

Production Transcript for **2025 SKECHERS WORLD CHAMPIONS**

[00:00:27.059]>>ESPN and the PGA TOUR Champions proudly presents live day one coverage of the Skechers World Champions Cup supporting Shriner's Children's.

[00:00:41.650]>>From Clearwater, Florida, it is the second time this event has taken place, took place back in 2023 at the Concession Club. This year it's at the Feather Sound Country Club in Clearwater, Florida.

[00:00:56.319]>>And we are representing countries all over the world, the United States, Europe, the internationals.

[00:01:04.139]>>The Ryder Cup meets the President's Cup for the PGA TOUR Champions, and this is the way we look right now. There is still one group out on the golf course from 6 ball this morning, but as of right now, the internationals in Europe are tied at 27. The USA has 24. Justin Kutcher alongside Curtis Strange here in the booth, Andy North, Billy Kratzert, John Maginnes on the course, and Michael Collins is doing the interviews.

[00:01:35.410]>>We've seen some good plays so far, some exciting play. It's a different format as we go out to the 9th hole again. This is the 6th ball format, the final group on the course for Europe, Alex Cejka, Soren Kjeldsen, for the Internationals, KJ Choi and Ángel Cabrera, for the US, Steve Stricker and Justin Leonard. Andy North is with this group, and the USA is trying to get a couple of points coming in.

[00:02:03.190]>>A couple of players drove the ball in the water on the right, Leonard and KJ, so basically there's 4 that have a chance now.

[00:02:14.009]>>And this is by far the toughest hole on this nine holes, 451 back into the wind, water down the entire right side.

[00:02:22.869]>>Good angle from here, but 2nd will play a lot longer. Uh, but they, they, they gave the players a lot of room on the left and with no rough, you can hit it 20 yards left of the fairway and still be OK, so to hit it in the water here is a huge mistake.

[00:02:39.179]>>The flag sticks way to the right portion of the screen.

[00:02:44.050]>>Yeah, just in the, over the back edge of the green, not a bad spot at all.

[00:02:52.660]>>Team Europe has really played well.

[00:02:55.460]>>So far today they've got points on every single hole.

[00:03:01.300]>>This will be from 203 back into the wind.

[00:03:09.470]>>That was Jess as well running up in the hole, yeah.

[00:03:12.779]>>That was his a lot.

[00:03:16.899]>>OK. Back at the first, this was a moment ago, Stewart Cink for birdie. The International's Mike Weir has already missed his birdie putt.

[00:03:28.660]>>And Stewart Cink pours it in, that's a big putt right there.

[00:03:36.649]>>And here is Clarke to try to tie the Americans and get 1.5 points.

[00:03:46.770]>>Pretty much a formality right there, but the Americans and the Europeans, each with 1.5 points, the internationals get 0. So Waiii Yang, he will hit.

[00:03:58.729]>>The approach shot

[00:04:00.789]>>He's got Jim Park on the bag.

[00:04:04.300]>>And they're discussing the wind, but I don't think it's, it's going to make much difference from this yardage. I, I just don't see it carrying it an extra 23 yards.

[00:04:21.250]>>Big divot from that distance.

[00:04:24.820]>>Good shot. Advantage international team.

[00:04:31.549]>>Up ahead to 2, this is the 2nd for Jason Caron. That was pretty good contact out of that waist area.

[00:04:40.510]>>Oh yes.

[00:04:43.859]>>What a shot. That was from 242 yards. Now Hensby, the 54-year-old Australian for birdie and 2 points. Well, pretty much the second half of the putt we just saw from Steve Flesch.

[00:04:57.279]>>Just get the last foot. There you go, walk it in.

[00:05:00.809]>>Mark.

[00:05:02.450]>>2 points for the internationals, a half a point each for the US and the Europeans. Up ahead to 3, and this is gonna be Thomas Bjørn for birdie.

[00:05:15.010]>>And he's right on the back side of that little knob that separates the front of the green from this middle portion. And so this they'll swing pretty good from right to left.

[00:05:28.809]>>Read perfectly. Not that much.

[00:05:37.260]>>Up ahead to 3. Mike Weir for birdie. This is downhill moving from left to right.

[00:05:43.679]>>And that's 1.5 for Europe and 1.5 for the internationals. Now at the 1st for birdie and.

[00:05:53.950]>>2 points.

[00:05:57.869]>>And it just leaks it in.

[00:06:01.929]>>Bernard Langer, who?

[00:06:05.220]>>What has he done?

[00:06:08.390]>>This is for birdie

[00:06:11.029]>>So it either goes 210.

[00:06:14.299]>>Or it goes 1/2, 1 1/2.

