

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

[00:00:40.520]>>4th event of the year for the PGA TOUR Champions, sweltering Tucson, Arizona, the Cologuard Classic.

[00:00:50.650]>>Steven Alker, the defending champion, gorgeous conditions. It is hot, 100 degrees. So is Bo Van Pelt. He's at 7 under par, made an eagle at the par 5/3 to get to 7 under par, started his day on 10. Darren Clarke at 6 under par through his opening 10 holes. Paul Goydos and Brian Gay each at 5 under par. Ernie Els, Padraig Harrington, Retief Goosen.

[00:01:20.510]>>Part of the group of Hall of Famers in the field here this week. Bob Papa, along with Paul Azinger, John Cook.

[00:01:28.199]>>In the desert.

[00:01:35.910]>>Uh, Steven Alker for his birdie.

[00:01:41.269]>>Yeah, right from the front of the green, so that gives him just under 20 ft.

[00:01:45.610]>>He'll move slightly to the right off the putt, right off the strike and pretty straight. There's not a whole lot of break around this cup.

[00:01:59.800]>>Came back to the left at the end and went in. I thought it was gonna miss on the right, and so did he. Little left-hand turn right in the middle.

[00:02:13.949]>>Padraig Harrington gets to 5 under. Boy, no frustration for Padraig. I mean, that weekend he had after a.

[00:02:22.149]>>What did he shoot, 78 in round one.

[00:02:26.380]>>Ángel Cabrera over at 8.

[00:02:29.660]>>This is his 3rd shot.

[00:02:33.979]>>So Cabrera knocks that in for birdie.

[00:02:39.639]>>Retief Goosen playing his 2nd at the 11th.

[00:02:45.149]>>Goosen making his 3rd start of the year, finished solo 3rd at Hualalai.

[00:02:52.649]>>Now, Stewart Cink for Birdie.

[00:03:04.070]>>That was one he thought he had a good putt.

[00:03:07.039]>>Yeah, that really peeled off.

[00:03:10.119]>>Yeah, I'm gonna ask the

[00:03:12.399]>>Go to 9. Miguel Angel Jiménez. Quiet start for the year for Miguel so far compared to last year.

[00:03:22.970]>>They won in Morocco and then.

[00:03:26.160]>>Started ripping off winds.

[00:03:28.710]>>Wound up winning the Hoag Classic, 4 wins last year.

[00:03:33.990]>>Retief Goosen

[00:03:38.410]>>Getting set for his eagle at 11.

[00:03:48.710]>>That looked pretty good, goose. Way to play that hole.

[00:03:52.259]>>Beautiful.

[00:03:54.880]>>Now, Zach Johnson.

[00:03:59.059]>>Right light, just a little feeler. Control your distance, even if I hit a 1:15 shot, it's probably fine, yep.

[00:04:09.949]>>So this is also 129, 123 front downwind.

[00:04:14.529]>>He does have 4 wedges in his bag, so I, I would imagine this would be his 50 degree wedge.

[00:04:21.399]>>And he can go, he can go at it.

[00:04:24.290]>>front right pin needs to fly all the way there. Does it get up enough? Yep, good shot. You could tell he loved it. He gave it the one spin, started rooting a little.

[00:04:37.089]>>Now Jiménez for birdie to get to 4 under.

[00:04:50.709]>>Bernhard Langer.

[00:04:52.869]>>With a lengthy birdie putt at the 12th.

[00:04:59.390]>>Can you believe this guy?

[00:05:01.679]>>You already made one this length. Bingo, not another 10.

[00:05:08.269]>>How

[00:05:09.679]>>Three in a row for Langer, clean scorecard, past champion at the Cologuard Classic. And I mean, what event is he not a past champion of? But he's at 6-under.

[00:05:21.429]>>Harrington's tee shot at 12.

[00:05:30.989]>>Lovely.

[00:05:33.519]>>Short's no good, that's for sure.

[00:05:37.829]>>Bo Van Pelt lengthy eagle.

[00:05:41.829]>>Just to shoot 61.

[00:05:48.970]>>Almost made it.

[00:05:53.089]>>So he'll have that tap in to shoot 9 under.

[00:06:00.649]>>62, Bo, that is some kind of score.

[00:06:11.540]>>Jesus Christ. Kelly with the bad back and all for birdie.

[00:06:17.290]>>Yeah, he said the intercostal muscle mid right side is just pinched and.

[00:06:26.290]>>I can't turn in inner what intercostal muscle. It's in between the rib. Yeah, brutal. I've done that too. That is no fun. That stuff. Alker makes his birdie to get to.

[00:06:41.130]>>One under.

[00:06:45.959]>>Zach Johnson

[00:06:47.989]>>Making only a 2nd start in his PGA TOUR Champions career.

[00:07:00.000]>>Very good opportunity and he takes advantage of it.

[00:07:10.329]>>Would this be a birdie? Would this be one of the best birdies ever?

[00:07:14.309]>>No kidding. Out of that left rough, not a great lie. Took on this whole location, hit perfectly.

