

Production Transcript for **26INTCUTCH - REGIONS TRADITION – MASTER**

[00:00:44.830]>>PGA TOUR Champions, 2nd major of the year.

[00:00:49.180]>>Hoover, Alabama, Greystone Golf and Country Club for the 37th playing of the Regions Tradition in a star-studded field with 7 World Golf Hall of Famers.

[00:01:04.709]>>The PGA TOUR Champions.

[00:01:07.730]>>Proudly present the year-long race for the Charles Schwab Cup.

[00:01:12.349]>>Today from Hoover, Alabama, it's live first round coverage of the Regions Tradition.

[00:01:20.849]>>Names like Jack Nicholas have won this event, Raymond Floyd, Bernhard Langer.

[00:01:28.410]>>Birmingham, Alabama.

[00:01:30.629]>>And Hoover, Greystone Golf and Country Club for the 37th year playing host to the Regions Tradition, 10th year here at Greystone, par 72, just under 7300 yards. Golf course has taken on a little water, but.

[00:01:46.660]>>We have seen some incredible scores over the years on this demanding layout. Ángel Cabrera is the defending champion.

[00:01:55.599]>>Round one just getting underway. Freddie Jacobson.

[00:02:00.000]>>Steve Flesch, Y.E. Yang, Ricardo Gonzalez, Soren Kjeldsen, K.J. Choi, Paul Stankowski, all with early birdies, and a lot of those players with the early birdies starting on the par 310. Bob Papa, Paul Azinger, so glad you can join us. John Cook out on the golf course.

[00:02:21.880]>>As the sun has come out after a cloudy morning and Jerry Kelly getting set to play his 3rd at the par 4 11th as we welcome in John Cook. Good to be with you this morning, guys. Jerry Kelly, after a beautiful tee shot, kind of chunked his approach, now pitching on a downslope out of the little bit of rough and not too bad.

[00:02:47.850]>>Retief

[00:02:49.330]>>So far been pretty spot on. Good tee shot here, only 160.

[00:02:54.940]>>Wind into his face slightly. Great camera angle directly down the line. You can see how he's aimed just right at the hole where Ernie was aimed way right. Trying to bring it in from right to left there. Paul can use some slope, and it, I think that wind just knocked it right out of the sky. I did had it online.

[00:03:14.850]>>Harrington's 2nd at the 11th. Again, he started his day on the 10th, was a runner-up in 2022 here.

[00:03:31.919]>> Robert Karlsson for his birdie.

[00:03:37.229]>>Boy, he's had a lot of good tournaments, but can't.

[00:03:40.850]>>Get it across the finish line. No, he looks like a good putter. That's a nice start for him. Ricardo Gonzalez over at 13 again started his day at the 10th. Yeah, Ricardo off to a good start, got it to 2 under par.

[00:03:57.809]>>Hasn't had a great year this year so far through the 1st 7 events. Harrington.

[00:04:06.169]>>Currently 7th in the Schwab Cup standings for birdie at 11.

[00:04:16.119]>>Let's go over to one.

[00:04:18.269]>>Par 4

[00:04:19.890]>>Scott Hend for his birdie.

[00:04:28.510]>>I'd say the first hole is a gentle par 4, yes.

[00:04:33.529]>>Nice welcoming start.

[00:04:36.549]>>Y.E. Yang for birdie at 14. 0, the tiger killer.

[00:04:41.640]>>Never forget that. Oh, that's good, but yep, this is a tough par 3.

[00:04:47.570]>>Doug Barron's 3rd to 12th. No excuses here. This is, oh, hello.

[00:04:55.390]>>Didn't know that was gonna happen, but I was just about to say no excuses. You get to put your hand on it, lift clean in place.

[00:05:03.450]>>If there's a creative way to get it in the hole, Jerry Kelly uses it. He's everything's moving. His hands usually stop, the putter head goes, you just watch him. His whole body goes quivering.

[00:05:16.970]>>No pop, yeah, got it.

[00:05:21.709]>>Hm.

[00:05:31.519]>>Yeah, he's got an issue in his back right now. It's got like a.

[00:05:35.369]>>Something wrong with it. It's not good, but not much he can do. It's not hurting him to play, but it's just hurting him.

[00:05:46.040]>>This is a good par 3, Bob Papa. If you can make a birdie here, you feel like you're stealing one. You got that big hill.

[00:05:55.799]>>To the left of the green to the right as you watch on TV.

[00:06:00.320]>>Yeah, that can save you if you hit a big tug.

[00:06:09.760]>>Let's see what kind of pose Jerry Kelly puts on this one after contact.

[00:06:15.420]>>192 yards, let's go downhill win out of the right.

[00:06:19.980]>>Back left pin

[00:06:22.049]>>Yeah, I like it right there.

[00:06:24.399]>>Nothing wrong with that. It's straight up the hill. We've seen some guys get it in here close.

[00:06:31.070]>>Well, now, let's go over to number one.

[00:06:34.350]>> Boo Weekley after a terrific shot in there.

[00:06:44.450]>>I think the challenge probably to hit this the right speed. It's, it is going to be a slow one.