[00:06:17.760]>>USA is going to walk away with 0 no matter what.

[00:06:22.959]>>Now they definitely will.

[00:06:28.609]>>At the 4th, it's gonna be Stewart Cink to play the 2nd. 82 yards downwind, front flag, but the green leans back toward him. Should stop quickly.

[00:06:42.829]>>So the strategy of letting Cink.

[00:06:46.540]>>Go deep off the tee as we go back to the 3rd and Miguel Angel Jiménez here on the tee. Yeah, pretty much the same wind direction that we had earlier today and a location.

[00:07:01.130]>>Certainly a little more to the left.

[00:07:11.579]>>Probably the easiest hole location on this green. I would agree, Curtis, and.

[00:07:17.619]>>I was trying to work up against that wall of wind.

[00:07:26.790]>>So the Europeans at the 4th hole have already totaled 4 points in the 1st 3 holes.

[00:07:36.170]>>I think if you birdie every hole in alternate shot, you're probably gonna win the most points.

[00:07:44.089]>>This is for 4 in a row, and Darren Clarke looks like a different golfer than he did this morning.

[00:07:52.679]>>I think it was that interview with Michael Collins.

[00:07:57.890]>>I think it was lunch

[00:08:04.510]>>I had a little more than an hour. He said he was gonna go hit some balls.

[00:08:08.839]>>When your hands are that good, you're gonna figure it out.

[00:08:14.709]>>What a start for the Europeans, the first group out in the afternoon.

[00:08:19.980]>>14.

[00:08:28.989]>>Got to go to the right just a little bit, yeah, ever so slightly.

[00:08:34.229]>>Oh good catch by the hole there, Curtis.

[00:08:38.450]>>1.5 points for the US. 1.5 for the Europeans. Over at the 2nd, 3rd shot, to go to the right just a little bit.

[00:08:52.130]>>Oh, look at this, Cabrera holds out.

[00:08:57.479]>>it's.

[00:08:59.460]>>Well, that will be a couple of points.

[00:09:03.090]>>How about this putt now for Flesh because we've seen him miss some of these in the 5, 6 ft range.

[00:09:10.570]>>You're not going to miss them all.

[00:09:15.849]>>But this one back up the hill put some speed to it.

[00:09:19.340]>>For a bid 2 points.

[00:09:21.520]>>He's got it. Beautiful shot by Jerry Kelly.

[00:09:27.500]>>it.

[00:09:30.250]>>2 points on the eagle by Cabrera, 1 point for the birdie.

[00:09:39.530]>>And 0 for Team USA.

[00:09:47.250]>>You don't want to fall too far behind.

[00:09:51.159]>>As we go out to the 5th and the 2nd for Steven Alker.

[00:09:55.539]>>215 yards. The Europeans are already on the green about 20 ft.

[00:10:00.000]>>These are 2nd shots at par 5s.

[00:10:02.710]>>Just a laser.

[00:10:06.109]>>And that landed just past the hole.

[00:10:10.440]>>You can see the pitch mark, look at that.

[00:10:16.919]>>This guy doesn't miss.

[00:10:20.260]>>Whether it's a hybrid or a wedge, at the 3rd, KJ Choi, look at birdie. Just putting it down the hill, going down into a little valley.

[00:10:30.000]>>This one looks good, guys.

[00:10:32.299]>>Oh man, KJ Choi again.

[00:10:36.880]>>That's gotta be his 3rd or 4th putt of at least 15 ft for birdie.

[00:10:43.020]>>Back to 5, another American.

[00:10:46.460]>>That's for Birdie.

[00:10:49.900]>>And Europeans with just a little work left for their birdie as well, it looks like everybody will get a point.

[00:10:55.919]>>And the Europeans will make their 5th birdie in 5 holes if Clarke can negotiate the rest of this.

[00:11:10.890]>>Piece of cake, 5th birdie and 5 holes for the combination of Thomas Bjørn and Darren Clarke.

[00:11:22.219]>>Steve Stricker playing his 2nd at the 4th. Yeah, from 80 yards, just a perfect 60 degree for him.

[00:11:30.750]>>And you know how well he plays his wedges, you'd surely expect it to be exactly like that. The one-handed finish, I thought for a second it was Hideki Matsuyama.

[00:12:01.159]>>Gets it, 2 points.

[00:12:05.049]>>For Team USA.

[00:12:08.070]>>Let's see if that gets them some momentum.

[00:12:11.059]>>Now Colin Montgomerie has a putt for birdie.

[00:12:14.710]>>I would say ticklish.

[00:12:18.309]>>This puttt coming down the hill.

[00:12:21.000]>>And Billy, he's, he's missed a few.