[00:07:21.149]>>Now, if you don't keep the speed up, this will fall off to the left.

[00:07:27.320]>>Oh, we got it. And will he go in and get it? Come on, let's get Eric Miller to get Can he reach out? Can he reach? Eric, take the ball out.

[00:07:36.570]>>He needs a suction cup on the end of that putter. Darren Clarke was 7-under through his 1st 11, made a double at 13, has this for birdie at 17, and Aaron Clark gets back to 6 under, 3 off the lead.

[00:07:52.329]>>There's no quitting Darren Clarke. Bernhard Langer.

[00:07:57.350]>>For birdie

[00:07:59.579]>>At 15

[00:08:06.359]>>Bertie's for survivors here at 15, huh? Yeah, um.

[00:08:14.720]>>Well, Stewart Cink

[00:08:17.209]>>Birdie at 14. This for birdie at 15 and 1500 for the cause. Oh, yeah, it was. Another 1500 in the coffers, not the one you would expect, but a nice run for Sink after the bogey.

[00:08:35.669]>>Padraig Harrington.

[00:08:38.419]>>Finished tied for 4th in his first event of the year at the James Hardy Pro Football Hall of Fame Invitational. Coaxes that one in. That's the right word too, because it, it required some coaxing.

[00:08:52.109]>> Retief Goosen

[00:08:54.469]>>Finishing up has this for par. Oh, yeah, no mistake for Retief. What a score. Bogey-free, 64 for the Hall of Famer.

[00:09:05.719]>>What does Zach Johnson have left, John?

[00:09:08.580]>>Yeah, he hit a good tee ball, he's only got 236 to the front. Gives him 256 hole. Does still have to go up the righthand side, I believe, I don't think he can clear that bunker if he takes a direct line, the wind is really picked up.

[00:09:27.520]>>Looks like a little downslope on camera.

[00:09:32.929]>>Yeah, a little bit of ball above his feet, slightly on the downslope.

[00:09:39.119]>>Come on, girl. Well, that ball is torched, torched right up the right side of the green. Oh, that is something else, isn't it? We haven't seen anybody put it up there like that in a long time. And, uh, you heard his caddie, Brian Smith.

[00:09:54.869]>>Ernie Els making his 2nd start of the year on the PGA TOUR Champions, has a putt for birdie at 18.

[00:10:04.340]>>So Ernie shoots a 5 under 66 and sets himself up for the weekend as well. Bogey-free for Els.

[00:10:14.190]>>Now, Zach Johnson, probably more than he would have expected left for birdie, John.

[00:10:19.830]>>Yeah, no doubt about it. This is a good 5 ft.

[00:10:23.030]>>Will moves slightly to his right, can't get it outside the hole though, I don't believe. Keeps the speed up. He's missed a number of these putts to the right so far.

[00:10:34.159]>>Yeah, he even acknowledged it.

[00:10:37.059]>>And no mistake here, that was buried. Zach gets to 3-under. Can he make 1 more, get to that 4-under and set himself up nicely for the weekend.

[00:10:49.270]>>Miguel Angel Jiménez 2nd at 17.

[00:10:56.799]>>A birdie chip, and he made it. Way to go. That was pretty sweet. Yeah, especially after the bogey at the last hole, the par 516. So, Miguel gets to 4-under. It's gonna be a lot of fun on Saturday. Bo Van Pelt at 9-under will have a 2-shot lead when he starts round number 2, but you see the name brands chasing him. Langer, could he win for a 48th time on the PGA TOUR Champions at 68 years of age?

[00:11:23.570]>>Anything is possible here in Tucson. Well, and I really like Retief. I feel he's gonna be pretty dangerous. You got a wind under his belt. There's a lot of thoroughbreds, all familiar names, you know, that's the best part about watching these guys go at it.

[00:11:45.500]>>PGA TOUR Champions, 4th event of the year in Tucson, 12th consecutive year. Play of the Cologuard Classic, La Paloma Country Club is playing host. Yesterday it was 102 degrees. It's cooled off today, only 95. Bo Van Pelt shot a 9 under 62 to take the overnight lead. Bernhard Langer, 2-und through his 1st 3.

[00:12:08.510]>>68-year-old trying to win the 48th time in the PGA TOUR Champions. Not a lot happening for Hall of Famer Padraig Harrington even through 4 today. Tim Petrovic, Michael Wright.

[00:12:21.150]>>4 under on their rounds today.

[00:12:25.059]>>Bob Papa, Paul Azinger, so glad you can join us. John Cook out on the golf course with Cologuard Classic.

[00:12:35.960]>>Well, Bo's probably a little jumpy still. I think this will get him even more jumpy.

[00:12:41.989]>>If you were to miss this putt, yeah, for sure, man, he's gonna come up short. That's a rough start.

[00:12:48.809]>>It's been a while for him to have any kind of taste of the lead, you know, he's really been a good player through the years.

[00:12:57.729]>> Retief Goosen lengthy birdie putt.

[00:13:01.489]>>Yeah, I hit it on the run right there, so.

