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[00:00:32] >> From Calgary, Alberta in Canada, first round coverage of the Rogers Charity Classic. Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club is the host venue for the 12th edition of the Rogers Charity Classic. And all kinds of action on the golf course earlier today. I'm John Swanset, Peter Jacobsen is alongside, so is the Schwab Cup points leader.

[00:00:54] >> Yeah, no surprise here, a quick start for the guy that has been dominating the Champions Tour this year.

[00:01:01] >> Up at the 10th, and the second shot earlier from Darren Clarke.

[00:01:05] >> He's really driving the ball well today, hitting a lot of fairways. Watch this shot. Oh, almost jars it.

[00:01:13] >> Clarke gets 3-under par, couple shots off the lead here. Tommy Gainey just turned 50 years of age this week and qualified for this event.

[00:01:21] >> Yeah, two days ago. His birthday was August 13, and here he is making birdies and having a blast.

[00:01:29] >> Shane Bertsch making a bucketload of birdies today. How about this one from long range at 16?

[00:01:35] >> Yeah, unexpected here, down the hill. Pretty slope. These greens are really quick today. Nothing but net.

[00:01:40] >> He would tack on another one at 17, so Bertsch is at 6-under par. He's got the lead. But Ricardo Gonzalez reeled in four straight, including this one at 14. He's in the mix as well here. And of course Pádraig Harrington, always the headliner when he shows up to play. And he played a beautiful bunker shot at 11.

[00:02:04] >> Yeah, that was -- hit a huge tee shot, pulled his -- I think it was a 7-iron into that bunker, but easy birdie.

[00:02:10] >> That got Harrington to minus-3. He's three shots off the lead. It's Shane Bertsch with one to play, the par-5 18th ahead. Leader by one.

[00:02:22] >> Tommy Gainey finishing up his round on the frontside here. Second into the 7th.

[00:02:29] >> You know, I've always enjoyed his golf swing. He takes a lash at it. He's got the club in great position, and now he's got the golf ball in good position as well.

[00:02:39] >> Shane Bertsch looking to cap off a strong round here with a birdie at 18.

[00:02:45] >> Yeah, disappointing that he's not -- doesn't have a shorter birdie putt. And a lot of players are birdying 18. Lot of them are hitting it in 2, second easiest hole on the golf course today. So disappointing finish for Shane Bertsch, but a great start.

[00:03:05] >> And just a formality here for the Gainey birdie at the 7th.

[00:03:10] >> What a shot for Tommy coming in there at 7.

[00:03:27] >> Miguel.

[00:03:27] >> I'll get back to you with the answer. There we go.

[00:03:29] >> Well, I know Harrington's -- that was his second US Senior Open. He won his first at Saucon Valley.

[00:03:44] >> Four Canadians in the field here this week, including Mike Weir, looking for birdie at 14.

[00:03:50] >> Really small green here at the par-3. Yeah, there you go. I've been bragging about his putting all day.

[00:03:58] >> Ken Duke, 2023 champion here in Calgary.

[00:04:04] >> Probably had the best celebration for any win that year here in '23 when he made the putt to win here at the Rogers Charity Classic.

[00:04:16] >> There's the hole location at 14, the par-3. And we'll see the tee shots put on Markey Group in a moment and we'll see our tracing technology, provided by Trackman.

[00:04:37] >> This 14th hole you say 157 yards -- today it's playing just a little bit longer, it's playing about 160. I think you see that graphic, 43 sub-par rounds this season. Think about how well Ernie Els is playing as well. He's got 41. So these two really had quite a run this year.

[00:05:20] >> And Miguel has got him on the victory list four to one this season.

[00:05:28] >> This is a cute little par-3 in the -- with this flag there on the left-hand side, there's enough lip on that bunker. You're getting some -- you can see down there where the flag is.

[00:05:42] >> What a shot. That's pretty bold right there.

[00:05:47] >> Now it's back up to 15, and the approach shot of Steven Alker.

[00:06:01] >> Mmm, even better. Even better.

