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[00:00:42] >> Beautiful afternoon in Sioux Falls, South Dakota for Friday's first round coverage of the Sanford International. It's the 22nd event of the regular season. PGA Tour Champions Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs just four weeks away. So important points available this week here in Sioux Falls. Ernie Els fully intent on grabbing his share of them. He shares the lead with Bo Van Pelt at four under par. Steven Alker, the reigning Charles Schwab Cup champion, is one back. John Swantek. John Cook is alongside. John Maginnes is down there at the ninth. Second on the way for Ernie Els.

[00:01:23] >> Just a wedge up the hill, downwind. Firm greens.

[00:01:40] >> That's the birdie putt for Steve Flesh. And he's got it. Angel Cabrera's got about eight feet for birdie here. His fourth of the day.

[00:01:53] >> He hit a nice shot in there. And Ernie keeps stacking up.

[00:01:59] >> Quality birdie looks all day long.

[00:02:04] >> This one is straight back up the hill. It feels like it wants to go right, but the hole is actually leaning the other way.

[00:02:16] >> The third toughest hole in the golf course today, John.

[00:02:19] >> And that ball did break to the right.

[00:02:22] >> It sure did. What a blazing start to the opening round for Robert Carlson playing just his eighth hole here. And this is for the fifth birdie of the round.

[00:02:49] >> A 186-yard par three. He hit a beautiful tee shot in there. And four in a row for Robert.

[00:02:56] >> And there is your new leader for the minute. Bo Van Pelt looking for the bounce back birdie at six.

[00:03:05] >> Yeah, a good place to putt from right here. Go to his right.

[00:03:13] >> Oh yeah.

[00:03:13] >> Nice bounce back.

[00:03:14] >> EVP. Two beautiful strikes into the 12th for Gonzalez looking for an eagle.

[00:03:23] >> Downhill moving slightly to his right. I understand he's going to barbecue later on and I promise you not to be missed.

[00:03:44] >> Pitching from just off the 11th green, Jimenez.

[00:03:47] >> Just to the right of the green and it was super quick [applause]. And thank you Flagstaff.

[00:03:51] >> This tour regular season. Pleased to be alongside 11-time PGA Tour winner John Cook.

[00:03:58] >> I'm John Swantek. PGA Tour veteran John Maginnes is our man on the ground here this week. And we're out of the 13th. This is a birdie putt for Angel Cabrera. One shot off the lead.

[00:04:15] >> Nice start to the day here for On Hill. Did not birdie the par five 12th hole. That's a good par there at the toughest hole in the golf course today, the 13th.

[00:04:33] >> Hit to it there, John.

[00:04:35] >> Oh, how about this judgment?

[00:04:37] >> Slow down a little bit just off the back of the green. Might have a little issue with the primary ruck, but a nice shot.

[00:04:53] >> Bo nip back for the eco putt of Jimenez. He gets four under.

[00:04:59] >> He had a nice approach in here on the par five and does catch the left edge of the hole. I'd say, a great thank you to all the superintendents that make these golf courses so playable. It's not an easy job.

[00:05:14] >> Langer for just the fourth birdie of the day here.

[00:05:24] >> Just can't generate any momentum right now. Cookie, he's -- it's like there's a lack of energy. He's managed to stay above the fray of that agitation for longer than most.

[00:05:40] >> Yes, that is for sure.

[00:05:42] >> This guy's done a pretty good job of that as well. All right, Alker able to shake that round.

[00:05:59] >> That's why they're around.

[00:06:05] >> And handful of top fives for Ernie since that point. Boo Weekley from the lower tier here at the ninth. His final hole of the day.

[00:06:11] >> He has to slug it up that slope. Nice. Nice.

[00:06:22] >> Short par four here at 15. Cabrera to move to five under.

[00:06:32] >> Didn't take that little right-hand break as he drove it through the green. Missed the opportunity.

[00:06:40] >> Yeah, and he was a little frustrated. The players know when they stand on this tee today, straight down the breeze, the short par 4. Three is the score they're looking for. Boo Weekly finishing up his day here.

