[00:08:15] >> Looked like it may try to wiggle away the last couple of feet, but just snuck it in there. And Leonard on the move with two to play. Lead to 18 and Steven Alker to close out his day with two straight birdies.

[00:08:29] >> Oh, wow, one or nothing down. He was left to the green in 2. He had no room to work with, he played it out to the right, he makes a nice putt for 67.

[00:08:38] >> The second shot coming up for Cink.

[00:08:46] >> Hang in there. Hang in there.

[00:08:48] >> I put my arm over here?

[00:08:50] >> Yep, we're coming.

[00:08:51] >> Oh, like Duval shot using the left slope. Will that go in? What a shot.

[00:09:02] >> Darren Clarke looks like he could play a little interior alignment.

[00:09:05] >> Yes.

[00:09:06] >> Polling guards, get out there and just pancake somebody for a running back behind him.

[00:09:21] >> Yep, another one using that slope. Beautiful shot.

[00:09:24] >> Darren hasn't had a birdie since the 9th. Shot 33 on the front side today, and a chance coming up there. Up to the green just a few feet for Stewart Cink to cap his day with an eagle. And a round of 68. Jump back to 17 quickly and check in on Darren Clarke.

[00:09:46] >> Kind of quiet so far on this back nine. Here you go.

[00:09:50] >> Making a little noise now. First birdie since the tourn for the Northern Irishman, and moves to minus-3.

[00:09:56] >> Out at 18 and Vijay Singh will pitch this one from just short of the green, that crosshanded pitching method. Oh.

[00:10:03] >> Almost tied.

[00:10:04] >> How does that stay out?

[00:10:06] >> Yeah, he's got to take care of that one.

[00:10:11][Applause]

[00:10:16] >> Quickly back down to 18, Vijay Singh nearly holds out just earlier. Darren Clarke bringing this one in low.

[00:10:24] >> Using the slope. Oh, he made it. [Laughter] Some drama at 18 from Singh and Clarke.

[00:10:33] >> Scores will be low. We -- over half the field is under par.

[00:10:37] >> Had a fun day. And look forward to more this weekend.

[00:10:48] >> And we welcome you to The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge, 30 miles east of downtown Seattle, Washington, and our second round coverage of the 20th edition of the Boeing Classic, the 18th event of the PGA TOUR Champions season. Paul Goydos with a birdie just earlier pushes it to 9-under. And Goydos through 10 holes one clear of all the chasers on a very bottled-up leaderboard here day two. Matt Gogel and Jerry Kelly were the overnight leaders at 7-under. Both are 1-under for the round today. And we're out at the 14th, and the second shot coming in for Stewart Cink.

[00:11:28] >> Really interesting hole, drivable par-4. Oh, what a shot. The safe, smart way would be to do just that, lay it up off the tee and put a wedge in your hand and try to bring it back closer to the hole like Stewart did.

[00:11:41] >> Steven Alker looking to draw within one of the lead here.

[00:11:46] >> How about Steven Alker, he's just -- he lives on that first page of the leaderboard. Just doesn't make any mistakes. Three birdies so far in this second round.

[00:11:56] >> Always hanging around. Alker one shot off the lead. Up a couple to the 14th and Stewart Cink, this season's champion of the Insperity Invitational in Houston. He moves to 9-under, joining Goydos at the top.

[00:12:09][Applause]

[00:12:13] >> Back at the par-4 16th, second shot for Stewart Cink, the leader.

[00:12:18] >> There's a tough hole location today on that far left corner. Just a wedge so it should be gettable.

[00:12:29] >> Looking on the leader here.

[00:12:31] >> One thing that Stewart can do is he can get on a run when he gets that feel with the putter. And it looks like he's got that feel now.

[00:12:41] >> After a dropshot at 13, Matt Gogel looking to get it right back here at the par-4.

[00:12:46] >> Yeah, you need to be very precise on this one. You kind of have to sneak up on this one, Peter, pinning that back 140 yards, get over this green in a hurry.

[00:12:55] >> Oh, it's so good right there. Took one bounce, almost jarred it.

[00:13:01] >> Kelly's ready. From 126, and also had to sneak up on this, maybe drive it in there a little bit low. Short of the hole. Let it skip back there.

[00:13:11] >> Another perfect one.

[00:13:12] >> Kind of like that.

[00:13:13] >> Yeah. How about those two? This green has got a lot of slope from the back down to the front. Got to get a birdie here.

[00:13:24] >> You know, Matt needs one in the worst way. He's missed some short putts the last few holes, so he's ready. And I think this does have a little left to right movement to it. Not much, but I think if he hits it straight he might miss it on the right edge.

[00:13:46] >> Nope.

[00:13:47] >> There we go.

[00:13:48] >> Dead center with a firm pace.

[00:13:56] >> Kelly should be able to take care of this one, move to minus-9. Yeah, that's good, pick it up.