[00:06:10] >> Beautiful strike into the 15th for Jason Caron. And there's the payout.

[00:06:14][Applause]

[00:06:18] >> Gets him to 4-under. Nice card there, no bogeys.

[00:06:24] >> Rocco Mediate won the very first event here in 2013. This is the 12th edition here in Calgary. And a birdie chance for Jimenez now.

[00:06:38] >> And darling they've got a winner here. This is a fabulous tournament. Little downhill here after we touched [inaudible].

[00:06:46] >> There we go.

[00:06:47] >> Wow.

[00:06:48] >> As he rolled it.

[00:06:49] >> Yeah, I think --

[00:06:49] >> How about those two putts?

[00:06:50] >> [Laughs] -- I think he's having a good day on the greens. What do you think?

[00:06:55] >> Wow. To 15 we go. Sparkling iron shot from Alker earlier. And his chance now to get to minus-5.

[00:07:02] >> This is kind of routine here, but you have to pay attention.

[00:07:18] >> Hmm.

[00:07:18] >> Ooh.

[00:07:19] >> Yeah. [Laughter]

[00:07:20] >> Well, he shaded that one in.

[00:07:22] >> Paying close attention.

[00:07:23] >> Matt Gogel for birdie at 18, to close out the day in style here.

[00:07:30] >> Boy, he's been putting so well today and last week.

[00:07:40] >> Huh, you really need to fly this one most of the way to the hole. Short of this rain, it's going to come back to you. That's kind of a treat.

[00:07:52] >> Oh.

[00:07:52] >> Something like that?

[00:07:54] >> Yeah, I'd say so. [Laughs]

[00:08:00] >> Look in on the group here at 17, and Steven Alker patrolling this one for birdie.

[00:08:20] >> Yep.

[00:08:20] >> Mm-hmm.

[00:08:21] >> No problem. Well read.

[00:08:22] >> Where those start to go again, watch out for this man. And Alker suddenly has a share. David Duval playing some of his finest Champions Tour golf in 2025.

[00:08:35] >> Yeah, he had a great week last week. He had it going today, but he let it slip. But he gets in, in the red.

[00:08:43] >> Jimenez has been cooking, this for a fourth birdie on the second side, and maybe the easiest of the putts, certainly other than at the par-5, the shortest. Just rolling it beautifully today, much to the delight of the big crowd gathered here behind 16 green. Four back nine birdies for Steven Alker, looking for eagle at 18 for a round of 62.

[00:09:20] >> Oh.

[00:09:20] >> Just that close. Well, I would say he's shook off those three double bogeys he made on the final round --

[00:09:35] >> Mm-hmm.

[00:09:36] >> -- in Seattle on Sunday. You see at the top the two 7-unders. But we expect the scoring to be low heading into the weekend. Not much rain in the forecast so I expect to see low scores the rest of the weekend.

[00:09:59] >> Beautiful look at downtown Calgary, along the banks of the Bow River. And just about, oh, 15 kilometers outside of town lies Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club that has been the host venue every year since 2013. It's the 12th edition of this longstanding event on the Champions Tour calendar. Coleader, Miguel Angel Jimenez has the tee here at 12th, Peter Jacobsen.

[00:10:34] >> Wow, he's been hitting beautiful shots today and yesterday. And about this, "I've never won."

[00:10:42] >> Looks like it's going to get Jimenez to minus-12. Already a four-time winner this season. And this was straight out of the top drawer at the 8th earlier today.

[00:10:57] >> Yeah, that last shot he hit at 12, not quite as good as this. But it's an eagle 2.

[00:11:06] >> Yes, sir, dancing his way to the top of the leaderboard at that part of the round. Richard Green six times in a row on the Champions Tour, trying to get across the line here. Beautiful 2nd in the 11th.

[00:11:19] >> Yeah, short par-5, but he almost does what Jimenez just did, knocks it to about a foot and a half.

[00:11:27] >> Made an easy eagle conversion there. Tommy Gainey prequalified on Tuesday to get into the event. Just turned 50 on Wednesday. He's in the mix.

