Production Transcript for **26INTCUTCH - CONSTELLATION FF - MASTER**

[00:00:42.810]>>We welcome you to the stunning ocean course at Hammock Beach Resort in Palm Coast, Florida, and our first round coverage of the second to last event of the regular season on the PGA Tour Champions. It's day one of the Constellation Furyk & Friends.

[00:00:59.490]>>And it has been a fast start for Ryan Armour, who has played some really high level golf over his last, uh, 3 or 4 starts. He's out quickly, 8 under through the opening 15 holes to command the top spots on the leaderboard.

[00:01:16.070]>>John Swantek with uh Peter Jacobson and we're out at the 8th, 1 of the oceanfront holes here. Peter and Zach Johnson for a birdie. Yeah, this is one of my favorite holes here. It's a gorgeous hole. Oh, how about Steven Alker picking up where he left off last week, already 3 under.

[00:01:33.570]>>In the 1st 7 holes today to the 10th and Justin Leonard working from the front bunker there.

[00:01:45.280]>>Beautiful golf. Jack Nicklaus design course.

[00:01:50.930]>>Stunning views with our drone camera all week long.

[00:02:01.600]>>Bernhard Langer was the champion on this course when there was a, a Champions Tour event contested back in 2008.

[00:02:09.620]>>You can hear the ocean. That's the

[00:02:12.460]>>Most magnificent.

[00:02:14.370]>>Thing about playing here at the

[00:02:17.920]>>It can lull you to sleep, Jake, so stay with us.

[00:02:21.390]>>Ernie Els, I'm here. I misfired there at the 10.

[00:02:27.670]>>Ernie plus one hasn't stepped into the winner's circle yet in 2026.

[00:02:37.450]>>Justin Leonard to get it to 6 under.

[00:02:42.960]>>Always been the hallmark of Justin's game.

[00:02:46.780]>>The putter in hand, no problem. How about that start?

[00:02:54.230]>>Darren Clarke here for Birdie.

[00:03:02.130]>>Trying to get to 7 under par.

[00:03:06.290]>>Let's see how the greens are very receptible.

[00:03:15.990]>>Yeah

[00:03:17.610]>>Takes advantage of the short 11th.

[00:03:24.680]>>Stewart Cink, about 10 ft away from an eagle.

[00:03:28.420]>>Hm

[00:03:32.070]>>A birdie that's gonna feel kind of like a par at the 10th today.

[00:03:36.740]>>Yeah, the, the 10th.

[00:03:39.620]>>It's playing to an average of 4.2.

[00:03:49.790]>>Mike Weir had a double bogey 7 early in the round, but a couple of birdies since then. Get it back to plus 1 for the day.

[00:04:01.820]>>Jump ahead to the 17th par 3.

[00:04:04.760]>>Joe Durant

[00:04:08.250]>>Nice group of golf going on here with these guys. 18 under par in this group.

[00:04:14.830]>>Make that 19.

[00:04:19.340]>>Only one bogey in this group all day long.

[00:04:24.850]>>17. Brian Armor here for his birdie knows what it does. On the right edge with some speed to get to 9 under.

[00:04:32.950]>>He's on a nice run

[00:04:35.840]>>Jump ahead to the 11th and you saw.

[00:04:38.380]>>Miguel Angel Jiménez is nice wedge shot in here, good opportunity for Miguel to get to 6 under par.

[00:04:47.360]>>A little left to right.

[00:04:54.690]>>Yeah, captured.

[00:04:58.570]>>Takes advantage of that, nice little wedge shot in there, now it goes on to the tough 12th par 3.

[00:05:05.030]>>Eagle putt for Alker back at 10.

[00:05:11.390]>>Well, we've seen how many 3 or 4 looks at Eagle here. Nothing yet.

[00:05:22.500]>>So it has been, by the way, 75 days when someone not named Steven Alker, Stewart Cink, or Zach Johnson has won out here on PGA Tour Champions. That's astonishing. July 26th when Jerry Kelly won the Senior Open.

[00:05:39.370]>>That is astonishing. You think back to when Hale Irwin was winning so much and then it.

[00:05:47.400]>>Was Bernhard Langer. I don't think we've had this threesome win.

[00:05:53.100]>>Like this probably in the history of the Champions Tour, you are correct. There has never been a season in Champions Tour history where 3 different players have reached the 5 win mark, and this man right at the top of the list with 6.

[00:06:08.000]>>In his rookie season

[00:06:11.290]>>And they all have their eyes, their eyes on the Charles Schwab Cup.

[00:06:16.280]>>Which would be, which is an incredible accomplishment.

[00:06:20.700]>>Which Steven Alker has done twice.

[00:06:24.920]>>Oh, a rude lip out on that Johnson eagle putt, so he'll pick up one as Alker did.

[00:06:31.390]>>Didn't compete up in Allentown last week.

[00:06:39.690]>>Back at the 18th and Joe Durant for a 5 under par round of 67.

