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[00:00:41] >> Friday afternoon along Florida's first coast. We welcome you to Jacksonville, and Golf Channel's live first round coverage of the Constellation FURYK and FRIENDS from Timuquana Country Club. John Swantek, Peter Jacobsen with you. Some highlights from earlier in this opening round. Retief Goosen, winner in Sioux Falls, South Dakota just a few weeks ago, for birdie at 6.

[00:01:03] >> These greens are absolutely perfect. Running about 12 on the Stimp.

[00:01:10] >> Vijay Singh, local resident, ties to the area, tee shot at 7.

[00:01:15] >> Wonderful collection of par 3s here at Timuquana. These turtleback greens, that's what you have to do, aim to the middle and stop it like that.

[00:01:28] >> Vijay would pick up a birdie there. David Duval with long ties to Timuquana Country Club.

[00:01:33] >> Yeah, he grew up here. His father Bob was the head professional here. So nobody knows this place like David Duval.

[00:01:40] >> And Duval currently at minus-3. Vijay Singh, going to be dangerous if he makes putts.

[00:01:47] >> Yeah, this is the one club we all talk about it that has been his bugaboo. Still a hall of famer because of the way he hits it. He's got a wonderful command of the long game.

[00:02:00] >> First start of the season, Peter, for the tournament host, Jim Furyk.

[00:02:03] >> I saw him this morning at breakfast. He had his right hip replaced 5 months ago, and he's playing because he wants to give back to the tournament. All we have to do is see more things like that.

[00:02:16] >> Take a look at the leaderboard here. Cameron Percy had a heck of a season trying to break through and win for the first time. He's at 7-under with three holes to play. The owner of a three shot lead here in Jacksonville, Florida. The PGA Tour Champions proudly present the year-long race for the Charles Schwab Cup. And today from Jacksonville, Florida, it's live first round coverage of the Constellation FURYK and FRIENDS. About 20 miles or so from the coastal waters of the Atlantic Ocean, along the beach there lies Timuquana Country Club. This place is truly special. It's been around for more than a century. Designed by Donald Ross in 1923 along the banks of the St. Johns River there on a blustery day here along Florida's first coast. In this, the fifth edition of this event dating back 2021. I'm John Swantek. Pleasure to be alongside Peter Jacobsen, John Cook, couple of guys who combined for 18 victories on the PGA Tour. Cookie, our man on the ground down there this week. Twenty-fourth of 25 regular season events on the calendar. To 11, another birdie look for Vijay Singh.

[00:03:37] >> Now, the winds are up. Anywhere from 15 to 20, maybe gusting to 25. So you've got to be able to control the trajectory of your ball and the spin as well.

[00:03:53] >> Longtime resident of the Ponte Vedra Beach Area up near PGA Tour Headquarters, Vijay Singh. Back at 13, the birdie putt of Davis Love to dip into red numbers here. Just the fourth start of the season for Davis, who's made his home for so many years up in Sea Island, Georgia, about an hour north of here.

[00:04:25] >> And when the wind blows like it is now, gusting to 20, 25, I think the hardest part of the game is right there, putting. It's par 3 I was talking about how difficult it plays. Second most difficult on the golf course. Just six birdies, but more bogeys on this hole than the -- on the any hole on the back nine. We had three double bogeys. So it doesn't look like a difficult hole. There's really nothing in the way. There's no water really in play, but it's just a difficult green.

[00:05:04] >> Vijay's played in all five installments of this event. Tied for 11 in the first edition was his best showing. One of five World Golf Hall of Famers in the field here this week, along with Retief Goosen in the same group. Will take you to 13. This is quite a story Tommy Gainey has told, Peter, since turning 50 only about a month or so, he has Monday qualified four times already.

[00:05:29] >> Yeah, it's really wonderful. I just love to watch him play. I think he's got an excellent golf swing. You see both gloves on his hand. That's why we call him Tommy Two Gloves.

[00:05:42] >> And by the way, of those four times that he's qualified, three times he's been the medalist, including earlier this week. And he's on the cusp of the playoffs with that fine play.

[00:05:53] >> Brendan Jones is a rookie out here. The Aussie, just 50 years of age, came through the Champions Tour Qualifying School. One of the five players to earn their card for this season. He is a well-traveled journeyman, if you will, Peter. And I say that as if it's a badge of honor. And it is for guys like Brendan Jones, who have played on every tour you could think of around the world.