[00:11:37] >> Yeah, what a story this would be, first event, trying to win.

[00:11:43] >> Just a little bit earlier Steven Alker with a touch of class from alt 11 green.

[00:11:48] >> Yeah, out of this thick four-inch rough. That was a wonderful shot.

[00:11:56] >> Alker would make birdie there to get to minus-10, so would Miguel. And it was an adventurous trip down the 11th. He was left of the fairway the entire journey, but it was 4 in the end, so the four-time champion this season, as Richard Green tries to win for the first time in his Champions Tour career. We'll take you right out to 13, Ricardo Gonzalez, for his share of the lead here.

[00:12:21] >> It's bogey three so far. Oh, he adds another birdie. And the scoring is incredible. There are so many players. Take a look at that leaderboard.

[00:12:48] >> Just try that right there. Try to squat flatfooted. [Laughter] Just once. Just try it. I think getting up, Peter, will be --

[00:12:58] >> Yeah.

[00:12:58] >> -- more of an issue than getting down.

[00:12:59] >> I might be able to get down there, but then I'd be just -- I'd stay there for the -
- for about a week.

[00:13:12] >> Yep.

[00:13:15] >> Another for Miguel. Two in a row to get to 12-under. And he's got his nose in front. Fourteen.

[00:13:28] >> And he's such a solid ball striker. It's fun to watch him warm up on the range. Finds the middle of the club face so often. Kind of like that.

[00:13:58] >> Good shot.

[00:13:59] >> Let's take a look at the yardage book here of the Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club par-70. You see it's over 7,000 yards. The architect back in 1957, Otto Anderson, so this is definitely an old-school golf course. You see the size of the greens, 6,000 square feet, which are on the small side. And the greens are bentgrass, which these players are familiar with, and they are in excellent condition. This is a very popular golf course amongst the players.

[00:14:30] >> Out to the tee at 16, Matt Gogel, coming off a top six finish at the Boeing Classic a week ago, is at 7-under for the week.

[00:14:39] >> Yeah, he's really feeling his game. As you mentioned, it was just one bad hole last week at the Boeing -- how about this shot, another excellent iron shot.

[00:14:52] >> Miguel will look to sling one in from over here.

[00:14:55] >> See, that's a little easier golf course from up here where Miguel's playing 30 yards closer to green. The fairway is finally drying out. He was able to chase this one about 60 yards down the fairway. Yeah, it's just a wedge.

[00:15:21] >> Yeah, you can attack the flag when you're that far down the fairway with just a wedge in your hand.

[00:15:30] >> Eighteen. It's been a nice day for Freddie Jacobson. Could cap it off in style here.

[00:15:35] >> Yeah, how about that? He must have had some problem off the tee because this is a reachable par-5, but no problem for Freddie. That is a wonderful round of 63.

[00:15:51] >> Back at 14, Gonzalez for a share of the lead. Aha.

[00:16:05] >> Wow. Just take a look at that card.

[00:16:14] >> Let's get you to a 16. It was a beautiful shot in there earlier from Gogel. And there is the payout. So Gogel to minus-8, trying to sneak into the picture here. Four off the lead. Blistering round being produced by Jimenez, looking for three in a row here. We say that a lot. Yeah, three in a way yesterday. Earlier today as well at the 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Wow, we should just get this into an event.

[00:17:02] >> Yeah. Well, why didn't you? Boy, he is stroking the putter beautifully.

[00:17:18] >> All right, just a moment ago at 15 this was Tag Ridings' working from off the green.

[00:17:25] >> Oh, so fortunate to be in the bunker, which turned into that, rather than in the thick rough around that 15th green.

[00:17:39] >> Not many birdies going to be secured here at 15, but Richard Green has a chance for one.

[00:17:59] >> Wow.

[00:17:59] >> Wow, that's a nice pick-up there, Peter. Soren Kjeldsen for birdie here at 15 to get at double digits under par.

[00:18:12] >> Another one of these guys trying to win for their first time.