[00:06:46.660]>>Yes sir. Here's a man. If he gets that putter going, he's gonna be right there on Sunday.

[00:06:54.530]>>One of the strongest ball strikers that we have on the Champions Tour.

[00:07:07.970]>>Gotta get it just right.

[00:07:15.060]>>Disappointing par back at the at the 10th kind of drove it out of position.

[00:07:19.060]>>Um

[00:07:21.240]>>Didn't make birdie. The rest of the fields are making birdie at 10.

[00:07:27.840]>>Bernhard now up the hill moving to the left.

[00:07:31.360]>>There we go.

[00:07:34.000]>>I've seen that

[00:07:35.670]>>A lot

[00:07:37.890]>>Back to par 3 17th, Tag Ridings missed the green here.

[00:07:44.280]>>Hello.

[00:07:47.320]>>Not an issue.

[00:07:55.250]>>Go up 1 to 15 and Ernie Els here for birdie.

[00:08:00.260]>>A couple under par

[00:08:07.610]>>Here we go, Ernie. Make some birdies right to the house, 3 in a row.

[00:08:14.530]>>Bernhard Langer now at the 14th did reach the screen in 2, so putting up that little ridge that you were talking about there, Furyk, this is for Eagle. Yeah, we were, we were, you know, kind of doubting Bernie's length here, but, you know, at, what is he, 68 years old, showing, showing a little pop and reaching this par 5 and 2.

[00:08:32.700]>>What 534 yards today.

[00:08:37.500]>>Just admire the work ethic and the drive, determination. It's just incredible. Preparations still like he was.

[00:08:44.840]>>20 years old. Up that slope Furyk was talking about, has it online, just dries up short. Good two putt birdie.

[00:08:58.750]>>I like those low stress tap-ins for Birdie. Those are my favorite. Never minded those.

[00:09:10.650]>>Uh

[00:09:12.120]>>Back to 14 and Zach Johnson for Eagle.

[00:09:18.880]>>We've seen a lot of that today, kind of drying up and just swinging across the hole. Yeah, with all the rain we got, I think, you know, these greens probably aren't carrying quite the speed we're used to and now you see some guys maybe falling in love with the line and not, not marrying the speed.

[00:09:37.470]>>Back 1 to the 14th, Tommy Gainey for Eagle from the left side of the green.

[00:09:42.560]>>Putting across one of those little ridges.

[00:09:45.730]>>That's 3 in a row, we talked about it, 12, good look for Birdie, hard par 3, 13, tough hole, good look. And now the eagle putt leaving just short, so Tommy looks like he's hitting some good putts, he's gonna see one go in here soon.

[00:09:58.670]>>Bernhard hitting that little hybrid in there about 15 ft left of the hole.

[00:10:05.670]>>We haven't seen many putts come from this direction. This is, this is exactly where I think many of the players were aiming, you know, 15 ft left of the hole, take that slope out of play.

[00:10:19.280]>>Can we see 1 birdie today at 18?

[00:10:22.370]>>Nice. There it is.

[00:10:25.760]>>Went in there with a, a hybrid.

[00:10:28.990]>>This tournament was played, as we said on this golf course back in 07-08.

[00:10:34.430]>>Back over at 18, 3 at the last for Mike Weir.

[00:10:40.770]>>Former President's Cup captain from Canada.

[00:10:56.210]>>The day began with 2 bogeys in the opening 3 holes for the defending champion, and a little perturbed that he just dropped 1 at the last.

[00:11:22.660]>>Henrik Stenson still searching for that breakdown performance in his.

[00:11:29.640]>>Rookie season out here. By the way, Henrik Stenson will be on Captain Darren Clark's European squad at that World Champions Cup coming up the first week of December. It nearly happened at Pebble Beach, where the Swede finished in a sheriff's 2nd at the PURE Insurance Championship a couple of weeks back.

[00:12:08.820]>>We welcome you to the ocean course at the Hammock Beach Resort in Palm Coast, Florida, and our second round coverage of the constellation Furyk and Friends, the 2nd to last regular season event.

[00:12:21.180]>>On the PGA Tour Champions calendar.

[00:12:26.170]>>Last week's winner, Steven Alker has won 3 of his last 4 starts and

[00:12:31.670]>>What do you know, he's got the lead at 12 under. At the 12th, John Cook's down there.

[00:12:36.880]>>And a little bit of a heater as well. Good afternoon guys. Eagle and 5 birdies at 12 under. This is his 4 hybrid 220.

[00:12:45.340]>>Out to the right

[00:12:48.060]>>I think close to 6 inches is what Jim Furyk said when he joined us on the broadcast yesterday.

[00:12:54.290]>>But this is lush Pas Pallham everywhere here. Peter. It drains beautifully, doesn't it? Well, I think Pas Pallham is the best, best turf I've ever hit off of. I mean, you've got Bermuda, you've got bent grass, you've got zoysia, but I, for me, Pas Pallham is the firmest, most predictable grass that you can put off. And how about Rod Pampling right there jumps to 11. He likes it as well. Third birdie of the day for Pamps.