[00:12:25.460]>>Well, you don't have to worry about the speed. All you need to do is.

[00:12:29.380]>>Turn a couple of dimples over and it'll get to the hole.

[00:12:35.530]>>No.

[00:12:37.419]>>Gets that one a go.

[00:12:44.390]>>Back at the 8th, Thomas Bjørn for yet another birdie here for the Europeans. This is a big swinger from right to left.

[00:12:53.770]>>Hold on. Oh my gosh, they are unconscious.

[00:13:02.130]>>At the 7th, 3rd for Jimenez.

[00:13:06.330]>>Well played. Oh, how good is this? How good is this?

[00:13:14.469]>>Wow, wow. Now Stewart Cink for birdie for a point and a half.

[00:13:22.640]>>Just a little right to left. Oh, huge.

[00:13:27.229]>>That's 1.5 for America, 1.5 for Europeans.

[00:13:35.099]>>Steve Stricker has this birdie putt for 2 points, and this is his kind of putt right to left or down the hill, just kind of feed it down there.

[00:13:46.419]>>Oh yeah. Oh, we got it.

[00:13:52.799]>>He needs to make one.

[00:13:54.609]>>KJ's made most of their putts today. It'd be a nice way to finish up with one.

[00:14:01.539]>>And he does. You know, he deserved it after that tee shot.

[00:14:06.950]>>What a finish.

[00:14:11.239]>>So that will guarantee him at least 1.5 points.

[00:14:18.229]>>Chris, you mentioned earlier on you didn't like this either, but you didn't mind it on longer stuff where you could really see the hole better. I think you'd have better depth perception if it's 30 or 40 ft on speedy greens, could possibly help you if, if you have some speed, but, uh, not here.

[00:14:39.020]>>He's able to knock it in, so now this will force the Americans and Justin Leonard to make the putt.

[00:14:45.549]>>To get

[00:14:46.820]>>The half a point.

[00:14:51.239]>>Every single point, half point matters in this event.

[00:14:59.020]>>To secure the half a point here for the Americans.

[00:15:05.900]>>Well done.

[00:15:12.419]>>Steve Stricker, Justin Leonard, 9.5 points.

[00:15:18.669]>>They played well this afternoon. They did. Here's what the leaderboard looks like. The US and the internationals are tied at 52.5 points. The Europeans, they lead at

57. Again, there's no single point total that you're aiming towards. It's whoever has the most at the end of these three days.

[00:15:44.489]>>At Feather Sound Country Club for the 2nd straight day, the Europeans.

[00:15:50.049]>>Are doing what they do best, playing team golf, putting up lots of points. Already 28 points on the board in this morning's session with two groups still to finish as the US, the Europeans, and the internationals all vying for that, the World Champions Cup, and this is a look at the leaderboard.

[00:16:14.140]>>And in the 6th ball here this morning, the Europeans already with 28 points after they had 29 in the Scotch 6s yesterday afternoon.

[00:16:26.340]>>Americans at 23.5, the Internationals at 20.5. Justin Kutcher alongside Curtis Strange with you here in the booth. Andy North, Billy Kratzer, John McGinnis on the course, Michael Collins with the interviews, and we go out to golf. Second shot for Steve Stricker at the eighth. Yeah, both the US players laid the ball up. The other four all went for this one.

[00:16:48.809]>>Steve's such a great wedge player, I don't ever have a problem with him laying up.

[00:16:53.619]>>Well, just a little bit short, and spins it off the green.

[00:16:57.650]>>50 but.

[00:17:00.429]>>If that drives any indication as to how his back feels, I will say we're OK.

[00:17:07.088]>>This is for 2 points right here.

[00:17:09.328]>>And that's a quick start for the Internationals. Thank you.

[00:17:16.979]>>This was a moment ago at the 2nd, 3rd shot for Stewart Cink. Delicate little shot flipped over the bunker.

[00:17:25.229]>>Oh wow, beautifully done. Thank you. You know, it's just not that easy.

[00:17:35.020]>>Up at the green, Darren Clarke to match the birdies, and he does so everybody with a point at the 2nd.

[00:17:45.300]>>Steven Alker back at the 1st has a birdie for 2 points here for the international team. And he's had 2 looks at it already, the ball rolling up here, so he should have a pretty good idea of what it's going to do.

[00:18:00.000]>>Such a solid player, every aspect of his game.

[00:18:07.810]>>And 2 points to start just like that for the Internationals.

[00:18:13.140]>>Colin Montgomerie, he's got a putt here for birdie, and the Americans have work to do.

[00:18:18.750]>>Birdie attempt by flesh came up, I'm going to say a good 6 ft short, so.

