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[00:00:41.549]>>PGA TOUR Champions for the 13th consecutive year at TPC Sugarloaf in Duluth, Georgia for the Mitsubishi Electric Classic.

[00:00:53.540]>>Jared Kelly, the defending champion. This year, they're using a modified Stableford scoring system. Zach Johnson.

[00:01:02.560]>>Has made a whole bunch of birdies. One bogey at the second. He has 11 points. Joe Durant, Paul Stankowski, Alex Cejka, Tongchai Jaidee with 10 points. Woody Austin, who won here in 2016 on the first page of the leaderboard, you get 8 for an albatross, 5 for an eagle, 2 for a birdie, no points for par. You lose 1 for a bogey. Double or worse, pick it up, you're losing 3.

[00:01:34.879]>>Take you over to the 8th. Miguel Angel Jiménez, the winner of this event in 2014, went wire-to-wire that year. Has this putt for birdie. John Cook is with this group. Good afternoon, boys. Miguel Angel Jiménez, 3 birdies on his card for plus 6 points just off the left edge of the green. Three really nice golf shots in here.

[00:01:59.800]>>213 yard par 3. Now this goes slightly downhill. Green's running to 12, but I think they're running quicker than that.

[00:02:10.539]>>He got off to a great start last week in the senior major, the PGA Senior Championship, faltered at the end.

[00:02:19.279]>>But he's got a lot of birdies in him. This is a fun course for this Stableford concept. I, I don't think they could have picked a better course.

[00:02:27.830]>>To play this uh format on.

[00:02:32.470]>>Now, Stewart Cink, who's already won 3 times this year, including last week's Senior PGA Championship.

[00:02:39.509]>>Has this putt for birdie.

[00:02:42.289]>>Yeah, and 2 points. He's got 2 birdies, 1 bogey on his card, bet plus 3.

[00:02:48.279]>>Not much to this, just slippery little downhill, and there we go.

[00:02:53.860]>>He feels like a lock, John, you know, but, uh, of course, you have to get it done, and he's got distractions. Stewart does this week. He's kind of hosting this event.

[00:03:02.949]>>He had a big win last week emotionally, so I think day one is a big challenge for him today, John.

[00:03:10.809]>>I would agree with that, Paul, no doubt about that. He's, uh, he's hosting, he's got a lot of, wearing a lot of hats this week, but.

[00:03:20.020]>>You know, once he gets to the 1st tee, I think he's all business, but yeah, his 3rd birdie now, Jerry Kelly with a great start.

[00:03:26.889]>>4 birdies for 8 points, no bogeys. Made a nice par save at the last.

[00:03:32.289]>>Not much to this, might move slightly to his left. Little pop stroke pull. Jerry is the defending champion. He shot 20 under last year to set.

[00:03:44.119]>>The tournament scoring record. He set the course record by opening with a bogey-free 62.

[00:03:52.339]>>Beat Ernie Els by just 1 shot. It was brilliant golf between those two last year.

[00:04:01.470]>>Over at the 9th, always one of the more difficult holes on the golf course. Cabrera for his par.

[00:04:10.440]>>Well, he's had a rough stretch.

[00:04:13.580]>>Finished tied for 2nd at Hualalai, tied for 4th at the Chubb Classic, but really has been off form since then.

[00:04:22.140]>>It was a moment ago at 13, Alex Cejka for 2 points and a birdie.

[00:04:27.339]>>He's been stiff lately. I.

[00:04:30.950]>>Oh, that's a good putt. I got to talk to him a little bit last week, you know, he's such a grinder.

[00:04:42.029]>>Well, look at Ben Crane. He's a brilliant putter. We can say that all the time. And then every time we show him, after you say that, he misses one.

[00:04:50.820]>>But he didn't miss many last week, finishing 2nd. Part of the rookie class of the PGA TOUR Champions this year.

[00:05:02.750]>>O'Neill for birdie at 13, so a 2 putt birdie at the drivable par 4.

[00:05:10.899]>>Yeah, yeah, Chris, uh, Chris Jones and Stewart they.

[00:05:15.160]>>They, they talk strategy. That is no doubt a.

[00:05:19.630]>>Stewart now.

[00:05:21.309]>>275 front gives them 304 to the hole.

[00:05:24.980]>>Just trying to blast one up the right hand side, get an angle, which he has done.

[00:05:30.989]>>I, you know, it's soft.

[00:05:33.320]>>but can't miss left. That's a, that's for sure. And I don't know what he was thinking, but he was definitely hitting it on the safe side.