[00:06:16] >> Everybody's goal is to come to the States, play the PGA Tour, or now the PGA Tour Champions Circuit. And, well, how about that wind? And in Brendan's case, play all over the world and do whatever you can, play whatever event you can to sharpen your game and get over here. And came through the Q School, and here he is knocking on the door, trying to stay exempt.

[00:06:45] >> His longest stint was on the Japan Golf Tour, and he was a prolific winner on that circuit, taking down the title 12 times. Winner on the Asian PGA, the PGA Tour of Australasia as well, and projected at 61st if he could keep up the level of play for the next couple of days.

[00:07:06] >> Yes, that's a pretty good jump right there, 18 spots.

[00:07:17] >> And these guys are acutely aware of where they stand, too. They'll tell you, no, I'm not thinking about it. I'm just playing one shot at a time. But they understand.

[00:07:24] >> Well, having done this myself, at the end of the day, everybody's going to go to the computer, not only to check where they are in the tournament, but they're going to check to see where they are in the Charles Schwab Cup standings. Because I want to know what I need to do at a tournament or a final round or whatever it is, I want to know what I need.

[00:07:46] >> Gainey finishing up here at the par 5. Got it a couple under par for the day. Nice tee shot at the 17 from Jay Hass. Looking for the payout.

[00:07:56] >> And you see him plus-2. He's got a bogey. Get in there. Yeah, that's how you do it.

[00:08:03] >> Eighteenth to come for Haas at plus-1. Third shot here at 15 for Davis Love.

[00:08:11] >> And this is back into a very strong breeze today. But this is going to be a pivotal hole on Sunday. Wind supposed to turn around. We're supposed to be downwind on 15, which will be reachable into.

[00:08:26] >> It's par 13 for Alker, who was the runner up to Brett Quigley here at Timuquana 2 years back. Back to 15, third for Duval.

[00:08:36] >> Taking it in nice and low. Put it up just past the water. Went down the right side and played a very nice low spinny pitch in there.

[00:08:44] >> Vijay working from the rough here at 13.

[00:08:49] >> Might have a little tree trouble there on the right. Glad that it's soft over there. That ball could have run. Got into whole bunch of trouble.

[00:09:13] >> David Duval finding birdie there at 15. All right. So Davis Love picks one up at 15 as well. He's got it back into red numbers. Here's Vijay trying to scratch one out for par and stay 3-under.

[00:09:40] >> One thing I've found, I've never used a long putter, but I've practiced with it, I've tried it. And in the wind, it's hard to control. It's really hard to control.

[00:09:49] >> Back at 15, Brendan Jones looking to get it to 4-under par. And does.

[00:10:07] >> You're exactly right there, Peter. They're in such wonderful condition. See running about 12 on the Stimpmeter, which is plenty fast enough because they're big greens, but they play small because there's only certain areas that are actually flat. Steven gets something going here.

[00:10:27] >> May have just smooched the edge of the cup as it drifted by, but Alker looks like he's going to pick up birdie. John mentioned earlier, he won the Schwab Cup with one victory last season, Peter. That's a mark of incredible consistency. How about 70 Top 10 finishes for Alker in 93 starts out here?

[00:10:49] >> Yeah, that's just incredible the consistency that he's shown. Came out with no status a couple years ago. Boom, he's won -- I think he's won almost nine tournaments now out here. And he's got a very experienced caddy on the bag. You see him right there in that salmon colored shirt, Troy Martin, which I think has been a real help, real benefit to Steven.

[00:11:14] >> This would be number 32 birdie total on the day here at 15, if Bjorn can handle it.

[00:11:21] >> You got to get this hole. There's no doubt. Par 5s here at Timuquana are all very gettable. Not long, a little bit of danger in them, but we got to get the par 5s.

[00:11:40] >> I think this man, his putting all year has been spectacular.

[00:11:49] >> Tommy Gainey looking for the bounce back after the bogey.

[00:11:53][Applause] All right. Alker going to putt this one down there, Cookie?

[00:12:08] >> Yeah, I think so. Just off the front of the green. Does have to go up that slight rise right there. Keep the speed up. It's pretty well judged.

[00:12:19] >> Yeah. This 16th hole right now, John, is playing as the fifth most difficult. Normally, it's one of the easier ones. Just a slight turn to the left around the trees, and very flat green. But today, as you mentioned, it is playing hard back into that wind.

[00:12:41] >> Kind of a pedestrian round for Alker. But you turn around and blink, and he's liable to shoot 65 tomorrow.

[00:12:47] >> That he is. Absolutely. Don't count him out.

[00:12:57] >> Nor this man, especially with this club in his hands. But it's been hard work. Nothing about the round for Jimenez has been particularly easy today.