[00:07:03] >> The Stifel Charity Classic --

[00:07:07] >> Which you can tell.

[00:07:11] >> By the way, Miguel Angel Jimenez closing in on \$3 million in earnings. Only nine players in the history of the Champions Tour have done that. He needs \$128,000 this week to become the 10.

[00:07:25] >> I think he's got a good chance for the rest of the year. I can remember back in the '90s when Hale Irwin was when -- had his run. Back to 16 and Goosen for a share. He's got it.

[00:07:44] >> Goosen alone at the top now at five under, he deals with the seven team.

[00:07:52] >> Alker looking to pick one up here.

[00:08:04] >> He certainly has figured out the formula out here.

[00:08:19] >> And he will be chewing glass if he makes six here.

[00:08:21] >> Oh, boy, would he ever? All those other opportunities he's had today that he's let go. And not the birdie 12. Bogey at 15, and a par at 16 [applause]. That's giving away some shots.

[00:08:42] >> Heck of a par, though, after finding the water.

[00:08:44] >> Left the shades on.

[00:08:46] >> Maybe that's the secret. Look, it's stylish, too.

[00:08:48] >> That's change it up a little bit.

[00:08:50] >> Back at the 17th, then Steve Allan with eyes on a birdie putt to get to minus three. Winner of the Gallery Classic in late March, then the Dicks Open in Central New York in July. And then most recently, Snoqualmie Ridge, the Boeing Classic outside Seattle. He has reached the top level of the champions. Short just his second season out here after successfully navigating the qualifying school and nab one of those five cards.

[00:09:32] >> And the Aussie makes his home in the Phoenix Scottsdale area, stays at 200. Just a one drop shot there at the 10. Up at 18, Goosen for a bogey-free 65 fine work today from the South Africa. Despite hitting just five fairways in this opening round, he did not miss a green. And he's in the house with the low round of the day. Three very well thought out second shots and three birdie putts for our group here at the last. Alker gets the first crack at it.

[00:10:12] >> There's just not much in this one. Slightly uphill. Yeah. Not his best day on the greens really, but four under. Still pretty good round.

[00:10:39] >> Sixty-six to begin the week for the reigning Charles Schwab Cup holder. That's the look of a man who left a few out there today. Such a cool scene here at 18 with that backdrop. Clubhouse high above the grandstand there. They'll be shoehorned in there all week long.

[00:11:04] >> Yeah, it's quite a sight on the weekend, no doubt, 17 and 18.

[00:11:12] >> It's also a very youthful crowd out here.

[00:11:15] >> Nice.

[00:11:16] >> Which you got to love. Ernie for 65. No.

[00:11:35] >> Like it would have lost speed. It just broke to the right.

[00:11:43] >> Four under par through the opening five holes of the day. Even par across the final 13 [applause].

[00:11:59] >> And in contrast, Langer has really turned it on. It's look very sharp across the second nine. Birdies at 12 and 16 and chance to shoot 68 here.

[00:12:16] >> Are we even bothering you to keep the stat of him shooting his age? How many times it's happened this year?

[00:12:23] >> It was brought up last week, wasn't it? Thirty -- Oh, now Jay Hass is like 38 times or something shooting his age.

[00:12:31] >> Yeah.

[00:12:31] >> Bernhard's in his three. But now he's 68.

[00:12:34] >> In that neighborhood.

[00:12:35] >> It's getting easier.

[00:12:37] >> It varies.

[00:12:52] >> He's played in every edition of this event, seven of which have been staged right here at Minnehaha. Thirty-five on the way out. It's 34 coming in for Langer. So, all three players make par at 18. Two of the three World Golf Hall of Famers, right, in that same group there.

[00:13:30] >> The other, of course, Retief Goosen, who had himself a day goose with a round of 65. But Angel Cabrera with a 64, a fine start to his bid to win for the fourth time this season.

[00:13:47] >> Yeah, he hasn't really played very well since the Senior PGA. And a nice start there for Angel Cabrera. Nice for Retief. Good to see him on that board again. John Senden with a 68. Good to see him playing a bit better.