[00:06:52.309]>>So we're

[00:06:53.910]>>I would agree with that, Paul, definitely.

[00:06:56.670]>>One of the slower putts on the golf course.

[00:06:59.859]>>There's not many.

[00:07:02.880]>>He's got 4 holes under his belt plus a little time on the putting green this morning, so.

[00:07:08.980]>>Let's see if by hole 5 he's got the speed down pat.

[00:07:13.839]>>Go a little, go a little, it does right in the center.

[00:07:20.070]>>Great putt for Jerry Kelly.

[00:07:22.790]>>back-to-back birdies.

[00:07:26.959]>>3rd for Langer at 13.

[00:07:33.899]>>Lots of ways to make a birdie here at the 13th hole.

[00:07:38.940]>>Let's go over to 2 and.

[00:07:41.369]>>Scott Parel for his birdie.

[00:07:45.920]>>Scott was a runner-up in 2017.

[00:07:59.119]>>See what he can do with this breaks. We know this breaks left.

[00:08:03.880]>>And so did Langer.

[00:08:09.350]>>Par 3 scoring leader, Y.E. Yang for his 3rd par 3 birdie of his opening nine.

[00:08:19.339]>>How good is that?

[00:08:24.739]>>Doug Barron for his birdie at the par 5 15th, started his day on 10, so he gets to 20, the past champion of the Regions Tradition.

[00:08:37.440]>>Stewart Cink has birdied the 1st 2 holes here today. This for 3 in a row. The geese in the background again.

[00:08:46.299]>>Oh, he's got it, wow.

[00:08:51.130]>>Uh

[00:08:56.099]>>Ernie Els for birdie at the 2nd.

[00:09:20.799]>>Alex Cejka, his 2nd at the 1st 10th hole of the day, yeah, and his name has, his name's been great. Here's another one.

[00:09:33.099]>>Last year

[00:09:35.849]>>He's on the tee at 14.

[00:09:38.739]>>Shot a final round 72.

[00:09:42.809]>>Started the final round.

[00:09:46.030]>>Just 2 off the lead.

[00:09:49.179]>>193 yards here for Chuck Wi. Pretty good shot.

[00:09:59.020]>>Oh, come on, Ernie. Nope. Maybe, yep, nope. Oh.

[00:10:05.530]>>I'll miss the fairway, mud on the ball.

[00:10:08.830]>>As opposed to being able to lift and clean it.

[00:10:12.479]>>Tossed Ernie there.

[00:10:15.190]>>Alex Cejka, Charlie Wi at 5 under. Padraig Harrington in that group at 4 under par. Here in Hoover, Alabama, the 37th playing of the Regions Tradition from Greystone Golf.

[00:10:30.159]>>And Country Club.

[00:10:48.719]>>Round 2 underway in Hoover, Alabama for the 37th playing of the Regions Tradition.

[00:10:56.219]>>It is the 2nd major of the year for the PGA TOUR Champions from Greystone Golf and Country Club. Overcast skies, temperatures in the low 60s, maybe rain later in the day, maybe it'll hold off until overnight.

[00:11:14.760]>>Today from Hoover, Alabama, it's 2nd round coverage of the Regions Tradition. Now in its 37th year, we're about 10 miles southeast of downtown Birmingham in Hoover, Alabama at Greystone Golf and Country Club, the founder's course for the 10th year.

[00:11:35.760]>>Hosting the PGA TOUR Champions major, the Regions Tradition, par 72, just under 7300 yards, golf course has taken on a lot of rain over the last couple of days.

[00:11:48.409]>>We saw some really good scores in round number 1 with some soft conditions. Stewart Cink, who's already won 3 times this year, including the senior PGA championship, shot 7-under. Alex Cejka, who won here in 2021.

[00:12:03.159]>>With a 7-under as well. Steven Alker, Charlie Wi has had two top 10s in the last two years. Hall of Famer Padraig Harrington and Colin Montgomerie, each at 5-under. Last week's winner Retief Goosen, another Hall of Famer, one of 7 in the field this week, shooting a 4-under par. Stephen Ames got hot last week. He's at 4 under par.

[00:12:26.669]>>Expect them to go low again on this Friday for the 2nd major of the year for the PGA TOUR Champions from Greystone Golf and Country Club in Hoover, Alabama.

[00:12:42.570]>>Let's go over to 11 and welcome in Peter Jacobson. Thank you, Bob. This is David Toms for his birdie.

[00:12:49.390]>>Hardest hole on the course yesterday in round one.

[00:12:53.210]>>Looked pretty easy right there for DT.

[00:13:04.690]>> Steven Alker with a good opportunity and the last roll.

[00:13:12.400]>>So Alker gets to 7 under as he birdies his opening hole here in round 2.

[00:13:21.450]>>Miguel Angel Jiménez, who won the

[00:13:24.320]>>Regions Tradition back in 2018 shot 19 under 3 shots clear of Steve Stricker, Joe Durant, and Gene Sowers, and he makes the birdie. It's good. Let Miguel indeed.