[00:05:45.670]>>Over at the beautiful 12th Retief Goosen.

[00:05:50.500]>>For birdie and 2 points. Look how fast.

[00:05:56.299]>>Is there a better fast green putter?

[00:06:06.649]>>This is one of the holes that you kind of get. You want to get 10 if you can. It, it is 611 yards today.

[00:06:13.700]>>Playing pretty long and if Stewart can't reach, most guys probably aren't getting there.

[00:06:19.859]>>What a way to make a birdie, Stewart. How about that one, John? Yeah, just walking right in.

[00:06:35.679]>>Good start for the David Duval for this tournament.

[00:06:40.049]>>He had as many as 9 points back down to 8 points.

[00:06:58.399]>>Oh yeah

[00:07:00.000]>>That looked good the whole way, didn't it? Great speed.

[00:07:04.790]>>Oh yeah.

[00:07:11.029]>>If it misses to the right, it will go in the creek, and that's the one thing that, that has them bailing to the left here.

[00:07:23.279]>>Yeah.

[00:07:26.209]>>Oh wow, that held nicely. What an aggressive shot. Just 3 or 4 ft right of that and it is in the water.

[00:07:35.269]>>Let's see if no shame Jerry Kelly can tap this in, Cookie.

[00:07:41.260]>>Well, I can promise you I did not putt this this morning because I didn't think anybody could be there.

[00:07:48.500]>>Yeah

[00:07:49.709]>>I'm gonna guess it doesn't do much.

[00:07:55.529]>>Will he be embarrassed if this goes in? Yes, I'll ask him. Oh, there he is, the hole gets 2 points. Lots of shame actually.

[00:08:07.529]>>Oh.

[00:08:09.239]>>Roy Sabatini has the only eagle at 13, has this putt for birdie at 18, so he finishes with 9 points here in round one, in his second start on the PGA TOUR Champions.

[00:08:24.470]>>All right, a tricky shot here from Miguel Angel Jiménez at 13. Yeah, 50 yards all the way to the flag, we just had to fly it on the front part of the green, let it trundle out and.

[00:08:35.450]>>Pretty well done. I'd say really nice. Yeah, it's just one of those things you got to land it somewhere up there and see how far it's gonna roll.

[00:08:45.630]>>Ben Crane for birdie at 15.

[00:08:50.330]>>What a great week last week for Ben Crane. He slipped in there, finished 2nd all by himself.

[00:09:01.489]>>Jerry Kelly from the bunker just short of the green. Yeah, 45 yard bunker shot, but only needs to fly at about 25 and let it run out and wow, what a great contact that was. Yeah, what a hard shot to get close to the hole. He made it look so easy.

[00:09:21.650]>>Ernie Els playing his 2nd at 14, had 6 points through the 1st 3 holes, 3 straight birdies.

[00:09:29.820]>>He's given back 2 points since.

[00:09:33.340]>>He's a lot of shots right at the flag.

[00:09:40.739]>>It's gonna come off that little ridge, and that's gonna be a great opportunity.

[00:09:48.849]>>Now Miguel Angel Jiménez.

[00:09:51.630]>>For his birdie.

[00:09:53.539]>>Now this goes up the slope, so this is a slow putt. If it loses any speed at all, it'll.

[00:09:59.530]>>Whipped to the left pretty good.

[00:10:02.679]>>Now to keep the speed up maybe just outside the right edge.

[00:10:08.239]>>And he got off to a great start at the Senior PGA Championship last week. John shot 6-under on day one.

[00:10:18.619]>>Stumbled down the stretch a little.

[00:10:22.750]>>Always has a tremendous attitude. Loves to compete. He told me once, loves golf. It's, I'm out here playing with some Hall of Famers and some of the great names in the history of the sport, and every week I get a chance to.

[00:10:36.200]>>Compete against them and tee it up.

[00:10:41.539]>>The defending champ, good ups and downs. Yes, sir, that was, boy, he drilled that putt.

[00:10:48.429]>>So he gets 2 back after losing 3 points at 11.

[00:11:03.909]>>Well this is about a gimme, don't you think?

[00:11:06.890]>>I would say, yeah, I.

[00:11:10.179]>>Eyes closed

[00:11:12.549]>>Interesting. Stewart really.

[00:11:15.760]>>Using his visual game.

[00:11:18.669]>>Everybody but the commissioner, yeah, everyone but the commissioner gives them this.

[00:11:26.169]>>You can go there.