[00:13:24.650]>>Vaughn Taylor picks up a birdie there at the 9th. He gets to 11 under. That's.

[00:13:31.040]>>Well, 4 at 11 and yeah, make it 5. Taylor out in 32.

[00:13:38.200]>>Goydos to join Alker.

[00:13:43.260]>>Oh, he's a great putter, of course he used the

[00:13:48.710]>>Use the short method.

[00:13:52.550]>>Now he's gone to the uh the boat or.

[00:13:56.630]>>It works pretty well. The boat oar, the boat oar, yeah, first time I've heard it described in that way. Yeah, it could be, you know, it could be way long or kind of a medium boat oar.

[00:14:07.830]>>But it's a boat or

[00:14:12.430]>>Just a few feet for the Chalmers birdie at the 10th.

[00:14:19.230]>>To get to 9 under. Yeah, this is a par 4 today.

[00:14:24.600]>>Let's go to 10. Tag Ridings for Eagle. He made a big move last Sunday up in Allentown to finish 2nd, and he's doing the same thing today. Wow, great to see tag.

[00:14:42.610]>>Great preview here for Jiménez and takes advantage of it.

[00:14:47.580]>>Chipping away. Oh, look at that card up-and-down.

[00:14:52.560]>>To 11, just a short one for the Goggin birdie, and we've got our first player at 13 under par.

[00:15:04.640]>>Back with Alker

[00:15:12.310]>>Steven with a good look here at 13 and buries it.

[00:15:17.810]>>How good is this guy with the putter? Wow, look at that card. There isn't a 5 on that card.

[00:15:25.120]>>Probably won't be all day. And Goydos has one coming down the hill for Eagle here at 10.

[00:15:32.720]>>This could be a little speedy. Come, it's one of the few greens that slopes from the front to the back.

[00:15:40.250]>>Well judged there.

[00:15:44.070]>>It's gonna give Paul a share of the lead at 13 under.

[00:15:50.620]>>He was estimating in the press room yesterday, 36 years as a professional, he thought he had made 800 or so starts. I looked it up. This is 8:47 this week across the Korn Ferry Tour, the PGA Tour, and the Champions Tour. Wow.

[00:16:06.030]>>Just a moment ago here, Peter, this was the 2nd for Bo Van Pelt, the 17. This is one of my favorite holes on the course and Bo loves it as well right now. It's just a teeny little green elevated above the fairway grade, and it falls off on all four sides.

[00:16:27.430]>>Back at 14 with Miguel.

[00:16:30.860]>>Yeah, nice pitch shot from just short left of the green, not much to this. 2 in a row there from Miguel.

[00:16:38.490]>>Fighting back, got it back to 3 under 4 of the day.

[00:16:43.370]>>Alright, over to 17, Kirk Triplett just off the edge of the green.

[00:16:48.390]>>Oh, we're seeing everybody chip in at 17. 1st Bo Van Pelt, now Kirk.

[00:16:56.690]>>4th birdie of the round for Triplett.

[00:17:00.860]>>Let's get out to 14. Got a birdie putt for Ángel Cabrera trying to get it to 10 under.

[00:17:07.230]>>There you go. He's always.

[00:17:09.420]>>Oh, he's a beautiful ball striker, and if he starts doing that, we're going to see him back in the winner's circle like we did last year.

[00:17:20.740]>>Now going uphill slightly, but Furyk, we were watching this putt a lot yesterday and guys were racing it by 3 and 4 ft. They were struggling from the left side of this green, absolutely.

[00:17:34.270]>>Well,

[00:17:36.090]>>As we've seen Steven Alker do on many occasions in the last 5 years, just when he was a little scrappy, kind of pulls himself out of it. Yeah, I'm sure he wasn't happy with that wedge shot, but that putter solves a lot of issues.

[00:17:50.400]>>Back up to 14 just to formalize the Goggin birdie, and what a week it's been just to crack his way into the field through the qualifying process and.

[00:18:02.790]>>A slew of Saturday birdies for the Aussie, and he is the leader at 14 under.

[00:18:23.650]>>And we're going to check in on Goggin quickly back here at 15. This is to get

[00:18:29.410]>>Clear by 2. How about Matthew Goggin? Monday qualified.

[00:18:35.270]>>And he is now leading by 2.

[00:18:38.760]>>Back to 17, 1 final chance for a deuce here.

[00:18:43.930]>>Oh boy, we'd like to see this one go in here, Furyk. Let's move it slightly to his right.

[00:18:52.790]>>I'd love to get this one after a 3 putt, as you said, sloppy 3 putt on the last hole.

[00:19:00.840]>>Here goes the stampede.

[00:19:07.790]>>Fire up the taps. Put it on Miguel's tab.

[00:19:18.920]>>A nice pickup for birdie there from Michael Wright.

[00:19:24.880]>>And 5 under through his opening 5 since the turn.

[00:19:29.120]>>Gets within 2 of the lead.