[00:13:39.190]>>These 3 players could not be any different. And here they are at the top of a leaderboard over the age of 50. Somehow they came together to this point.

[00:13:50.150]>>And I know it's only the 2nd round, but.

[00:13:54.320]>>These 3 guys are about as good as you'll ever see out here. Beautiful tee shot right there for Stewart Cink. Yes sir.

[00:14:02.229]>>You didn't do it. I was gonna ask you like.

[00:14:05.750]>>Let's go up to the green and Vijay Singh.

[00:14:09.940]>>For his birdie got a good read off Jimenez's Putt, and he follows it right in.

[00:14:21.159]>>Over to 12 and Colin Montgomerie.

[00:14:25.219]>>Straight up the hill, Colin.

[00:14:28.659]>>Yeah, no, it broke. It definitely had some serious movement.

[00:14:35.940]>>Monty 5 under.

[00:14:39.809]>>After shooting a 4 under.

[00:14:42.890]>>Well, excuse me, 5 under bogey free 67 yesterday.

[00:14:48.200]>>Let's go over to 13 and after that.

[00:14:51.219]>>Gorgeous 3rd, Ken Tanigawa for his birdie.

[00:15:02.849]>>Uh, let's go over to 13 and we'll try Freddie Jacobson again. Yeah, let's see if I'm on. I, I think we're here. Yeah, I'm back. Check this putter out. The lab, don't want to say the brand names very often, but always intrigued by this putter. Yeah, it looks, he's trying to get that putter to be so vertical, kind of like a Brandel Chamlee, and let it just.

[00:15:26.940]>>Pendulum and his hands are so far away from his body there. I, I just, I've tried it. I can't, I can't control it back over at 13 now.

[00:15:39.059]>>Justin Leonard

[00:15:41.289]>>He's got this putt for birdie.

[00:15:44.059]>>You know, it's crazy for me to see Justin with a mallet, but, you know, he finally bit the bullet.

[00:15:50.400]>>It's got a similar neck, I think, to the putter he used his entire career. That was a key for JL to find that. What's interesting about senior golf, it doesn't matter how old you are, Paul, we're still looking. We're still experimenting, trying to figure this game out.

[00:16:07.020]>>Justin figured that one out.

[00:16:09.520]>>Good birdie. 2nd of the day for Justin.

[00:16:15.070]>>Ames stayed out of the penalty area, his 2nd at 14.

[00:16:22.479]>>Again, creative doesn't matter the stance, the lie, or the club.

[00:16:28.570]>>These guys figure out how to get it up-and-down.

[00:16:32.900]>>What will Monty do now?

[00:16:39.380]>>I'm telling you, magicians, that is really good.

[00:16:46.460]>>Should be pretty easy cleanup for Jiménez here at the par 5.

[00:16:51.559]>>After that wonderful chip off the mound's left.

[00:16:58.000]>>He either changed putters or he changed the putter grip because he's been using his wife Suzanne's putter. He has a pink grip.

[00:17:07.588]>>David Toms for birdie over at 14.

[00:17:10.900]>>The only player in this group to hit the green.

[00:17:20.670]>>Cabrera next.

[00:17:22.780]>>He doesn't have that big slope to go across like Stewart Cink does, but he, this will find its way downhill. Doesn't have a ton of left, right, right brake, but it, I think he's got an error on the left-hand side.

[00:17:45.339]>>Oh good effort there for on hill.

[00:17:49.569]>>Well, John, we always talk about all the

[00:17:52.930]>>All the crazy grips back when we played if anybody went cross-handed or left-hand low.

[00:17:59.609]>>People thought you were crazy, but nowadays.

[00:18:03.479]>>Just about anything works.

[00:18:07.810]>>That was always a mystery to me, whether the claw guys like Stewart's doing it as well. So, and generally, the right is the motor there.

[00:18:16.520]>>How about a 2 putt.

[00:18:19.400]>>Those are the kind of things that keep the momentum going at a beautiful second shot.

[00:18:24.959]>>To this par 5 and

[00:18:27.550]>>Makes a clutch birdie putt.

[00:18:31.699]>>Now Alker, after a layup, a nice wedge shot to this position.

[00:18:54.420]>>Let's jump up to the 14th. 2nd for Justin Leonard, who's missed the green at the par 3.

[00:19:01.589]>>Telling you, there you go. Why hit the green birdie anyway if you're looking to lower your scores, it's not how many birdies you make, it's how many bogeys you don't make. Speaking about, uh, different putting grips and putter lengths, here's Paul Goydos.

[00:19:19.410]>>At 15 for his birdie. Perfect. And again, I'm, I'm so used to seeing Paul with the conventional putter length, a conventional putter grip. So it's, uh, that's 3 in a row now for Paul.

[00:19:36.550]>>Pure, what a great birdie for Vijay.

[00:19:45.099]>>I'm just wondering, like, as Jaidee has this putt for birdie, has anybody taken just a conventional grip in the last 9 putts we've looked at? No, not one.

[00:19:56.910]>>Not one.

[00:20:03.760]>>It's Colin Montgomerie up at the 15th now for birdie.