[00:13:07] >> No. A little scratchy the last few holes. He's got a good -- give him 15 feet for par.

[00:13:35] >> Can always lean on that club.

[00:13:38] >> That was scrappy.

[00:13:40] >> Yeah.

[00:13:41] >> That'll make things right.

[00:13:44] >> Keeps it steady at even par. Bjorn's still got a few feet to deal with here. Will give it his full attention.

[00:14:02] >> Yeah, can't sleepwalk your way through these right here. As good as these greens are, you know, really no excuse missing short putts. But just enough grain, these tough eagles. Have to pay attention.

[00:14:17] >> He's been so good from this length all year long. Still got a lot of length off the tee. And whenever you go to a long putter like this, there's a reason. But he sure seems to use this club so proficiently.

[00:14:41] >> Lovely tee shot into 17 for Mark Hensby. And that's two for the Aussie. So he moves to 3-under par.

[00:14:49] >> Yeah, he's one of the most explosive players. All the Aussie screaming for him.

[00:14:56] >> How about that run?

[00:15:06] >> Pretty slow putt here for Steven. Not a ton of break. Piece of paper just went right across this line. And how about that that birdie?

[00:15:17] >> Going in.

[00:15:19] >> Birdie number two on the day here at the 18th hole.

[00:15:25] >> I mean, you're effectively picking up a shot and a half on the field. The scoring average nearly 4.6 here at 18 today. That's why Alker has an ear to ear grin on his face.

[00:15:40] >> Well, we just saw birdie number two of the day produced by Steven Alker. And Bjorn looking to make it three.

[00:15:47] >> This is very makeable. Will turn a little to his left, but not much.

[00:16:03] >> Getting a little whisper from his caddie, little wry smile here. He probably knows he's going to make this.

[00:16:17] >> Maybe just on that right edge, Peter. No more than that.

[00:16:23] >> It won't be a birdie, but it will be one of three bogey-free rounds on the day. That's going to be 70 for Thomas Bjorn. Sixty-four with a bogey for Cameron Percy equaling the tournament scoring mark today.

[00:16:45] >> PGA Tour Champions proudly present the year-long race for the Charles Schwab Cup. And today, from Jacksonville, Florida, it's second round coverage of the Constellation FURYK and FRIENDS, the 24th of 25 regular season events on the schedule. Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs on the horizon. That is the stately clubhouse beyond the 18th green here at Timuquana Country Club. Designed by Donald Ross more than a century ago, and it's been the host venue now for the fifth year here. Jim Furyk, tournament host and competitor here this week as well. A lot of rain in the area here over the last couple of weeks. And of course, got pretty saturated overnight as well. Preferred lies in effect for the second straight day. Matt Gogel, Cameron Percy, the co-leaders at 8-under par right now. Percy opened with a 64 yesterday, equaling the tournament scoring mark here as he tries to win for the first time. He's been all over leaderboards this season with eight Top 10 finishes. David Duval, hometown kid, Jacksonville's own. He's part of the group trying to stay within touch, three shots off the lead at 5-under par. John Swantek, pleased to be

alongside Peter Jacobsen, John Cook, couple guys who've combined for 30 wins on the PGA Tour and the Champions Tour as well. Duval's tee shot is away.

[00:18:15] >> A local hero right here. Played a lot of golf growing up here at Timuquana. And perfect tee shot there for David.

[00:18:22] >> See that ball just plug right when it landed. Golf course is saturated.

[00:18:30] >> Yeah, pretty wet out here, Peter.

[00:18:31] >> Yeah.

[00:18:32] >> Pretty wet. They are playing the ball up, so preferred lies. Matt Gogel now coming off of bogey at 10 and a short birdie miss at 11.

[00:18:53] >> Short little par 4 here. Doglegs to the right, pin today in the front left, but a tiny green.

[00:19:01] >> Now, this is a typical Ross green. It falls off on all four sides, so you've got to be careful with your approach.

[00:19:11] >> The co-leader, Cameron Percy, is at the 11.

[00:19:15] >> Take a look at how much spin is on this golf ball. That's what the players are facing because of the wet greens and the wet conditions.

[00:19:24] >> Up to 13 is our man Boo Weekley trying to get it to 7-even under here.

[00:19:39] >> And Kjeldsen to grab a share of the lead here.

[00:19:43] >> Yeah, not much to this either. Just have to keep the speed up.

[00:19:49] >> You mentioned it, John, he seems to live on that first page of the leaderboard since he's come out. I think his first week might have been in May, possibly at the Senior PGA.