[00:14:06] >> Soren Kjeldsen at two under his good mate, Thomas Bjorn, fellow Dane, the winner of last week. Soren had some wonderful things to say about Thomas. He was thrilled to see him back in the winter circle.

[00:14:19] >> And Kjeldsen set himself a fine rookie season out here as well.

[00:14:23] >> And there's Langer after par at the last for 69. Part of the group in red numbers, 28 players in the red after the opening round. Saturday in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. We welcome you to our second-round coverage of the Sanford International here,

22nd stop of the PGA Tour Champions season. I'm John Swantek. John Cook is alongside. John Magninnes as well. He's on the ground for us this week at Minnehaha Country Club, the host venue again in this eighth edition of the Sanford International. Ernie Els esteemed veteran out here is at eight under. And one of the newbies out here, Bo Van Pelt, right in the mix here.

[00:15:16] >> Yeah, turned 50 in May, his 10th event. Good to see him out here.

[00:15:22] >> Miguel Angel Jimenez, the Charles Schwab Cup points leader, two under par, having just made the turn. Speaking of Bo Van Pelt, he's at the eighth. So is John Maginnes. Little over 160. Went out of the right back flag.

[00:15:44] >> Kind of liking it. Got it online there, John, right underneath the hole. Good shot there for Bo. Come out strong today. Four birdies in his first eight 7 holes.

[00:15:56] >> Up to the 12th here, and Chad Campbell looking to birdie at the par 5.

[00:16:01] >> Now for the back of the green, we have a plenty of length to reach this green and two, so a little out of position. Its tee shot, but four on the card.

[00:16:10] >> Gave a couple back there at the 10th, but Campbell back to minus two. We're at the 10th. And John Senden at three under par will work from the collar here.

[00:16:23] >> Good to see John playing nicely this week. He's had some troubles scoring this season, so good to see him on the right side of par. It's had some health issues. He's been battling, too, since being diagnosed with Parkinson's a couple years ago.

[00:16:37] >> Yeah, it's -- I mean, game's hard enough, but fine player. Wonderful striker of the golf ball in his PGA Tour days. Good to see him making a little bit of a comeback.

[00:16:55] >> Birdie putt here for Jimenez.

[00:16:57] >> Yeah, good shot in here for Miguel coming off a bogey back at the ninth. It was all out of sorts. In fact, he's bogeyed two of his last three. So not happy, but that's good.

[00:17:18] >> You're with Bo Van Pelt, huh, John?

[00:17:21] >> Absolutely. As a matter of fact, his rookie year, I was staying at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Let's call it 2002 or 2003. And I sat down next to the bar on Monday evening with a gentleman who I found to be quite engaging. Ended up having dinner with him. It was Bo Van Pelt's father. What a great family.

[00:17:45] >> Yeah, stay up. Never had the -- Never had it online there, John [applause]

[00:17:59] >> Soren Kjeldsen looking forward already back here at the 12.

[00:18:03] >> Fine wedge shot in there on the proper level.

[00:18:13] >> Let's go to 11. Second on the way for Miguel.

[00:18:24] >> Another good one there for Miguel.

[00:18:28] >> Ernie Els ready to start the back nine here at Minnehaha.

[00:18:30] >> Yeah. Just under 200 yards a day, 199 pin in the back left or back right. I'm sorry. Look really nice.

[00:18:57] >> You don't see the cross handed claw all that often.

[00:19:02] >> Yeah. Left hand low reverse claw. He's got the left-hand --

[00:19:06] >> Yes.

[00:19:06] >> -- quad the other way. I'm trying to do it right now. And I'm not doing it very successfully.

[00:19:13] >> Whatever he's doing, he should just keep doing it.

[00:19:28] >> Six birdies on the Saturday scorecard for Darren Clarke across the green. That's a good run there for Darren.

[00:19:41] >> Bo has left us in a very tidy spot just under the hole.