[00:13:05.080]>>A bogey par par start for Retief, kind of given a couple away here.

[00:13:11.789]>>Uh, we get a big swing right here with Tongchai Jaidee.

[00:13:16.299]>>Greens are a little quicker than they were yesterday, maybe about a 0.5 ft.

[00:13:23.369]>>Jaidee won in 2022 in Madison, Wisconsin at the American Family Insurance Championship. The following year, won at Pebble Beach, the PURE Insurance Championship for his two wins.

[00:13:42.979]>> 10 under par.

[00:13:45.460]>>Take a lead, and I got up and out of it.

[00:13:48.130]>>He did. That was a wipe across, no doubt.

[00:13:52.169]>>Definitely kind of drug the putter.

[00:13:58.650]>>How long has he been using that long putter, I wonder.

[00:14:05.349]>> Y.E. Yang ahead at the 5th, playing his 2nd.

[00:14:10.909]>>Yang just 4 back.

[00:14:13.590]>>Yang is gonna get to 3 back with that short putt for birdie.

[00:14:19.630]>>Now Richard Green, who finally broke through and got that first win after so many runner-up finishes in 2024, buries that. So Richard Green continues his climb up the leaderboard. He's at 7-under and a nice bounce back.

[00:14:38.190]>>But with a quality shot here, you know, get a little confidence back, that's all you're looking for. How do you handle stress?

[00:14:47.929]>>This is moving day one way or the other.

[00:14:52.549]>>That looked pretty good the center of the green, yeah.

[00:14:58.609]>> Y.E. Yang to finish up this birdie at the 5th.

[00:15:02.880]>>Move him to within 3 of the lead. So Y.E. Yang, 1 under on his round, 3 off the lead. Boy, we are on a birdie drought here for the last 30 minutes. Harrington for birdie.

[00:15:16.400]>>Oh, the lid, the cellophane lid.

[00:15:21.820]>>Yeah, you're right. Nobody's making anything yet that we've seen anyway.

[00:15:28.559]>> Bo Van Pelt, who started this 2nd round with a 2-shot lead, trails by 1 right now, his 2nd at the 6th.

[00:15:37.250]>>189 yards just like Tongchai and but this is on a much better line, good looking shot.

[00:15:43.760]>>Oh yeah.

[00:15:45.849]>>God, he bounced that in there perfectly.

[00:15:52.530]>>You know, while we were, before we came on the air, Langer made back-to-back birdies. We're like, watch out for Langer. Trail has gone a little cold, 3 straight pars. No surprise he hits this fairly close. Another one right straight at the flag.

[00:16:10.260]>>This was a moment ago, Jason Caron's 3rd at par 5 9th. Jason lost in a playoff here last year to Steven Alker.

[00:16:19.239]>>And knocks that in for eagle. So there we got something. Al, almost all moments ago, go in. If not, they lip out or something great.

[00:16:31.780]>>Well, this would be big for Bo Van Pelt to.

[00:16:35.200]>>Get this to drop.

[00:16:49.130]>>No doubt about it, Bob. Pretty easy look, might fall slightly to his left, and that is a nice birdie, that'll settle him down, that'll settle him in.

[00:17:05.300]>>Par 5 9th.

[00:17:07.790]>>Harrington's 2nd. That'll be a mighty slash.

[00:17:15.790]>>Oh, yes, sir, wow, what a carry. How about this shot by Padraig.

[00:17:28.068]>>Let's check out this swing. Watch his feet.

[00:17:31.630]>>Nice and quiet.

[00:17:35.020]>>Oh, it's not a nice line here, Paul. Yes, it is.

[00:17:41.239]>>Miguel Angel Jiménez for birdie at 10 to get to 7 under.

[00:17:50.640]>>Thank you, very good.

[00:17:52.069]>>Missed a short one earlier, his 3rd of the day.

[00:17:57.150]>>Cookie, um, Bo Van Pelt with a tricky 2nd here at the 7th. Yeah, he's had this pitch before out of the rough landing on a downslope, but he got a little too much ball here. Yeah, caught the right edge of the hole, which might have slowed it down a little bit. All right, let's see if Harrington can vault up this leaderboard. Eagle at the 9th from about 6 ft.

[00:18:19.949]>>Buries it. No doubter right there. That is a confident stroke. This guy has been on fire since his disastrous first nine holes in Boca.

[00:18:29.959]>>Steve Allan, who won 3 times last year for his 1st 3 wins, started the day 6 back. Well, he's 6-under on his round, birdied 9, 10, 11, and his tee shot here at 12. That'll be a tough birdie to keep the streak alive, but it's a pretty good shot. That's a sucker pin on the right corner.

[00:18:51.239]>>Tommy Gainey to get to 8 under within a shot of the lead.

[00:18:59.160]>>Boy, there are just so many players with a chance.

[00:19:05.270]>>Bo Van Pelt

[00:19:07.089]>>Playing his 2nd at the 8th.

[00:19:10.910]>>This is from 143 yards, 140 to clear the bunker. A lot of ways to get it close here, a little, sitting on a little bit of a ball, but oh, that wrap around the flag. It did, it did hit it, crawled down the flag and spun off the green. That happens a lot, sadly.