[00:11:27.789]>>Gotta putt it, Stewart. Well done.

[00:11:37.169]>>Ernie Els for birdie.

[00:11:44.599]>>He's kind of waved at a couple putts today. See if he gives us a little more of a pop.

[00:11:50.669]>>He did, and then it goes.

[00:11:54.070]>>So Ernie back to 6 points.

[00:12:02.270]>>How about KJ Choi? Birdie, 17, now has this putt for birdie at 18 and KJ Choi birdies 3 of his last 5 holes, and he's in with 12 points and right in the mix. Only a couple of points off the lead of Zach Johnson, who's got 15 points.

[00:12:24.909]>>On his scorecard, Tongchai Jaidee with 14 points. Retief Goosen with 12 points. They were bogey-free today. That's impressive around here. The course played over 7000 yards. There was a lot of tough shots, but obviously a lot of birdie holes. 15 points is a good score today. David Duval with 10 points in that crowded group tied for 10th.

[00:12:49.150]>>Along with Tim O'Neal, who was bogey-free today, George McNeill, 10 points. Ernie Els gave himself a lot of chances, wasn't able to cash in, look for him as well.

[00:13:09.500]>>PGA TOUR Champions in Duluth, Georgia, the 7th of 28 events of the PGA TOUR champion schedule, the 13th playing of the Mitsubishi Electric Classic. Jerry Kelly, the defending champion here at TPC Sugarloaf.

[00:13:29.380]>>The PGA TOUR Champions proudly present the season-long race for the Charles Schwab Cup.

[00:13:37.099]>>Today from Duluth, Georgia, it's live 2nd round coverage of the Mitsubishi Electric Classic.

[00:13:46.719]>>A little rain in the forecast on Saturday morning, but the rain has subsided. Always good crowds here at TPC Sugarloaf to watch the best of the PGA TOUR Champions. Four Wall Golf Hall of Famers in the field here this week, the iconic par 518. Well, a new scoring system being used this year. It's the modified Stapleford scoring system. Albatross is worth 8.

[00:14:13.989]>>Eagle is worth 5, Birdie is worth 2. Avoid those double bogeys in which you lose 3 points. Zach Johnson posted 15 points in round 1 to take a 1 point lead. Zach made a birdie at the 4th, and then playing in the final group, this long birdie attempt.

[00:14:32.900]>>At the 5th down the hill, will it get there? It does for 2 points and a birdie for Zach who turned 50 earlier this year and won at Boca Raton in his debut. Rory Sabatini turned 50 as well. He started the day with 9 points. This was his 2nd at the difficult par 4 9th.

[00:14:56.200]>>A Little softer greens today with the rain. He'd knocked that in for birdie. That would get him to 18 points. Zach Johnson at the par 56 for 3 birdies in a row, and he pours this in to get to 21 points and now leads Sabatini by 3, but a lot of volatile scoring using the modified Stapleford scoring system.

[00:15:19.330]>>And that's no more evident than Stephen Ames. Look at Ames. He's got 14 points today. He started his round on the 10th with an eagle at the par 5. Ames, the only 3-time winner of this event here at TPC Sugarloaf.

[00:15:38.140]>>John, what about this birdie putt here for Zach Johnson?

[00:15:41.729]>>Yeah, good shot in there for Zach. Just underneath the hole. This not a whole lot of break to this. Thank you, thank you. I'm sorry.

[00:15:53.219]>>Good start here for Zach with the 3 birdies, 6 points.

[00:15:58.010]>>Zach's dialed, you know, he really came out here prepared. I mean, this has been a goal for Zach Johnson for a couple of years, is to get out here, John Cook, and he stayed exempt right through to the age of 50.

[00:16:10.690]>>That's so important, Paul, and that's gotta go a little bit and seen him the last couple of years at various PGA TOUR events, US Opens and Open Championships, and he just could not wait to turn 50.

[00:16:25.679]>>Zach Johnson won twice here at TPC Sugarloaf on the regular tour. David Duval did as well. His birdie putt at 10, and that's 2 points for David.

[00:16:38.380]>>Gets him to 13.

[00:16:43.429]>>Sabatini to stay at 18 points and 3 behind Zach Johnson.

[00:16:52.369]>>So a 3 Putt bogey there.

[00:16:55.520]>>Dropped Sabatini to 17 points.

[00:16:59.609]>>George McNeill for his birdie.

[00:17:03.299]>>To get to 17 points.