[00:19:47] >> And as you can imagine, it's funny, there's some guys that they don't know what to do with themselves. So, they tinker with their golf clubs.

[00:19:55] >> Yeah.

[00:19:59] >> And their pictures are on the walls of the equipment trailers. The most wanted pictures of the guys that spent so much time in there messing with their clubs.

[00:20:15] >> Jimenez just trying to stay in the picture here just to get to four under.

[00:20:20] >> Bogeys at 7 and 9, but a birdie at 10. This for two in a row.

[00:20:32] >> Two in a row for Miguel and back to 10 for the Els birdie putt.

[00:20:37] >> Good shot in here for Ernie. Just right of the hole. Pin in that middle left. Just saw Jimenez make the same putt, and he left a good drop up there.

[00:20:55] >> One birdie on the day for Stephen Alker came back at the seventh all pars the rest of the way. The man who's third in the Schwab cup points race having seized the cup a year ago.

[00:21:12] >> Yeah. With just one win last year, but that tells you the consistency that Steven Alker showed every single week top 10.

[00:21:24] >> He knew that one didn't have quite enough energy. A little aggravated with it so another par for Alker. Up to 13, Soren Kjeldsen looking for back-to-back birdies to get to minus six.

[00:21:41] >> Pin in that front right. Toughest hole in the golf course yesterday. Not quite as difficult today with that pin way up, but still the fifth most difficult.

[00:21:53] >> Well, this putt I think is a pretty easy read with the slope from the right. It's just a matter of hitting it, I think.

[00:22:02] >> Yeah, we've seen this putt made a couple of times.

[00:22:10] >> It's not a distance you expect to make many, but when you get a good easy read, get it on the right line.

[00:22:18] >> So Jimenez make this and Els make it.

[00:22:22] >> He thought he made it.

[00:22:31] >> Just the 10th start of the season for Bo, who just turned 50 in May. And he's yet to crack the top 10 and certainly well on his way.

[00:22:42] >> He's had a rather flat day. Just birdie back at 8. And sometimes --

[00:22:55] >> It's a really good par save there will be enough to jump start you there.

[00:22:59] >> Yeah, yeah. I just going to say that this is one of those mid round nice par saves that can, you know -- you've got a very reachable par five coming up.

[00:23:07] >> Oh, last roll. OK [applause]. Thank God. It was -- Thank God for gravity.

[00:23:15] >> Yep. Look back at Junior and said "Oof." Three back nine birdies today for Bernhard Langer and looking to add another one to the tally here at 17. Not a whole lot to this. It might go a little right at the start. Does go uphill slightly. That's too bad. That was a good putt.

[00:23:58] >> Drop back to the 12th after that really cool bunker shot that Bo just pulled off. Looking for the first birdie of the round after 11 straight pars.

[00:24:08] >> Yeah, this will move to Bo's right. That's on the right side of par.

[00:24:23] >> A little right to left in it. Is that what you saw, Cookie?

[00:24:26] >> Yes, definitely. Steve Allan didn't hit it high enough or hard enough and it broke off at the very end. Miguel had a similar putt and hit it right in the center. So yeah, it's maybe just outside the right edge, I think, John.

[00:24:40] >> This is getting right back into the thick of things. Up to 15, Mike Weir has been working awfully hard trying to make four here and does exactly that well.

[00:25:04] >> Well, it'll save four on the card, but this does not feel like a par for Mike Weir.

[00:25:12] >> Bogey, Ernie trying to avoid that fade here. Nice.

[00:25:17] >> Nice little grind mode right there. A little more comfortable with this club than he has been. That's reflected in some good play this year.

[00:25:39] >> Yeah, he's 35th in the Schwab cup points race. Would love to get to Phoenix and some of that will help. All right, Ernie to get it to 12 here. And eight today.

[00:26:12] >> Oh, that's a opportunity miss there for Ernie. Just over the back of the green and two after 370-yard tee shot.