[00:18:24.290]>>Both Steve Flesch and Jerry Kelly, their attempts at birdies.

[00:18:29.170]>>Way short, but a good look here from.

[00:18:33.670]>>Kind of the same line as he just saw from KJ Choi. He knows it's going to appeal just a little bit to his right.

[00:18:45.709]>>He has his game in shape today. Very streaky player, if he gets on a roll, look out.

[00:18:54.170]>>OK, see if the USA team can.

[00:18:57.699]>>Create a little one. This would be a nice one to start on.

[00:19:05.540]>>Really playing difficult, hard to pull the right club.

[00:19:12.680]>>Yeah, that's the right distance. Oh, is it the right distance?

[00:19:19.380]>>What a great shot.

[00:19:22.650]>>But this is a, I've seen it on the 1st, 1st 2 holes and now here again at 3.

[00:19:27.750]>>This is a, a read the putt by committee.

[00:19:30.660]>>And

[00:19:32.890]>>I've got this but definitely moving left.

[00:19:42.949]>>He made it one on the first, he makes another one. And that's a big putt right there with the Americans in tight.

[00:19:50.050]>>Back at the 3rd, Steve Flesch, now this worth 1.5 points because of that birdie made by Ángel Cabrera.

[00:20:01.270]>>Well,

[00:20:05.170]>>On Tuesday you're backhanding this in.

[00:20:07.869]>>Today you're taking a little time.

[00:20:11.119]>>Putter just hasn't been that solid for the Americans yet, but.

[00:20:15.709]>>Good too.

[00:20:18.150]>>1.5, 1.5 for the Americans and and internationals here at the 3rd after that fantastic tee shot from Jerry Kelly. A little bit of left to right in this.

[00:20:31.449]>>Jason Caron continues the hot putter, 2 points for the Americans.

[00:20:37.829]>>Hey

[00:20:40.099]>>This team, they have been doing the job today for the USA.

[00:20:48.839]>>Now this is worth 1.5 points right now. Well, Thomas Bjørn walks around the puttt with the pace a man walking to the electric chair uses.

[00:21:10.689]>>That's 1.5. America's got 1.5.

[00:21:17.050]>>At the 4th, this is Alex Cejka now for birdie. This would be for a point.5 if he can knock this one in.

[00:21:28.650]>>And he does, walking it in. The Americans and the Europeans with a point.5 there, and the internationals get shut out. Stewart Cink now, Pressure's on to make a birdie here. Yeah, I should have learned something from Darren.

[00:21:45.270]>>Should have learned a lot from Darren. Oh, look at that huge first fist pump we've seen. Stewart Cink.

[00:21:59.270]>>Now, Colin Montgomerie after the great approach shot. Yeah, you need to make this to get a point, otherwise you'll walk away with 0. Well done.

[00:22:11.030]>>This is a different Monty today.

[00:22:15.189]>>Now Cabrera, he's made so many birdie putts already, this one, the easiest one.

[00:22:28.349]>>He took more time over that than over a tee shot.

[00:22:32.540]>>Gary.

[00:22:34.140]>>Back here.

[00:22:36.140]>>That is the 3rd for YE Yang.

[00:22:44.560]>>Are you kidding?

[00:22:55.550]>>Yi Yang and Charlie.

[00:23:01.130]>>Couple of vice captains right there, Charlie Lee and Billy Andre. We're kind of looking at deadweight speed with this little one coming down the hill. If he were to make this for 2 points, they would get 12 points on these 9 holes.

[00:23:15.969]>>Couple of balls out on the left.

[00:23:20.670]>>And there's your 12 points. He does it again. Boy, did he putt well in this 9 holes. Billy, that might have been the best putt he made all 9 holes. I agree. You're, you're totally right. This has been a fun hole today.

[00:23:36.260]>>Oh yeah. Alker hit a terrific shot here in the morning where he took it left of the green and cut it over in that back left-hand corner.

[00:23:45.260]>>It's helping and a little bit out of the left.

[00:23:50.089]>>Just hit it solid and get it up in the air.

[00:23:56.189]>>Beautiful shot. Look at this, look at this at this. Oh my gosh. Nearly a hole-in-one on the par 4.

[00:24:06.119]>>Mike Weir's like, I don't have to hit.

[00:24:11.810]>>Andy, give me your take on Bernhard Langer's performance this afternoon. I think it's been average. He missed a couple early. Um, he's, he's hit the ball solidly.

[00:24:22.650]>>Uh, but he hasn't, you know, nothing really exceptional has happened yet.

[00:24:29.829]>>Almost made the putt on the last hole, a little bit more speed and it goes in.

[00:24:34.219]>>See if you can get this one.