[00:20:08.349]>>To get one closer.

[00:20:14.229]>>These screens look fairly level, fairly flat, but when you watch, when you watch the players, there is a ton of break. Ken Tanigawa up at 17, former senior major champion. Oh.

[00:20:29.020]>>Slam it in.

[00:20:31.550]>> Tanigawa with 3 birdies today gets to 3 under for the week.

[00:20:36.829]>> Thongchai Jaidee.

[00:20:39.489]>>On the tee here at 7, hit every green today.

[00:20:45.910]>>Yeah, it's a good shot. Yeah, good swing on that joke.

[00:20:52.790]>>Steven Alker over at 14, pretty much straight up the hill here, John. It is straight up the hill with some break from right to left.

[00:21:01.619]>>Then have to worry about speed once it starts braking.

[00:21:07.680]>>Gets it way out there and there it is. Beautiful pot.

[00:21:12.390]>>So Alker.

[00:21:14.500]>>With a birdie at 14, his second of the day, par 3, par 3 master.

[00:21:22.449]>>Now Cabrera

[00:21:24.150]>>For back-to-back birdies.

[00:21:42.949]>>Really straight putt downhill quick.

[00:21:48.420]>>There we go. So the defending champ.

[00:21:52.160]>>With back-to-back birdies, he's a 2 under after an even par yesterday.

[00:21:57.540]>> Soren Kjeldsen now for Birdie after that wonderful approach.

[00:22:04.550]>>Well, Monty's had a bunch of good looks for Birdie, hasn't made any, all pars. Does he make the long one?

[00:22:11.640]>>Oh, wow.

[00:22:14.140]>>There you go. Hello. Here's the leader, Charlie Wi at the 13th.

[00:22:20.520]>>Went for the green in 2, just missed it here.

[00:22:24.050]>>It's a very popular spot.

[00:22:26.859]>>Here at the par 5 with the penalty area, the water on the right.

[00:22:36.790]>>How about that? Charlie Wi has not made a bogey yet.

[00:22:40.810]>>That's 6 of them yesterday.

[00:22:43.329]>>Excuse me, I had 6 birdies yesterday.

[00:22:46.920]>>All birdies on his card. Looks like he's gonna add another one.

[00:22:51.229]>>The cow bear.

[00:22:53.619]>>Born in

[00:22:55.540]>>Korean now lives in California, 10 under, first player to reach double figures. I'd say on fire. What a start.

[00:23:07.949]>>He doesn't hit poor putts. Very rarely will you see him hit a putt, John, and, and just like, uh, just start walking, almost never.

[00:23:17.150]>>And, uh, it's just, he's one of the guys, you know, this is the distance that separates this tour, every tour, really, every tournament.

[00:23:26.420]>>Can you make these in that 8 to 10 to 12 ft range?

[00:23:40.770]>>Right.

[00:23:52.420]>> Ken Tanigawa at 18, his 9th hole of the day for Eagle.

[00:23:59.010]>>And you could almost tell from that camera angle, what a camera angle that is, looking straight down on top of him. You could almost tell from his setup that putt was pure.

[00:24:08.119]>>Back 1 at 13 now Jaidee for his birdie.

[00:24:12.400]>>To get to 8 under.

[00:24:14.420]>>And 4 back and he does the sure thing, the sure thing, man, with the gold plated putter trying to win the gold this week here in Birmingham.

[00:24:26.739]>>Over at 18, Charlie Wi.

[00:24:29.680]>>Birdied his 1st 5 today, bogeyed 16.

[00:24:33.619]>>And birdie's 18 to shoot 31 on his 1st 9.

[00:24:44.880]>>Again, Charlie Wi has had 2 top 10 finishes in the last 2 years here at Greystone Golf and Country Club in the Regions Tradition.

[00:24:54.359]>>Stewart Cink leads the way at 13 under par. They're going low here in round two in Hoover, Alabama.

[00:25:12.880]>>The Sun is out in Birmingham, Alabama, Regions Tradition. Second major of the year for the PGA TOUR Champions, Greystone Golf and Country Club in Hoover. Go look at the par 5 18th.

[00:25:27.089]>>Stewart Cink had the lead through 36 and his lead is 2 over Charlie Wi. Retief Goosen and last week's winner is 3 back. Colin Montgomerie is at 10 under par. Bob Papa, Paul Azinger, so glad you can join us. Peter Jacobson in on the action with John Cook out on the golf course.

[00:25:50.939]>>Let's go over to 7. Welcome in, uh, Freddie Jacobson. Thank you, Bob. John Cook, you are right there. We are right here. Good afternoon, gentlemen. Charlie Wi with a good tee shot here at the 175 yard par 3 and

[00:26:06.459]>>Narrowly missing that downhill pretty straight putt. This par 3 tee has moved up some 40 yards today, so they're.

[00:26:15.540]>>Taking advantage of that.

[00:26:18.670]>>Kirk Triplett

[00:26:21.619]>>Has this putt for birdie, Kirk coming off 3 bogeys in a row.

[00:26:28.229]>>After birding 3 of his 1st 4.