[00:20:01] >> Birdie putt for David Duval back at 12.

[00:20:03] >> One birdie, no bogeys on David's card. So he'd love to bag this one with a par 5 coming up.

[00:20:12] >> He's learning how to play again, and it took a little longer than he expected.

[00:20:22] >> Yeah, there's Jason Caron at the 9th, finishing up his final hole of the day.

[00:20:32] >> How about it? Really gave Cameron Percy a wedge lesson. We could all learn how to putt from Jason Caron. Sixty-eight 68 today.

[00:20:45] >> Tommy Gainey was the qualifying medalist earlier in the week for the third time in the last 5 weeks. And he's very much in the mix here at 6-under.

[00:20:54] >> It's a great story. Hardest thing to do is qualify on Monday. There aren't many spots. Sometimes, there's four. Sometimes, there's just three. But, boy, Tommy Gainey has figured that qualifying out.

[00:21:09] >> Back at 13. Gene Sauers, 9 years removed from his lone win out here at the US Senior Open back in 2016. Look at Gino at the age of 63. He's got it within one. Birdie putt for Vijay Singh here at the 12. Peter said he's hitting the ball good. His mind's in a good place. It all depends how he feels when he wakes up in the morning.

[00:21:32] >> Yeah. It's hard to play when you're injured. And we know that Vijay's had some problems with his feet.

[00:21:39] >> Gogel at 13.

[00:21:40] >> Two-thirty-three front, 255 hole, on a nice line.

[00:21:45] >> Yeah. What a kick forward. Had about 10 feet left for eagle. You can't see it, Cookie.

[00:21:56] >> No, you can't see it. You got the bunker in the front kind of hides it.

[00:22:03] >> Fourteenth playing 187 yards today. Gene Sauers, one shot off the lead.

[00:22:07] >> Yeah, playing a little bit easier today than it did yesterday. Great shot, Gino. Really good.

[00:22:19] >> What a strike for Gogel. Put himself in position for an eagle here.

[00:22:24] >> Yeah, and this is inside 10 feet. I'm going to give him about 7 feet here for eagle. Might have a little left movement in it, but not much.

[00:22:38] >> What a three. Five birdies in his opening six holes, and an eagle here at 13. And Gogel's got it to 10-under, and he's the man up top.

[00:22:48] >> Well, we saw him have a chance to win earlier this year at the Boeing Classic, until he really rinsed it, hit it in the penalty area on 17. But he's been playing some really solid golf.

[00:23:03] >> So it's Gogel at 10-under, Percy at eight. Duval looking to get it to seven here.

[00:23:14] >> Yeah, nice two putt birdie there for David.

[00:23:17] >> One of six players right now at minus-7. They're back at the par 3. And. Kjeldsen for birdie.

[00:23:29] >> Kjeldsen's only made one bogey in his card yesterday and today. Today, he's got three birdies. Yesterday, he made five birdies. So he's continuing with his good play. Yeah, I'd say so.

[00:23:49] >> Nice pickup at 14 for Kjeldsen to get to minus-8 within a couple of Gogel, who's got a par putt ahead of him.

[00:23:59] >> Vijay Looks good with that putter this week.

[00:24:02] >> That's back to back birdies for saying at 12 and 13, get within a couple of the lead. And just a short one for Cameron Percy's birdie. Couple of runner up finishes this year. Second to Miguel Angel Jimenez at Firestone of the Kaulig Companies Championship, second in St. Louis as well in a playoff.

[00:24:31] >> Yeah, that's the one thing. When you're looking for your first win out here, he has been really close, and he's right there. He will be -- He might win tomorrow. He's just playing such consistent golf all year long.

[00:24:45] >> Back to the par 5 we go. Even par round going for Robert Karlsson. Three-under for the week. And a look at birdie here.

[00:24:56] >> He's won over on his round today. Had an incredible back nine finish yesterday. He just had an up and down day so far. Here's another player close to winning his first event out here on the PGA Tour Champions.

[00:25:18] >> Certainly had his chances, but been a quiet season for the Swede. Still in search of his first Top 10, but inside the Top 72 playoff number at the minute. Little work remaining for Gene Sauers. As I mentioned, 2016, the lone win out here. And it was a big one, the United States Senior Open Championship. Gene won three times on the PGA Tour. Long career out there. His first win was in '86 and his last win was in 2002. So Percy, one shot off the lead, which belongs to Matt Gogel.