[00:19:27.219]>>Allan for birdie.

[00:19:33.699]>>And that comes up a little bit short.

[00:19:36.560]>>Cameron Percy has this putt for birdie. He, like Steve Allan, started the day 6 back, this to get to 9 under.

[00:19:47.329]>>So Percy's at 9-under. And he's thinking, why not me? Why can't I win this tournament? Bo Van Pelt.

[00:19:55.329]>>For Birdie. John, what about putting off this fringe around the green?

[00:20:01.069]>>Yeah, it's pretty smooth. It's the overseeded rye grass. But it goes pretty smooth, but it's pretty slow, and that's justification. There you go.

[00:20:19.020]>>Uh, Bernhard Langer played his 2nd to just short of the green.

[00:20:24.890]>>And along along a similar line is Gainey's putt for eagle, Langer has this for birdie. Langer.

[00:20:32.920]>>Just a shot off the lead, got off to a fast start, birdies at 2 and 3, had some really good looks since, but hasn't made anything. 5 straight pars for Langer.

[00:20:48.969]>>And he's in a share of the lead now at 9 under.

[00:20:59.469]>>Harrington for birdie at the 10th.

[00:21:04.400]>>Started the day 5-under, and he's 5-under on the round 10.

[00:21:12.459]>>So now Bo Van Pelt on the opposite side of the hole that Jaidee just missed from.

[00:21:19.890]>>Yeah, this will move slightly to his right, but again, you gotta have some pace up on this, or it'll whip across the hole. But he's been fairly aggressive with his, with his speed.

[00:21:31.469]>>Whew.

[00:21:34.060]>>That went in like it had some purpose, and he has seized the lead back.

[00:21:41.109]>>Padraig Harrington.

[00:21:43.290]>>His 3rd at the par 5 11th.

[00:21:48.670]>>Another eagle.

[00:21:51.390]>>So Harrington with eagles at 9 and 11 and the Hall of Famer.

[00:21:57.560]>>Is now in the lead at 11 under. That's how fast it can happen in the desert.

[00:22:03.040]>>And man, what a move. Shocking, really.

[00:22:08.920]>>Allan, really out of position. How good was that? You see Cameron Percy, he thought it was, yeah, he did.

[00:22:19.329]>>Zach Johnson

[00:22:21.609]>>As this putt for birdie to get to 8 under.

[00:22:28.760]>>Geez, Zack, another nice putt. So he's in the mix. Yeah, he is. He's only 2 shots back after the Padraig bogey, and it's Padraig Harrington, Bernhard Langer.

[00:22:40.410]>>Bernhard Langer for eagle.

[00:22:43.989]>>At 11. This would give him the outright lead.

[00:22:51.680]>>Look at this right at it.

[00:22:57.140]>>But that'll be a tap-in birdie for Langer to get him to 10 under. Yep, no bogeys this week. Flawless golf by Bernhard.

[00:23:22.040]>>We ripped it right through the left and.

[00:23:25.849]>>Opportunities missed there for both Retief and Tongchai.

[00:23:38.109]>>Well, you know, I'll say it one more time and this will be it, but the greens are running a bit slower. You know, this is just one of those things. The greens are in transition.

[00:23:47.650]>>And we've seen just putts die right at the end of the roll and miss.

[00:23:55.339]>>That's an easy birdie.

[00:23:57.819]>>Yeah, at least that one missed the high line with some speed.

[00:24:03.959]>>So Jaidee.

[00:24:06.619]>>In the lead at 11 under.

[00:24:12.819]>>Van Pelt with a short one for birdie to get to 10.

[00:24:21.670]>>A 36 hole scoring record.

[00:24:29.979]>>Harrington for birdie. Got it. Dead center, Padraig, little bounce back after the three-putt.

[00:24:41.920]>>Jason Caron lost in a playoff to Alker last year and.

[00:24:47.479]>>Rolls that thing in. Horses for courses. Jason Caron likes it out here.

[00:24:54.089]>>This is a big putt for Jaidee because if Jaidee does not make this par, it puts Gainey and Langer in the last group tomorrow.

[00:25:05.020]>>And Jaidee in the 2nd to last group.

[00:25:08.099]>>Because they've already posted 10 under. Now, John, at 17, it's like he didn't even blink at that par putt. He's been pretty steady on this stuff.

[00:25:18.709]>>He's been, he's been pretty rock solid that he has.

[00:25:23.800]>>This is all of 4 ft. It doesn't do much. I was put in this one earlier. Might be left center at the most.

[00:25:32.160]>>There.

[00:25:36.829]>>He's made one bogey all week. That came in round 1 at 14. Jaidee and Harrington will head into the final round in a share of the lead. Jaidee started the day, 2 back.

[00:25:53.079]>>Harrington started the day 4 back.

[00:25:57.310]>>Jaidee looking for his 3rd win on the PGA TOUR Champions. Look at Zach Johnson. Look at Steven Alker. They're right there. Can Langer get win number 48?