[00:26:20] >> And a couple of big names lurking. Miguel Angel Jimenez and Angel Cabrera, who have combined for seven victories this season trying to run down the leaders tomorrow. We welcome you to Minnehaha Country Club, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. And final round coverage of the Sanford International 22nd PGA Tour Champions event of the season. Ernie Els was the overnight leader by one. He shot 63 yesterday without a bogey on the scorecard. But then promptly bogey the opening three holes of the day. So, Els, who won the very first event of the season at Hualalai back in January, finds himself two shots off the lead. He's in the final group of the day, along with Retief Goosen and Bo Van Pelt. I'm John Swansick. John Cook is alongside. John Maginnes is on the ground down there with the final group at the seventh. And here's Goosen.

[00:27:33] >> Straight uphill, dead downwind.

[00:27:40] >> Up to 9, and the second for Boo Weekley.

[00:27:44] >> Pin all the way in the back center. Have to get it up on the proper level, and that's not going to do it. And that now will be a difficult two putt.

[00:27:54] >> Van Pelt is one over par through the opening six holes of the day.

[00:27:59] >> And this is no easy task trying to stop the ball on this green dead downwind, trying to land it right at the front.

[00:28:07] >> Coming out of the rough.

[00:28:09] >> And that's really well done.

[00:28:11] >> It is very well judged there, John. Good shot there for Bo.

[00:28:14] >> And not a roll to the back.

[00:28:18] >> Now when Jimenez trying to sneak into it here and maybe snag his fifth victory of the season.

[00:28:22] >> 155-yard par three, the eighth hole with a very complicated green.

[00:28:29] >> Robert Carlson, the runner up here few years ago to Steve Stricker, has the teeth attempt.

[00:28:35] >> Hardest hole in the golf course today, John, 204 yards pinning that back right up on that little shelf. And that is outstanding. Back to the eighth, Soren Kjeldsen looking for birdie.

[00:28:52] >> From the other side of the hole, that what -- Jimenez putted from that narrowly misses on the left.



[00:29:02] >> Began the day with aspirations of maybe winning for the first time out here in his rookie season. But the Dane is four over par through his first eight. Now Goosen stepping in.

[00:29:16] >> Yeah, it's blowing hard enough out here right now that all the birds are on the ground. We get it. Not worth risking it. All right, right back uphill. But playing downwind, it won't play like it's uphill.

[00:29:37] >> Three birdie putts up coming here at the eighth. Bo Van Pelt looking for second straight. Man, he's made some lengthy ones so far this week. Closed out his round yesterday with a, what, 25-footer on 18 for par to get into this group.

[00:29:59] >> Snapped on me. I wasn't expecting that.

[00:30:02] >> Back to 8, Ernie with a similar flavor putt to Van Pelt.

[00:30:07] >> A little shorter, should have learned a lot.

[00:30:16] >> Still only two shots out of the lead here, John, so, you know, he can kind of erase that. Do the right things down the stretch. Just ran out of steam. Had the right line.

[00:30:31] >> Maybe Ernie will flip the script, go low on the back nine today after shooting 60 across the front nine the first two rounds. Back up to nine. And Kjeldsen in the midst of a four over par round trying to get one back here just like that.

[00:30:53] >> That certainly helps.

[00:31:00] >> Back to eight, Goosen for two. A little different line. This isn't going to snap as much early, so not nearly as much break. Maybe a little easier actually.

[00:31:14] >> This to widen his lead.

[00:31:21] >> Goosen knocks one in second birdie of the round. Just one lost shot back at the six. And the Goosen back to 11 under. Now two clear of Van Pelt pending the outcome of this par putt coming up. He's managed to get 10 starts now this year, Cookie, off his career earnings exempt category. That's what's gotten Bo in business out here so far. Alex Jacob was very much in it to win last week in St. Louis. Looking for birdie at 11 here.

[00:32:09] >> From behind the hole leads it perfectly.

[00:32:37] >> Same strategy for all three players. And that one will hug the left side of the fairway for Els. Just scooches past the ball of Goosen there. Big parse for weekly here 10.

