

Production Transcript for **26INTCUTCH - BOEING CLASSIC - MASTER**

[00:00:42.189]>>And we welcome you to The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge in the 21st edition of the Boeing Classic. This has been the only home of this terrific event for 2+ decades. 18th tournament of the season on the Champions-Tour schedule along the road to the Charles Schwab Cup. Rory Sabbatini, 6-under through his opening 13 holes here today.

[00:01:05.180]>>Too clear of George McNeill in the midst of a strong rookie season, Thongchai Jaidee, the man from Thailand also at -4, Stewart Cink in pursuit, as always.

[00:01:15.910]>>And he's in pursuit of victory number 5 of the season. Great to have your company. I'm John Swantek. 7-time PGA TOUR Champions Peter Jacobson is here, 11-time PGA TOUR winner, John Cook, our man on the ground.

[00:01:29.849]>>Walking with Stewart Cink, Fred Couples, and Darren Clarke, but we will go to the 8th. Here's Ernie Els for birdie. laid up just short of the green to the right, had a difficult pitch.

[00:01:41.489]>>Hit this up just a little strong and.

[00:01:46.099]>>This could be a par 5 for Ernie.

[00:01:49.400]>>It's disappointing from where he drove it.

[00:01:53.839]>>Up to the 9th. Steven Alker has the tee at this par 3.

[00:01:57.550]>>He's got his daughter Sky on the bag this week. His regular caddie Troy Martin is.

[00:02:03.489]>>Home with his wife Mary, who is celebrating her birthday. Happy birthday, Mary.

[00:02:09.210]>>4 birdies on the Friday scorecard for Alker who stands at -3, looking for another there.

[00:02:16.220]>>Miguel Angel Jimene next at 9.

[00:02:19.919]>>Former champion here.

[00:02:22.050]>>Back in 2022.

[00:02:29.940]>>All right, how about this?

[00:02:36.639]>>That's one of the cool things about this golf Jack Nicklaus designed golf course. There's so many slopes around the edges that you can use those slopes to get the ball to come back to the flags.

[00:02:50.429]>>Justin Leonard had a string of 3 consecutive bogeys earlier starting at the 4th, a chance to get 1 back here at 8.

[00:03:00.869]>>It's a good golf course for Justin.

[00:03:03.470]>>Length always helps, but.

[00:03:05.910]>>Most important here is putting it in the fairway.

[00:03:10.169]>>Golf course is playing firm and fast.

[00:03:15.720]>>Up to the 9th, Vijay Singh.

[00:03:21.399]>>Birdie at 6 and 8. How about it? How about it, Peter, yeah.

[00:03:26.770]>>Let's do it. 3 of the last 4 in the opening 9 for Vijay.

[00:03:32.139]>>Steve Allan is the defending champ this week, 2nd into the 10th year.

[00:03:39.190]>>But, he played so well last year.

[00:03:43.910]>>He said the first time he played here, he didn't play very well, didn't really know the golf course, and

[00:03:49.139]>>Came in last year and wow, just uh took it apart.

[00:03:54.199]>>And then it for a birdie 2 back in the 9th, yeah, you bet. That's 4 across the first half of the day for Miguel. Off to the 10th, where the defending champion is looking for birdie.

[00:04:05.639]>>He had his son Liam on the back for his very first win, of course, a breakout campaign a year ago for the Aussie, winning 3 times out here, including right here in Snoqualmie. This is one of the toughest pins on this, on this green, maybe on this course. It plays short, but there's a lot of Stanger around it now, Fred.

[00:04:26.660]>>For his 2nd birdie, birdie the 1st, the par 5.

[00:04:33.149]>>Sporadic schedule for Fred in 2026, making just his fourth start of the season.

[00:04:39.779]>>Tied for 7th at Haalalai, that was the lone top 10.

[00:04:44.079]>> Rory Sabbatini, the leader, looking to tack on another here at the 5th. Yeah, Rory's been playing really well since he joined the ChampionsTour.

[00:04:56.940]>>All right, Cink, after going back into the bag for a little more weight, got it pretty much a flag high there, Joe.

[00:05:03.890]>>Yeah, he held its ground pretty nicely. I think if he'd have gone with the shorter club, it might have had too much spin and definitely would have gone down the hill. Now this putt goes pretty good from right to left.

[00:05:17.220]>>And it goes right to the bottom, as it often does for this man. There's the 4th birdie in the round for Stewart.

[00:05:24.160]>>Allen with a birdie putt at 12.

[00:05:29.859]>>Feels like last year, about now.

[00:05:33.640]>>

[00:05:37.769]>>Up to 12 where Jiménez came up a little short of the green here a pretty basic pitch here something you practice.

[00:05:46.570]>>A lot, or you should. And something tells me that he does practice that basic chip.

[00:05:57.899]>>Here is Alker back at 12. I knew we'd get to him eventually.

[00:06:03.679]>>Jerry Kelly, Senior Open champion.

[00:06:07.059]>>Looking for birdie at 15.

[00:06:12.890]>>Steve Allan is the defending champ this week, trying to get it to.

[00:06:17.829]>>4 under here

[00:06:21.519]>>It drips that one in

[00:06:26.369]>>Jerry Kelly to get it to 50 and within 2 of the lead.