[00:24:42.750]>>Clutch pot right there. We always know if he's not at his best, it's not for a lack of trying.

[00:24:52.030]>>You know, you watch these guys day in and day out.

[00:24:55.410]>>And, and every day somebody hits a shot, you say, wow, uh, you marvel at.

[00:25:09.300]>>Can he hit it hard enough?

[00:25:16.439]>>Job well done.

[00:25:21.339]>>Well.

[00:25:25.739]>>See

[00:25:30.619]>>OK.

[00:25:33.349]>>Mhm

[00:25:35.260]>>International team with a free roll at 2 points.

[00:25:39.550]>>Great idea the speed after Stricker's putt.

[00:25:51.939]>>Instead of 2 putts or 2 points.

[00:25:56.339]>>It looks like everybody will get a point here.

[00:26:00.000]>>On this final hole in this final group.

[00:26:28.469]>>A point apiece.

[00:26:33.719]>>And the 1st 2 days of this great event have come to a close.

[00:26:39.699]>>You want

[00:26:41.300]>>A close World Champions Cup. Here's what you have.

[00:26:47.699]>>3 points separating the leaders and the last-place team. This has been a really, really fun couple of days. Great golf, good personalities, a lot of camaraderie.

[00:27:09.790]>>It is Sunday morning at Feather Sound Country Club in Clearwater, Florida for the 2025 Skechers World Champions Cup supporting Shriner's Children's. We're about to get Sunday Singles underway, and there is Colin Montgomerie. Let's go down and see who's playing in this first group.

[00:27:29.319]>>Welcome to the final day and the 5th round of the Skechers World Champions Cup supporting Shriner's Children's. The competition today will be as individuals. This is Group One.

[00:27:43.920]>>On the team representing Team Europe, please welcome Colin Montgomerie.

[00:27:53.569]>>Colin Montgomerie, we've talked about this before. Now, this is not match play, but in Ryder Cup performances, never lost a Singles match.

[00:28:14.280]>>A Little different golf course today. A lot of rain last night to play representing Team International. Please welcome Ángel Cabrera.

[00:28:26.380]>>Well, this guy has been a weapon for the internationals, and he can absolutely crush it.

[00:28:32.959]>>We talked a moment ago, Justin, probably the most dominant player the last two days, going with 3 medal, a little dog-like to the left, just over that bunker, which is not in play.

[00:28:46.150]>>First day made a lot of representing Team USA Stewart Cink.

[00:29:00.000]>>Stewart Cink teamed with Jason Caron, the two of them 39 points in the 1st 4 sessions. Stewart Cink, always the longest guy in whatever group he plays. It'll be interesting to see he and Cabrera in this group today. I don't think he's gonna be the longest today. He might be up with him, but.

[00:29:19.849]>>Once again, uh, some type of hybrid.

[00:29:33.150]>>Ja.

[00:29:36.849]>>Just looks like he's in that first cut of rough. The rough is not a bad place to be here on this golf course, and the first group of 6 morning Singles matches is on the course on this Sunday.

[00:29:50.099]>>While they were teeing off, this was Ángel Cabrera for birdie.

[00:29:57.109]>>He made a lot of putts on Friday, he starts his day off with a birdie here, so that's gonna force the birdie putt for Colin Montgomerie. And if he makes this, it's 1.5 points.

[00:30:11.349]>>It'll be 0 for Stewart Cink.

[00:30:15.900]>>A couple of birdies at the first.

[00:30:22.040]>>John, you had said you could see him playing his best golf of the year today. There's something about Monty and Singles and team competition that it's a different level.

[00:30:33.589]>>Yeah, he has, he, he has some killer in there that.

[00:30:39.890]>>It comes out in these moments, OK.

[00:30:42.469]>>Confidence to putt that that that one in pace.

[00:30:47.439]>>Both get you down 3 points.

[00:30:53.760]>>OK. 3 birdies at the short par 5, a point a piece.

[00:30:59.449]>>From Montgomerie, Cabrera and Cink at the 2nd.

[00:31:04.280]>>Back to the first and KJ Choi playing with Thomas Bjørn and Justin Leonard.

[00:31:12.089]>>He has played really nicely in the first two days. Titta Green, made a few putts and continues that. Just take dead aim.

[00:31:21.920]>>He's played on 4 Ryder Cup teams, first Danish player to ever play on the Ryder Cup team. First one came back in 1997.

[00:31:34.849]>>And a 1.5 for Europe. So like we saw in the opening match.

[00:31:42.250]>>The Americans get shut out. It was Stewart Cink in that first one, it's Justin Leonard here. This now for par for Leonard.