[00:19:38.130]>>Matthew Goggin at 16, just tucked away birdie, number 10 of the round. How about that? How many birdies can you make?

[00:19:51.030]>>That's a birdie pickup back at 14 for Pampling, so he grabs one at the par 5.

[00:19:59.630]>>Yeah

[00:20:01.030]>>Pampling, a little assist from his caddie on the read here in search of a birdie back at 16.

[00:20:10.550]>>I didn't seem overly pleased with that iron shot, little whirly bird as, as Jake said, but he's got about 20 ft and a good opportunity.

[00:20:23.200]>>This one's a little down breeze, could be speedy.

[00:20:27.130]>>Right to the bottom.

[00:20:30.900]>>Goggin at 18 for 62.

[00:20:34.960]>>Yeah, what a round of golf right there. Joe Durant walked up to me and said, I played with a 9 under an 8 under yesterday, and he played with a 10 under today.

[00:20:44.470]>>Look at that tournament.

[00:20:49.280]>>Let's hop over to 16, check back in on Armour and this birdie putt.

[00:21:00.010]>>Now

[00:21:01.200]>>Bobby

[00:21:03.340]>>So birdies for Pampling and armor look easy from the left side of that hole, guys, yeah.

[00:21:15.310]>>Third to come for Pampling.

[00:21:18.520]>>Yeah, I'm with you, Peter. I'd love to see the win howl and how about that? That keeps him in the ballgame, keeps him in that storyline.

[00:21:28.810]>>Hardest hole on the golf course, just the 5th birdie of the round secured in.

[00:21:34.710]>>Dramatic and emphatic fashion by Rod Pampling.

[00:21:39.860]>>So we know we'll have

[00:21:42.440]>>Two Aussies in the final group tomorrow.

[00:21:46.330]>>And you have a tendency to let that toe turn over, you're going to hit a lot of poles, and I think

[00:21:52.540]>>I think Paul's probably getting ahead of the putting green and work on that.

[00:21:59.540]>>Yeah, it's a fairly new method for Paul.

[00:22:04.110]>>He's always been a very streaky putter, always a pretty good striker of the golf ball. He has some really, really funny anecdotes and funny lines that he talks about. This guy's hilarious. He's.

[00:22:16.040]>>One of my favorite guys to play best is his, oh, that's, that's too bad.

[00:22:21.470]>>One of the best things he's ever said is, I'm so inconsistent. I just need to keep being inconsistent, and it will come around back to me.

[00:22:30.020]>>It was always classic.

[00:22:34.050]>>Terrible way to finish.

[00:22:38.110]>>Backs up the opening round 64 with a 68 yesterday, 9 years removed from his most recent of his five wins out here on the Champions Tour. Pampling flips one in from off the green.

[00:22:51.390]>>To cap his Saturday with a birdie at the difficult 18th and has played his way into the final group tomorrow along with Matthew Goggin and Vaughn Taylor, the constellation Furyk and Friends.

[00:23:14.750]>>And we welcome you back to the ocean course at the Hammock Beach Resort. It is the final day of the 24th event of the Champions Tour season. We're gonna crown a champion later on this Sunday.

[00:23:34.840]>>The PGA Tour Champions.

[00:23:37.770]>>Proudly present the season-long race for the Charles Schwab Cup.

[00:23:42.760]>>And today from Palm Coast, Florida, it's the final round coverage of the Constellation Furyk & Friends Championship Sunday along Florida's first coast. We welcome you to the ocean course at the Hammock Beach Resort, which has been the breathtaking backdrop all week long for one of the premier events on the Champions Tour in large measure because of.

[00:24:06.110]>>The involvement of the tournament host Furyk Furyk, who has also worn the hat as broadcaster here this week, has sat in with us for the last couple of days, and we'll hear from Furyk during our coverage today along the shoreline of the Atlantic Ocean, and he will be presenting that very cool trophy to the champion. Great to have you along. Thanks for your company. John Swantek here. Always fun to be alongside Peter Jacobson. John Cook is our man on the ground here this week. Michael Wright through 8 holes of the final round.

[00:24:36.000]>>Is the leader Matthew Goggin, fellow Aussie.

[00:24:39.970]>>was at 16 under to start this final round. He has dropped a couple.

[00:24:45.000]>>Ryan Armour trying to push through and win for the first time. He's been playing some high level golf over the last month or so, and Rod Pampling, the owner of just one top 10 this season, and came back in February. So this thing is wide open. Got some big names lurking there, Goosen and Alker, but are they too far back as they near the midway point of their final round?

[00:25:11.130]>>Let's get you out to the golf course, and we've gotten some cooperation this week, Peter, from Mother Nature. We've notched some big storms and trying to get out in front of them again here today and get 54 in the books. Yeah, we were thinking that we may have a couple of washout days, but wow, we've dodged a bullet. The sun has been out. It's a little bit overcast right now, but the golf course has been playing really nicely. It's soft because of all that rain, but.