[00:26:32.430]>>Charlie Wi, his 3rd at the 8th. He drew a pretty good line from over there on the right, now going downhill, catches a downslope and that's pretty well done. Still gonna give him about 6 ft.

[00:26:46.709]>>Charlie Wi birdied 1 and 2, bogeyed 4.

[00:26:51.630]>>As this bogie at 8.

[00:26:59.030]>>Thank you.

[00:27:01.319]>>huh?

[00:27:08.079]>>This is over at 9 when Goosen was trying to play out of the left trees. We didn't know where it was, but it was right there. So that is.

[00:27:19.489]>>A great birdie for the goose.

[00:27:23.880]>>So sun is out on this moving day, Saturday, 2nd major of the year for the PGA TOUR Champions in Hoover, Alabama, the 37th playing of the Regions Tradition from Greystone Golf and Country Club. Retief Goosen won last week at the Mitsubishi Electric Classic at TPC Sugarloaf after an incredible shot from well off the fairway. Goosen rolls in this putt for birdie.

[00:27:51.479]>>And the goose gets to 12 under par. Stewart Cink.

[00:27:56.390]>>Had the 36 hole lead, rolls in this birdie putt at the 5th. This was coming off a bogey at the 4th.

[00:28:05.890]>>And Stewart Cink judged it perfectly. That would get him to 16 under. He'd make a bogey at the 6th.

[00:28:15.430]>>And then after a couple of errant shots, this was a really nice par save at the 8th after his 2nd shot was buried in the face of the bunker. That keeps sink at 15 under par.

[00:28:28.109]>>Stewart won his first PGA TOUR Champions major at the senior PGA Championship a couple of weeks ago, has the lead here in round number 3.

[00:28:39.790]>>Well, I don't sleep on Steven Alker.

[00:28:42.439]>>Currently 4th in the Schwab Cup standings.

[00:28:46.180]>>This is only his 5th event of the year.

[00:28:49.209]>>He has a win at the Cologuard Classic, beat Padraig Harrington.

[00:28:53.449]>>In a playoff, tied for 5th at the Senior PGA Championship.

[00:28:58.020]>>Tied for 7th.

[00:29:00.290]>>At the Hoag. I, I love the way he hits these putts. I mean, they go in with authority. You know, most players just kind of drip it in, but he pops them.

[00:29:11.260]>>Well, there you go.

[00:29:13.599]>>It's confident he's starting it on the proper line.

[00:29:20.479]>> Colin Montgomerie for birdie at the 12th and.

[00:29:26.109]>>The World Golf Hall of Famer is now 4 off the lead.

[00:29:34.989]>>That is Colin Montgomerie at 13.

[00:29:40.589]>>Totally blocked out like an eclipse by his caddie for me that gets him.

[00:29:46.729]>>To 12 under that is birdie number 6 for the Hall of Famer.

[00:29:54.640]>> Thongchai Jaidee for his birdie.

[00:29:57.479]>>His first birdie of the day, can it be?

[00:30:00.750]>>Got a nice approach.

[00:30:04.079]>>There we go, Thongchai. There it is.

[00:30:13.599]>>3 over on the day.

[00:30:16.709]>>Maybe we can make something happen at those par 5s coming in. Well, that's all he's thinking about. That's all all these guys are thinking about. I've got 3 par 5s left to get.

[00:30:27.150]>>Couple of dangerous shots ahead, Cookie, but nothing too scary.

[00:30:32.819]>>Birdie's probably coming up. Uh, let's go over to 15. See if Colin can get one closer to.

[00:30:42.949]>>The leader stewards sink.

[00:30:47.260]>>How about, how about this guy?

[00:30:54.079]>>This is Ken Tanigawa in 15th for Birdie playing with Monty.

[00:30:58.540]>>is to get to 9 under.

[00:31:00.560]>>Yeah

[00:31:02.530]>>7 under yesterday, even par in the first round.

[00:31:08.020]>> Freddie Jacobson to get to 9 under, 18th in the Schwab Cup standings, his best finish to tie for 4th.

[00:31:16.150]>>At the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai.

[00:31:21.739]>>Matt Gogel

[00:31:23.670]>>Has this putt for birdie. Matt with a clean scorecard today and.

[00:31:29.369]>>Just like that, he's jumped up into the first page of the leaderboard.

[00:31:36.670]>>Big round for him tomorrow. Can Monty survive this shot here? That's the question now. He had a great bunker save at 14. That's as pretty as you please. Can't do any better. That thing was just amazing. The club head was all the way out of the bunker. We didn't even see the ball yet, and then out it came.

[00:31:56.469]>>Monty for his par save. You know, I was thinking zingers, we, we're riding around the golf course. Last week we were at TPC Sugarloaf with the community and those gorgeous homes.

[00:32:07.890]>>Graystone has a similar feel to it. It does. I'm glad you brought that up.

[00:32:13.359]>>You can't see the houses because of the trees. I guess in the wintertime, you'd know they were up there, but you just can't tell. You're in the most extraordinary neighborhood. And Stewart Cink's last birdie came at the 5th. That was sandwiched around 2 bogeys. Started the day with two birdies. It's been all par since, but as good a look as we've seen anybody have here at 14. Uh, might be just right of center.