[00:32:00.000]>>As you look at that leaderboard in the bottom right of your screen, that is going to change so much throughout the day. If he gets this within 5 ft of the hole.

[00:32:12.280]>>It'll be well played. Billy, the greens are soft enough if he can get this straight up in the air.

[00:32:19.479]>>You can get it done. Yeah, I agree.

[00:32:24.420]>>Oh, that's nice, that was nice contact. It's very well played, and that's exactly what you're looking for. His hands have been so good this week.

[00:32:35.890]>>It looks like a tougher shot from behind him. That's a good call because it looks like you have nothing to work with.

[00:32:52.900]>>Oh, how about it? How about it? An eagle right there out of the bunker for Mike Weir.

[00:33:01.479]>>That's 2 points for the internationals.

[00:33:07.449]>>Great opportunity to make birdie, Curtis.

[00:33:10.550]>>It's a great opportunity to make a putt and

[00:33:15.250]>>Get some confidence on these greens.

[00:33:18.810]>>Yeah, through 4 matches, I can only reflect back and, and, and think of a couple that he's made.

[00:33:27.829]>>And Billy, even the ones that he's made, it's a lot of body english.

[00:33:32.949]>>There always is.

[00:33:38.199]>>There we go. Yeah, once, once those guys see it and they kind of can feed it into that line, they make a high percentage.

[00:33:47.910]>>Down green downhill on these greens, it's so important to get it start exactly on your line.

[00:34:03.119]>>Oh

[00:34:04.729]>>Just like that.

[00:34:06.869]>>Barely touched it. 1.5 for Clarke, 1.5 for Jerry Kelly, and Mike Weir will get shut out at the 3rd. Of just a moment ago, Thomas Bjørn and match number 3.

[00:34:24.080]>>That's from 1:45 wind out of the left in their face. Thanks. Oh yeah, great, good shot. Doesn't get much better than that. Thomas Bjorn at the third after that beautiful tee shot has this now for 2 points.

[00:34:42.360]>>Yeah ready too there you go.

[00:34:52.610]>>Now back in the 5th, Montgomerie for birdie. And that's for at least 1.5.

[00:34:58.929]>>He only had 2:30 from the fairway and decided to lay up, paid it off. Miguel Angel Jiménez at the fourth playing 388, his second.

[00:35:09.449]>>Got to get it back to the hole or it will come back.

[00:35:14.899]>>Oh, he almost holds out again.

[00:35:17.959]>>He holed out earlier in the week for an eagle, almost did it again right there at the 4th, so he'll have a tap in coming up for a birdie and look at what the Europeans are doing here early on in this 5th round. The morning Singles off to 23 points already.

[00:35:43.360]>>All 6 groups are on the course right now in this morning session of Singles play, and early on it's the Europeans getting out to a fantastic start. They led entering this

final day by just 1.5 over the Americans, by 3 points over the internationals, and they have extended that lead early on.

[00:36:11.379]>>And now at the 5th.

[00:36:13.580]>>Jason Caron

[00:36:15.760]>>Trying to make this birdie.

[00:36:18.780]>>For a point. Pretty good swinger from the right.

[00:36:34.100]>>Back to 7 we go. Mike Weir. Yeah, and this is a chance to gain 2 points for the international team and I took a pretty good look because it's pretty much on the same line that he just saw from Darren Clarke.

[00:36:48.270]>>And I'm gonna say more than much needed.

[00:36:55.800]>>Oh right on.

[00:37:00.000]>>Thank you.

[00:37:02.540]>>I got the 8th, Darren Clarke thin to win, and now he's got this for birdie. Yeah, and a good look. I don't think there's a lot in this puttt, but, uh, this would be his 5th birdie in 8 holes and another 2 points for the European team.

[00:37:21.550]>>Well, 11.5 points for Darren Clarke, the captain.

[00:37:28.989]>>Steven Alker playing his 3rd. Putting through a lot of fringe, he's got to really hit this one firmly.

[00:37:36.020]>>Looks good. For Eagle. Look at this guy.

[00:37:46.000]>>Jerry Kelly.

[00:37:48.189]>>Coming down this hill, not a lot of concern with the line, but there's a lot of concern with the pace of this boat.

[00:37:56.070]>>This, this should carry a lot of speed, Curtis.

[00:38:04.639]>>There you see the different.

[00:38:09.489]>>Green, look out right.

[00:38:13.080]>>He needed that finally.

[00:38:18.800]>>Now he says forget lunch, let's keep on going.

[00:38:22.929]>>He says finally they go in on the last hole.

[00:38:28.709]>>No, for 8 holes, he's been really good.

[00:38:32.979]>>From inside this night.