[00:25:37.100]>>Greens are

[00:25:38.900]>>Kept their speed up. The stamp is about 12, and players have had a wonderful week. I bet John Cook, because he's such a seasoned professional, has his rain gear just in case today.

[00:25:50.710]>>It's tucked away nicely keeping dry.

[00:25:55.130]>>You bring it with you, you, you, you're not gonna need it.

[00:25:58.310]>>Yeah, we're, we're really lucky guys to get as many holes in as we have.

[00:26:04.870]>>Number 9 here playing really stout as the winds slightly switched. It's more in out of the left now.

[00:26:12.180]>>Long golf hole pinned way in that back right, but a good tee shot there for Ryan.

[00:26:18.480]>>I love that golf swing of your fellow Buckeye. There's the beautiful Hammock Beach resort golf course tucked in and around all the.

[00:26:28.460]>>The condos and the buildings, it's a fun place to play golf.

[00:26:33.960]>>It really is kind of the front nine goes out and

[00:26:38.260]>>Number 9 comes back and then the back 9 goes the other direction and 18 comes back, so it's a

[00:26:44.390]>>Really good spot to play.

[00:26:47.350]>>Michael Wright just absolutely hammered one.

[00:26:51.480]>>Beautiful tee shot. The 8th also kind of sneaks along the coastline here. Goggin is at the par 3.

[00:26:59.540]>>I liked his attitude coming in. He talked about it after his round yesterday. He said, Look, I've won nothing. I've got one round of golf to play, and I need to shoot 4 or 500 to have a chance. And right now he is going the other direction.

[00:27:16.930]>>At + 2 for the round. We've got 3 Australians in the top 5 right now, Peter, including Rod Pampling. Any connection you could make as far as the golf course goes? I was trying to think about that, Swanny, but I, I, other than the fact that they're all good players and they all hang in there, I don't think there's any connection. I don't think playing on the ocean has anything to do with it. They're just, they're just heady players.

[00:27:44.530]>>And in good form

[00:27:45.810]>>This week

[00:27:47.470]>>Pampling chipped in at 18 to close out his round yesterday.

[00:27:56.190]>>Yeah, Rod's always been a very reliable ball striker. Favor. 2 quality strikes into the 9th from Michael Wright.

[00:28:07.480]>>Great look for birdie here. This would pick up almost a shot and a half on the field.

[00:28:13.720]>>Wow, it does, and it does. What a great birdie that is.

[00:28:19.800]>>Just the 4th birdie here of the day at 9.

[00:28:25.640]>>Ernie Els for a birdie too.

[00:28:30.360]>>Much easier hole location today in the back, but if we see the wind pick up a little bit more than we have right now, I think this is going to be an extremely pivotal hole. There are some gettable par 4s. There's some short ones, and this very reachable par 5. Cejka taps that in for his birdie 4. It's felt like a par 4 at the 10th this week. No mulligans.

[00:28:54.960]>>No mulligans. I know the ball's sitting on the ground, but, uh, you got to play this one. But you know what? He can play it. It's only 60 yards. Wins out on the left. He's got plenty of green.

[00:29:08.470]>>It's gotta go.

[00:29:15.810]>>May have come up just a step short of the putting surface there. Scorching hot round going for Tag Ridings, he's over at 17. But another one for Tag. 8 under on the day.

[00:29:30.760]>>Ernie Els birdied the 17th earlier. It's been a strong finishing kick.

[00:29:37.870]>>There's another 4 of the last 5 for the Big Easy today, and a tidy little 67 to call it a week.

[00:29:48.860]>>Pampling back at the 10th, left it underneath the hole.

[00:29:53.940]>>And dropped it in just enough.

[00:30:01.670]>>Vaughn Taylor gets one closer.

[00:30:05.820]>>The last 5, last 6 holes where you have to reassess where you stand. You have to look at the leaderboard and figure out what I need to do to win this thing. That's what Scott Parel did at 18. That's how you cap your week.

[00:30:22.590]>>That's what Michael Wright, Vaughn Taylor, Alex Cejka need to do right here at 18.

[00:30:28.570]>>Bookend sixty-sevens in the first and final rounds for Perrell.

[00:30:35.140]>>Holes out at the last as Rod Pampling did to close out his Saturday round.

[00:30:41.420]>>Up to 18 and sink to birdie the home hole.

[00:30:45.810]>>For 68

[00:30:52.510]>>Let's head to 17.

[00:30:56.260]>>Chance for a birdie for Ken Duke from long range, but she makes it.

[00:31:01.560]>>Kenny D, step one in there, my man.

[00:31:11.820]>>Cejka leaving that flagstick in trying to sneak one in at 15. Yeah, here he comes.

[00:31:18.140]>>Here he comes.

[00:31:22.340]>>Yeah, this guy is a fighter. He's

[00:31:27.800]>>So Cejka has a piece of the lead. Will it be momentary?

[00:31:35.250]>>Vaughn Taylor is cooking. First player to touch 17 under 4 in a row to start the back nine. Wow.