[00:06:32.109]>>With the birdie at 16.

[00:06:38.420]>>All right, let's catch back up with Couples and Cookie can update us on what's been happening with this group. Fred drove it way to the right, laid it up to here.

[00:06:47.000]>>96 yards out of a little divot.

[00:06:52.600]>>Yeah.

[00:06:57.630]>>Wow, what a shot.

[00:07:00.720]>>Yeah, it, uh, all is forgiven off the tee.

[00:07:09.309]>>It's been a bit of an adventure here for Darren Clarke as well.

[00:07:13.540]>>Yeah, this is his 4th. David it left into the penalty area.

[00:07:19.420]>>Laid it up to here, also 96 yards and he's got a chance to make a 5, somehow, side by side.

[00:07:33.579]>>Quickly the 16 Alker slick one here and he saw Jimenez's putt.

[00:07:40.079]>>Slipped by about 8 ft, so he's a little bit cautious right here and just enough.

[00:07:53.279]>>Ernie Els looking for a little spark late in the round, just birdied the 15th.

[00:07:58.140]>>Oh yeah, there's another. Look at Ernie was looking at that like it's gonna.

[00:08:04.220]>>It's gonna jump back and bite him. Oh, Peter, 2 7s on the card today. Wow.

[00:08:12.019]>>We will go to 18. 1 final birdie chance for Allen.

[00:08:26.769]>>So that was a birdie, 2 putts set to last for the defending champion, and uh he will sign for 69 today.

[00:08:33.669]>>Let's go to the home hole and green light for Miguel here at the par 5. Yeah, this is a really cool par 5.

[00:08:40.820]>>Very skinny green, deep.

[00:08:44.309]>>A lot of hole locations here in the bunkers to the right.

[00:08:48.130]>>are so far below the surface. That is an excellent play.

[00:08:52.739]>>It's gonna catch the slope and come all the way back.

[00:08:56.880]>>Almost hole high, yeah.

[00:09:07.489]>>What a crazy back 93 bogeys, a double, birdie back at 12, and 3 at the last for Miguel, and he's in with 70. Look at that route 66 there on 14 and 15.

[00:09:19.580]>>Back at the 17th, and here's sink just off the edge of the green.

[00:09:24.820]>>Yeah, if you're going to miss this green, this is the perfect spot. Just shorten to the right, left hand low.

[00:09:30.780]>>be pitching on a downslope, moving from right to left.

[00:09:35.960]>>How about it? How about it.

[00:09:38.989]>>The popular bailout spot with the tee shot over there and Stewart Cink took advantage of it.

[00:09:46.140]>>It was, I wouldn't call it a basic pitch and run because as John said, he had to throw it up in the air a little bit, but that is textbook.

[00:09:57.780]>>I don't think there's much break.

[00:10:00.580]>>In this, put the scream.

[00:10:03.219]>>Slopes from back left down to the front right. Yeah, pretty straight.

[00:10:12.289]>>I was so glad that Ernie made me sound like I knew what I was talking about. I said it was easy. It was easy.

[00:10:19.989]>>Over to 9, Søren Kjeldsen.

[00:10:22.789]>>That's been a popular spot just beyond the, the 9th green there, and that has been a pretty common refrain from there. If we put Kjeldsen's shot on top of Vijay's, that's exactly what we saw from Vijay earlier.

[00:10:37.869]>>Bucker shot of Darren Clarke here at the A team.

[00:10:41.409]>>Yeah, pretty stock standard, flat lie.

[00:10:44.789]>>Can't see the putting surface, but

[00:10:47.500]>>Plenty of green

[00:10:50.859]>>Yep.

[00:10:52.030]>>Wow.

[00:10:53.570]>>Really nice

[00:10:58.859]>>John looks to me with that ball above his stands. He's going to aim out to the right. Fortunately, the green slopes that direction.

[00:11:07.340]>>Yeah, I think he has to, Peter. You're exactly right, and the queen does.

[00:11:11.950]>>Yep.

[00:11:14.280]>>Easy to chunk this. I keep the little chunk and run.

[00:11:17.890]>>Yeah, really good, pretty good.

[00:11:22.950]>>All right, Couples for birdie in an under par round here, John.

[00:11:27.530]>>He's straight up the slope, 20 ft, not much break, just pretty slow.

[00:11:33.659]>>Why not?

[00:11:35.020]>>Why not?

[00:11:36.849]>>What a finish. What a 4.

[00:11:50.650]>>Well, I think we're gonna get 3 birdies now. Sink will get the next crack at it.

[00:12:02.200]>>And this should be a, a mere formality.

[00:12:05.909]>>Clark for a 4 under par round.

[00:12:10.270]>>They put on a little show for the fans at 18, 3 4s to close out the day. Well, it just goes to show you, you can make birdie a lot of different ways.

[00:12:20.400]>>And getting the ball up-and-down is imperative.

[00:12:26.130]>>It's David Toms a chance for 4 at the last and uh, an under par round today if he can hold it.

[00:12:37.799]>>Yeah

[00:12:40.390]>>Just enough energy behind that one to get it to topple in. Book and birdies at 10 and 18 for this year's Chubb Classic champion.

[00:12:51.049]>>65 for Rory Sabbatini. He and Tim Herron, who's also on the first page of the leaderboard.