[00:17:11.890]>>Zach's threatening to be the next level guy. He's got to clean up a little par putt here, John.

[00:17:19.280]>>I think you got a nice little read off of Tongchai's putt. It doesn't do much. It might look like it wants to go to the right, but it doesn't. It's pretty straight.

[00:17:38.770]>>Will go right past his shoe.

[00:17:42.390]>>Nice putt.

[00:17:45.349]>>So he remains in the lead, but things can change with the modified Stapleford scoring system. Zach Johnson right now in front in round 2, 6-3.

[00:17:57.420]>>A couple 100 pounds, maybe just over, very strong and athletic and confident now, I think, coming out here playing the way he has. He's an unheralded player, but

[00:18:09.439]>>You know, just one of those guys waiting to turn 50, played the tour.

[00:18:15.859]>>He's really capable.

[00:18:19.410]>>Oh, no. He's.

[00:18:23.050]>>He's capable of winning. I'll tell you that was just a rap.

[00:18:30.560]>>What a great putt would have gotten him to 19 points.

[00:18:35.949]>>You know, he has a good attitude. I don't think he lets, you know.

[00:18:40.469]>>Results like that really affect him. David Duval to get to 15 points, buries it. He did. He makes putts at a, a really an admirable speed, you know. He doesn't just kind of limp it in there when he's hoing putts. They drill in.

[00:19:00.000]>>Goosen for his birdie at 10. There it is. 2 points for Retief, that gets him to 17 points.

[00:19:08.540]>>Rory Sabatini will play out of that bunker just short of the green at the drivable 13th. Well, Bob, I'll tell you one thing about this guy is he's got a brilliant short game.

[00:19:20.089]>>This is going to test him.

[00:19:22.219]>>If you wanna go watch a guy clip shots or just say, hey, show me how to do this or can you do that?

[00:19:29.640]>>I'd go up to Rory Sabatini.

[00:19:32.390]>>He is magic with a sand wedge.

[00:19:36.369]>>I don't know if he can do anything with this one though.

[00:19:43.810]>>Sit, sit.

[00:19:45.479]>>Calling it to sit. That's really good. Well, he doesn't disappoint.

[00:19:57.040]>>Sabatini's birdie at 13 after that beautiful bunker shot.

[00:20:02.310]>>And he gets the 19 points.

[00:20:06.989]>>Retief Goosen cut at the 12th back up the hill.

[00:20:12.949]>>Oh, great putt by Goosen, that gets him to 19 points.

[00:20:22.530]>>Let's go over to 13. Alex Cejka, the drivable par 4, Tim Petrovic, the only eagle so far today. Cejka sending it on its way and.

[00:20:34.000]>>Boom, that's 5 points for Alex. Boom. And that gets him to 19 and just a point off the lead. Jerry Kelly has this putt for Eagle as his tee shot went up onto the putting surface.

[00:20:50.810]>>Oh yeah, I thought he missed the champ with 5 points. It looked like his reaction like this ball sat down just a little bit. It kind of rocked into a little bit, yeah.

[00:21:04.180]>>Yeah, good strike though. That was the right one, good looking shot. It did get all the way back there too. Good shot. What a good shot. He really judged the lie. That ball definitely was sat down just a smidgen.

[00:21:17.550]>>Well, Zach Johnson has the lead at 20 points, trying to add 2 more here with a birdie at 12.

[00:21:24.060]>>And got it on the proper level. So this is a pretty flat putt, Paul. It might break a slightly to his.

[00:21:36.719]>>He's gotta get it there.

[00:21:39.719]>>And he did, and that really did look like a makeable putt, John.

[00:21:45.569]>>And he took advantage of it.

[00:21:47.989]>>Kjeldsen for his birdie at 18 to post 19 points.

[00:21:54.630]>>Yeah, good 2 putt from way above the hole. It's very fast.

[00:22:05.010]>>All right, John Cook.

[00:22:07.050]>>I've always been told that if you're above the hole and it goes past the one coming back is usually pretty straight.

[00:22:14.420]>>You're 100% correct. I put this one many times this morning and it was really, really straight, slow. You have to keep your speed up.

[00:22:24.609]>>Might be just right of center, but you're right, it is about as straight as you can be.

[00:22:30.640]>>You gotta hit it with some authority.

[00:22:34.310]>>You don't want this one to get away after that great tee shot.

[00:22:38.739]>>Oh, what a putt.

[00:22:41.699]>>No kidding. That is something. back-to-back birdies for Zach Johnson gets him to 24 points.