[00:18:19] >> Just a few months after turning 50. What a drive from Tommy Gainey at 15. He's in an ideal spot there.

[00:18:30] >> Wow, that is a huge tee shot. And a wonderful approach.

[00:18:39] >> Good job, Tom. Beautiful.

[00:18:42] >> That's going to get Tommy Gainey within two shots of the lead, which belongs to Jimenez at the minute. Fourth shot at 18 to par-5 for Wes Martin, one of the qualifiers here this week. Peter?

[00:19:01] >> Yeah, we saw him a lot yesterday, made four birdies in a row on his opening nine. And it looks to me another birdie here.

[00:19:09] >> Back to 15 where Gainey has had one quality birdie chance after another. He converted a 10 and 11, but three in a row just slid by the hole. But he's got one at 15. Soren Kjeldsen trying to scrape one out for par here. He earned his PGA TOUR champion status through the qualifying tournament's final stage in Scottsdale, Arizona. He went bananas, 24-under, the lowest total score since Q-School final stage returned to 72 holes back in 2006. He was the medalist, Peter, he shot 66 at TPC Scottsdale, went wire to wire to win Q School by eight shots.

[00:20:04] >> Yeah, that's domination. You kind of knew that he was going to play well out here, but didn't get started until I think May or June.

[00:20:40] >> Just a little over 160.

[00:20:55] >> Wow.

[00:20:55] >> My goodness.

[00:20:55] >> Wow. That's what it -- it helps to have soft greens.

[00:21:03] >> Let's go to 17th, Mark Hensby looking to get it to 9-under par.

[00:21:08] >> Yep. Boy, he is a streaky player, long hitter. Fifth birdie today.

[00:21:16] >> And Miguel for birdie number seven of the round, to go along with the eagle hole out earlier at the 8th. [Laughs] Sounds like a pretty good round to me.

[00:21:29] >> Yeah.

[00:21:29] >> The thing is, Peter, he keeps hitting it into the ideal spot. I mean, it's not like he's making really hard putts. Here's another one, just a little right to left, low, high.

[00:21:41] >> Yeah. And that's -- that is his wife, Susanne's putter. He took it right out of her bag, started putting with it, and it is now Miguel's putter. Sorry, honey.

[00:22:01] >> Bunker shot of Richard Green ran out about 10 feet here at 17.

[00:22:04] >> Yeah, he can -- he's coming back up the slope just a bit. He can be aggressive. Yep. Yeah, he's a good putter.

[00:22:21] >> Sixty-three yesterday, Johnny, and maybe a couple lower today for this man.

[00:22:27] >> Yeah, I don't want to early call a golf tournament, but Miguel looks pretty unstoppable at the moment. It's just a little left, to the right. Very fast. Oh, you see, it went left.

[00:22:59] >> Mark Hensby looking to finish with a flourish. This for 31 on the back nine today.

[00:23:05] >> Yeah. Double figures heading into the final round tomorrow.

[00:23:14] >> Richard Green had 240 yards at 18, elected to layup here, Peter, and lean on his wedge game.

[00:23:20] >> Yeah, the only reason I could think about the reason why is because of that hole location front and left, and -- oh, he got caught. It's in his wedge game.

[00:23:30] >> Jimenez looking to whistle one out here at 17. It's 220. Cut the clips I think.

[00:23:38] >> Miguel.

[00:23:39] >> Yeah, it sure did. I can't see.

[00:23:43] >> We're all scratching our heads at the moment.

[00:23:55] >> Jimenez the leader with some issues at the moment.

[00:23:57] >> Jimenez.

[00:23:58] >> Yeah, with Richard Green with that short tap-in at 18, that will get him to 13-under and just one back right now of Jimenez.

[00:24:20] >> Alker on his bench with Martin feeling such a hurt here, is what it sounds like. Very little, though.

[00:24:31] >> Yeah, hole location packed right over that swale. You can see that -- the change of grain.

[00:24:51] >> And it's just right slightly below his feet. Two hundred yards back by hole location. Start at the middle of green, try to get it to drop a little right.