[00:14:03] >> It was right in the friend zone, John, but you know, when you're playing out here for your profession, you have no friends. No one's giving you putts. [Laughs]

[00:14:11] >> Alker is just off the pace here as well. He's reached the 17.

[00:14:25] >> How about that? How about -- go in. I mean, he just doesn't miss shots. There's that crosshanded chipping, left hand low. He's pretty good with it. This might go in.

[00:14:37] >> Up one to the par-3, Vijay Singh for a birdie. There have only been six here today at the 17th.

[00:14:46] >> Yeah, nothing really in this putt, it's straight in. And hey, yeah, Vijay just proved it.

[00:14:52] >> Make it 7 for Big Fijian. It's a 4-under. Up to the par-5, and Stewart Cink has just a few feet on his hands here for his fifth birdie at the back nine, a chance to go 33/31, just blazing across the golf course today.

[00:15:12] >> Yeah, this is one of those putts John Cook was talking about earlier, just got to pay attention. It's just long enough to where it's going to wiggle just a bit, but no problem there for Stewart.

[00:15:24] >> Second in driving distance, first in putting through 36 holes. That's a pretty potent combination. And it's got Cink sitting up top.

[00:15:34] >> You know, one thing about Stewart Cink, I've never seen him have a bad day, always has a smile on his face, positive greeting. He's good for this tour.

[00:15:44] >> Up one to 17 and Alker, after the best tee shot we've seen all day here, gets the payout. Jerry Kelly on the first page of the leaderboard, four shots off the pace being set by Stewart Cink on Saturday at the Boeing Classic. Second shot coming up here at 16.

[00:16:07] >> Great shot.

[00:16:10] >> Ah, but then it's so --

[00:16:12] >> Left field?

[00:16:13] >> Yeah. It's up four from here, so 47.

[00:16:19] >> Forty-seven.

[00:16:20] >> Yeah.

[00:16:20] >> So it's clear?

[00:16:21] >> Five less 42.

[00:16:23] >> Forty-two. Where's the wind blowing?

[00:16:25] >> Right to left. I felt like it should have a little help.

[00:16:27] >> Should be a little bit of help.

[00:16:31] >> Yep, it is.

[00:16:31] >> Okay.

[00:16:32] >> Yep.

[00:16:32] >> Well, you've got all the numbers. He laid it way back there. Put the uphill, playing about 147. He can use a little bit of slope to the right. Does not have to take it straight at this flag. Ball's -- hole sitting in a little bowl. That will get a little better. Yeah, kind of stayed right there. That's going to be a quick putt there, Peter.

[00:16:54] >> Yeah, it is -- you mentioned it, it is in a bowl.

[00:16:57] >> Back to 16, and Goydos will be next.

[00:17:02] >> Yeah, now, both Paul and Matt thrust it up the fairway. Paul with 90 yards. He can go a little to the right. Going to ride around haul high and use some slope. Oh, that's got to go --

[00:17:17] >> Boy, you do not want --

[00:17:17] >> Oh, it caught the big bounce, but that was not the strike he was looking for. Now, Matt only 80 yards. Lot of opportunities missed there for Matt. See if he can take advantage of this one, 80 yards. Seventy-six clears that left side. Okay, good strike, pitch on the downslope, and hold right there.

[00:17:48] >> Yep --

[00:17:49] >> Outstanding.

[00:17:49] >> -- really good.

[00:17:52] >> Long birdie putt for Goydos at 16.

[00:17:55] >> Yeah, not a great wedge shot in there for Paul. But this putt is really fast, moves from right to left. But it is super quick.

[00:18:03] >> Oh, made it look really easy, John.

[00:18:05] >> Got away with a less than stellar approach shot, but that's two in a row for Goydos. He jumps to 9-under. Kelly looking to stack one up on top of Goydos.

[00:18:15] >> Yeah, basically the same putt that Paul Goydos just had, just is creeping, creeping. [Laughter]

[00:18:20] >> Two in a row.

[00:18:22] >> You would not have expected either of those to go down.

[00:18:25] >> Now, that puts pressure on Gogel.

[00:18:28] >> All right, for the hat trick here at 16.

[00:18:33] >> Yeah, toughest putt in golf right here, and you don't want to get woody.

[00:18:36] >> Ooh, slammed it.

[00:18:38] >> Yes, indeed, take a bow. Fine work from all three of those gentlemen.

[00:18:42] >> Lot of pressure on me.

[00:18:44] >> Cink looks for his second victory of the season, Alker chasing his second victory of 2025, and Goydos trying to get across the line for the first time out here since 2017.

[00:18:55] >> So it's --

[00:18:56] >> Going to be fun tomorrow.

[00:18:57] >> -- always fun to see somebody like Matt Gogel trying to win his first tournament out here. Steve Allan has won twice this year. And then you've got experienced players, major champions like Stewart Cink and Ernie Els right in the mix, and Darren Clarke, who's just at 7-under also. So it's going to be a big day, good finish tomorrow.