[00:22:48.979]>>Now Jaidee for his birdie.

[00:22:51.979]>>At 13.

[00:22:54.060]>>Hit a nice bunker shot out of that deep bunker on the left hand side, almost hold it. I think it caught a piece of the hole, but this one's got some break from left to right. If you don't keep the pace up here, it will really rip to the right.

[00:23:08.329]>>This is one of those few short putts on on this course.

[00:23:13.319]>>Well, you're gonna get a sidewinder well handled.

[00:23:19.250]>>A Crane for his birdie. Cookie, are they still on the clock? Are they still timing them? I believe they are, yeah, they're, they're, they're doing their best to catch up.

[00:23:28.579]>>Thanks.

[00:23:32.219]>>George McNeill.

[00:23:34.640]>>Birdie pot at 16. Excellent shot. 16. It's tough to get close today. You have to flirt with the bunker.

[00:23:43.579]>>Oh, hello.

[00:23:50.140]>>Let's go up to 18.

[00:23:52.500]>>Ernie Els for eagle and 5 points.

[00:24:00.000]>>Wouldn't this be something? He's on the low side now.

[00:24:03.630]>>Great putt.

[00:24:08.079]>>So Els will have that to get to 19 points. Started the day at 8.

[00:24:17.420]>>What do you?

[00:24:26.920]>>And then back to the center shafted putter.

[00:24:30.989]>>I was back and forth.

[00:24:34.780]>>Nice round, Bob. That's a good round.

[00:24:42.040]>>Retief Goosen for birdie at 15, this to get him to 21 points. He started the day with 12.

[00:24:50.310]>>What a putter he is.

[00:24:55.130]>>And uh boy Zach played a real shot, Cookie. He said, I just uh hit a little open face 9 iron that tells me he has tremendous control.

[00:25:06.329]>>Yeah, that was a beautiful shot, great strike right at hole high. Now this, you got a decent read off of Tongchai.

[00:25:13.430]>>It'll move a little left, not a ton, but it will have some speed once it starts braking.

[00:25:21.729]>>This seems to be the range and he's been really making almost all of these.

[00:25:27.540]>>And if he misses it, he's been barely missing. He missed badly on the previous hole.

[00:25:37.260]>>Not this time.

[00:25:40.260]>>Gets him 26 points.

[00:25:46.949]>>Retief Goosen hit a masterful shot in the 16. He's got about 5 ft for birdie.

[00:25:55.180]>>And Goosen pours it in, so.

[00:25:58.910]>>He gets to 23 points.

[00:26:01.959]>>David Duval

[00:26:03.920]>>Has this putt for eagle here at 18. David won here at TPC Sugarloaf on the regular tour.

[00:26:14.619]>>It's worth 5 points if it drops. If it drops, 5 for Duval. Well, now that'll get you a few more minutes of sleep, that one.

[00:26:24.800]>>What a jump. And that's what we have here in this stableford format is just awesome.

[00:26:32.969]>>This to get in solo 2nd place if he were to make this after that crazy 3 putt on the previous hole.

[00:26:50.869]>>gonna do it.

[00:26:54.839]>>So he'll pick up 2 points and that'll get him to 21. Yep, tied for 3rd, a real good position, kind of all gonna depend on Zach.

[00:27:05.069]>>Of course.

[00:27:13.739]>>So this has got some left to right brake to it as it goes to the back left corner of the green, so once it starts to arc, once it hits its apex, it's gonna pick up some speed and go to the right.

[00:27:27.099]>>You know, he made that beautiful putt on the previous hole after missing two in a row and gave out a big sigh of relief.

[00:27:33.780]>>This should be an exclamation point.

[00:27:36.760]>>On those two birdies and what a pot. Oh my goodness, little tip of the cap. I'm Zach Johnson, and I'm here to stay. All right. Retief Goosen's got about a 15-footer here for Eagle at 18 to Ty Johnson.

[00:27:51.810]>>At 28 points.

[00:27:54.459]>>He's feeling it today too. He's made tons of putts.

[00:27:58.439]>>This is

[00:28:00.140]>>A Real chance here.

[00:28:02.569]>>Oh, so good, so close. He'll tap that in for his 8th birdie of the day. He only has 1 bogey.

[00:28:12.660]>>So Goosen, if we're playing under normal scoring conditions, that's a 65. Great round.

[00:28:21.209]>>And Goosen

[00:28:24.699]>>Every stone unturned here on this little pot, it should be pretty straight, John.