[00:38:35.070]>>I don't think he's hit a poor punt.

[00:38:37.919]>>In this opening round today.

[00:38:52.750]>>This will move down towards the front of the grain.

[00:39:05.219]>>Oh, he thought he had it. It broke off the table. hm.

[00:39:10.590]>>It's not a bit.

[00:39:12.729]>>Thank you very much. Cheers bud. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, Jeff. Cheers. Thank you, bud. Thank you. Thank you.

[00:39:21.100]>>What a 1st 9 for that man, the captain Darren Clarke for Team Europe.

[00:39:28.310]>>Up ahead to 8, Alex Cejka again for a birdie.

[00:39:32.399]>>Big sweeper from left to right.

[00:39:38.370]>>This guy is on fire.

[00:39:53.770]>>Well, all you do is get it out to the left.

[00:39:57.040]>>Let the rest take over, let the gravity take over and.

[00:40:01.489]>>Now here's Steven Alker for birdie and 2 points at the 7th.

[00:40:09.320]>>Yeah

[00:40:10.520]>>No doubt about it right there. Alker, he's at 10.5 points through 7 holes.

[00:40:19.919]>>Steve Flesch, a birdie attempt at the 9th.

[00:40:23.959]>>And the rain is coming down. It's a cold rain too.

[00:40:30.330]>>It's a left-handed hooking putt and it's fast.

[00:40:37.879]>>Steve Flesch like Jerry Kelly.

[00:40:41.379]>>A long birdie putt at the last hole, could it be 2 points for him?

[00:40:51.870]>>Well, we needed that one and we needed more, a lot more like him this afternoon if the USA is going to catch up.

[00:40:59.790]>>But it's gonna be a tough battle this afternoon. I think the Euros are all playing so well. One more look at this leaderboard for the Skechers World Champions Cup. Sporting Shriner's Children's.

[00:41:13.139]>>And the Europeans had a morning to remember.

[00:41:17.679]>>We'll see what happens in the afternoon. ESPN and the PGA TOUR Champions proudly presents live final day coverage.

[00:41:26.679]>>Here

[00:41:28.560]>>As we get to say goodbye.

[00:41:34.520]>>We are back at the Feather Sound Country Club in Clearwater, Florida for the final 6 matches of Singles of the Skechers World Champions Cup, supporting Shriner's Children's as we go down to the 1st tee for the introduction of the first group.

[00:41:54.020]>>Welcome to the 6th and final round of the Skechers World Champions Cup supporting Shriner's children.

[00:42:02.820]>>The competition today will be as individuals. This is Group one representing Team Europe, Colin Montgomerie.

[00:42:15.090]>>Colin Montgomerie this morning, 10.5 points, the most points in this group, and.

[00:42:23.860]>>Curtis Strange, he got off to a good start, and there's something about him playing in Singles matches, whether it's a Ryder Cup or in this World Champions Cup.

[00:42:34.169]>>Well, he just thrives on this competition head to head, absolutely. Birdied 4 of the 1st 5 this morning.

[00:42:41.750]>>recipe for success.

[00:42:44.729]>>Representing Team International Ángel Cabrera.

[00:42:52.090]>>Ángel Cabrera, he had 9 points. He's been dominant.

[00:42:56.350]>>For the first couple of days.

[00:42:59.350]>>Big hitter again going with less than driver off the tee here.

[00:43:04.179]>>Well, at the end of the first morning's round, Colin was saying, look who they put me up against, Cabrera.

[00:43:11.090]>>And Stewart Cink.

[00:43:13.919]>>Two of the longest hitters out here on the Champions Tour representing Team USA, Stewart Cink.

[00:43:23.699]>>Stewart Cink in the morning got shut out in 3 of the 9 holes. The US needs Stewart Cink to get off to a good quick start here in the afternoon. Well, they know that, and you can't force the issue. You have to let the game come to you to yourself, but.

[00:43:43.429]>>There is an urgency out here that you're going to take dead aim.

[00:43:47.739]>>In just about every shot today.

[00:43:53.800]>>Which surprises me a little bit that he's not hitting driver here.

[00:44:06.439]>>The 1st of 6 afternoon Singles matches is on the course here at the Skechers World Champions Cup supporting Shriner's Children's. Langer for birdie at the 4th.

[00:44:19.060]>>Another one. That's 4 out of 4. That's about as well as you can do.

[00:44:27.209]>>Wow, what a start for him.

[00:44:32.040]>>Up ahead to 8, Colin Montgomerie for birdie.

[00:44:35.800]>>Living from left to right pretty hard.

[00:44:40.679]>>Every time he has laid up and the other guys have gone for it, he has managed to get it up-and-down from roughly 100 yards.