[00:26:00] >> We set it up earlier, 198 front, 205 hole. So if he wants to use the wind or hold it up against the wind. Right front hole location, like Peter said. It's only seven on the front of the green. This is on a nice line.

[00:26:17] >> Wow.

[00:26:17] >> Yeah, good shot.

[00:26:20] >> Gogs has got it going today.

[00:26:22] >> How about it? Chance for a second eagle and a three-hole stretch for Gogel. Gogel with a chance to go 6-under on the par 5s alone today.

[00:26:31] >> Yeah, that is got to get the par 5s out here at Timuquana. Good look here from 15 feet. Moving to his right and really quick.

[00:26:46] >> It hangs on the lip. So it won't be another eagle. But the birdies are piling up for Matt Gogel. He is taking care of the par 5s.

[00:26:54] >> Up to 18, hardest hole on the golf course this week. Steven Alker made birdie here yesterday toward the tail end of the day. Looking to cap his Saturday with another.

[00:27:04] >> Yeah. Just three birdies yesterday, and he made one of them. And he made another one. How about that? Played 18, 2-under par, two rounds.

[00:27:14] >> And Alker in with the 69 at 5-under. We'll see how far off the lead he will be to start the final day. There's Gainey for the seventh birdie of the round. He's well in position for potentially another Top 10 finish, but would push him into the SAS Championship next week.

[00:27:33] >> Gogs has been -- John, Gogs has been talking about how his game has come together. He's been working on his fitness. He's been working with a new trainer. And that just breeds confidence, not only with your golf swing, but how you feel about your game.

[00:27:50] >> Yeah, he's been trending nicely. He's had good finishes. He doesn't get in every week. You know, he's in that nonexempt category. So he has to get in that Top 36, win a tournament. That would help.

[00:28:12] >> Second shot into the home hole for Tommy Gainey.

[00:28:15] >> Straight back into the win. Was playing 435, but it's all of about 460.

[00:28:23] >> Begging for it to stay up on top. Just drift away a little bit, but cling to the green. Here's the birdie putt for Tommy Gainey. Kind of in the neighborhood where Alker holed his earlier.

[00:28:35] >> Yeah. Just four birdies today here at the incredibly difficult last hole. It's a beautiful second shot. We watched Tommy hit his approach, coming right back at the beautiful clubhouse here at Timuquana. Big American flagpole in the background.

[00:28:57] >> This is the ninth hole for the members, Peter. The nines are flipped here this week for the tournament. And Vijay Singh trying to grind one out for par and shoot 69 here.

[00:29:16] >> Yeah. Trouble off the tee to the right. Put it left short of the green, and going to drop a shot here at the last.

[00:29:23] >> Two-under par Saturday for Singh. And he's in at 7-under. Five shots off the lead in this fifth edition of the Constellation FURYK and FRIENDS. Vijay's not cracked the Top 10 in his four other starts here.

[00:29:41] >> There's the clubhouse right there. See the dark clouds in the distance. But this is a wonderful facility as players love playing here at Timuquana.

[00:29:57] >> Chad Campbell for birdie to get to seven.

[00:30:02] >> When I watch Chad Campbell swing the golf club, I expect to see that, down the middle, on the green, in the hole for birdie.

[00:30:08] >> The other big story brewing, David Duval at 7-under trying to run down his first victory on the Champions Tour here in his hometown.

[00:30:31] >> Championship Sunday in Jacksonville, Florida. We welcome you to Timuquana Country Club, and final round coverage of the Constellation FURYK and FRIENDS. John Swantek, Peter Jacobsen is alongside. Cameron Percy's in the final group of the day today.

[00:30:47] >> Great start for Percy. I think he's going to be right there at the end. He has been playing well all season.

[00:30:55] >> Tommy Gainey qualified earlier in the week. In fact, he was the medalist. This was at the 4th. Two gloves.

[00:31:03] >> What a story he has been telling since turning 50 just a couple of months ago. Matt Gogel, in the 70th start. He's trying to win for the first time.

[00:31:14] >> This was a great birdie after that opening bogey.

[00:31:21] >> So it's Gogel by two in his 70th start. He's got some heady company. Vijay Singh, World Golf Hall of Famer with one of the best rounds of the day. Part of a three-way tie for second here in Jacksonville.

[00:31:37] >> Soren Kjeldsen has made an immediate impact on the PGA Tour Champions after blitzing the field in the Qualifying School to the tune of 24-under to get his card out here. Didn't get things cranked up until May, but he got right to work.