[00:28:31.060]>>Not much to it. Maybe just left of center, Paul. Not much more than that. Gotta keep some speed up. Hit this with some authority. Nice up-and-down, yeah.

[00:28:43.579]>>So he joins that group at 21 points.

[00:28:48.479]>>You got Sabatini, Duval, McNeil, and Crane. That's a Beastie Boy right there, you know.

[00:28:55.780]>>Let's take a look at the leaderboard and Zach Johnson will have a 3-point lead over Retief Goosen. I don't see past Zach or Goosen at the moment. They're too good. They both make a lot of birdies. Zach was nearly flawless today.

[00:29:07.719]>>So, uh, I just see the winner coming out of that last group.

[00:29:17.969]>>Gorgeous Sunday in Duluth, Georgia. Final round of the Mitsubishi Electric Classic. Modified Stapleford scoring system being used, and we have a battle royale in this final round. Stewart Cink, who's won 3 times already this year, rolls in this birdie putt at the 7th. This would get him to 29 points.

[00:29:40.109]>>13 points through his opening 8 holes. Zach Johnson took the lead going into the final round after bogeys on his scorecard at 3 and 4, a par at the fifth. This was his 2nd into the par 5, 6th.

[00:29:56.810]>>Zach Johnson trying to go wire-to-wire, he would 2 putt for birdie, that would get him to 30 points. Stephen Ames, the only 3-time champion of this event, he only had 2 points after round one, but making a mad dash, this was his 2nd into the difficult par 4 9th.

[00:30:19.150]>>Using the slope and the contour of the green, Ames would go on to make birdie. That would get him to 31 points in his opening nine. Retief Goosen rolling in this birdie putt at the par 56.

[00:30:35.150]>>And Goosen would get to 32 points. Goosen went on the regular tour here at TPC Sugarloaf, and then he backs it up at the par 47.

[00:30:46.069]>>The Hall of Famer absolutely dialed in.

[00:30:50.900]>>Nearly made an eagle in 5 points, taps in for birdie. That would get Goosen to 34 points, his 5th birdie through his opening 7 holes. Look at that leaderboard. Goosen Sink, Ames and Johnson all over 30 points. It'll be a wild finish in Duluth.

[00:31:15.380]>>Jerry set the course record shooting a 62 in round one last year.

[00:31:21.400]>>Shot a final round 67 to hold off Els.

[00:31:29.569]>>Let's go over to 16. Y.E. Yang has 9 birdies and a bogey.

[00:31:35.869]>>Made 17 points today.

[00:31:38.760]>>Make that 19 points for Y.E. He gets to 29.

[00:31:47.739]>>Now Goosen for his par.

[00:31:50.760]>>Yeah, going conventional putting grip, went back to it after last week, so.

[00:31:57.469]>>See how this works on this.

[00:32:00.380]>>Yeah, I kind of waved at that one.

[00:32:04.489]>>And Sunday doesn't ask questions politely, does it?

[00:32:10.369]>>So Goosen started the day with a bogey at 1, finishes his opening 9 with a bogey.

[00:32:20.390]>>All right, John Cook, um, a couple of.

[00:32:23.589]>>South African bunker wizards are going to have to work a little magic here.

[00:32:28.650]>>That they are, whole length of the green, so good 35 yards, at least, maybe 40 yard bunker shot, does go down a little bit of a slope, then back up.

[00:32:42.119]>>You don't want to go long here because it will go 20 yards off the back of the green.

[00:32:48.000]>>Came out low, hit on that downslope bit, chunk and run just like Paul described it. What a shot. Outstanding. Didn't that sound good too, Cookie?

[00:32:58.959]>>Beautiful.

[00:33:01.170]>>He just hit a pearl. Now, my guy here, I'm taking Sabo on this one. Might have made a mistake.

[00:33:09.849]>>Well, Retief Goosen.

[00:33:12.680]>>Who missed the green at 9, wound up making a bogey to lose a point, has a chance to get 2 back right here after a brilliant bunker shot at the par 5 10th.

[00:33:25.719]>>Yeah, that bunker shot was extraordinary, that is for sure. Now, 5 ft, this will have a little bit of movement to the left.

[00:33:50.089]>>Stewart Cink with a really good look here at 14. This to get to 33 points.

[00:33:55.800]>>After that fantastic par putt at the last, the momentum now maybe on Stewart's side.

[00:34:07.410]>>We wondered, it was Ben Crane whose tee shot.