[00:19:24] >> Final day of the Boeing Classic outside downtown Seattle, The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge. And we've got things heating up here on Championship Sunday. John Swantek with Peter Jacobsen. Couple of highlights from players making moves today, Peter, including Darren Clarke, here at the 8th.

[00:19:39] >> Yeah, the easiest hole on the golf course today. He hit a huge tee shot, just to middle iron. And he hits it almost perfection.

[00:19:49] >> He would pop that one after an eagle. Clarke 5-under par through his opening eight holes, in a group with Ernie Els here today.

[00:19:57] >> Yeah, Ernie needs to make this for birdie to keep pace with Darren, and he does a beautiful job of it right there.

[00:20:05] >> Els at 11-under par, currently just one shot back. And this was big, just moments ago, a critical par save at the 9th.

[00:20:12] >> Yeah, over the green, chip back to this position. And this -- I'm not going to say it's going to feel as good as that eagle, but that feels great at that point.

[00:20:21] >> And it's got Darren Clarke in a share of the lead with Stewart Cink.

[00:20:27] >> Steve Allan looking to peel off a birdie here at the 9th to get to 11-under.

[00:20:32] >> Yeah, how about Steve Allan already two wins on his resume this year, second year out on the PGA TOUR Champions circuit.

[00:20:41] >> Back to the 8th, and Cink has about eight feet for his birdie here.

[00:20:45] >> And this would be big. This would be big. Yeah, good for you.

[00:20:51] >> There's Clarke at 11. Three good tee shots in this group, and you need them with this pin. In that front left only 101 yards for Darren Clarke. We'll be pitching on a downslope that needs to get down a little. And it does. Now, stay right there. There's a little drop-off, and that's going to wander just down to the other section.

[00:21:13] >> Two eleven, here's Ernie. Ninety-three over the bunker, 101 flag. Let's see how aggressive Ernie wants to be, right over top of the flagstick. Really nicely done.

[00:21:23] >> Got the goal. Great shot.

[00:21:24] >> You mentioned it, that is a tiny area back there, especially with that big swale that bisects the green.

[00:21:32] >> All right, back at 11 and Clarke will set his sights on this one now. Yeah, this is not an easy two-putt. Always this is so slow going up this slope. And then you would think it would go down the other side, but it doesn't, it continues to go slightly uphill. So really hard to get the pace on this one.

[00:21:52] >> Yeah, he has to navigate that slope abruptly. It's going to go right up the hill and then flatten out to that back plateau. This pole is playing hard today --

[00:22:07] >> All so easy to --

[00:22:08] >> -- third most difficult.

[00:22:09] >> Yeah. Because I think just with the pin the tee's moved up a deck only because of this flag, but easy to rip it right through, too.

[00:22:17] >> Yeah, it's -- when I'm putting up a slope like that, John, I'm not worried about the break, I can figure that out. But it's all about the speed, making sure you don't do what Darren did right there and blast it way by.

[00:22:31] >> Yeah, it's like once it gets up the slope, now what does it do? Does it go uphill, downhill, flat?

[00:22:38] >> Up to 11, Els for birdie. Got a nice little read off of Alex Cejka's play. Does go slightly over the hill and a little left. Slightly left. Got to keep the speed up. There we go.

[00:22:51][Applause]

[00:22:55] >> Fifth birdie of the final day for Ernie. Gets him to 12-under. Big pars day for Clarke back at the 9th to kind of stabilize things, and another one on his hands here.

[00:23:09] >> Yeah, no doubt about it. He knows exactly what it does, though, he's watching this putt go by the hole, so this will move to the left.

[00:23:25] >> Oh, so a dropshot for --

[00:23:26] >> As far as he drove it down there, that is a really unfortunate bogey. And Cink ready to go back here at the 10.

[00:23:38] >> Again, it's a blind uphill second shot. You can barely see the top of the flagstick. So they do not know where that is; so looking at crispy then, what do you think? Maybe it's a little long?

[00:23:52] >> Cink off the back edge of the 10th green here.

[00:23:56] >> Using that left hand low chipping motion that worked so beautifully for him.

[00:24:09] >> That had some serious speed to it, but pretty well worked out, about four feet coming back.

[00:24:13] >> You know, it's a little intimidating. You saw how big a swing he made? He only wanted to hit it about a foot, maybe two feet.

[00:24:20] >> And here is Clarke now up at the 12th. He had a beautiful tee shot, 123; 117 clear -- 116 clears the bunker if he goes at the flag. But you can use some slope to the right and behind it. You don't have to go directly at it, just out to the right, but it needs to get left. So he misses this ridge and I think --

[00:24:44] >> Oh, I think he's getting --

[00:24:45] >> -- that's going to cut it.

[00:24:46] >> Oh, this could be really good. This could go in. You saw Stephen Ames do that last year on his way to his win, almost made it 2.

[00:24:55] >> Boy, you talk about the razor's edge, I mean, that easily could have repelled in the opposite direction. Timely delivery from Darren.