[00:25:15] >> Again, the right distance.

[00:25:22] >> Jimenez places third back here at 17. Where did that thing finally come down, John? [Laughter] We still don't have it. Ah.

[00:25:43] >> Oh, wow.

[00:25:43] >> I mean --

[00:25:43] >> Could you hear it? Did it hit a tree hard?

[00:25:45] >> No, it clipped a few things. It's a thousand people out here, and --

[00:25:51] >> Whoa. Well, maybe Cliff dropped the bag and he started running around under the gallery rope.

[00:26:14] >> He's got tree issues. Yeah, there's a scoreboard between himself and the green, so we may end up getting a break there. No, the scoreboard's not going to be in the way. So he's going to have some tree travel.

[00:26:29] >> Well, it looks --

[00:26:34] >> Excuse me, can I get you to back up, please? Thank you.

[00:26:41] >> Well, he's back. He's back up. He's getting drawn there. He's back behind that tree and you see that scoreboard just in front of him. But I think he's going to be okay, as you said, John.

[00:26:56] >> Fairly odd to not be able to find a golf ball with this many people around.

[00:27:00] >> Yeah.

[00:27:01] >> It was 99, 100, so one, two, three, four, and his drive is 99. And from seven --

[00:27:12] >> Again, he's just got that tree.

[00:27:14] >> Nick, 99, and we've got six back.

[00:27:15] >> The tree is in his way, that tree right there.

[00:27:19] >> Okay. Yeah.

[00:27:20] >> I think he can get under. He's too close to it to lose it.

[00:27:24] >> All right, everybody, [inaudible], thank you.

[00:27:28] >> At least -- that's about a hundred yards.

[00:27:32][Inaudible]

[00:27:35] >> Yeah. It's hit below it.

[00:27:43] >> Well, he hit it lower. With the 5 in the back, you can hit it well short and chase it back there.

[00:27:57] >> In the hole. In the hole.

[00:28:18] >> Oh, at 18 after that gorgeous delivery with the pitching wedge earlier, Richard Green. He was very careful with that one before knocking it in for his 62 low round of the week. And it's up a slope to a little plateau back there. At an early turn right in there.

[00:28:48] >> Get in. Come on. Get in.

[00:28:54] >> Oh, come on.

[00:28:54] >> That would have been pure thievery if that went down.

[00:28:57][Applause] Back to 17 for the Alker birdie putt.

[00:29:09] >> Get in. Let's go.

[00:29:10] >> Finally.

[00:29:11] >> Finally, he got this --

[00:29:12] >> That's a two-shot swing right there.

[00:29:13] >> Putt.

[00:29:16] >> The Spaniard one of four multiple winners this season, along with Cabrera who's won three times, including a couple of majors, Steve Allan, whose third victory came just a week ago outside Seattle, and a couple of senior majors for Padraig Carrington. For a round of 64. And Tommy Gainey in his Champions Tour debut is in at 12-under par.

[00:29:51] >> One hundred eight left for Miguel. Want to hit this just a little left of the [inaudible], work its way down toward it.

[00:30:00] >> Come on. Come on.

[00:30:01] >> Just get in the hole.

[00:30:02] >> Yeah.

[00:30:03][Cheering and applause]

[00:30:10] >> Big moment here, Steven Alker looking to pop the lid off things here at 18.

[00:30:23] >> How about that up and down?

[00:30:28] >> Two long putts in a row at 17 and 18 after not having really made anything all day.

[00:30:39] >> I'm interested to see how he hits this putt, because it's so fast. Is he going to give it a little pace, take a little breakout? Is he going to just dribble it down there?

[00:30:49] >> In the hole. In the hole.