[00:34:10.878]>>In the 13 was really good and Ben Crane picks up 5 points just like that. Gotta put that back down. Got a point. I'm doing well, yeah, I, I got David Duval for his eagle at 13.

[00:34:25.310]>>I can't tell you.

[00:34:27.250]>>How about it? Well, he just looked so good over that, didn't he? The left or right putt seems like that might be one of his favorites. Gets him to 27 points and inside the top 10 for now.

[00:34:41.290]>>Jaidee for birdie at 15.

[00:34:50.100]>>Another one

[00:34:52.898]>>Yeah, he has made some long putts. Jaidee had 8, had 14 points in round one, only 4 yesterday. Now Goosen.

[00:35:04.979]>>For Eagle and 5 points to get to 40, this could be a game winner, Cookie.

[00:35:12.310]>>Yeah, I believe so. Just saw Ben Crane make this identical putt. It's really straight and then it starts to break to the right and it goes hard left to right.

[00:35:23.590]>>Towards the back of the green.

[00:35:30.080]>>Oh, what a difference and that just a quarter of an inch being 5 points instead of 2.

[00:35:41.699]>>He widens his lead though now he gets to 37 points.

[00:35:47.360]>>Can Stephen Ames get to 33?

[00:35:52.659]>>Gotta have it here at 15.

[00:35:56.590]>>So the 3-time champion of the Mitsubishi Electric Classic, after only 2 points in round 1, what a weekend he's having. He's 4 behind Retief Goosen here in the final round of the Mitsubishi Electric Classic.

[00:36:22.560]>>Freddie Jacobson for Eagle. There have been two Eagles today, Michael Wright and Jay Haas with Eagles at 18 today.

[00:36:32.139]>>He's walking it in.

[00:36:35.419]>>Oh, we should have walked a little more. Early fall, never fall. Yeah, a little more body English required.

[00:36:46.629]>>Birdie for Jacobson and 2 points.

[00:36:50.919]>>Freddie's fun to watch.

[00:36:55.790]>>Stephen Ames is still in the mix here at the Mitsubishi Electric Classic. This for Birdie at 16.

[00:37:07.340]>>What did we say a red hot putter can do the trick.

[00:37:12.939]>>A moment ago, this was Tommy Gainey's 2nd at 18.

[00:37:17.780]>>Believe it or not, old 2 gloves here has made the most birdies this week.

[00:37:23.909]>>But he's 12 points back. He's got 3 doubles, 8 bogeys.

[00:37:28.750]>>And a beautiful shot

[00:37:33.080]>>Uh, let's see if Tommy Gainey can make this eagle. He would vault up quite a bit. He's currently in a tie for 9th. This is for solo 4th, and he walks it in.

[00:37:45.340]>>Wow, what a jump.

[00:37:49.560]>>Well, Stewart Cink, gotta think. That's a terrible looking line, isn't it? Yeah, with 33 points.

[00:37:59.189]>>How does he make this the post 38? This is probably the scariest shot on the whole course, at least it looks that way.

[00:38:08.870]>>Don't leave it in the bunker and don't hit it in the water. You gotta hit this perfect off this line.

[00:38:17.989]>>you heard what he said like that. As soon as he hit it, he said like that. What a shot.

[00:38:31.449]>>Stewart Cink has this putt for birdie at 18 to take 35 points into the clubhouse.

[00:38:40.219]>>So the tournament host with 19 points in the final round.

[00:38:47.919]>>Grand Ambassador for Mitsubishi Electric.

[00:38:52.330]>>3

[00:38:53.820]>>Let's go over to 18. Darren Fichardt has this putt for Eagle to finish with 29 points.

[00:39:02.889]>>4th eagle of the day.

[00:39:09.679]>>He's in 6th place now.

[00:39:12.500]>>Ben Crane pours in that birdie.

[00:39:16.280]>>At 16.

[00:39:21.860]>>These guys know all these putts that go in mean more money.

[00:39:26.189]>> Tongchai Jaidee trying to jump up the leaderboard. 5 points for Eagle.

[00:39:34.969]>>And the 5th eagle of the day at 18.

[00:39:40.370]>>Zach Johnson, who led after round 1, led after round 2, is currently in solo 6th. He's made 9 straight pars after his birdie at the 6th, Birdie the 2nd, bogey the 3rd and 4th, par the 5th, birdie the 6th, and.

[00:39:57.840]>>John Cook

[00:40:00.000]>>I mean, still a chance, but he's got to make this.