[00:26:16.040]>>PGA TOUR Champions, final round of the Cologuard Classic, getting set in Tucson, Arizona, La Paloma Country Club, jammed leaderboard. It's gonna get sorted out today. Tommy Gainey.

[00:26:31.849]>>Started the day just a shot off the lead. Gainey with a birdie at the 4th, and this would get Tommy Gainey to 12 under par and a share of the lead. Steven Alker, the defending champion, shot 62 yesterday, off to another fast start, his 2nd at the par 4 5th.

[00:26:53.770]>>Alker came off the pace last year to win in a playoff against Jason Caron, right in position. He'd make birdie at 5 and then his 2nd into the par 4 6th, and Alker is dialed in, trying to go back-to-back.

[00:27:09.640]>>There's never been a multiple winner of the Cologuard Classic. Could Alker be the one to do it for the first time? 12-under is the number. Alker, Harrington, Gainey, Bernhard Langer at 68 years of age, he's 2 shots back along with Thomas Bjørn, Kirk Triplett, Billy Mayfair, Bo Van Pelt, and Tongchai Jaidee.

[00:27:32.569]>>Papa, Paul Azinger. So glad you could join us. John Cook on the ground in Tucson, Arizona.

[00:27:43.959]>>And let's take you out to the 7th green and Harrington has this putt for birdie, and Cookie, Harrington made birdie at 1, did not birdie the par 5 3rd.

[00:27:53.739]>>And pars at 4, 5, and 6, but a good look here at 7.

[00:27:59.280]>>Yeah, absolutely. Good afternoon, guys. Championship Sunday here. Beautiful afternoon, not quite as warm as it has been. Wind is down and Padraig with a beautiful approach right here at the par 3 7th.

[00:28:11.869]>>Missed a similar length putt back at 6 for Birdie.

[00:28:16.349]>>Gotta keep pace up on these greens and that's well done. Good birdie here at 7. Definitely a good birdie for Padraig.

[00:28:26.829]>>Steven Alker started well off the pace last year.

[00:28:30.819]>>Going into the final round, Greg Chalmers had the lead, shot 30 on the back nine coming in and.

[00:28:37.640]>>Alker shot an even par 71 in round one. He was 9 off the lead, but now right in the mix.

[00:28:48.060]>>Bo Van Pelt shot a 9 under 62 in round one.

[00:28:53.609]>>He struggled yesterday with a 1/72, but rolls in that birdie putt, and he's only 2 off the lead. Maybe a little more comfortable coming off the pace.

[00:29:06.439]>>This is played as the 4th easiest hole throughout the week. There have been 3 eagles at the 9th this week. 3rd for Alker at the par 5. If Alker can just keep his foot on the gas like that, look at this, gonna roll up into a tap-in for Alker. That's gonna get him to 13 under. Hard to win on Sunday on the PGA TOUR Champions are really.

[00:29:28.800]>>Any tour event, if you're gonna make 3 bogeys on Sunday.

[00:29:35.089]>>Well, I was giving it to him. It, it wasn't a gimme. He drilled it. Beautiful birdie.

[00:29:42.150]>>After that round yesterday, keeps going. Yeah, it shot even par 71 and was 9 back.

[00:29:49.420]>>And then, you know, it's not often that Steven Alker on the weekend.

[00:29:54.750]>>Starts on the 10th tee, but he did yesterday and he didn't like it and he went out and he shot a bogey-free 62.

[00:30:02.569]>>Zach Johnson, to keep his name in the equation for this week, must make.

[00:30:10.849]>>Zach won his PGA TOUR Champions debut two weeks ago at the James Hardy Pro Football Hall of Fame invitation.

[00:30:20.560]>>First birdie of the day for Zach.

[00:30:25.040]>>Tommy Gainey playing his 3rd at the 9th.

[00:30:29.060]>>I like the putter here.

[00:30:33.469]>>Coming off the sticky stuff and, uh, that is about as well as you can do it. Easy birdie for Tommy Gainey.

[00:30:41.369]>>So that gets Gainey to his share of the lead, 13 under. Yep, two beautiful shots, crushed his drive, hit his second shot right where it needed to be.

[00:30:51.099]>>And now I just try not to stomp in somebody's line.

[00:31:06.430]>>Now Padraig for his birdie from along the same line and he kept his speed up. Nice birdie. Yep, no mistakes by Padraig.

[00:31:19.280]>>Bo Van Pelt for birdie at 13.

[00:31:23.469]>>Get to 11 under and.

[00:31:26.550]>>He's now 2 back.

[00:31:35.010]>>Well, now Zach wants to get his, uh, name.

[00:31:38.530]>>Up there in contention.

[00:31:40.979]>>4 back at the moment to get within 2.

[00:31:45.359]>>Thank you very much. So he's suddenly back in.

[00:31:53.099]>>Steven Alker for birdie at 11, this.

[00:31:57.510]>>For the outright lead. This will be a two-putt birdie, and he's got it. And now he is the solo leader after starting round 19 shots back, actually starting round 29 shots back.