[00:44:48.110]>>To the 5th, you can just barely see Steve Flesch behind those trees. There he is, this is his 3rd.

[00:45:01.459]>>What a shot.

[00:45:06.600]>>Now Stewart Cink.

[00:45:09.010]>>He could make this, it's for 2 points. He would get 8 points here in this opening group.

[00:45:17.340]>>Well, without any rain, this is a really fast pop.

[00:45:29.649]>>I will say the people in the chalets up behind the green do look dry and comfortable.

[00:45:34.260]>>As they should be

[00:45:47.320]>>I, I should let you know that Cabrera played out of the bunker just below the hole about 3 3.5 ft, so.

[00:45:54.689]>>That's worth at least 1 point.

[00:46:02.520]>>Now at the 9th.

[00:46:05.199]>>Colin Montgomerie.

[00:46:07.419]>>It would only be fitting here, John, that he would make this putt because he seems to have made just about every other putt of this length. I think that this will be 8 under par for the day.

[00:46:18.250]>>Oh

[00:46:21.370]>>Somebody up above.

[00:46:26.080]>>Perhaps asked for someone to pass the mustard a little too loudly.

[00:46:34.750]>>It is a very intimate setting. The, the grandstands very close to the back of the green.

[00:46:41.469]>>You love it until it distracts you.

[00:46:51.709]>>Again, he makes the putt. Now Langer.

[00:46:56.820]>>115 yards with the hole cut in the back portion of the green, you got to throw it all the way back there.

[00:47:02.489]>>That's right.

[00:47:04.510]>>Oh this looks good.

[00:47:07.479]>>It's better than good. He's an eagle the 1st 5 holes.

[00:47:17.979]>>Not bad.

[00:47:20.000]>>Birdie in there.

[00:47:21.979]>>For Kelly

[00:47:23.560]>>This for 1.5 points. A lot of slope right here on the screen, this putt's.

[00:47:29.159]>>Outside the hole, a couple of balls.

[00:47:32.889]>>For 1.5 points, and that will clinch the cup for the Europeans.

[00:47:39.489]>>They needed 224, that is 224. And the vice captain does it again here for Europe.

[00:47:53.530]>>Europeans finished 3 back in 2023. This year they'll finish first.

[00:48:03.209]>>Oh

[00:48:08.260]>>Justin Leonard now at the 9th for par.

[00:48:13.149]>>Leonard played much better this afternoon than he did this morning.

[00:48:26.719]>>Now for a final par for Jason Caron.

[00:48:41.590]>>What a week Charlie finished with my group.

[00:48:49.510]>>Well played, Jason Caron.

[00:49:04.560]>>It will stay that way for Stricker.

[00:49:10.010]>>Again, you said he wasn't sure how his body would respond, hasn't had a chance to play much golf coming off the neck surgery.

[00:49:18.370]>>But

[00:49:19.739]>>I think he's had fun, yet he's been frustrated with the way he's been playing.

[00:49:25.699]>>Alker's in there with a par, so a point for everybody.

[00:49:32.000]>>And the last group will head to the final hole here for birdie, trying to end on a high note. And he's got to putt it up. The 1st 15 ft is up the hill.

[00:49:41.330]>>Then turn left to right.

[00:49:52.639]>>Right.

[00:49:55.649]>>Very well judged for all that.

[00:50:11.550]>>Now Alker for par.

[00:50:14.199]>>What a car this would be where he drove it in the trees on the left.

[00:50:19.449]>>I just push it using power, looked like a power the whole way.

[00:50:26.239]>>Steven Alker, Mark Hansby, both 54 years old, from New Zealand.

[00:50:31.580]>>Able to be teammates here on this team and now Langer.

[00:50:35.070]>>For the one blemish the entire day.

[00:50:41.679]>>But the veteran.

[00:50:44.030]>>The unofficial captain.

[00:50:46.419]>>Bringing it home.

[00:50:51.879]>>Stricker is there and now everybody throw their hats on.

[00:51:06.280]>>They've been waiting.

[00:51:10.090]>>The wait is over.

[00:51:25.520]>>Champagne is always good. After the victory, it's even better.

[00:51:30.229]>>Where are you going out now?

[00:51:33.060]>>Bernhard to do.

[00:51:38.270]>>Thank you.

[00:51:39.709]>>An absolute dominant performance by the Europeans. Way to go.
Congrats.

[00:51:57.360]>>This event got started a couple of years ago in 2023. It was suspended last year because of Hurricane Milton. It came back this year, and we cannot thank Skechers and Shriner's Children's enough because this event is only getting bigger and bigger and a chance for the Champions Tour to showcase how great these guys are.