[00:30:52] >> He's just going to knock it right in the center because that's what he does. [Laughter] That's what he's done all day long. What a bounce back after a bit of a sloppy bogey back at 17. Sixty-three for Miguel to match the opening round effort. Got a couple of interesting players there at 10-under. Hensby has won out here. It's been a couple years. Gogel's game has really been coming into some form as of late. Kjeldsen has had a really strong rookie season. They'll all start the final day four shots back tomorrow. Back at Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club, it's the final round of the 19th event of the Champions Tour season, as we decide the winner of the Rogers Charity Classic. Will it be Richard Green for the first time in his Champions Tour career? He's come close so often with six runner-up finishes. Meanwhile, he's trying to hold off Miguel Angel Jimenez, who's chasing his fifth victory of the season here. Peter Jacobsen just a moment ago at the 7th this was the leader's second shot into the par-4.

[00:32:00] >> Well, he's been under the radar all year long because he's been nominated by Jimenez, Cabrera, and Harrington, but Richard Green has got it dialed in this week.

[00:32:13] >> Back to the 9th, we'll check in on Freddie Jacobson. Well, he had a heck of a Saturday, shot 63 yesterday to kind of get himself onto the fringe of contention here.

[00:32:28] >> Oh, what a shot.

[00:32:40] >> Oh, but he's got this guy right here that's standing in his way, trying to do what Cameron Young did a couple weeks ago in the PGA TOUR, and that's turned a lot of really good plays into a victory.

[00:32:58] >> Yeah, that's a great comp, John, nice work there. Cameron Young had been a seven-time runner-up before he finally broke through and won on the PGA TOUR, Richard Green with a half dozen second place finishes. How about that blazing start? A gorgeous tee shot from Freddie Jacobson at the 9th. Can he pay it off?

[00:33:21] >> What a stroke. Guy could really putt.

[00:33:33] >> Ken Duke, 2023 champion, picks one up there at the 10th. Good week for Kenny, he's at 9-under.

[00:33:46] >> Much of the round for Alker felt ordinary yesterday, but he capped it with birdies at 17 and 18 to get it in with 65, and promptly bogeyed the opening hole today and

trying to avoid one here. Hmm, costly, double. Gives 2 back at the 8th. Then Alker all of a sudden will be 6 off the lead.

[00:34:33] >> Let's go to the 10th, look in on Jason Caron here.

[00:34:37] >> Another one of the players on the leader board looking for his first win out here on the PGA TOUR Champions. He has come so close.

[00:34:47] >> Yeah.

[00:34:51] >> Just has to do more of that. That's all.

[00:34:53] >> He's had 11 top 10 finishes out here already, Jason Caron, just a couple years into his post 50 play. Alker, this for double bogey at the 8th.

[00:35:05] >> I'll be curious to see how he plays the last 10 holes, finishing to the house because he's a pretty tough competitor.

[00:35:21] >> Up the 12, that's the tee shot of Soren Kjeldsen.

[00:35:26] >> Teed back today some 20 yards from Friday. How about that shot?

[00:35:35] >> Strong rookie season for the Dane who turned 50 just a few short months ago. Back to 8, Miguel on the prowl in.

[00:35:51] >> And he's so good at these left to righters.

[00:36:02] >> Yep, I would say so. And from that distance, too, John

[00:36:11] >> Yeah.

[00:36:12] >> Here we go, Soren, here we go.

[00:36:14] >> How about a birdie at the 12th for Soren Kjeldsen? He's not going anywhere.

[00:36:24] >> He's about to hit his fourth shot from outside 150 yards on this [inaudible] out on the golf course.

[00:36:45] >> Oh.

[00:36:52] >> Wow.

[00:36:52] >> All right, he's on the surface. All right, Richard Green now. This, for par. How big would this be?

[00:37:21] >> I would think that when you've had six runner-up finishes that mentally you might have to think you just aren't doing enough. And the fact of the matter is he played well enough last year to win three or four times out here, it just didn't happen. And I think he needs to let it come to him rather than try to force it at the moment. And so don't run this five feet by.

[00:38:05] >> And let's just flush the memory of the 11th and look for a fresh start at the 12th. Coleaders now at 16-under. So they came to the 12th tied at 16-under, and this happened just a moment ago.