[00:32:50] >> Hit about a five-footer at nine for a par save. He doesn't want any more separation between he and Retief, who's at 11 under. And will just wander by on the left-hand side. So, 183 yards a day pin in that back center. The back half of this green does slope towards the back of the green. It gets over that little ridge right there. Yeah, that's a good shot.

[00:33:25] >> Freddie Jacobsen saying, I'll take some of that. Nice little preview of things to come. There's just no friction on that green at all at 17. That strike was a little bit earlier.

And Freddie looking for the payout here to get to five under. Having a nice campaign in his first full season out here. He's always been able to do that, and that's the reason why he's inside the top 30 in the Schwab cup points race and the reason why he's made nine birdies in the final round today. With the 18th to come, Goosen by two on the final day. Up to 12, our first look at the par five today. It's been the second easiest hole on the course throughout the week. Dicky Pride for a birdie four.

[00:34:25] >> We see some excitement on this hole.

[00:34:27] >> Ernie Els obscured by his caddy, Jeff Johnson there. Long birdie coming back up top.

[00:34:34] >> You win a free game I think if you make this one.

[00:34:36] >> Wow, a lot left.

[00:34:37] >> That was a wide miss. That was -- Didn't have the right speed or the direction.

[00:34:44] >> And Jerry Kelly looking for another birdie here at the 12th.

[00:35:08] >> He's looking to run away and hide. Problem is, he can't hide on that back nine. There's too many opportunities to explode positively and negatively.

[00:35:27] >> And Goosen spoke earlier this week about how much he looked up to this man and admired the way he carried himself, played the game and tried to take notes and pay attention and copy some of Ernie's moves.

[00:35:45] >> Another big putt here for Ernie. He's up to the task. Nice two putt.

[00:35:57] >> And Freddie Jacobson's day began with a double bogey, and he's got a chance to make his 10th birdie of the round here.

[00:36:05] >> He had it online, John.

[00:36:10] >> Thirty-two on each side, 64 for Freddie. And after starting the day tied for 37th, he is solidly inside the first top 10 and inside the top 30 in the projected Schwab cup points race. Very productive day.

[00:36:25] >> Yeah.

[00:36:27] >> Chad Campbell, the four, the par five, 12th and two.

[00:36:29] >> Turn a little bit.

[00:36:49] >> You kind of know the flow. You're a creature of habit for so many years So that's been a bit of an adjustment for him.

[00:36:55] >> Yeah, I thought it was a little bit of an adjustment. The three rounds for me was a big adjustment because I was still playing actively on the PGA Tour. So, you know, to stop that going to three rounds, know that you have to have the pedal down for 54 straight holes. It is an adjustment.

[00:37:16] >> I don't know if it helped him, but I told him on the range this morning, what I do at home is walk the front and then get a cart and a six pack on the back. But I don't think he's going to use that.

[00:37:25] >> Tried and true.

[00:37:27] >> Maybe Carter on the front, but I don't think the six-pack --

[00:37:29] >> Knockdown shot in here.

[00:37:32] >> Yeah. Had it choked down pretty far. And it's a good strike. Just so difficult to get it close to this pin. So, they'll all have to work for their pars.

[00:37:45] >> Up to 11, and Boo Weekley looking to make birdie and gain back the lost shot from the 10. Got to make some putts along the way. He's five shots off the lead, though. Tied for fifth right now. So, in position if he stays locked into the top 10, Cookie, to play his way into the pure ensure next week at Pebble.

[00:38:16] >> Yeah.

[00:38:28] >> Out to the 10th with Van Pelt, two putts from here will do just fine.

[00:38:33] >> Yeah, from the bottom of the green to the top of the green right there up the ridge

[00:38:38] >> Oh, how about one? One will do even better [applause].

[00:38:46] >> Right in there where it changes colors. Oh, he might have.

[00:38:51] >> This is on a good line.

[00:38:58] >> So, no birdies on the scorecard for the overnight leader through the opening 10 holes of the day. Season got off to a cracking start when Ernie won the very first event at Hualalai. Now Goosen's chance. Oh, much easier putt. He's on the right level, just slightly uphill should move left to right. The wind's going to help it move, too.