[00:12:57.309]>>Produced the only two bogey free rounds of the day. Excited about Rory Sabbatini. He's been close all year in his, uh, rookie season. Does he have what it takes over this weekend to win his first?

[00:13:20.250]>>And we welcome you to The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge outside of downtown Seattle, Washington, the 18th PGA TOUR Champions event of the season, the 21st edition of the Boeing Classic.

[00:13:33.530]>>Rory Sabbatini was the overnight leader at 7-under after a bogey-free 65 on Friday. That is the mark that Steven Alker and Jerry Kelly are on, the co-leaders through 7 holes, and they're in the final grouping of the day along with Sabbatini.

[00:13:51.770]>>With Peter Jacobson. I'm John Swantek. Great to have your company. Thanks for hanging with us. John Cook is with us as well on the grounds of this beautiful layout here, which has been the host venue for all 21 years at this event. Cookie walking with the final 3 of the day.

[00:14:09.219]>>And they are ready to take on the 8th, and Alker is on the tee. Hello, Cookie.

[00:14:14.530]>>Good afternoon guys, and guys are licking their chops right here downwind par 5, speedy fairway. Just have to miss one of the bunkers on the left or the right.

[00:14:25.739]>>Go.

[00:14:27.630]>>Got a bad bounce on the edge of the bunker, I guess he was fortunate to not go in that bunker.

[00:14:34.049]>>Up 12, the par 3 9th with Stewart Cink.

[00:14:40.320]>>This 9th hole played is the most difficult hole on the course yesterday, a little bit easier today. 4th most difficult. That's all because of that hole location on the left side. It's more gettable, shorter.

[00:14:55.840]>>Back to 8 with the Senior Open champion Jerry Kelly.

[00:15:00.630]>>Really finding his form as of late, downwind par 5.

[00:15:07.200]>>This is starting up the left hand side, needs to go a little bit to miss that bunker.

[00:15:13.020]>>You did.

[00:15:15.570]>>It is running out nicely.

[00:15:23.770]>>Let's go to the 8th. George McNeill in the midst of a really strong rookie season out here.

[00:15:30.369]>>And I made the prediction that he was going to win.

[00:15:33.679]>>This season from Fort Myers, Florida, always been a long ball hitter.

[00:15:40.479]>>And then working from the bunker here at 11.

[00:15:46.219]>>Oh

[00:15:47.760]>>Took a look

[00:15:50.090]>>Yes, yes.

[00:15:53.679]>>And

[00:15:57.539]>>Cink and Fred are trying to climb into the picture here at the 9th.

[00:16:04.390]>>In search of win 5 on the season.

[00:16:08.200]>>Back bunker for Kelly here at the par 5.

[00:16:11.419]>>Yeah, he's got a decent look. He's got some room to work with. Kind of flipped that club right under the ball. Nice looking shot.

[00:16:25.419]>>After the bunker shot of Jiménez earlier, this to remain at 3 under.

[00:16:31.469]>>Boy,

[00:16:33.109]>>Out of that quickly.

[00:16:38.250]>>To the 10th, Ángel Cabrera, 6 of 7 scrambling this week. Oh, Make it 7 of 8.

[00:16:46.849]>>Birdie therefore on Helen, he joins the party at 7 under.

[00:16:52.900]>>Chance to get to 50 here at the 10th for sink.

[00:16:58.390]>>He made birdie here yesterday. Can he back it up? No.

[00:17:09.260]>>Oh, so close

[00:17:14.910]>>Let's take you to 13, Søren Kjeldsen for birdie.

[00:17:19.828]>>Another guy

[00:17:23.150]>>Came out here last year.

[00:17:27.010]>>And they are at the 11th where Alker hit a beautiful shot in here, John Cook.

[00:17:32.050]>>You're taking a

[00:17:33.780]>>Advantage of a great tee shot. Nice little wedge in here from 102 yards. Not much to this.

[00:17:44.910]>>Lost a shot at the 9th, gets it back here and reclaims his share of the lead.

[00:17:50.520]>>Notah Begay having a heck of a Saturday here, looking for birdie from long range here at 17.

[00:17:57.010]>>Our colleague here at Golf Channel from time to time, it's good to see Notah playing and make a birdie at the tough 17th.

[00:18:09.550]>>Stewart Cink has the tee at 13. 4 bogeys on the scorecard for the Charles Schwab Cup points leader.

[00:18:18.400]>>That's just what we don't, we don't see that kind of play from Stewart, the way that he's played all year. That's the kind of play we see from Stewart right there.

[00:18:31.709]>>No birdies today for Rory. 3 bogeys. Oh, that's got to sit. It did. Yeah it does. Just about 5 ft further, that ball goes all the way down to the back of the green.

[00:18:49.920]>>Up to 13 in the sink to get 1 closer to the lead.

[00:18:58.250]>>That's 13th, playing right at an average of 3 today.

[00:19:04.800]>>And last to play into the 12th is Alker.

[00:19:09.000]>>Yeah, fortunate kick over that left bunker. Now 101. This is right in his wheelhouse. Can he control the spin? Absolutely.

[00:19:20.189]>>And here's Begay Peter to get it in the house at 6. Yeah, we're going to make this one. Noda's going to finish at 6 under.