[00:38:26] >> We haven't seen anything in the water to the right here, but this water is in play if you do something like that.

[00:38:40] >> Up to 13. Steven Alker made a bruising double bogey on the card earlier back at the 8th.

[00:38:46] >> And he didn't birdy the 11th, but he does pick up one here at the 13th.

[00:38:54] >> Jimenez will play his 3rd after fine of the penalty area at 12, John.

[00:38:58] >> Yeah, had to drop it in the rough.

[00:39:00] >> It's a --

[00:39:00] >> He's trying to get out of here. It's been a while.

[00:39:05] >> Yeah, it's a must to just make bogey here.

[00:39:11] >> Six runner-up finishes for Richard Green, five of them coming last season. He birdied four of his opening seven, but has looked a little bit different the last couple of holes.

[00:39:24] >> Well, this would certainly settle his nerves and before at least a two-shot swing. Little hooking pat for the lefty.

[00:39:42] >> That will settle his nerves, as you said, John.

[00:39:45] >> He had a two-shot lead standing on the 11th tee, and looks like he's about to reclaim it here.

[00:39:59] >> You would expect Miguel to make this. He's putted beautifully all week.

[00:40:03] >> This is big.

[00:40:20] >> Wow. Wow, a tee shot into the water at the 12th. It's going to result to double bogey for Jimenez. It will drop him to 14-under. And Richard Green is suddenly going to have a three-shot lead.

[00:40:37] >> That happened quickly.

[00:40:38] >> Yes, it did. That's how quickly things can unfold, deteriorate, and evaporate.

[00:40:49] >> Richard -- Ricardo Gonzalez for birdie here at 14.

[00:40:53] >> Yeah, he was going long. He was about 5 back about a half hour ago and now he's just 3 back.

[00:41:07] >> Let's see if Freddie Jacobson can knock one in for a birdie here at 15.

[00:41:11] >> Yeah.

[00:41:17] >> Freddie at 13-under made eight birdies yesterday. He's picked up four more today.

[00:41:28] >> Well, Gonzalez has missed just one green today as he fires into the 15th.

[00:41:38] >> It's essential to put the ball in the fairway here at 15.

[00:41:42] >> All right, through 18 completed events, Miguel has a sizeable lead over Stewart Cink. He had a chance to extend that lead with a victory here this week. Alker is third, having won the Schwab Cup for the second time a year ago. Padraig Carrington not much of a factor this week. And Angel Cabrera is fifth, up to 15. And Gonzalez birdie putts get within a couple here.

[00:42:09] >> Yeah.

[00:42:09] >> Hmm, two in a row.

[00:42:10] >> Here we go. He had a fast start this morning, birdieing 2, 3, and 4. Now, he's made two in a row 14 and 15.

[00:42:22] >> All three players will operate from the fairway at 15.

[00:42:27] >> I hadn't been having to say that all that often today, no. [Laughter] That's 160 right there, right at --

[00:42:36] >> Left front hole location, which is -- kind of gets you a hard thump and a little bit coming in over the water.

[00:42:52] >> You know, you watch Miguel swing and then Tommy swing, and it's hard to believe they're trying to complete the same task. [Laughter] There's the rhythm we've seen all year.

[00:43:13] >> Yeah. That's more like it, from his standpoint.

[00:43:33] >> And we'll see if Gainey can push it to 12-under here and slide back inside the top ten.

[00:43:40] [Cheering] Yeah, this is a quick one, too.

[00:43:46] [Applause] This putt's going to try to go a little bit to his left.

[00:44:05] >> Boy, Tommy's only made one birdie on the round today. That was back at the 3rd.

[00:44:11] >> And Jimenez is going to get it to 15-under and back within 2 with three to play here.

[00:44:18] >> Yep, got a chance.

[00:44:31] >> Michael Wright had to lay it up at 18.

[00:44:37] >> He used the back slope there for a birdie.

[00:44:43] >> Oh, what a finish to the week that would have been. Sensational shot from the Aussie. Gonzalez up here at 17.