[00:32:37.449]>>His ball actually stayed in its own pitch mark, so he did a nice job of fixing that ball mark.

[00:32:50.890]>>Stephen Ames finishing up his round at the par 5 18th, 1 under so far today.

[00:33:02.160]>>And he buries that.

[00:33:04.800]>>For a 2 under 70.

[00:33:08.569]>>Up at 18, Y.E. Yang for birdie.

[00:33:16.150]>>And Y.E. shoots a 2 under 70 in a very crowded group at 9 under.

[00:33:26.380]>>Doug Barron to get to 10 under.

[00:33:32.819]>>Don't worry, Doug, I'll get him right into a solo 3rd.

[00:33:40.839]>>All right, Cookie, you and I both could run on a motion periodically. Stewart most of the time doesn't, but I, I promise you, the result here is gonna make a difference in his mind this all night. I agree with that 100%. All night long this putt will live with him, no matter what, no matter the result, he will, this will stick with him all night long.

[00:34:06.469]>>A Little right to left in this.

[00:34:12.070]>>That's big for him, I believe. No question about it. He secures a 3 shot lead.

[00:34:18.719]>>So Stewart Cink.

[00:34:21.090]>>Scratches out a 1 under 71 and he will take a 3-shot lead into.

[00:34:27.408]>>Tomorrow's final round of the 2nd major of the year. He won the Senior PGA Championship a few weeks ago. You know, Stewart got over that putt and, and he just tapped it in like falling off a log was more of a challenge.

[00:34:42.408]>>Just a beautiful putt, looked completely at ease.

[00:34:48.469]>>Who can catch Stewart Cink tomorrow?

[00:34:54.148]>>So Jaidee

[00:34:56.439]>>Done after a 75 today.

[00:35:00.899]>>Stewart Cink started the day with a two-shot lead.

[00:35:04.969]>>He'll head into tomorrow's final round with a 3-shot lead over Hall of Famer, Colin Montgomerie. Steven Alker, Doug Barron will start 5 back. Retief Goosen.

[00:35:18.959]>>Leads that group at 9 under.

[00:35:35.360]>>Second major of the year for the PGA TOUR Champions, the 37th playing of the Regions Tradition from Hoover, Alabama. Greystone Golf and Country Club, the Founder's Course being used for the 10th consecutive year. Stewart Cink.

[00:35:50.360]>>Had the lead going into the final round by 3. Stewart is 1 under on his round today. Colin Montgomerie, 2 back, Steven Alker, 4 back.

[00:36:01.939]>>Past Champions Alex Cejka and Doug Barron in the mix. Bob Papa, Paul Azinger, so glad you can join us. Peter Jacobson, part of our broadcast team, and John Cook.

[00:36:12.389]>>Out on the golf course.

[00:36:17.919]>>We're gonna take you out to the par 46, Colin Montgomerie on the tee.

[00:36:24.219]>>Coming off a nice little birdie back there at the par 5 5th.

[00:36:28.889]>>6th hole, straight into the wind. This is up the righthand side though.

[00:36:35.530]>>A rare missed Fairway for Monty, who drives it right through the eye of a needle if he wants to.

[00:36:43.209]>>Monty shot 67 yesterday. That was the best round of the day. The second best score was 68. Matt Gogel had one of them. He was bogey-free yesterday.

[00:36:54.040]>>And Matt having a great week.

[00:36:57.669]>>Mentioned Stewart Cink rinsed his tee shot at the par 3/4.

[00:37:03.870]>>Had this putt for bogey.

[00:37:07.500]>>And he's able to pour it in, so he only loses one shot at the 4th. He fell back to 15 under. Now playing in that last group was Colin Montgomerie and Monty.

[00:37:20.129]>>Had a long par putt as well, and Colin pours that in to remain 2 back.

[00:37:29.360]>>Steven Alker, who's been in the mix here at the Regions Tradition on numerous occasions, rolls in this party pot at the 5th.

[00:37:37.669]>>And that would get Steven Alker.

[00:37:40.439]>>To 12 under par, he would give one back at the 7th. Colin Montgomerie, his 3rd shot at the par 5 5th.

[00:37:50.919]>>We've seen him hit some great short irons in, he'd go on and make that birdie, that would get him to 14 under, but.

[00:37:59.320]>>Stewart Cink.

[00:38:01.550]>>Answers right back with this birdie putt at the 5th to get to 16 under, 1 under on his round today in a 2-shot lead. He won the Senior PGA Championship a couple of weeks ago trying to win the 2nd major of the year for the PGA TOUR Champions. Colin Montgomerie, 2 back with Alker, Cejka, and Scott Hend, 5 off the pace.

[00:38:26.379]>>Take you over to the par 3 10th, great hole location today. Stephen Ames has this putt for birdie. Stephen played well at the Mitsubishi Electric Classic last week at TPC Sugarloaf. Tim O'Neal made an ace here at the 10th.