[00:19:28.250]>>Get in. Yes, I'll clap for him.

[00:19:33.430]>>From the booth 67 for Notah.

[00:19:37.280]>>A fist pump and a big smile to follow.

[00:19:46.660]>>First birdie of the back nine for Stewart Cink.

[00:19:49.849]>>Pushes him to 4 under.

[00:19:54.089]>>Vaughn Taylor is up at 15 in the group with the Cink and Cabrera.

[00:20:01.439]>>Oh, this man can roll it. He's Brian and Clark, beg your pardon, and that's birdies at 14 and 15 for Taylor and.

[00:20:10.979]>>Brian Gay's up at 17, looking for a deuce.

[00:20:16.130]>>Yeah, I love the way this man strokes the ball.

[00:20:22.069]>>That's 3 in a 4 hole stretch and it's got Brian Gay at a 4 under par.

[00:20:28.000]>>Scott Parel snuck into the field here off the alternate list, uh, Peter, and making the most of it. Chance to birdie the, or rather eagle the 18th here. Yeah, he's got the length. How about it? Come on, Scott.

[00:20:41.219]>>How does that not go in?

[00:20:44.109]>>Scott Parel is one of the longest, if not, well, I wouldn't say he's Stewart Cink obviously is crazy long and Cabrera.

[00:20:52.540]>>But for his size, Scott Parel.

[00:20:56.750]>>Packs a powerful punch.

[00:21:00.790]>>Birdied 4 of the last 5 to shoot 70 today.

[00:21:05.849]>>Back with Alker.

[00:21:08.290]>>Doesn't have to worry about overspinning it and just needs to hit it hard enough to get up that slope right there. It should take a left break, but.

[00:21:16.810]>>Three pretty ordinary pitch shots.

[00:21:20.719]>>All right, here's Flesch at 16. Can he get it to 6 under here?

[00:21:28.770]>>You betcha.

[00:21:30.619]>>Flesch hanging around. How about that 4 birdies, the back nine.

[00:21:36.510]>>He had a really good looking shot from 131, just kind of skipped through.

[00:21:41.780]>>Wow.

[00:21:43.439]>>What a great read right there, John.

[00:21:50.709]>>Now this one's got some speed too, goes straight down that hill, does move right to left.

[00:21:59.449]>>You didn't.

[00:22:02.300]>>There it is. Hallelujah. Well, as I said earlier, your hands in the air and it's back nine on Saturday. That's key. Not only, it's just key for your attitude.

[00:22:16.359]>>Two big wallops up the 18th for Stewart Cink, looking to close his Saturday with an eagle.

[00:22:23.959]>>Make up for a lot, a lot of those 4 bogeys.

[00:22:27.530]>>That he's made today, but

[00:22:30.579]>>At a birdie

[00:22:32.869]>>Stays within shouting distance and we know.

[00:22:36.079]>>He can make a lot of birdies quickly.

[00:22:38.819]>>This man can make a lot of noise when he's in shouting distance, won't be in the final group tomorrow, but he's in touch.

[00:22:46.849]>>Taylor, he's at the 18th. Can he birdie the last?

[00:22:52.839]>>He sure can, and that will ensure his place in the final group tomorrow, Peter.

[00:22:59.439]>>OK.

[00:23:00.729]>>Steven's only other bogey today came at the 9th the par 3 after an errant iron shot, so.

[00:23:11.349]>>Just keep clean on the back nine and that just broke across the hole.

[00:23:17.050]>>He had a 3 putt yesterday. In fact, his only 2 bogeys yesterday came.

[00:23:21.910]>>On missed short putts.

[00:23:39.890]>>That's the 3rd for Flesch with the green side bunker, and that's the final shot of the day. Well, we said on 17 that he can.

[00:23:49.160]>>Make some noise and make birdies quickly. How about just an eagle?

[00:23:55.040]>>Jerry Kelly trying to win here outside of Seattle for the 2nd time, gonna have to come from off the pace tomorrow to do so, and a birdie here would certainly help the cause.

[00:24:06.869]>>Uphill breaking right to left.

[00:24:23.319]>>3 quick birdies right out of the gate today, the opening 3 holes and.

[00:24:28.859]>>Had the lead at 8 under. It's just nothing doing for Jerry since that point. Bogeys at 6 and 11. No additional birdies on the card. And we had a lot of players start quickly, but then start treading water in the middle of the round into this backside. So 9 under being the lead. I thought it would be maybe 11 or 12 after today.

[00:24:53.680]>>71 for the Senior Open champion, an accomplishment that gets him into The Open Championship at Saint Andrews next year.

[00:25:03.500]>> Steven Alker.

[00:25:05.550]>>2-time Charles Schwab Cup champion, 11-time winner on the Champions Tour. He is the man trying to get his hands on the trophy tomorrow. He'll take a 1-shot lead into the championship Sunday here at the Boeing Classic.

[00:25:34.540]>>Welcome to the final round of the Boeing Classic here at the club. It's Snoolie Ridge here in beautiful Snoolie, Washington. Steven Alker came in with a one-shot lead today and still maintains that lead at 10 under and Cabrera got off to a quick start. 3 birdies through his 1st 6 holes.

[00:25:56.599]>>And he is in a tie for 2nd with Søren Kjeldsen at 9 under.