[00:25:03] >> So --

[00:25:04] >> Ernie would have loved to replicate that.

[00:25:06] >> -- the flagstick is over there.

[00:25:08] >> Well, he's seen two pretty good previews. Ernie from 117 gives him 110 clear. He's seen what can happen if he hits, you know, 15, 20 feet to the right. To go right at it, it can get over the back of this green quickly, so you have to go to the right.

[00:25:35] >> Oh, yeah, there it goes.

[00:25:35] >> There it goes. [Laughs] It's like a videogame, John.

[00:25:40] >> Tell you what, that's got some speed.

[00:25:44] >> Oh, three good ones right there.

[00:25:47] >> What a fun hole location here --

[00:25:48] >> Yeah.

[00:25:48] >> -- as well, three birdie putts coming up there.

[00:25:53] >> You mentioned how well Stewart has putted all week. The one thing that I notice about Stewart's putting is how still he stays over the putt. He puts his left hand on there and he uses the right hand as a claw, kind of the claw method. But watch his body. His knees and his hips just do not move. They don't rotate. He's just rock steady. Well, he hit a goodlooking putt. It just didn't find the bottom of the cup, but he made a goodlooking stroke.

[00:26:26] >> Talked about how good his patience has been this week. And it will be tested today. Second dropshot of the round for Singh. Back at 12 green and for birdie number six of the day.

[00:26:40] >> Yeah, eight feet up the hill, not a whole lot of --

[00:26:44] >> Sidles right, a good one right in the middle.

[00:26:45] >> Putting with great conviction today, and birdie. Has got the lead by one.

[00:26:50] >> Back at 12, Clarke makes birdie just after Els did.

[00:26:56] >> Yeah, you like him from that distance. Good bounce back for Darren after that 3-putter at 11.

[00:27:03] >> That's the 2nd into the 11th for Cink.

[00:27:07] >> Good angle here. He should be able to get it back up there on that plateau. And that is a huge miss for Stewart. And he knows it.

[00:27:21] >> To 12, and Steve Allan not hanging around.

[00:27:25] >> See if he uses that slope to the right. Oh, he does. He does. How good is this?

[00:27:35] >> Shot.

[00:27:36] >> Just out to your left.

[00:27:40] >> Ball up above the feet of Cink in the bunker at 11. Things have been a little uneven for Stewart today. And he'll have to scramble for his par there.

[00:27:53] >> Hey, we were told they were -- the stem meeting was about 12, but I think they're a little bit faster. We saw them speed up yesterday as they dried out.

[00:28:00] >> There's another miss for Stewart Cink at 11, Peter, so the third bogey in the round for Stewart who led by 3 to start the day surrendered that lead in short order when Ernie Els and Darren Clarke were both 5-under through 8th. Now he's a couple off the lead. Steve Allan, beautiful shot into the 12th. He picks off another birdie. So Allan at 12-under par in the mix for potentially a third victory on the season as he marches toward the 13. Stewart Cink has bogeyed his last two holes, and it is a heap of trouble here at the 12th.

[00:28:37] >> Well, he could make this work if he lands it on the front part of the green and allows the slope to bring it left, kind of like that. Yeah, that is a wonderful play. Got to slow down just a little bit and that gives him a great chance for birdie. Great play for Cink right there.

[00:28:57] >> Second for Clarke here at 14. All about the speed, uphill lie. Pitch it in there low, little check and release. Oh, it never checked.

[00:29:04] >> Oh, man.

[00:29:04] >> Never checked.

[00:29:06] >> Yeah, the key here, John, you've got to keep it below the hole. That is going to be an extremely fast putt.

[00:29:11] >> Yeah, I don't think he could -- it wasn't the catch that he was looking for. I still like the play off the tee, but he just didn't execute the 2nd.

[00:29:20] >> Clarke will be next with a fast one on his hands here.

[00:29:23] >> Oh, he's got to be really delicate here. Barely just wants to just kind of squib it down there. Run up, tap it in.

[00:29:30] >> Yes, stressless golf at this point. Just don't compound that mistake by blasting at it.

[00:29:39] >> Well, it's carrying some speed. Yep.

[00:29:43] >> Just what you were cautioning there, Peter.

[00:29:45] >> Well, it's a hole that you expect to make birdie.

[00:29:49] >> What a recovery shot from Stewart Cink earlier. In dire need of one and finding birdie at 12.

[00:29:55] >> Wow, that is really good stuff after that tee shot.

[00:29:59] >> And after the loss shots at 10 and 11, Cink digs in to get one back.

[00:30:04] >> Well, we saw him make a putt --

[00:30:06] >> You don't want to be giving one away.

[00:30:07] >> Yeah, we saw him make a putt little longer than this for a great save at 9 after making eagle at 8, so he needs this to stay just one back.

[00:30:17] >> Not much to this, except it's getting towards the end of Championship Sunday.