[00:31:49.520]>>There's the first birdie of the final round for Matthew Goggin.

[00:31:55.550]>>So it's been discouraging to this point, but he's still two back trying to hang in there. Bernhard Langer was the champion here at the ocean course 18 years ago, and he's trying to birdie 3 of the last 4 today. Classy finish, 66 on Sunday. The Ironman of golf.

[00:32:14.400]>>Back to 17, see if we can get some $2 beers for the folks courtesy of Kevin Sutherland. Oh yeah.

[00:32:22.910]>>You hear that thundering herd over to the to the bar.

[00:32:31.790]>>Another birdie chance for Vaughn Taylor at 14.

[00:32:36.390]>>All right, boss.

[00:32:38.840]>>Well, this is a big spot for Michael Wright, a massive opportunity here if he can hold it for birdie.

[00:32:45.270]>>It certainly is and

[00:32:47.370]>>Missed a golden opportunity back there at 14 after a soft bogey at 13. This must go.

[00:32:54.650]>>Here we go.

[00:32:58.660]>>First birdie since the turn for Michael Wright.

[00:33:02.130]>>And he's back to 17 under. This is gonna be fun, Peter, as we crown a champion here in the 24th event of the season, 6th edition of the Constellation Furyk & Friends.

[00:33:18.940]>>A lot can happen.

[00:33:21.040]>>Here at 16, 17, and 18.

[00:33:31.830]>>Rod was kind of an up-and-down day.

[00:33:35.620]>>Even par for the day, which doesn't get you much PGA Tour Champions on championship Sunday.

[00:33:43.510]>>Maybe Pampling can run the tables from here to the house. He's birdied the 16th all week long.

[00:33:49.880]>>Up ahead where Ryan Armour did rush in his short one for birdie, Michael Wright trying to follow him in.

[00:33:57.760]>>How about that?

[00:34:00.260]>>tee

[00:34:01.380]>>There was nothing but that.

[00:34:04.440]>>Up to 18, Jake up for 65 to post 17 under.

[00:34:10.950]>>There we go.

[00:34:12.810]>>Well, he had a couple of important misses.

[00:34:16.070]>>Couple of holes ago.

[00:34:20.080]>>17 green Ryan Armour from long range for birdie.

[00:34:26.080]>>It's gotta go

[00:34:30.880]>>Hm.

[00:34:33.070]>>Good putt.

[00:34:34.560]>>Gave it a chance.

[00:34:38.950]>>Rod Pampling was trying to get it to 16 under. I'll say it again, it's got to go and it did.

[00:34:49.470]>>17 green co-leader Vaughn Taylor for birdie.

[00:34:54.450]>>Kind of running that ridge for about, you know, 10 ft or so, then it kind of goes away from you. You've got to be careful with speed here. Ooh, a little frisky, Peter.

[00:35:03.560]>>Yeah, too frisky. I did not expect that from Vaughn.

[00:35:07.750]>>Or a missed fairway from right at 18, but he's outside 200 yards here. Yeah, just over 200. He's got a good lie. He's got to carry it all the way to the putting surface.

[00:35:20.310]>>And I can't see it.

[00:35:24.470]>>You may have just heard Vaughn Taylor and his caddie discussing that one. This, they don't think it's gonna do a whole lot other than the moment and just the pressure of having to hold it.

[00:35:37.460]>>Yeah, he hasn't had a putt like this in a very, very long time. It's all about going through your routine, make that routine as consistent as possible, same timing, same pacing.

[00:35:50.340]>>Clear your mind. Let it go.

[00:36:08.900]>>Three putt bogey at 17, costly for Vaughn Taylor. He'll drop back to 17 under, but remember Michael Wright up ahead at 18 has missed the green, so he's in a little bit of a, a spot up there as well.

[00:36:26.470]>>Must find a way to get this one up and in for 5 and drop just 1.

[00:36:32.310]>>The ball's gonna be below his feet, which is gonna help him. He's got to hit a big high flop.

[00:36:44.300]>>Yeah, OK, he's got a chance.

[00:36:48.140]>>That will be for a bogey 5.

[00:36:56.470]>>Michael Wright for bogey at 18 to drop just one has to have it.

[00:37:06.500]>>Mm

[00:37:09.420]>>A gut punch, double bogey at 18 for the Aussie, drops to 16 under. No hope for a sudden death playoff. Uh, he played so well.

[00:37:25.850]>>Who's on the leaderboard will impact your strategy. There's no question about that.

[00:37:32.970]>>You had a couple of guys looking for their first win Michael Wright, Ryan Armour, Matthew Goggin.

[00:37:42.680]>>He's had a 75 and a 77 in the final round on a couple of occasions this season. He has looked a lot more comfortable in this scenario today with a 4 under par Sunday working.

[00:37:55.510]>>With a victory in his 18th start on the Champions Tour, projected to slide inside the top 20 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings and pocket $330,000 this week.

[00:38:09.070]>>Here we go, Cookie. What's it look like?