[00:26:01.660]>>Hey everybody, I'm Peter Jacobson. John Swantek will join us in just a minute.

[00:26:07.420]>>And out on the golf course, my pal, former partner.

[00:26:11.540]>>John Cook

[00:26:13.390]>>The great cookie walking the golf course and we're gonna join the final group on the 8th tee.

[00:26:21.040]>>And welcome in John Cook. Hey, Cookie.

[00:26:24.239]>>Good afternoon there, Peter. Good to hear your voice.

[00:26:28.130]>>Yes, we've been friends a long time, but

[00:26:30.949]>>Guys licking their chops here at #8, downwind par 5, Speedy Fairways.

[00:26:36.760]>> Søren Kjeldsen here.

[00:26:40.579]>>Drives the ball nice and low, a little chaser, but this is up the right hand side. That bunker could catch it.

[00:26:46.699]>>Yeah, this is one of the, one of the holes you've got to get 2nd easiest hole on the golf course so far today.

[00:26:55.170]>>Let's go to 11

[00:26:57.709]>>David Toms has got this.

[00:27:01.030]>>But for Bernie, already a winner this year at the Cubb Classic in Naples.

[00:27:06.609]>>And he just gets that one to trickle in.

[00:27:11.479]>>This par 5 8th hole, you see it down there, there's bunkers on the left and bunkers on the right, so you've got to, what do they say, thread the needle, Swanny.

[00:27:22.209]>>Golf from Peter Jacobson. And here's Alker on the tee at the 8th.

[00:27:28.349]>>Just missed a short birdie putt at the 7th.

[00:27:32.099]>>Separated himself a little bit from the field, but

[00:27:36.119]>>Steven has plenty of power to reach this screen in with a good tee shot.

[00:27:41.349]>>Oh

[00:27:45.560]>>Well, he got a great break right there. It's been kind of a, kind of an indifferent year for Alker. He does have a win, John, but we've seen him struggle a little bit with his putting, a little inconsistent with his, uh, the short stick.

[00:28:01.829]>>Yeah, he talked about that yesterday, Peter, after I talked to him after the round. He says he's just been putting miserably is what he said the last month or so, and no top 10s for the top 10 machine. But here's Vaughn Taylor. He's got 3 bogeys in a row at 34, and 5, so he's got to get back.

[00:28:20.510]>>In the right direction, he's got plenty of length to reach the screen in, if he gets it in the fairway.

[00:28:27.449]>>Oh,

[00:28:29.589]>>Looks like it dove into one of those fairway bunkers.

[00:28:34.910]>>Up to the green at the 8th, and Steve Flesch very much in the hunt here. Eagle would get him to 10 under par, and of course, the eagle the 18th yesterday. Jake, when you hold out from that deep green side bunker at 18.

[00:28:49.150]>>Yeah, played his final 8 holes in 5 under yesterday. And we know, Steve, he can go low very quickly.

[00:29:17.140]>>Oh, that had a serious chance. So Flesch takes care of both of the par 5s on the front side at 1 and 8.

[00:29:27.119]>>I was looking at the leaderboard after the 2nd round, John, and I

[00:29:31.589]>>I thought that anybody as low as 4 under 5 back had a chance, but they had to go really low. They had to do what Ernie's doing and what Cabrera is doing, and just, just keep it down. You got to shoot 7 or 8 under today to have a chance from that far back. 34 on the front side for Fred Couples today to get to 7 under par.

[00:30:01.540]>>Oh, what a shot. That is a difficult hole location.

[00:30:06.219]>>Such a narrow little corner of that 10th green.

[00:30:10.560]>>Richard Green back at the 8th in the group with Flesch.

[00:30:25.609]>>Moves to 7 under, coming into some form in advance of his title defense next week at the Rodgers Charity Classic in Calgary.

[00:30:34.060]>>The Aussie within 3 of the lead.

[00:30:38.869]>>Cink's 2nd on the way here at the 10th. It's always nice to hit after somebody who, like couples who put it up there close. It gives you a good feeling.

[00:30:49.800]>>You like to see the crowd up at the greens cheer because you can't see the green from where Stewart and Fred play, are playing from.

[00:31:05.949]>>They had each other's company in the opening round as well, along with Darren Clarke.

[00:31:11.469]>>Yeah.

[00:31:14.790]>>He birdied from about the same position on the first round.

[00:31:19.520]>>With a similar hole location.

[00:31:21.750]>>And here's Begay for his birdie back at the 8th to get the 7 under.

[00:31:30.530]>>Notah will advance to next week's.

[00:31:35.770]>>Championship up at Calgary with a top 10, so.

[00:31:40.479]>>I know we're not supposed to pull for anybody, but I'm rooting for.

[00:31:44.079]>>Our pal Notah, yeah, it's a good way to do it.

[00:31:48.439]>>Slips inside the top 10 with a birdie at the 8th.

[00:31:52.890]>>Ernie Els 2 back making a big charge today.

[00:31:58.790]>>I wonder if Ernie may be running out of holes off to a quick start, but.

[00:32:08.400]>>All right, Steven Alker with a good tee ball. 204 front gives him 232 to the hole. He can't go at this flagstick, but he can put it out to the center of the green. This is his 4 hybrid.