[00:30:29] >> Hmm, so Clarke was in prime shape after the drive, just short of the green and 4 to get down from there, and costly bogey at 14, drops him a couple back. Ernie ready to take on the 15th here.

[00:30:45] >> Yeah, just in the right rough, good light, great angle to get it up to the center of the green. Cannot go with the flagstick, not a chance to do that. Two eleven to the front, 231 hole. He's looking straight up the center of the green. Oh, he's missed this to the left. You do not want it there. Do not want it there. Anything to the right was fine.

[00:31:06] >> Yeah, anything to the right improves your angle. Well, he's going to have to hit some kind of a high flop there now to get it close. Golf flag is way around there.

[00:31:19] >> Darren 230 from the left side of the fairway. He's taken it a pretty aggressive line. Now it needs woe down. Oh, it's --

[00:31:29] >> Oh, what a shot.

[00:31:29] >> -- going to catch that little -- that's a quality golf shot.

[00:31:32] >> Kind of something he needed to do after making that sloppy thing he did at 14.

[00:31:39] >> Gets us to 15. What's Ernie dealing with down there, Cookie?

[00:31:42] >> Oh, this is ugly. Couldn't be in a worse spot, 33 yards to the flag; 28 gets onto the green. But there's a penalty area long. He has to carry all of that bunker and the next bunker up by the green. This is as hard a golf shot at this point in time as you could possibly have. Yeah, that was to be expected right there.

[00:32:01] >> How about this one?

[00:32:03] >> See it?

[00:32:04] >> Eh?

[00:32:04] >> Now he's just trying to find a way to make a 5.

[00:32:07] >> Yeah.

[00:32:10] >> Hmm, there's that lie for Ernie back at 15.

[00:32:13] >> Yeah, it's not ideal, but he should be able to handle this. But he's got to pitch it over a little shoulder and then onto the flat. So he's got to be precise. Oh, he boned it. But he's trying to use some slope --

[00:32:27] >> Hmm.

[00:32:28] >> -- but it's not going to get high enough. And he has made a mess out of this.

[00:32:36] >> This is going to have to be out here. He's going to try to play this out here, let that slope take it left.

[00:32:43] >> Yeah, pretty slow going up the slope right there, and then it will just kick it hard left.

[00:32:51] >> Wow, he never hit it.

[00:32:57] >> Had it tracking, just didn't have the energy. Still a birdie putt coming up for Clarke. Looks like Els is outside of -- just trying to hold one for 5 here and limit the damage if he can.

[00:33:10] >> Yeah, exactly, and it's 15 feet for par going down the hill. Looks like it wants to break pretty good from right to left, but I don't think it breaks a ton. Would like to have had this one for birdie. Little stumble.

[00:33:23] >> It's hard to pick up that flag, but it's right there. Well, I should say the cup. Boy, that is a -- that's a bad bogey.

[00:33:36] >> It is a rough trip up the par-5 for Els, and he suffers the first bogey of the day. Just the second of the weekend for Ernie, sending him back to minus-12. And there are the six right there on that mini leaderboard, including Darren Clarke, who could make it a four-way tie for the lead here. And now, pay attention to this one. This one does have some right to left in it.

[00:34:08] >> You know, funny, John, about golf, when Darren hit a great tee shot at 14 then hit a port chip 3, putt, and he's deflated. Now he's got this putt here to get back in with a tie for the lead. Golf's a funny game, isn't it?

[00:34:22] >> Yeah, no doubt about it. It certainly is, especially on Championship Sunday, so much goes on. You have to keep your wits about you.

[00:34:29] >> Big one there.

[00:34:30] >> Big one there from Clarke, a birdie at 15. Coleader Steve Allan at the par-5 15. He's barking at it.

[00:34:44] >> Oh, is it enough? Yeah, really nice there.

[00:34:49] >> Same hole up ahead, third shot for Gogel.

[00:34:51] >> Blocked it.

[00:34:57] >> You heard him say he blocked it, but that's not bad result.

[00:34:59] >> It's fine. Yeah, it's back on that plateau.

[00:35:04] >> Steve Allan has an outside shot at an eagle here, but he would gladly take two putts and a birdie.

[00:35:09] >> Oh, yeah, this is -- that was a hard putt coming up that slope quickly to the right. Now he's got some work left to make birdie.

[00:35:19] >> Yeah, a good six to eight feet still ahead of -- the -- moved to 13-under, so he tries to seize the lead here. Gogel for an important birdie here at 15.

[00:35:31] >> What a great opportunity for Gogel. Did he do it? Yes, he did. That putter is heating up. Kind of abandoned him a bit yesterday, but that puts him right there tied at the lead.

[00:35:43] >> Fifth birdie in the final round for Gogel in pursuit of his first win out here. All depends then on what happens with Steve Allan back here at 15 for birdie.

[00:35:54] >> Yeah, got it out.

[00:35:56] >> And a little fist pump to follow there.