[00:38:13.830]>>I'm seeing it as pretty straight going uphill. The very last minute it might try to work its way to the right.

[00:38:21.880]>>Slightly though

[00:38:28.580]>>For his first win on the PGA Tour Champions.

[00:38:37.510]>>Wait a minute.

[00:38:40.900]>>Well, give him credit. He gave it a good run, as they say, bring your coin.

[00:38:46.280]>>That tells me he liked the read.

[00:38:50.530]>>And he was going to end it with that putt right there.

[00:38:59.300]>>Bold putt from Taylor, but as a result, a little stress on the comebacker and we'll have to wait.

[00:39:07.320]>>Just a little bit longer to think about it. We've got Birdie Putts for Goggin and then Pampling to follow.

[00:39:16.270]>>From just short right of the hole, so this might go a tiny bit to the left.

[00:39:29.860]>>Blistering 62 on Saturday followed up by 73 on Sunday for

[00:39:36.300]>>Matthew Goggin and we will not have the 16th Monday qualifier to go on to win on the Champions Tour.

[00:39:47.400]>>Gotta be a top 5 finish. I don't know if that will do a whole lot in terms of his Charles Schwab Cup positioning.

[00:39:55.500]>>One final event next week in Cary, North Carolina.

[00:40:01.790]>>Where Rod Pampling was the winner back in 2023, in fact.

[00:40:10.720]>>Really nice opportunity here for Rod. Got a decent read off of both Vaughn Taylor and Matthew Goggin.

[00:40:47.540]>>Hold out yesterday for a 3 here at 18, unable to conclude the week with a 3.

[00:40:57.250]>>Just an even par 72 on the final day for Rob Pampling.

[00:41:05.090]>>A share of 4th with all those guys bottled up there at 15 under, they will divvy up the Schwab Cup points.

[00:41:13.460]>>And now the return putt of Taylor to force a sudden death playoff.

[00:41:18.580]>>And he is not wasting any time. He got right on in there. This is all of 3.5 ft with a little left right to left brake.

[00:41:27.430]>>Yeah, with conviction, yeah, comfortable right there.

[00:41:32.130]>>4 at the last and 54 not enough to decide it.

[00:41:37.150]>>Alex Cejka, Vaughn Taylor headed back to the 18th tee to start a sudden death playoff.

[00:41:48.080]>>I like the aggressiveness on the first putt.

[00:41:51.410]>>And I loved how comfortable he was with that 2nd putt.

[00:41:58.160]>>There's, there's Alex out there getting warmed up.

[00:42:04.770]>>Just get a few swings in.

[00:42:08.750]>>Multiple winner out here in the Champions Tour. Three of his 4 victories have come in senior majors. Tough customer Cejka Taylor. Sudden death on the way.

[00:42:22.990]>>Second hole of a sudden death playoff at the par 4 18th here on the ocean course.

[00:42:30.980]>>Alex Cheka's lone victory on the PGA Tour, in fact, came in a five-man playoff. That was in Puerto Rico back in 2015 when he became the first player from the Czech Republic at the time to win a PGA Tour event.

[00:42:49.770]>>And he is squeezed all the way over to the right side of the box here, John.

[00:42:56.220]>>Yeah, a little puff of wind has kind of come maybe into the player's face. Now there it goes now, it should be down out of the right.

[00:43:03.520]>>Really wide fairway.

[00:43:10.440]>>Boy grunted at that one, gave that one a rip.

[00:43:14.510]>>Write down the slot.

[00:43:19.260]>>There's his son Alex right there.

[00:43:21.870]>>Cadding forum this week.

[00:43:32.940]>>All pars at the 18th all week long for Taylor.

[00:43:42.010]>>Needs a good Tee ball here. Cannot fall asleep on this.

[00:43:46.710]>>Picking up the tea pretty quick.

[00:43:51.110]>>Cookie makes a good point there, Peter, because these fairways are maybe a little bit more left. You're not going to miss many, but you still have to stand on the tee and narrow your target. One of the things that you learn real quickly on tour is a layup on a par 5. Think you hit a good drive and you're not going to go for the green in 2 and you have to lay up. A lot of people just take.

[00:44:13.950]>>Uh, take that for granted and they fall asleep and the next thing you know it's offline. Same thing with the tee shot right here. It's a 60 yard wide fairway, but you still have to aim at a small target and make a swing like it's a 20 yard wide fairway.

[00:44:30.880]>>It's very much a trademark of Jack Nicklaus design. It gives you a lot of room off the tee and then kind of gradually pinches things in as you head toward the green. I think of all the former player architects, I think Jack builds consistently the most interesting and the most playable.

[00:44:49.010]>>Golf courses as you said, he gives you room off the tee, but when you get to the green, he really pinches you. He requires you to hit a good approach, a good smart strategic approach, and you see the whole location today that back left corner protected on the front by the bunker.

[00:45:07.860]>>And obviously the big water hazard to the left.