[00:38:41.570]>>The 17th ace in tournament history in the 2nd consecutive year, an ace at the 10th. John Houston had one last year, and a nice birdie for Ames.

[00:38:55.879]>>Matt Gogel bunkered on his approach.

[00:39:00.000]>>Well, that was, that was, that was nice.

[00:39:03.760]>>I would say so, Matt Gogel.

[00:39:07.320]>>Joins that group at 11 under.

[00:39:15.989]>>This is Stephen Ames up at 11. This is for birdie. Stephen Ames got off quickly with birdies at 1 and 2, but then he made a double at 4. But that's back-to-back birdies to open his back 9.

[00:39:33.070]>>Steven Alker has this putt for birdie.

[00:39:37.770]>>Made a couple bogeys here over the last few holes with short missed par putts.

[00:39:51.540]>>And that one just drips in.

[00:39:58.000]>>First look at the par 3 17th. Peter, KJ Choi is for birdie.

[00:40:04.270]>>Already made 2 of them today.

[00:40:07.919]>>And there's number 3.

[00:40:10.639]>>Two bogeys on the card as well.

[00:40:18.729]>>Stephen Ames for birdie at the 12th.

[00:40:22.280]>>He walks that in, 3 in a row for Steven.

[00:40:27.560]>>Well, well, this was just a moment ago you saw it. Scott Hend jumped to 13 on the leaderboard. This was his putt for eagle after a beautiful approach.

[00:40:39.090]>>And if anybody can start making a move, it's this guy.

[00:40:45.159]>>Let's go to 14.

[00:40:47.750]>>Jaidee for his birdie.

[00:40:51.280]>>And I shot 75 yesterday.

[00:40:55.270]>>But he pours that in, that gets him to 10 under.

[00:41:01.689]>>Stewart Cink now for his birdie at 11. Great opportunity here, Peter. Only about 8 ft. Not much break to this.

[00:41:10.659]>>Well, it was kind of about this time at the Senior PGA a couple of weeks ago and.

[00:41:17.149]>>Stewart Cink just started turning on the afterburners and he just.

[00:41:22.709]>>Put the field in the rearview mirror and just ran away. Will he do that again here today? Made eagle at 13, for birdie at 14 to get to within 3 of the lead.

[00:41:39.899]>>Peter, you called it early on about the power of Scott Hend. He's probably the new longest hitter on the Champs Tour.

[00:41:49.250]>>And up at 13, this is Retief long hitting Retief Goosen this for Eagle. He was on the first page of the leaderboard yesterday.

[00:41:59.300]>>Just a couple back of Stewart Cink and fell back a bit, but there that helps the cause.

[00:42:05.600]>>An eagle 3, the 11th hole did him in, Peter, yes, it did.

[00:42:12.040]>>This is Ken Tanigawa back at 13 uh back at uh 13.

[00:42:23.959]>>To right of it.

[00:42:25.350]>>It's good, John. What does Stewart Cink have in? Beautiful tee shot there again for Stewart Cink. He's only got 155.

[00:42:34.020]>>When kind of swirling in and out, just switched back into the player's face.

[00:42:40.209]>>He can use some slope to the right of the pin. Doug Barron just kind of used that slope, hit a nice shot in there.

[00:42:52.479]>>Way up in the air, slightly right, it needs to catch that slope.

[00:42:59.219]>>Oh, I got high enough on that slope.

[00:43:02.949]>>No mistakes. Not yet, not by Stewart Cink. He is really doing what he has to do. The one mistake he made on the front nine, he made a 20-footer to recover, Bob.

[00:43:16.429]>>Cink by 3.

[00:43:19.820]>>Come on.

[00:43:31.550]>>Well, the time is now for Scott Hend. He's on the tee at 17.

[00:43:39.080]>>4 back. Just 1 time in this hole, just once.

[00:43:46.610]>>Oh, he likes it. There you go. How about that.

[00:43:57.310]>>Up ahead at 17, we saw Scott Hend hit it to that position, so that is a birdie.

[00:44:06.489]>>Wouldn't that be a shocker to the system, you know, he's been so strong and steady.

[00:44:13.159]>>But man, if you were to miss and walk up to the next tee, because I think the next, the next board is until behind the green at 15, yeah.

[00:44:23.679]>>Yeah, there it is.

[00:44:26.939]>>Oh, and it wiggled by a couple of feet. You gotta put a mark on that one.

[00:44:33.750]>>This is a sweaty palm situation for the viewers that love Stewart Cink, but.

[00:44:39.989]>>I don't think Stuart knows Scott Hend sitting there.

[00:44:44.860]>>He's really uh.

[00:44:46.800]>>You know, taking it to Colin Montgomerie, he's increased his lead by a shot.

[00:44:54.830]>>Oh

[00:44:57.590]>>This is no gimme.

[00:45:03.110]>>Not at all. This has a little bit of break from right to left, too.

[00:45:12.399]>>You know, last, yesterday, Charlie Wi played in the last group, shot 77, really struggled. Has this for birdie at 18.

[00:45:22.909]>>Not gonna make it, but Charlie, could bounce back for him.