[00:35:58] >> What a run he's making.

[00:36:00] >> Allan out in front at 13-under, marching toward the tee at 16. Second at 15 and the par-5 for Cink.

[00:36:13] >> What a shot. What a shot.

[00:36:16] >> Well done.

[00:36:21] >> Thank you.

[00:36:21] >> And up on the top shelf as well, trickling away. Is it going to come to rest?

[00:36:27] >> And it's still going. It's still going. It's going to be a pretty difficult putt, kind of like we saw Darren, big swinger to the left. He's going to have to aim it outside the shot over that flag.

[00:36:38] >> But it is an equal putt.

[00:36:41] >> Take you back to 16, and Gogel coming in from the right side of the fairway here at this short par-4.

[00:36:46] >> But what an opportunity right here, Gogel looking for his first win out here on the Champions TOUR. Yeah, well, what a shot.

[00:36:58] >> Playing the best golf of his Champions TOUR life here this week. And here's Els, and he rounds out the group at 17.

[00:37:08] >> Yeah, this could -- actually could be as little at 8-iron, maybe a 7, depends on the shot he wants to play. Actually, the wind's turned down onto the right. It's a 7-iron flight, so out to the right. Oh, needs to get more left than that.

[00:37:26] >> Whoa.

[00:37:26] >> We've seen a couple putts from over there, John, unsuccessful two putts. We saw [inaudible] and Justin Leonard.

[00:37:33] >> That is going to be an extremely difficult 2-putt.

[00:37:38] >> Steve Allan, the leader back at 16.

[00:37:46] >> Will it come back? Oh, yeah, really good. How about Steve Allan? He's tapping that in for another birdie.

[00:37:52] >> That's just --

[00:37:52] >> To get in too clear.

[00:37:53] >> That is incredible. Allan delivers again. And all depending on what happens with Cink here at 15.

[00:38:00] >> He's got to putt that way out to the right; just exactly what we saw Darren do.

[00:38:08] >> Little better.

[00:38:08] >> Short -- yeah, not bad, should be a birdie.

[00:38:13] >> So Cink will grab 1. He'll get to 14-under. But Steve Allan is going to birdie the 16. And we'll stay here just to confirm it, Cink at minus-13 through 15. Two putts from here will certainly do for Ernie Els at 17.

[00:38:34] >> Yeah, this is one of those Augusta putts where you're back to the chart -- back to the flagstick. You're going to hit this almost off the right side of the green and just let the slope take it.

[00:38:56][Cheering]

[00:39:02] >> He might go in.

[00:39:03] >> Beautiful.

[00:39:04] >> How did he do?

[00:39:04] >> Oh, my gosh, come on, now. Oh, that is spectacular. We've seen players 3-putt from there all day and Ernie jones it. Wow. That is amazing.

[00:39:23] >> [Inaudible] approach shot into the 16th from Steve Allan and just pumped that one in for a birdie. So he's at 14-under. Gogel for his birdie back at 16. He's got it.

[00:39:35] >> It's hanging in; hanging in. How about that three in a row? What a day.

[00:39:40] >> Without question, same kind of line.

[00:39:42] >> Big moment for Gogel as he tries to hit this tee shot [inaudible] out here at 17. He said he's been a little frustrated this season with how he's performed on the back nine on a few occasions where he's been kind of on the fringe of contention.

[00:39:55] >> Yeah, they're talking about not carrying it too far, because we see what happens when the ball gets over this green.

[00:40:01] >> Oh, no, Matt, no, no, no.

[00:40:04] >> One little mistake he couldn't make, Peter.

[00:40:10] >> Yeah, he was trying to hit a high draw, use the slope and run it down to the flag, and he just overturned it. And he knew it the minute he made contact.

[00:40:19] >> Allan, the leader back at the par-3.

[00:40:23] >> Well, he is on a heater, taking a right at the flag, again, here at the par-3.

[00:40:33] >> That was ambitious. Steve Allan, not backing down, not trying to protect this lead, looking to add to it.

[00:40:40] >> Cink is 1 back at 16.

[00:40:44] >> Remember, this flag is tucked right in that right corner, and again, just a sand wedge for Stewart. And he's going to hit this up in the air with a lot of spin. Yep, right there, kind of like that.

[00:41:02] >> Looking to making birdie to get to 14-under, that's where Steve Allan stands at the moment.

[00:41:09] >> Just a layup for Darren Clarke here at 18, it appears, after driving into the bunker over there.

[00:41:14] >> Yeah, too far up into the bunker. Ernie hit it in that bunker the other day and -- but it was back in the bunker and he cuts it up towards the green. But Darren too far up in the bunker.

[00:41:23] >> I think it was worth a gamble for Darren right now. He's two back of Steve Allan.

[00:41:28] >> Oh, totally.

[00:41:28] >> He's 12, Allan's 14. And I think it was worth a gamble to try to make eagle.