[00:31:50] >> Yeah. The Senior PGA was his first tournament out here on the Champions Tour. He had a chance to win. I went back and looked. He's played 38 rounds so far in his PGA Tour Champions career. Thirty 30 rounds have been par or better. So he has a really good comfort level going out here on the Champions Tour. And he continues with that here.

[00:32:20] >> Chad Campbell for birdie back at the 6th. He's the father of four boys, Peter. He said they're starting to get into golf. They're starting to play together. And he said, yeah, they're starting to blow it by me with regularity.

[00:32:31] >> Well, that's going to happen when you're a -- when you've got four young boys who love to play golf. You saw Chad back off that. We've still got the gusty winds out there. As you mentioned earlier, we are dodging a lot of bad weather. Golf course is wet. It's playing extremely long.

[00:32:55] >> So birdies at 4 and 6 for the Texan, four-time winner on the PGA Tour. He's four shots off the lead here.

[00:33:03] >> Yeah. The sixth hole is a very reachable par 5. If you want to win, you've got a birdie all four par 5s to make it easier. David drops a shot here.

[00:33:20] >> That one stinks.

[00:33:27] >> Up to the 8th we go here, Peter. Thomas Bjorn, the winner of the Stifel Charity Classic in St. Louis last month.

[00:33:33] >> So good from that range with that long putter.

[00:33:38] >> Short birdie putt coming up for Gogel. Not a problem. Bogey at the opening hole, but he has kind of steadied things. Matt Gogel's got it on the front foot. Birdie's at 4 and 6. Have him three clear. Had to wait a little while for the Gainey birdie putt. Now, to get to 11-under.

[00:34:02] >> And not much to this. He saw Matt Gogel's putt go up there. Beautiful golf shot hit in here.

[00:34:16] >> Opportunity miss, just like at the par-5 6th.

[00:34:20] >> He's been putting beautifully all week long. Third right now for the week in the field.

[00:34:32] >> A little shake of the head upon the exit off the green for Gainey, casting his glance back at the hole. That was a good chance he let slip through his grasp there. Gogel, excellent lag putt to within 2.5 feet here.

[00:34:50] >> Yeah, that's the stressless golf we're talking about, John.

[00:34:56] >> Keeps it at 13-under as they head to the 8th. We jump up to the 9th. Alex Cejka had one of the best rounds of the day yesterday. He's at minus-5.

[00:35:06] >> Such an efficient golf swing. Wonderful shot. That's a hard hole to get to because it's just over. Runs off into a collection area. So that was a great aggressive shot by Cejka.

[00:35:25] >> Vijay Singh described this place as old school, Peter. He said the green complexes are so difficult, your iron play has to be so accurate. Shot making is required. He said, that's what I like. Lots of variety on the way you flight the ball.

[00:35:40] >> Well, he can turn it from right to left or left to right. And looks like he's over turned that one just a bit. And that is not a good place to hit it. Not going to be a pleasant pitch for Vijay.

[00:35:53] >> Matt Gogel is the owner of six victories on the Korn Ferry Tour, one PGA Tour title as well. That was at Pebble Beach in 2002. So it's been 23 years since that victory. And with a win here today, he would become the 23rd player to win on the Korn Ferry Tour, the PGA Tour, and the Champions Tour. Cookie, that's pretty cool distinction.

[00:36:17] >> Yeah, no doubt about it. And he wants it. He pressed up just a little bit on this difficult par 4, dogleg right to left. But the wind blowing right to left. Two-eighty-five past the bunkers and another good tee ball.

[00:36:32] >> He's been doing that all week.

[00:36:35] >> The only way that -- Yeah, he certainly has. And I was going to say that, like I said back there, he's got options nowadays from here on in. And basically, the only way you cough up big leads is by putting the golf ball out of play with tee balls. So he's driven it really nicely.

[00:36:55] >> And he just -- Tommy Gainey also finds the fairway.

[00:37:05] >> Gainey at 10-under par, along with Vijay Singh. Trying to run down Matt Gogel, the leader by three here on the final day.

[00:37:18] >> Vijay's little comebacker for par. Got it. He's been solid on the greens all week. Keeps the card clean.

[00:37:48] >> One-fifty-two here for Tommy Gainey. Green light situation. Wind trying to catch it -- hit it to the -- from right to left. Underneath the hole. Not too bad. Right on line.

[00:38:08] >> I remember when John Daly came out.

[00:38:11] >> A long time ago.

[00:38:11] >> John, when Daly came out, he just took that sand wedge. He took that gap wedge from everywhere around the green and hit just big high flop shots. Tried to land it close to the hole with spin and -- Well, he did, obviously, did really well with that.