[00:45:27.659]>>Today after yesterday, he shoots a bogey-free 4 under 68 today.

[00:45:35.199]>>So it's a small target, John. It is a small target.

[00:45:40.830]>>Have to drive a 323, 226 to the front.

[00:45:50.959]>>Probably a forearm for Stewart. He's definitely needs to know that that creek on the left is no man's land. You cannot go there with a two-shot lead. Anything shortened to the right would be just fine.

[00:46:04.909]>>It's so high in the air. It's like going up a little bit left, but uh it should be OK.

[00:46:12.260]>>That's what knowing how to win a golf tournament looks like, Peter, just playing smart. Put it to where you can find it. No reason to be aggressive and try to get it back to the hole location because that's when you start adding penalty strokes, and he doesn't need that at this point. First look at the scoreboard in a couple of holes, so he knows his lead is down to 2 with Scott Henn playing 18.

[00:46:38.560]>>the

[00:46:40.239]>>Now, this one's got a pre pretty good break from right to left. There's a little bit of a

[00:46:45.219]>>a shallow area, middle of the green, higher on the right. So he's kinda has to run that ridge.

[00:46:55.020]>>Similar to the shot he played yesterday.

[00:46:59.780]>>Except he was laying 3 here.

[00:47:02.340]>>You should take that left.

[00:47:04.610]>>Left turn right there.

[00:47:08.889]>>That's effective. Yeah, it's a good shot.

[00:47:12.850]>>Well, this is gonna be a chance for Stuart to get a little breathing room, John. He's got to respect the speed.

[00:47:21.080]>>And a little bit of left or right break.

[00:47:36.659]>>Well, there you go.

[00:47:38.469]>>Well played. 15th hole for birdie.

[00:47:44.590]>>And back at 17, this is Y.E. Yang.

[00:47:48.629]>>For birdie to jump into a tie for 4th, he's just got to get it there, and he does. Let's go up to 18, Soren Kjeldsen.

[00:47:57.560]>>Made 12 straight pars to start the day. Birdie at 13, birdie at 15. Can he make 1 more here at 18? And he does.

[00:48:06.739]>>And that moves him into solo 4th as he gets to 12 under.

[00:48:14.550]>>5 iron here for Stewart, up goal, downwind.

[00:48:43.729]>>A little left trying to cut.

[00:48:47.320]>>All right, that's fine.

[00:48:50.649]>>There's no weakness in his game.

[00:48:53.219]>>He has learned to, uh, I mean, distance control, uh, hitting little shots. He's got how many different types of shots with his driver. Such a weapon, Paul. He's got the fastball, he's got the, you know, the off-speed pitches with his driver. Uh, it's really impressive. I feel like he's not really trying to chase a win or anything. He's like just managing his game. That's, that's what it feels like, you know, he's not.

[00:49:18.709]>>He's just doing his thing. Yeah, I think he knows that if he just plays golf, he, he's better than everybody.

[00:49:28.899]>>And it's going to dry up well short.

[00:49:34.250]>>Stewart Cink

[00:49:37.449]>>Now for his birdie.

[00:49:45.520]>>Puts the mark down

[00:49:48.060]>>I think maybe he was missing it on purpose. I was, you know, never, never, never, but I was wondering why those two guys didn't putt out.

[00:49:55.739]>>This is such an important putt for Doug Barron. I mean, you know, John Cook said, he hasn't played great this year. I don't want to finish a phenomenal week with a 3-putt after 2 tremendous shots, John.

[00:50:08.899]>>No, that's exactly it. This is a big confidence builder for, for Doug. He's made an adjustment with his putting, a little more freer. This will be validation right here that what he's doing is working.

[00:50:30.889]>>Mm.

[00:50:40.399]>>So Doug Barron, a 3 putt par, shoots 71.

[00:50:47.360]>>Good week

[00:50:48.969]>>Disappointing there at the very, very end, but a good week for Doug to build on.

[00:50:54.580]>>Monty really did show up today and play some good solid golf. Didn't make a bogey till 17, Cookie.

[00:51:01.719]>>Well, this is for solo 3rd.

[00:51:04.840]>>Yeah, he's got to take some confidence from this too, being 62 years old, playing on the.

[00:51:10.020]>>It's in the final group, a major 4-round event.

[00:51:18.000]>>It was good, but it's no match for Stewart Cink. This was.

[00:51:23.669]>>Just a professional exhibition of how to close out an event. Well, he is dominating the PGA TOUR Champions, and Stewart Cink has won his second major of the year. He's the 2026 Regions Tradition Champion.

[00:51:45.719]>>No drama today really for Stewart Cink. He just really never opened the door for anybody, Bob, never gave him a chance. And he's won 4 times in 7 starts here in 2026, 5 of his last 8. Scott Hand, another major right there inside the top 5. What a week for.

[00:52:02.314]>> Montgomerie bounced back for Charlie Wi. He was bogey-free. Ernie Els made an ace today at the par 3 14th as part of his 4 under 68. Freddie Jacobson, Y.E. Yang, who finished at 10 under as well.