[00:32:24.390]>>That needs to go a little.

[00:32:26.829]>>No. Oh man.

[00:32:31.310]>>Did it hang on the bank? Maybe we didn't see any ripples.

[00:32:36.239]>>No, it, it, it splashed in the water. Oh, it did. Needed, yeah, needed about 3 or 4 more yards.

[00:32:45.310]>>Jerry Kelly playing with Cabrera, makes birdie at the 10, so Kelly to 9 under, he's just 1 back. Yeah, Jerry yesterday got off to a quick start, birdied 12, and 3, and.

[00:32:56.959]>>Then made 2 bogeys to the house, only shot 71. Here's Cink from just off the edge of 11 Green. Oh, this is, this is makeable right here.

[00:33:08.540]>>Straight up the hill, easy putt.

[00:33:13.780]>>How about that? Hello.

[00:33:16.000]>>Little assist for the flagstick and everything's coming. We can hear that. Let's get you to 13.

[00:33:23.160]>>See if Jerry Kelly can join Alker at the top. Yeah, straight uphill, not much break.

[00:33:32.670]>>I mean, that's at least 12 chances for the guys at 9 to try and join Alker, and they have it. Here's Cink at 14. Yeah, nice laid up.

[00:33:42.040]>>Far enough back to where you can get a full club and put some spin on it like that.

[00:33:49.010]>>Can Cink, get to 10 under.

[00:33:53.770]>>Fine chance there and for Ernie here, could use a 2 at 17.

[00:34:11.070]>>Well, we got another player trying to enter the fray here. Miguel Angel Jiménez moves to 9 under par.

[00:34:17.739]>>How about this leaderboard?

[00:34:21.138]>>David Toms here. Peter is up at 15. He has snuck up the leaderboard today looking to join Alker. Nobody's been talking about David Toms, but now he's tied at 10 with Alker.

[00:34:34.620]>>Just another one of those.

[00:34:38.439]>>Did it at 9, 10, 11, and can you do it at 12?

[00:34:42.959]>>Big miscue with only 121 yards and got up and out of that.

[00:34:47.850]>>It's a pretty straight putt. I think he was trying to maybe trying to make it go left, but that's a really soft bogey there for it used to be our leader.

[00:34:58.530]>>So Flesch can get it to 10, Sink can hear after a terrific shot into 14.

[00:35:05.750]>>I

[00:35:07.070]>>OK,

[00:35:08.790]>>Alker needs to uh.

[00:35:11.899]>>Pay attention, he's now one back.

[00:35:16.770]>>Freddie, to get it to 8 under here.

[00:35:22.270]>>In his 15th start in his hometown, 3 3rd place finishes.

[00:35:28.280]>>And right in the thick of things here.

[00:35:32.189]>>Nota Begay tried to crack the top 10, play his way into next week's event in Calgary.

[00:35:39.600]>>Here we go.

[00:35:41.360]>>He loves those right to lefters, that's why he goes back and forth, left-handed and right-handed. He likes a hook putt.

[00:35:51.250]>>Begay is just 2 back. Jerry Kelly is 1 off the pace.

[00:35:57.379]>>He laughed.

[00:35:59.120]>>Only seen a few players go with this 14th green.

[00:36:02.760]>>Off the tee this week.

[00:36:06.250]>>50-year-old rookie George McNeill, looking for birdie at 15 and locating one there.

[00:36:17.370]>>Let's go to 14, see if Kelly can join the leaders.

[00:36:23.600]>>All right.

[00:36:27.879]>>So we've got 3 at 10, including this year's Senior Open champion.

[00:36:36.669]>>

[00:36:37.969]>>1 back at 16.

[00:36:44.479]>>Come back. Oh yeah, here it comes.

[00:36:50.330]>>Everybody wants to get to 10 under.

[00:36:54.649]>>Alker found the bunker after a bad bounce at 13.

[00:36:58.830]>>Very similar shot he just had at number 12, ball sitting on an upslope, pitching on a downslope. Hold on.

[00:37:06.270]>>How about that? Hold on, Peter. Hold on.

[00:37:11.010]>>Back to 10 under.

[00:37:13.290]>>What a shot.

[00:37:15.610]>>All right, Ernie needs to take care of the short one, the post 10 under.

[00:37:26.629]>>Brilliant round of 64, the low round of the week.

[00:37:34.439]>>Up to 16 and Jiménez looking to join those at 10 under.

[00:37:39.489]>>6 of them.

[00:37:44.540]>>How about this leaderboard? Look at that.

[00:37:47.300]>>Met, having just claimed a share of the lead, has the tee at 17.

[00:37:53.280]>>You can use that slope, middle of the green, it slopes dramatically left, right here, yep, here it goes.

[00:38:03.389]>>Oh, this is good.

[00:38:07.770]>>Sensational delivery from Miguel, looking to be the first to touch 11 under par.

[00:38:15.110]>>Another chance for Flesch at 14.

[00:38:18.830]>>Got a feeling about Flesch. I think he's gonna start making some to the house.

[00:38:25.229]>>There's one, there's one right there. He's been so close with the putter all day, really all week.

[00:38:35.239]>>Ticklish little one for the Miguel birdie at 17. I think seeing Tom's putt is going to help him there.