[00:45:11.700]>>Yeah, just on the other side of the grandstand in the clubhouse is the par 4 9th coming back in the other direction runs parallel to 18 along the ocean. Furyk Furyk, the

tournament host, said he loves the 9th. He thinks it's the best hole in the entire state of Florida. In fact, yeah, it's, and there's no trick either to 9 or 18. They're straight. They're just long, and they've got a really cool green setting.

[00:45:36.730]>>Both 2nd shots are slightly uphill, so they play a little bit longer than probably the yardage tells you.

[00:45:56.270]>>A little history of this golf course on this tour. There was a Champions Tour event contested in 2007 and 2008. Cookie played in 2008. Bernhard Langer was the champion that year. Langer was a hero, someone that Alex Cejka idolized.

[00:46:15.420]>>Bernhard turned professional when he was 1516 years old. Cejka got after it as a teenager, and he was a scratch player by the age of 16.

[00:46:25.140]>>By the way, we've been seeing all the drone shots. A shout out to Furyk and Tabitha's Foundation for the build out here because there are a lot of people. Take a look at that build out behind the 18th green. It's just fabulous. We got them at 171, Cookie.

[00:46:43.940]>>Yeah, ball slightly below his feet on a downhill lie, going a little bit to the right, which is kind of predicted off that lie.

[00:46:56.180]>>A little bit of an opening cookie, maybe.

[00:47:02.760]>>Yeah, Vonn has taken it straight at this flagstick the last two times he's played it. He's at 167 hole. So basically the same shot that he's been playing the last in regulation in the first playoff hole.

[00:47:16.500]>>Wind out of the right

[00:47:27.540]>>That's on a nice line. Oh man, it wasn't ever.

[00:47:32.990]>>What a golf swing that was at the right moment.

[00:47:39.410]>>Straight out of the top drawer and it certainly had Vaughn Taylor's attention after the strike, little club twirl and this one had eyes for the flagstick. Boy, his rhythm has been perfect all day.

[00:47:53.590]>>Never hurried that swing whatsoever.

[00:47:57.500]>>From the fairway it looked like he was dotting the I. He's going to make it 2.

[00:48:03.180]>>Von would win his first event out here should he make this putt and win.

[00:48:08.160]>>In some players that fire is fully engulfed, right? In others like Vaughn Taylor, who has more of a of a calm demeanor, it's just kind of smoldering inside. Well, there are players in the history of the game Tiger Woods, Lanny Watkins, and our very own John Cook. I've partnered and played with John so many times that John would let his emotions come out, which is just fine. I'd love to see the fire in any player.

[00:48:35.020]>>Well, Cookie, Cejka has to be thinking as you should, that your opponent is gonna hold it because Taylor is in there relatively close, so probably feels like this may need to go down.

[00:48:46.300]>>Have to absolutely. Vaughn's in there about 6 ft on a line that he's seen.

[00:48:52.050]>>Plenty of putts

[00:48:53.800]>>So it's no real mystery for Vaughn.

[00:48:56.850]>>Alex now with, I could give him 30 ft, goes down the little slope and starts to take a little left hand break.

[00:49:11.910]>>Wow, good putt, really nice effort.

[00:49:23.370]>>So Cejka will tap in for par.

[00:49:28.010]>>Gave it a fine run, just drifted by on the high side.

[00:49:33.800]>>Will he get another chance to return to 18, all hinging on the outcome of the Vaughn Taylor birdie putt to come.

[00:49:59.910]>>6 ft away for his first champion to a win.

[00:50:20.160]>>V for Victory.

[00:50:23.430]>>Vaughn Taylor birdies the 2nd hole of sudden death, and he takes down the title at the Constellation Furyk & Friends.

[00:50:33.080]>>The PGA Tour Champions victory number one.

[00:50:38.590]>>I hope that's a $2 beer he's spilling on him. It looks like it's a bottle of water.

[00:50:44.680]>>There may be a few cold ones in Vaughn's near future. His demeanor is a little bit quiet, but I don't care how your outward appearance is. You want to win in the worst way, and you can tell by that fist bump.

[00:51:00.910]>>And that that celebration from Vaughn that it means so much to him. Time now for our shots of the tournament presented by our title sponsor Constellation. No surprise it was this pearl into the 18th on the 2nd sudden death hole. You could just see his face. It's like go in the hole.

[00:51:22.300]>>Must have looked perfect from the fairway.

[00:51:26.400]>>Right online. Cejka had missed his birdie putt. Cookie said Vaughn had seen this putt a couple of times already and he wasn't going to let the opportunity get away.

[00:51:40.000]>>In complete disbelief and at a loss for words as he chatted with Cook, but he is a he is a a champion, fully exempt out here, it's a, it's party time for Vaughn Taylor.

[00:51:52.380]>>Gets to 21st in the Charles Schwab Cup standings and uh proves firmly without a doubt that he belongs out here, a winner for the first time on the PGA Tour Champions.

[00:52:06.360]>>Congratulations to the winner. Alex Cejka was tough as always in defeat as he was bidding for his 5th win out here.

[00:52:20.160]>>