[00:32:12.560]>>Giving himself a chance right here. Yeah, well, it is very dry and crispy out here and hard in that altitude, you know, these guys hit it 1 mile and so he just flicks a wedge into this shot or into this hole.

[00:32:25.400]>>And now a chance for the big 3.

[00:32:30.500]>>How about it?

[00:32:33.060]>>No, we've seen so many times before.

[00:32:40.109]>>Just dried up at the end. Remember he eagled the 9th and the 11th yesterday, played 9, 10, and 11 at 5 under to get back in this tournament.

[00:32:53.599]>>Does make the birdie, so he's in a share of the lead now.

[00:32:58.459]>> Tongchai now

[00:33:08.219]>>So that gets him at least to within shouting distance.

[00:33:13.790]>>3 back as they head to 12. K.J. Choi having another good week was in the mix last year here at the Cologuard Classic.

[00:33:24.800]>>And ends with a birdie, so KJ.

[00:33:27.910]>>Finishes the week at 11-under after shooting a 4-under 67 today.

[00:33:41.739]>>Uh, great chance now for Padraig to take the outright lead. These are the kind of putts you make when you win, these fifteen-footers.

[00:33:51.640]>>They've already made their share, he and Alker both.

[00:34:01.219]>>Well, traditionally the hardest hole on the golf course, the Hall of Famer makes it look easy. Birdie at 13 for Harrington, he has the outright lead at 15 under.

[00:34:12.600]>>Bernhard Langer.

[00:34:15.860]>>Two over today, Langer, the 2020 Cologuard Classic champion, he finally makes one.

[00:34:26.678]>>Well, the last 12 holes yesterday, he had a lot of good looks.

[00:34:31.500]>>Zach Johnson's 3rd at 16. This is a hard bunker shot.

[00:34:36.979]>>And he made it look easy.

[00:34:39.428]>>Couple of easy bunker shots, you know, he didn't really pull them off.

[00:34:44.580]>>I think this is a shot Alker can handle. It looks really difficult. There's one way to play it, you have to make it spin.

[00:34:54.178]>>Yes, sir. He had no option there. You can only play one shot and he executed it beautifully. Zach Johnson now to get to 13 under, you know, he's not.

[00:35:06.280]>>Out of this picture yet because Harrington has a difficult two-putt, sure does. And I'll tell you, we've seen, as we've mentioned, Bob, the big comebacks here on the back nine at this tournament.

[00:35:16.969]>>But he's in the same situation, the previous hole, it's just a long lag putt here.

[00:35:23.620]>>Yeah, again, two parts to this one, it'll go left up that slope back to the right, and it's really slow, and then, OK, he's got a good 3.5 ft.

[00:35:38.879]>> Alker after a terrific bunker shot.

[00:35:43.290]>>No mistakes there.

[00:35:45.780]>>Defending champ has gotten it to 15 under.

[00:35:53.300]>>OK, Tommy Gainey.

[00:35:56.929]>>For Eagle just off the front of the green at 16.

[00:36:01.439]>>He had it close to Tongchai off the tee and hit the identical same cool little running shot to right here. Slow putt with a huge break from right to left, well judged.

[00:36:13.000]>>Baby, it's a gift. It's a gift.

[00:36:17.010]>>What a putt.

[00:36:21.100]>>Oh, that double on 13 now really hurts.

[00:36:25.189]>>Goodness, what a putt.

[00:36:29.629]>>How fun.

[00:36:32.500]>>JD for birdie.

[00:36:37.489]>> Hello.

[00:36:40.179]>>Almost missed it.

[00:36:46.389]>>Let's take a look at what's on tour next week.

[00:37:12.489]>>The greatest Irish golfer to ever play the game.

[00:37:16.879]>>Is Padraig Harrington, and now he has to get this up-and-down to win it all this week, John.

[00:37:24.979]>>It's all touch. Yeah, he, it is, it's all touch. He had an impossible shot back there at 7 at 16.

[00:37:33.030]>>But other than that, he's, he's been pretty efficient with his short game.

[00:37:38.239]>>And this right here, get a little bit of loft on it, land it a couple of feet on the green, let it trundle out.

[00:37:47.090]>>He's carrying some speed.

[00:37:49.520]>>It's carrying speed. It is carrying speed that left to win it. All the adrenaline, man. He just launched that second shot. It flew the green.

[00:38:05.629]>>This for solo 3rd for Tommy Gainey.

[00:38:20.469]>>Oh, what a cash putt.

[00:38:22.750]>>A lot of players sitting here.

[00:38:26.080]>>3rd, no, actually just a couple now. That was a log jam a couple minutes ago.

[00:38:38.239]>>You know, Tongchai Jaidee, who's won twice on the PGA TOUR Champions.

[00:38:45.219]>>But does not have exempt status.

[00:38:49.969]>>He is gonna be the highest finisher in the top 10, not exempt into the next event. So.

[00:38:58.129]>>Despite the disappointment of a couple early bogeys and shooting 2 over on the front.