[00:39:38] >> A really good pace there, John, a beautiful putt.

[00:39:45] >> And collectively really well-played hole here for the final group at the 10th, which has been an absolute handful today. The plain down breeze all week, good scoring holes in that stretch. Back here at 11, Jimenez just trying to make par. He's done it again. So --

[00:40:04] >> Right center.

[00:40:20] >> All right, Bo, unable to replicate the long one. Then he hold back a 10. Now, let's get you to 14. And a birdie putt for Langer.

[00:40:33] >> From underneath the hole, oh, Bernhard.

[00:40:38] >> All right, birdie putt coming back up the slope a bit here for Goosen. Yeah, this is a good look right to left, uphill.

[00:41:05] >> There's that swing. Did he get it? Frost the hole at the very last there, John. Good try.

[00:41:21] >> So, par for Goose in here at the 11th. And Van Pelt will give this one its due diligence. Just take care of this short one to stay one off the lead here.

[00:41:35] >> This is one of those little downhillers that you just don't want it to catch an edge. Then up twice as far coming back. Probably not supposed to think that on the ground green, right, Cookie?

[00:41:54] >> No, but you know that it can happen right in the center.

[00:42:03] >> He has been rock-solid in all departments all week long. The game is in order. And men had to lay it up at 12. Here comes his third.

[00:42:22] >> Always very crafty with this club here. Trying to turn it in there. Just look pretty straight. Very animated this week.

[00:42:34] >> After nearly holing out for the second straight time, Steven Elker, he doesn't miss those. Stays within touch, four back at seven under.

[00:42:54] >> Looking for his first birdie of the day. And for him to get back in this, he's not going to just be able to birdie the easy holes. He's going to have to get a couple of these hard holes too.

[00:43:04] >> Yeah, that is for sure. He's stealing one here. Good opportunity.

[00:43:14] >> Just wanders by an uncomfortable distance. Not a birdie on the card for Ernie and Jimenez, Looking for one here at 14.

[00:43:23] >> With a nice approach just to the back of the green kind of a slow putt little breaker from right to left.

[00:43:34] >> Steven Alker to 15 here.

[00:43:37] >> Well, if he was going to run hit -- run down Retief, he needed that one, the short drivable par four.

[00:43:47] >> All right, Van Pelt, climb within one here.

[00:43:50] >> Just right to left. He has made a mile of putts today.

[00:44:00] >> Great birdie there for Bo Van Pelt. So, Ernie to keep it at eight here.

[00:44:11] >> We're moving pretty quickly right now.

[00:44:21] >> The four-footer.

[00:44:22] >> OK.

[00:44:25] >> So, he stays within four with five to play. And it's beginning to feel a little bit more, Cookie, as it takes shape. And it's going to be Goosen or Bo Van Pelt here on the final day.

[00:44:39] >> It sure seems that way that they've kind of separated themselves from the rest of the field. Bo Van Pelt three clear of a playing partner, Ernie Els, who's in third place. And Retief at 12 under. So not yet match play, but it's kind of getting towards that area.

[00:45:01] >> They will head over to 14. We'll slip away to a quick break with Van Pelt having pulled within one.

[00:45:13] >> And this putter has heated up for Bo on this back nine. I think he just has to give it a chance on these last five holes. He skipped putter in his hand on all five of them.

[00:45:33] >> Look at his birdies today, John. Birdies at seven tough hole. Ten, toughest hole in the golf course today. And 13 second toughest hole in the golf course. And --

[00:45:43] >> How about four, how's he rolling it? Why not?

[00:45:47] >> He is feeling it. I think it's going to rear its head here. This is kind of angry mini haha today. A couple good scores out there, but not many.

[00:46:00] >> No, I agree. Should just go a little right at the end.

[00:46:08] >> Did he hit it? Did he hit it?

[00:46:11] >> Oh, no, that looked like it was going to break right in the middle there, John. It's straightened out.

[00:46:20] >> I think the downwind straightened that out.