[00:38:30] >> Yeah, he would take that long swing. Right from hole high, then move slightly to his right. Pacing spot on again.

[00:38:42] >> He's had a number of long putts in this final round, and pretty much been dead weight, Peter. That's a good indicator that a guy's nerves are intact.

[00:38:52] >> That's exactly right. Every time that he hits a nice putt from 20, 30, 40 feet, he can go up and just tap it in and take a deep breath and move on. Because right now, he is in the driver's seat. He's in great control of his game.

[00:39:07] >> Always in control. Steven Alker looking for birdie here at the 10th.

[00:39:11] >> It's been a slow week. But, as you said, it's what we expect from Alker, one of the most, if not the most consistent player out here, probably besides Miguel Angel Jimenez.

[00:39:21] >> And he's back to the 8th with Gainey.

[00:39:24] >> Straight up the hill. Not much to this. He's going to keep pacing. Golden opportunity at 6th, and another one at 7. Going to take advantage of this one.

[00:39:45] >> All right. So par for Gainey, who birdied two of his opening four holes. Keep it at 10-under after qualifying again earlier this week. He's done it four times already, three times as the medalist.

[00:40:08] >> Similar putt to what Cameron hit on the last hole. Knocks that one right in the center.

[00:40:22] >> Vijay Singh pushing for the victory, trying to get to 11-under.

[00:40:26] >> And when you're that far behind, those opportunities are so important.

[00:40:39] >> He remains three back of the leader, Matt Gogel.

[00:41:02] >> Cameron now taking putter as he has in the last few holes, being off the green.

[00:41:11] >> Good play.

[00:41:14] >> So it's going to be an opening nine and 36 for Percy, who has been stacking up Top 10s, as we mentioned.

[00:41:31] >> Alker looking for par up here at 11. He was third in the Schwab Cup standings coming into the week. And he is the man who holds the cup. Trying to win it for the third time. Gainey for birdie back at 9.

[00:41:50] >> Pretty good breaker from right to left. Needs to turn a little bit. And just hung out. Good putt, though.

[00:42:01] >> It's nice to see the sun pop out. No rain. Pretty nice afternoon out there, John, huh?

[00:42:11] >> Not too bad. No. Sun's trying to pop out. Cloud cover somewhere, but I feel like it's going to rain.

[00:42:21] >> Well, John, we heard Matt Gogel tell you in his wrap up interview yesterday after the second round that he wants to put himself in the heat. He wants the pressure. Well, he's got one right here. He's got this 8 to 10-footer for par. And if this were to go in, there would be a huge sigh of relief from Gogel.

[00:42:43] >> Well, that is for sure. And we talked about it a little bit earlier, too, how do you handle your little first sign of stress? Well, this is the first sign of stress. The second sign of stress, he bogeyed number 1, but then came back with a birdie at the 3rd. Right here, big putt, I think, for confidence going into that back nine.

[00:43:15] >> Even Tommy Gainey was doubled over watching that one stop on the lip.

[00:43:20] >> It looked like it was dead into the breeze there, too.

[00:43:24] >> Well, he's been pretty good with the scrambling stats all week long. He's 11 for 15 coming into the ninth. Now, he's 11 for 16. Still in the Top 10 for the week. So bookend bogeys for the leader. Sandwiched around the birdies at 4 and 6. And his cushion has been trimmed to two. Gainey stays at 10. Vijay Singh, one group ahead, is at minus-10 as well.

[00:44:10] >> Up to the green here, Peter. Haven't seen David Duval in a while. He birdied the 3rd and 4th earlier in the round. Picks one up here to get back to 9-under par.

[00:44:24] >> Long birdie putt for Singh on the way at 11.

[00:44:27] >> Yeah. This par 4 is back into the wind today. So, the wind has changed on the golf course. So it's going to change the complexity of the -- of how these players will approach the difficult par 4s, as well as the par 5.

[00:44:57] >> Gainey will go to work on this one, along with his caddie, trying to identify his spot. Looks to be about two thirds of the way into the hole here.

[00:45:04] >> Yeah, first part of the putt through the surround area, the Trinity Zoysia, kind of kick the ball left. Once it gets up onto the putting surface, it'd be pretty straight. Overall, this has got some pretty good break from right to left.

[00:45:28] >> Pretty well done, really, from that low. And these greens, when they start tucking these flags up against these slopes, that's really when the challenge presents itself.

[00:45:47] >> He is a grinder, the man from Central Carolina Technical College, who played on the Tarheel Tour on his way to what is now the Korn Ferry Tour, winner on the PGA Tour when he shot 60 on the final day to win up in Sea Island, Georgia, about an hour from here.