[00:39:05.149]>>He is gonna earn a spot next week at the Hoag Classic in Newport Beach. Good for him. It's been a good week. It could have been a great week.

[00:39:15.639]>>We don't know what the status of Jerry Kelly is with his injury.

[00:39:20.659]>>Uh, he's already withdrawn, I've been told, so.

[00:39:26.060]>>But Jaidee has earned his way in with his play this week.

[00:39:31.169]>>Oh

[00:39:38.919]>>It just did break a little bit at the end, which tells me that Padraig probably gonna have to play this inside the hole.

[00:39:48.120]>>Jaidee opened with 64, followed it up with 67, 70 today. Started the day in a share of the lead with Harrington.

[00:39:56.840]>>So now all eyes turn towards the.

[00:40:02.739]>>World Golf Hall of Famer Padraig Harrington, 6 Hall of Famers in the field here this week. Harrington.

[00:40:11.360]>>In his sixty-seventh start of the PGA TOUR Champions trying to lock up.

[00:40:16.360]>>Win number 12. And John, he's had a grind here down the stretch with some great par saves and then birdies at the difficult 13th and 17th.

[00:40:27.379]>>Uh, but leaving a lot on his plate here at 18. Yeah, good 6 ft here and like you said, he got a little bit of a read off of.

[00:40:37.459]>>A Tongchai, so inside the right edge, no more than that, a little bit of speed, right center.

[00:40:47.909]>>Harrington for par and the win.

[00:40:55.129]>>It catches the left edge of the cup and does not fall. Well, you know what?

[00:41:03.010]>>Always the case from above the hole, if it goes past the hole, you have to keep it inside on the way back up the hill. He got it just on the right lip, and now we have a playoff, one of the great comebacks in champs history for Alker. 9 shots back after day one, now finds himself in a playoff against 3-time major champion.

[00:41:25.120]>>This would be pretty exciting here down the stretch. I didn't expect Padraig to bogey that last hole, misclubbed, hit it over the green.

[00:41:35.070]>>What a jolt to the system that'll be for him. He's gonna really have to gather himself.

[00:41:41.639]>>Padraig Harrington, Steven Alker heading to a playoff here at the Cologuard Classic. This is the 12th Cologuard Classic, and for the 2nd year in a row we

have a playoff, both involving Steven Alker. 18, 18, we'll well, gentlemen, and Steven, now's the owner.

[00:42:07.149]>>Last year, Alker came from 6 back in the final round to beat Jason Caron in a playoff.

[00:42:15.649]>>Alker shot even par in round one.

[00:42:20.159]>>And has played the weekend bogey-free, 15-under, trying to become the first multiple winner of the Cologuard Classic here in Tucson, Arizona. Harrington made bogey on the final hole.

[00:42:34.239]>>To set up this playoff.

[00:42:37.199]>>Alker was first in.

[00:42:39.550]>>At 15 under, so he has the honor.

[00:42:43.330]>>And this would be less than driver for Steven, 285 all the way through, doesn't need that widest part of the fairway is about 255.

[00:42:52.969]>>Downwind, fairways are starting to bounce pretty good.

[00:42:58.179]>>He hit this club earlier in regulation and put it just in the first cut of rough.

[00:43:06.080]>>Yeah.

[00:43:13.179]>>No mistake, a one isn't it ever as long as it misses a divot, it's fine. That's perfect. Left side of the fairway, great angle, yep, advantage Alker.

[00:43:23.899]>>I think he's got to be feeling pretty good about being in this playoff. Padraig feeling pretty bad about being in this playoff at the moment, thinking, how did I bogey this hole. Harrington has won 11 times in the PGA TOUR Champions.

[00:43:39.879]>>In 66 starts.

[00:43:43.149]>>He made 2 beautiful swings at 18, just hit the 2nd too far.

[00:43:51.570]>>And this will be much less than driver, some sort of iron, I would think. Yeah, this is a weapon for Padraig, this driving iron.

[00:44:02.820]>>He spent a lot of time working on his speed. I mean, always tinkering with something.

[00:44:10.110]>>Oh, it's bothered by something. John, back to your routine golfers coming down the hill.

[00:44:20.879]>>I wish they'd pay more attention.

[00:44:23.600]>>I'm gonna have to wait till that cart gets out of the way.

[00:44:35.209]>>Kevin Ronan playing traffic cop again.

[00:44:38.649]>>There goes another car. Yeah, this car's going all over the place. Everybody hold position.

[00:44:44.189]>>OK.

[00:44:47.310]>>Ay, yeah.

[00:44:58.219]>> Alker, absolutely perfect right down the middle, you know.

[00:45:03.800]>>Padraig, just trying to cover him up.

[00:45:08.870]>>He loves it.

[00:45:10.889]>>Yeah, I liked it right from the start.

[00:45:13.860]>>We'll get over that little rise. Yeah, left side of the fairway, 22 good tee shots.

[00:45:20.169]>>Yes.

[00:45:24.459]>>146 gives him about 141 if he wants to take a direct line at the flagstick. It is starting to hum out here a little bit, the wind. There's a little bit of a backstop. Did somebody turn on the fan?