[00:41:33] >> Yeah, five yards to the left and it would've been down there where Alex checked his ball, which is only a little over 200 yards of the flag.

[00:41:46] >> Okay, very commercial. [Laughs] Just catch it clean, put it back in play. Most uninspiring shot in golf when you're laying up out of a fairway bunker on a reachable par-5.

[00:41:57] >> Mm-hmm.

[00:41:57] >> That burns you.

[00:41:58] >> Well, it should be much more than a midiron here for Ernie Els, Cookie.

[00:42:04] >> Yeah, 205 front gives him 227 hole. That's his finish number. He has to go left towards the left side of the green. Left to miss is okay. If you miss it to the right, it better be in that bunker by the green and not the first one. Does play uphill about nine yards. And he's got that little driving 4-iron. This is just up the left side of the green. Yep, well done. That should get to the right a little bit. Will get all the way up there. Yep, well done.

[00:42:30] >> Yeah, really good. It's a narrow target.

[00:42:33] >> What a classy finish being put on by Els. That's going to just inch away a little bit, but board for an eagle after the birdie back at 17.

[00:42:43] >> Now, Gogel back at 17 can only make 4, and --

[00:42:47] >> That's tough. In search of his first win out here, he's been playing some great golf. His best finish out here on the Champions TOUR was a fifth place finish. And I thought he was going to maybe have a chance to get the W.

[00:43:01] >> So Gogel has fallen out of it here. Cink very much in it, this first share of the lead at 16. Two in a row. Cink's at 14-under. Joins Allan, who just misfired at 17.

[00:43:20] >> I thought we were going to see Cink tie and then Allan jump ahead. But we have a dogfight coming down the stretch here.

[00:43:27] >> And there has been nothing tentative about the way that Allan has been conducting his business today. Going for his third win of the season. That was a bold birdie putt from Steve Allan. He's got about four feet coming back here. And calmly brushes it in.

Not a bogey on the scorecard today, only two across the weekend and three for the week. Third shot for Darren Clarke on the way.

[00:43:53] >> Some 91 yards up the hill into the breeze. It can use a little bit of the backstop, but this is going. Ooh, it came back. Hope had enough spin.

[00:44:03] >> Oh, how much spin did that have? [Laughs]

[00:44:05] >> Pulled that right out of the rough, John. What a great shot.

[00:44:09] >> Els for eagle at 18.

[00:44:12] >> Yeah, good 45 feet going up the slope and breaking left to right.

[00:44:16] >> Though pretty slow putt.

[00:44:18] >> Boy, he had it right online, John. If that just crept down a little bit, he might have made his second bomb in two holes.

[00:44:27] >> Jake can close his week with an eagle.

[00:44:30] >> He watched Ernie. Maybe he learned something. Looks like he did.

[00:44:34] >> A little more pace, down it went.

[00:44:36] >> Looks like he did.

[00:44:38] >> What a finish. Jake at one point was well off pace. He kind of fought his way back into it. Thirty-two on the 2nd 9 today for 67.

[00:44:50] >> Just earlier at 17, this was the tee shot of Cink.

[00:44:53] >> That's got to get hard left quickly. Oh. Well, we just watched Ernie make it from up there, but that was -- it was one in a million.

[00:45:05] >> Clarke drove it in the bunker. And birdie is the last so that will conclude Darren Clarke's week at 66 on the final day. Big birdie putt for Els.

[00:45:21] >> Yeah, needs this to get to 14.

[00:45:23] >> Oh.

[00:45:24] >> Oh, man.

[00:45:26] >> Ouch. Boy, hit two wonderful shots there, Peter. He was set up beautifully, but just a 5 in the end.

[00:45:34] >> Yeah, that's a killer right there for Ernie.

[00:45:36] >> Back to 17. This is virtually the same putt that Ernie holds.

[00:45:43] >> Yeah, he's got to come up here like this.

[00:45:46] >> Come on, let's go.

[00:45:52] >> Let's go.

[00:45:53] >> Oh.

[00:45:53] >> Awesome, [inaudible].

[00:45:54] >> Let's go.

[00:45:54] >> Oh.

[00:45:54] >> Yeah.

[00:45:54] >> Pretty well done.

[00:45:55] >> Certainly was. We saw one highly unlikely, nearly impossible putt converted. Two would have been asking a lot. Steve Allan has stamped out his tee shot and has the green light here.

[00:46:08] >> Yeah, huge shot. He's got to take this right up the middle of the green like we saw Ernie. Don't mess with that right side. You don't want any part of those bunkers. That's okay, it's in that left green side bunker. It's a long shot, but he's got room to work.

[00:46:25] >> We'll keep it right here for the critical third shot of Allan now.

[00:46:32] >> Well, in everyday play, this wouldn't be too difficult. But it's got a lot of green going up the slope. This is one of those, Peter, I mean, you could try to take that slope off, fly it all the way up there, maybe take out a gap wedge, try to hit a little runner in there, but this is not an easy up and down, guys, not at all. He doesn't play with much wasted time, that is for sure. Outstanding.