[00:44:53] >> That is a huge tee shot. It's all playing just under 500 yards.

[00:45:06] >> Oh. Oh.

[00:45:06] >> Oh, what a break. Look out, look out.

[00:45:08] >> How about that, he used the grandstand. He used the wall.

[00:45:14] >> Meanwhile, there was a cracking tee shot for two gloves.

[00:45:41] >> That's right back up the hill, too. There we go. Hasn't seen anything go down in quite some time, first birdie since early in the round at the 3rd. It's got Gainey back to 12-under, and more importantly inside the top ten. Well, Gonzalez after the drama of the near bank shot for eagle still has a chance to climb within one here.

[00:46:16] >> And he goes. How about that unlikely birdie? Richard Green one group behind might be hearing the commotion with what's happening up on the green. He may not be fully aware that Gonzalez has pulled within 1, but he may sense it.

[00:46:38] >> Charlie Wi looking to close his week with a birdie here.

[00:46:42] >> He's another player who has not won out here on the Champions Tour, but if you putt like that, you shoot 64 on the weekend. So now Richard Green knows what he's got to do, John, he's just got to kind of just trickle it down there. If it happens to fall in, great, if not, ensure your par.

[00:47:14] >> It's a very tightknit Australian bunch out here, John. They're very close, as they often are on the PGA TOUR as well. Good buddies with Steve Allan who just won for the third time last week. I'm sure he's watching a nailbiter here.

[00:47:29] >> Oh, I'm sure. I'm sure that there will be quite a celebration with those Aussies if this young man can get into the house. Look at how fast that putt is.

[00:47:44] >> And he did exactly what he was trying to do, get it up there to where he can just tap it in. Again, this basically boils down to match point, is what this is.

[00:48:05] >> Ricardo Gonzalez has birdied three of his last four holes to draw within 1 of the leader, Richard Green, and he's got an opportunity to eagle the 18th and take the lead here at 18-under.

[00:48:19] >> See how much slope there is. I don't think there's that much break in this putt, so it's all about picking the proper line and getting the ball started on that line.

[00:48:48] >> Ooh, that had the attention of everyone jammed into the grandstand here. To get to 17-under and tie Richard Green for the minute.

[00:49:23] >> Ooh, dang, what a finish, four birdies in the last five there. Peter, that's 31 come again for Ricardo Gonzalez.

[00:49:32] >> So but I would think that's exactly what Richard Green expected, he expected Gonzalez to make four.

[00:49:43] >> Steven Alker began the week trying to become the fifth multiple winner of the season. He will fall short in his bid to do that. But this will be career top ten number 67 in 89 starts on the Champions Tour.

[00:50:02] >> That's just incredible how consistent this man has played.

[00:50:07] >> Birdies at the last for all three players in the penultimate grouping of the day.

[00:50:15] >> Mitch Windsor is a very, very experienced caddy. He's caddied out here a lot, caddied for Mark O'Meara. I guarantee you he's in his ear saying, "Okay, this is what we're doing. We're just going to put this thing on the green. The flag sits right there, and anything to the left of that is perfect.

[00:50:36] >> Two ten, that's all he has left; and I think right at either one of those golf balls.

[00:50:52] >> This is -- that's a good shot.

[00:50:55] >> Yep.

[00:50:55] >> That's what you're supposed to do in that situation.

[00:50:57] >> Yep.

[00:51:05] >> For the win.

[00:51:10] >> He has lived to love the hole on this 2nd 9. Had a lot of these speedy downhillers.

[00:51:34] >> He has a lot of [inaudible]. It's very good. Very good.

[00:51:36] >> As expected; right.

[00:51:40][Applause and cheering]

[00:51:49] >> In his 71st start, the man from down under is finally on top. Richard Green the winner at the Rogers Charity Classic.

[00:52:04] >> And he's going to win many more tournaments out here on the Champions Tour.

[00:52:08] >> Yeah, you wonder if now that the monkey is off the back if this will kind of offer the freedom that very talented player, 54-year-old Richard Green.