[00:38:42.929]>>It's not gonna break as much as you think, and it doesn't. How about that string, 5 in a row.

[00:38:50.530]>>7 on this back 9 and 8 holes since the turn.

[00:38:55.889]>>And it's Ames up top, joined by Cink, who just birdied the 15th. So they're at 11 under par.

[00:39:03.969]>>Alker's got to really dig in here, Peter, this for bogey to drop just one.

[00:39:10.050]>>Well, he's won, won the Insperity Invitational a couple of years ago with his son Ben on the bag, and he's got his daughter Sky working for him this week, and I know he wants to.

[00:39:21.699]>>Wants to win the title with his daughter on the bag.

[00:39:27.399]>>This has got to go.

[00:39:30.100]>>Great putt.

[00:39:31.889]>>Good work from Steven, it's been a wild ride today.

[00:39:36.760]>>Check in on Couples trying to get the 10 under Cookie.

[00:39:41.520]>>After his wedge shot skipped through to the back of the green, really quick putt going down the slope, moving to the right. Oh, how about it?

[00:39:52.629]>>Fred Couples to 10 under 3 in a row, and enjoying every minute of it. One off the lead.

[00:40:01.600]>>And not much of a visual of the flagstick, Peter, where it's tucked today. Yeah, this flagstick is.

[00:40:08.159]>>Kind of over there.

[00:40:11.229]>>Right behind that bunker.

[00:40:13.739]>>So this has got to be up in the air with a lot of spin.

[00:40:26.770]>>He a good shot, yeah.

[00:40:33.879]>>9 and I are here for Stewart.

[00:40:40.080]>>Well, he's on a good line, straight at it, needs to go a little.

[00:40:44.959]>>Well, no slope needed.

[00:40:47.989]>>No, when you're hitting a 9 iron, you just take it right at the flag.

[00:40:55.520]>>Miguel Angel Jiménez for a birdie at 18 and a back 928.

[00:41:09.830]>>Go in, go in, go in

[00:41:13.100]>>Then he's in the house at 12 under. wow.

[00:41:16.969]>>What a back nine.

[00:41:20.379]>>For Jiménez.

[00:41:23.989]>>64 on the final day for the 2022 champion.

[00:41:30.500]>>All birdies and one par at the 12th.

[00:41:37.250]>>Yeah, this doesn't have any break at all.

[00:41:42.219]>>A 2 at 17 for Stewart Cink.

[00:41:46.290]>>And he's got a share of the lead and a par 5 ahead of him.

[00:41:51.060]>>Cross bunker's not really in play here for Stewart Cink. He can just blast away. His fairway is super wide for him.

[00:42:08.280]>>I want to do that, tug it in that left bunker, that'll be a layup.

[00:42:12.550]>>Yeah, that was, that was, wasn't a hook. That was just a dead pole for Stuart.

[00:42:20.179]>>Kjeldsen for birdie back at 15.

[00:42:24.580]>>There it is, 1st 1 since the 4th hole for Søren.

[00:42:28.389]>>He's within 2.

[00:42:31.479]>>Here's George McNeill for a birdie at 18 in a round of 67.

[00:42:41.320]>>Good finish. 6 under his last 11 holes to shoot that 67.

[00:42:50.340]>>John, I think he's got to lay it back at least to 80 or 90 to give yourself a full wedge, a full gap wedge or.

[00:42:58.600]>>Lob wedge to put some spin on it.

[00:43:04.830]>>Right in that range, that'd be about 85 yards.

[00:43:15.610]>>Kjeldsen, having just birdied 15, stands at 10 under.

[00:43:22.800]>>Yeah, 3,

[00:43:25.100]>>3 birdies for Kjeldsen just under a 90 yard shot.

[00:43:32.510]>>Be a little bit deep. Use the backstop right there. Now don't overspin it.

[00:43:37.120]>>Don't overspin it.

[00:43:40.949]>>OK, stays up on the proper plateau. Good shot. Yeah, Straight in putt, not much movement, so good chance for Stewart to jet 13 and 1 clear.

[00:43:53.729]>>Fred Couples found the first of those bunkers at 18.

[00:44:00.000]>>Just clear onto the green and they did that. Wow, really good shot. Beautiful shot.

[00:44:07.209]>>That was dicey

[00:44:10.110]>>But worthy of a fist bump.

[00:44:13.219]>>Nice crowd assembling on the hillside at 18, as this dramatic finish unfolds with the final few groups coming to.

[00:44:21.939]>>Here's sink. Yeah, this is a, yeah, this is a great amphitheater right here. Stewart Cink, uphill putt, we'll go to the left.

[00:44:42.590]>>Par at the last for 65.

[00:44:45.919]>>And it's Cink and Jiménez, co-leaders in the house at 12 under.

[00:44:55.580]>>Freddie looking to conclude what's spent a fabulous day and week here.

[00:45:03.350]>>Nice up-and-down.

[00:45:06.149]>>Finished in double digits.

[00:45:11.469]>>Right now he's tied for his best finish here. He's finished 3rd here twice.

[00:45:16.909]>>And he's in a tie for 3rd right now.

[00:45:22.169]>>All right, here's the Alker birdie putt at 16.

[00:45:30.100]>>Yeah, this is the one I was gonna keep my eye on. He's got 3 birdies.