[00:46:27] >> So, birdie for Van Pelt, par four Goosen. And they are knotted at the top at 12 under with the 15th to come. We'll go there now. Haas to hold this one and maybe run the tables.

[00:46:42] >> That is for sure. A good bunker shot. Kind of ran out at the end and that stayed straight. And this is not going to make him happy at all.

[00:46:52] >> All right. Ernie, to keep himself in the picture here has to have it.

[00:46:57] >> First birdie of the day for Ernie. He's got a 12 for par.

[00:47:05] >> I had some other good looks today, Cookie. Just can't get it to go.

[00:47:08] >> He finally does [applause and cheering].

[00:47:09] >> Oh, he's going to -- He's taking it in low.

[00:47:19] >> He's sucked it all the way up there, but that's not going to get up. That's not going to get there.

[00:47:23] >> No, it's not. That was a curious decision right there.

[00:47:39] >> You cannot miss long, that's almost instant bogey from back there, but he still has two putts to win. I thought it was a little curious going in that low. Maybe he might eliminate that first part, but still two putts to win.

[00:47:58] >> Sure. He only had 82 yards, but maybe just felt like he was a little too close. That's pretty good pace right there, though.

[00:48:04] >> Yeah, leaves him underneath the boulder, John.

[00:48:06] >> Yep. It's not good, but it's going to force Bo Van Pelt to make his putt.

[00:48:14] >> Goosen will spot. Van Pelt has been marvelous on the greens today. Can he summon a little more magic here at the bitter end of the day?

[00:48:24] >> This is one of those little sticky lies get on this golf course. Very well judged. I had a feeling he was going to hold that one, Cookie.

[00:48:35] >> Yeah, he was trying, no doubt. It's going to have to make that to stay solo third.

[00:48:42] >> Retief Goosen on the doorstep of reentering the winner circle and capturing his fourth victory.

[00:48:51] >> Els -- Ernie's going to go ahead and clear the stage. He just -- If there's any drama, he wants to get out of it.

[00:49:03] >> Classy move. And a good philosophy.

[00:49:12] >> It's been a struggle. I would imagine that he's -- yes, doing all the right things and ready for it to be over. Five at the last for Ernie. He absorbed a few jabs early. Bogeys at the opening three holes never recovered. Found his footing a little bit on the back 8, but just the lone birdie at 14 today on the way to a three over par 73. Ten shots higher than the low round of the week yesterday.

[00:49:46] >> Yeah, I think just a little lack of concentration. Wasn't quite settled on that pitch shot. Wasn't quite settled on that putt, kind of out of his rhythm. So that'll be a tie for third with Darren Clarke.

[00:50:11] >> To put a little additional hit on Goosen.

[00:50:16] >> And went left hard early.

[00:50:19] >> I think that was a pole. I think that may have been one of his worst strokes of the week.

[00:50:29] >> It looked like it just shot left.

[00:50:32] >> A better a runner up finish. Yeah, a runner up finished for your first top 10 out here. That's a lot to build on.

[00:50:41] >> Absolutely. He can take a lot away from this. Those old feelings when you get near the lead or in the lead [applause].

[00:50:51] >> Fourth to last for Bo Van Pelt. Last week's finish was his best of his young Champions Tour career far better this time around 68 on Sunday for the runner up. This is the 138th Champions Tour start for Retief Goosen. It's been 35 starts since he last won more than 18 months ago at the Gallery Classic earlier last season.

[00:51:21] >> Not much to this. Just up the hill, and there it is.

[00:51:24] >> And the goose guts one out. What a performance on the final day as the South African takes down the title at the Sanford International. And he's back in the winner's circle [applause and cheering]. PGA Tour champions victory number four for Retief Goosen. The final round, 67 gets the job done.

[00:51:52] >> Winning is very difficult on any tour, anywhere you are. And his swing looked really good all week. It looked organized. It looked in sync. He only missed two greens today. I only missed five for the week. That's incredible. And that's how you win golf tournaments. You just are organized in, you know, when you're on or near the lead on championship Sunday. He looked really, really good.