[00:46:04] >> Percy could use one as well.

[00:46:13] >> Not much to this either. Really straight, about 5 feet. Hey, gets one to go.

[00:46:21] >> First birdie since the opening hole has the Aussie back at 10-under within a couple of Gogel.

[00:46:28] >> Tommy Gainey, who's going to pick up his third birdie of the day. And that is now your co leader at 11-under par.

[00:46:39] >> Yeah, things have really changed after we saw Gogel with a three shot lead after 8. And now, we have a new ball game.

[00:46:47] >> This is an eagle putt up here at the 15 for Thomas Bjorn.

[00:46:53] >> Going along very quietly. We've seen seven eagles at this hole, the 15th, and 10 eagles back at 13.

[00:47:07] >> But that's 4-under over the last four holes for the Danes. So he's at minus-9 with the 16th to come. Five-under par on the par 5s today. You and Cookie have both spoken about that recipe here at Timuquana. You got to get him. And Bjorn has on the final day here. Tommy Gainey off the edge of the 13th green for an eagle.

[00:47:31] >> Yeah, good 20 feet of that Trinity Zoysia to go through. It's got putter out. Once it gets on the green, it'll go a little bit left.

[00:47:42] >> Just a little bit left.

[00:47:44] >> How about that? Brings him to his knees.

[00:47:47] >> Guess he chose wisely.

[00:47:49] >> Birdie at 12, eagle at 13 for Tommy Gainey. And that is your new tournament leader. Back to 15 with Gogel.

[00:47:57] >> Yeah. Good 10 yards off the front of the green. I don't mind this putter play. It's a little bit wet.

[00:48:05] >> Go in.

[00:48:06] >> Good looking putt. Might need to slow down slightly to his left. About 15 feet though.

[00:48:21] >> Just kind of milking that one down there. Just ensuring that he would not walk off the green with anything higher than four. So an eagle at 13 for Gainey, and a birdie at 15.

[00:48:35] >> That's just fine. He adds to his lead.

[00:48:38] >> All right. Matt Gogel needs something good to happen. How about a birdie here at 15?

[00:48:46] >> Yeah, absolute must here for Matt Gogel. A little to his right. Good read. His approach putt went by the hole.

[00:49:04] >> There it is.

[00:49:07] >> Except for a couple of crazy things that happened at 9 and 13, he's really played well.

[00:49:16] >> So Gogel back within two of Gainey as they both make birdie here. Percy looks to do the same. This would get him to within one shot of the lead.

[00:49:28] >> Yeah. Another must make right here for Cameron. Not much to this from right behind the hole. A little bit straighter putt than what Matt just had and what Tommy just had.

[00:49:50] >> OK. Birdies for all three guys in the final group here. Gainey, the owner of a one shot lead over Percy.

[00:50:06] >> Oh, my gosh.

[00:50:08] >> Asking for a little assist from the wind. I don't think he needed very much.

[00:50:11] >> Wow. What a shot.

[00:50:15] >> So he backed off on the tee, and he'll back off here before this most crucial putt. Trying to put a little additional heat and forced Tommy to have to make his.

[00:50:26] >> I think that was more of a gust of wind. He's ready to go.

[00:50:37] >> Nobody ever reads that putt properly. It's got so much more break from left to right than the players can see.

[00:50:46] >> Final round 69 for Cameron Percy, and it's dejected shake of the head. He kind of knows it. Has accepted his faith that it's looking like it's going to be a third runner up finish this season. How about a three at the last? No. Just wasn't Gogel's day. That's going to be a five, in fact, after driving it out of position. He said it's been a steady climb every year. He was looking forward to this final day, but not what he had in mind. Gogel will sign for 75. And that will leave Tommy Gainey with two putts for the victory.

[00:51:24] >> I think he -- I don't think he's taking any time. He knows what he needs, John. How about a birdie?

[00:51:30] >> Yeah. Do it in style. He was the qualifier on Tuesday. He's the champion on Sunday. Victory number one for Two Gloves. He takes down the title at the Constellation FURYK and FRIENDS.

[00:51:45] >> What a story. What a story for Tommy Gainey.

[00:51:50] >> And the way he's had to grind this season just to get into these events, very emblematic of the overall arc and trajectory of his career. Tommy Gainey is the epitome of what a grinder is at the professional level. And he's got his first victory since turning 50 just a couple of months ago on August 13th. A two shot win over Cameron Percy, who's a runner up for the third time this season.