[00:45:39.469]>>He just turned it on.

[00:45:44.669]>>33 is carrying.

[00:45:52.600]>>What do you think? What do you think of this? I think I was thinking it was a.

[00:45:58.100]>>I.

[00:46:00.000]>>132

[00:46:01.600]>>Yes, and we've got another 8 behind it.

[00:46:05.419]>>

[00:46:07.429]>>OK, yeah.

[00:46:09.860]>>Straight down first.

[00:46:12.050]>>Yeah.

[00:46:15.250]>>

[00:46:17.040]>>That's, something's bothering me with that.

[00:46:19.959]>>Clump face

[00:46:26.139]>>He's really just

[00:46:28.209]>>In his mind, so much going on in his head in an effort to hit this hole high, John.

[00:46:35.429]>>Absolutely, I, he could take it a little bit left, use some slope.

[00:46:40.939]>>I'd be very surprised if this got right of the flagstick. 146, straight downwind.

[00:46:48.169]>>Flushed it. I like it, I like it, I like it. Oh, he flushed it, a little bit of a tug, that'll be a tricky putt downhill, left to right.

[00:47:01.120]>>where he pitched from, where he pitched from is about 10 ft from there. Yeah, good point. Alker has been just on point today. Every single shot, the last 9 holes right at the flag. This is just some kind of wedge, John. I still have one of these. Yes, sir. You got it. You see the risk reward here straight downwind. We just got to zoom in and saw that you have to carry on that line if you go right at it.

[00:47:41.129]>>I believe this will be his gap wedge, is 50 or 52 degree. I think probably it's 50.

[00:47:49.360]>>Uh, he's going right at it.

[00:47:52.639]>>Aimed right at it.

[00:47:54.979]>>Boy, and it's right at it, it's the right 10, what a shot. How about it? Every single shot this man has hit today and yesterday.

[00:48:06.750]>>Right at the flag. Distance control's been fantastic, and this could be one of the great comebacks to come from 9 shots behind.

[00:48:21.149]>>Here, there are those 3 sprinkler heads that he got relief from.

[00:48:39.750]>>I

[00:48:41.889]>>Harrington won twice last year, both majors, the US Senior Open Championship and The Open Championship.

[00:48:50.790]>>You know, when you have a putt, you feel like you have to make, and I know he feels like he has to make this putt.

[00:48:56.449]>>It's hard to hit at the right speed. It's hard not to hit it too hard.

[00:49:00.800]>>That was, uh, Tiger's great gift down the stretch was that he hit.

[00:49:06.149]>>A real pressure putts, the right speed.

[00:49:09.899]>>There's a tendency to want to smash this. It has to hit at the right speed.

[00:49:18.860]>>Oh my, what a putt. It looked in the whole way that right edge. Oh, it looked in the whole way, John.

[00:49:27.719]>>Just creased that right lip. Beautiful putt, did all he could do.

[00:49:36.510]>>What a helpless feeling for Padraig. He had this thing won. All he had to do was par the last hole, and he is about to watch Alker try to snap, snatch it right away from him.

[00:49:48.629]>>Yeah, this putt has a little tiny bit of movement from left to right, but not a whole lot. Just took a big deep breath.

[00:49:58.270]>>Alker for birdie and the wind.

[00:50:02.250]>>And he's done it, Steven Alker.

[00:50:05.810]>>What a player. Trailed by 9 after round one, beats the Hall of Famer Padraig Harrington for the 2nd year in a row. Alker birdies 18 on the first playoff hole, and becomes the first player to win the Cologuard Classic.

[00:50:24.139]>>More than once. What a win in Alker. How about that comeback.

[00:50:30.939]>>Beautiful little putt, perfect speed.

[00:50:34.699]>>And, you will not see a man more happy.

[00:50:38.110]>>Or satisfied

[00:50:40.090]>>Tremendous weekend from Steven Alker. He played the last 36 holes and the playoff hole, 16-under.

[00:50:51.760]>>Bogey-free. That'll get it done, you know, and it, it wasn't a piece of cake. You had to hit great shots down the stretch, tough, tight course.

[00:51:02.010]>>He did everything he needed to do. What a weekend for Alker.

[00:51:07.000]>>It's time to take a look at the shots of the tournament presented by Cologuard. He's pretty battle-tested. Alker is by now. He's, he's, uh, quietly dominant, isn't

he? And what a clutch shot here. As he said, perfect yardage, composed all day long as he tried to catch Padraig Harrington, and he did. He caught him at the last.

[00:51:34.209]>>And then rolls in this putt for birdie to win it.

[00:51:37.919]>>It's mentally tough

[00:51:42.320]>>Steven Alker.

[00:51:44.780]>>Had a late charge last year, and a big charge this year in winning the Cologuard Classic back-to-back. Those are the shots of the tournament as he picks up his 11th win on the PGA TOUR Champions in his 100th start. Alker in a playoff, beats Padraig Harrington, Zach Johnson, Tommy Gainey come up in a tie for 3rd.