[00:45:34.830]>>If he makes, there's 1. He's got the next 2. This is the 4th shot up ahead at the 18th for Kelly. He can make this.

[00:45:44.550]>>Can make it

[00:45:46.250]>>He can make it

[00:45:49.270]>>And he does

[00:45:51.360]>>What a finish.

[00:45:53.629]>> Stewart Cink's day is complete. The Charles Schwab Cup points leader is at 120 along with Miguel Angel Jiménez. They share the lead.

[00:46:07.070]>>Like his number 93 yards.

[00:46:14.060]>>That's kind of left and long.

[00:46:16.929]>>Yeah, that.

[00:46:18.520]>>Not his best effort there, no.

[00:46:21.129]>>No, he's just been off today. And from the 9th hole on, it's just not been the kind of golf we see from Steven Allker.

[00:46:35.159]>>It's a big putt here for Søren Kjeldsen.

[00:46:39.280]>>Get him a solo 3rd.

[00:46:44.300]>>Good call, Cookie, well done, 68, and a birdie at the last for the dame, slips past those who were at 10 under. And there go Stewart Cink and Miguel Angel Jiménez in their carts out to the 18th tee to begin the playoff.

[00:47:03.010]>>So a sudden death playoff, the first we've had in 10 years here at the Boeing Classic.

[00:47:09.020]>>And we will decide the winner, the 18th event of the season here.

[00:47:18.340]>>17 time PGA TOUR Champions litter, Miguel Angel Jiménez.

[00:47:24.959]>>OK.

[00:47:26.090]>>You

[00:47:27.439]>>Happy honor.

[00:47:35.209]>>do

[00:47:37.139]>>Yeah, the ball.

[00:47:40.080]>>He likes it.

[00:47:42.070]>>Oh, that's long.

[00:47:45.590]>>Ooh, picking up right where he left off a little more than an hour ago.

[00:47:50.139]>>That is just absolutely perfect right there.

[00:47:55.850]>>Stewart Cink has only been in 2 playoffs in his short champion Stewart career. He has won both of them.

[00:48:09.429]>>He's looking at it too far left.

[00:48:14.620]>>Well, he did it again, it's it's not in the bunker, but it's in the rough. It'd be an awkward stance.

[00:48:21.639]>> Kjeldsen finds the fairway, and he's got the advantage here after the tee shots on the first hole of sudden death.

[00:48:32.750]>>Miguel Angel Jiménez will work from the fairway. Stewart Cink skirted those cross bunkers there and.

[00:48:40.620]>>It's got a pretty decent live, we've been told by John Cook, and they're both going to operate from virtually the same yardage here.

[00:48:48.679]>>Yeah, this is uh same number identically. Stuart's ball sitting up perfectly.

[00:48:56.699]>>And maybe a little better angle coming from the left.

[00:49:02.280]>>I'm gonna say about a 2:30 shot. He's got his hybrid out.

[00:49:10.429]>>I hate it.

[00:49:11.899]>>Right up the center of the green.

[00:49:14.689]>>Yeah, smart play.

[00:49:30.459]>>A little bit lower ball flight, that needs to go.

[00:49:35.899]>>Oh, get in the bunker, get down. Yeah, I did get in that first bunker.

[00:49:43.080]>>Miguel arrives and just has a quick inspection of the lie down there, that's a difficult bunker shot. Long one.

[00:49:52.159]>>Cannot see the putting surface at all. I can see about half of the flag stick.

[00:50:02.419]>>bounded it.

[00:50:03.840]>>Ah

[00:50:09.879]>>Miguel just caught too much ball there, so this is very much in the hands of Sink, if he can execute this next shot.

[00:50:18.370]>>Stewart's a little closer than I thought. He was just on the side of the, that little slope.

[00:50:26.879]>>Well, this is it.

[00:50:36.570]>>Not many, if any, players have more of a flair for the dramatic than Miguel Angel Jiménez, but unable to manufacture one there. 4 shots played already with sink aboard in 2 and putter in hand.

[00:50:48.800]>>Two putts to win for victory number 5 of the season and number 9 of his Champions Tour career. John, I've been so impressed with Stuart's putting since he's joined the Champions-Tour.

[00:51:02.110]>>He's just so still, just rocks his shoulders.

[00:51:08.459]>>2 putts to win, now he's turning to the right.

[00:51:12.800]>>Peter, it's hard to two-putt when you have to two-putt, isn't it? That's exactly right.

[00:51:17.919]>>Miguel with a little uphill right to left.

[00:51:24.699]>>All right, in for a 5, just to make things a little more interesting.

[00:51:31.649]>>Just inside 3 ft for the win.

[00:51:36.300]>>And Stewart Cink soars high yet again and takes down the title at the Boeing Classic. Victory number 5 of the season for the Schwab Cup points leader.

[00:51:49.770]>>Peter, we've got a pretty special 2026 brewing, uh, here for Stewart Cink with 5 under his belt already. Well, you look at what Stewart's done and the emergence of Zach Johnson now on the PGA TOUR Champions. There's so many wonderful players, and I think it's proven that it's hard to win out here. We've got so many players that have won on the PGA TOUR that have yet to win out here on the PGA TOUR Champions. It's just hard to win.