[00:46:59] >> How about that? He made that look easy.

[00:47:04] >> Check in on the action back at 17. And this is a critical par saver for Cink.

[00:47:09] >> Oh, wonderful 2-putt for Stewart.

[00:47:13] >> So we'll head to the 18th. And he's got the chops to get home in 2 for sure. Well, as we've seen all day, Cookie, this guy, Steve Allan, does not hang around. He sees the shot he wants to hit, he executes it, and he's putted very calmly all day as well.

[00:47:29] >> Yeah, very decisive in his actions all year. Gets in there pretty quickly. And what a nice up and down. Puts the pressure on Stewart Cink now.

[00:47:38] >> That was a no-doubter, Peter --

[00:47:40] >> Yeah.

[00:47:40] >> -- just drop it in there for birdie.

[00:47:41] >> Yeah, he's playing like it's a practice round, John. He's just hitting these shots that he --

[00:47:45] >> Exactly.

[00:47:46] >> -- has to.

[00:47:47] >> Yeah, that's -- it's the way to play golf.

[00:47:49] >> Yeah, get up, hit it. Well, let's see what kind of strategy that Stewart uses. He's so far down the fairway that he might be able to hit a 4- or 5-iron.

[00:48:08] >> He's got a good solid shot.

[00:48:09] >> That's what I thought. I just wanted to make sure I wasn't [inaudible] --

[00:48:11] >> Yeah, I believe so. [Inaudible] target. That doesn't change a thing. I want you to hit me the best cutting five you've ever hit.

[00:48:18] >> Yeah.

[00:48:18] >> Okay, buddy?

[00:48:19] >> Yeah.

[00:48:21] >> So you heard Crispy -- Crispy Jones's caddy say, "I think we're tied." But they don't know that he said, "Take it right at that -- right at the middle of that bunker," which is -- well I -- we moved it -- Steve Allan is watching intently. There's the flag right there. Big high cut.

[00:48:47] >> Oh, it would have looked really good doing it in the air for a long time.

[00:48:53] >> It's a long curve. But that bunker that he's in, the second bunker, that's very shallow. And as John Cook and I were talking about in the commercial, it is makeable from there. If it gets to the bottom of the bunker and he doesn't have any problem with the lift, he can make that for eagle.

[00:49:09] >> Peter, so much time unfolded since Allan made birdie while Cink was waiting back in the fairway. I find it a little hard to imagine that he didn't know he trailed by a shot prior to that shot.

[00:49:19] >> Well, some guys don't look at the leaderboard. Some guys just play golf. They play the best they can do, and right there Chris told them, "Yes, I think we're tied for the lead." But the one thing I am surprised about is Steve Allan's watching.

[00:49:33] >> So Stewart Cink will give this one the full examination on the upslope. As you referenced, Peter, that will certainly help here.

[00:49:42] >> Now, Stewart, he uses that left hand low pitching grip -- bunker grip. See if he -- the left hand low helps to keep the ball -- the trajectory down. Maybe he uses a regular grip. What he's doing, I think that's to get the ball up in the air, more right hand under the ball.

[00:50:11] >> Oh.

[00:50:12] >> Oh.

[00:50:12] >> Oh, my.

[00:50:13] >> Only mistake he couldn't make. Didn't even give himself a putt and a birdie to force a playoff.

[00:50:19] >> Oh, my gosh, so look where that ball stopped. That is on a vertical slope.

[00:50:23] >> Wow, that's a scruffy little lie as Cink needs to hole it.

[00:50:30] >> Yeah, it doesn't look like it's sitting very cleanly, but hey, you never know. This is a short shot. He's using a sand wedge with a lot of loft.

[00:50:48] >> Has to go in to force a playoff. Well, he gave it a valiant effort, but 5 at the last not good enough. And that means Steve Allan is a winner. For the third time this season, he takes the title of the Boeing Classic.

[00:51:10] >> What a season, Steve Allan in just his second year out here on the Champions TOUR. Takes a while to get comfortable. As he said it's the same game, different tour. Steve Allan now has three wins in this season.

[00:51:24] >> And it's another disappointing Sunday finish for Stewart Cink, who will have to wait another week for his crack at winning for the third time on the Champions TOUR. A lot of dejected faces on 18, including the one that Stewart Cink will wear once this goes down.

[00:51:43] >> Yeah, when you have a chance to win, like we saw three or four guys today, Gogel, Els, Darren Clarke, Cink, it's a lot of dejection walking off the green at 18, the final hole when you don't win. And then there's a lot of smiles when you do.

[00:51:58] >> He was in superb position after smoking his drive deep down the center of the fairway, but just a par at the last, not good enough for Stewart Cink. For Peter Jacobsen, John Cook, and our entire production crew, I'm John Swantek. Thanks for being with us this week, and congratulations to Steve Allan, the Boeing Classic champion.