[00:40:06.939]>>Definitely needs to make this, that's for sure. If he has not, he's scared the hole a bunch because.

[00:40:13.149]>>Just afraid to go in.

[00:40:15.120]>>This one's got a little bit of a read off of Retief. He knows it's fairly slow, moving big time from left to right.

[00:40:24.429]>>There's no panic in Zach. A little frustration at times, but not bad at all considering how many good shots he's hit or he hasn't been rewarded.

[00:40:34.010]>>OK.

[00:40:35.620]>>And currency pars were 0 and uh these birdies are like gold today.

[00:40:43.600]>>There it goes. There it is. After 9 straight pars, Zach Johnson.

[00:40:50.320]>>With a birdie.

[00:40:52.739]>>At 16.

[00:40:55.229]>>Speaking of 18, Stephen Ames has this putt for birdie, this would get him to 37 points and a share of the lead for the 3-time champion here.

[00:41:06.750]>>Yeah,

[00:41:08.040]>>And Stephen Ames, a bogey-free 9 under 63, 19 points, and he has now posted 37 points. Well, we knew at the start of the day it was gonna be a real shootout.

[00:41:22.989]>>George McNeill for birdie at 17 to get to 30 points.

[00:41:33.340]>>idea. Cookie, does Zach Johnson now know that he can't do anything with two birdies?

[00:41:41.260]>>I don't believe so. No, there's no scoreboard out here on, on the way down to 17. He'll get it when he gets up to the green.

[00:41:49.500]>>So he's gonna have to hold this.

[00:41:52.300]>>Or birdie here in eagle 18 taking dead aim.

[00:41:59.669]>>Yes he was.

[00:42:02.129]>>Well, there's no strategy now for him. That's all gone. It's now just execution. He, he just knows he has to tap that in.

[00:42:09.840]>>Now, Zach Johnson for his birdie, this will get him to 34 points, but when he gets a look at that scoreboard.

[00:42:16.969]>>He's gonna realize that the birdie at 18 does him no good with Ames posting 37 points, so he's gonna have to make an eagle at 18.

[00:42:53.719]>>After making 9 straight pars, Zach Johnson.

[00:42:57.530]>>With back-to-back birdies, 3 points behind.

[00:43:02.100]>>Ames, who's in the clubhouse, and Goosen, who's in this last group.

[00:43:07.820]>>Ben Crane.

[00:43:10.419]>>As a putt for Bernie.

[00:43:12.540]>>Ben

[00:43:13.699]>>With 5 points today, had an eagle at 13, but really any chance he had was his opening 9 where he birdied the first hole, bogeyed the 3rd, the 5th, the 6th, and then doubled the 9th.

[00:43:29.149]>>Yeah, that's what he lost 4 points on his 1st 9. Nice little rally for Ben Crane, big-time eagle over there at 13 helped.

[00:43:50.090]>>Bye.

[00:43:51.260]>>What a run.

[00:43:56.280]>>So McNeil with 2 points, finishes with 28.

[00:44:01.340]>>Big birdie putt here for David Duval, currently in a tie for 12th.

[00:44:06.989]>>So if he could stack 2 points, he's gonna jump.

[00:44:12.479]>>Ben Crane

[00:44:14.389]>>Ernie Els, Y.E. Yang.

[00:44:21.330]>>There you go, David Duval finishes with a birdie.

[00:44:26.179]>>We got a little taste of contention today for sure. 2nd to last group for David Duval.

[00:44:36.239]>>Well this is everything right here, Cookie. One swing, no safety net. This club, that carry the water. It's got to make a 3. That just to land 10 short of that number 224. That's the game plan. That's what he said to Ryan Smith is 214. We need to make a 3, have a chance.

[00:44:51.330]>>206-7. Well then that's not the club. He's playing to win are going down slightly or have a chance to win. I think if you get this you wouldn't expect anything less hit it solid. How does that? It gets that. My concern is that if I don't hit it solid I uphill line. Such a hard those numbers are right on. It's a hard club to pull though downhill, don't you think?

[00:45:12.250]>>A little down, yeah, it's going downhill's hit a shot about 12 yards.

[00:45:18.020]>>Going with the smash draw 5 iron.

[00:45:23.830]>>Well, this is a real commitment now. You just have to be sold on. This is the right club.

[00:45:40.159]>>I spent a lot of time making this decision.

[00:45:45.060]>>He does have it way up in the air towards that right bunker.

[00:45:51.260]>>Yeah, come on off of there, maybe a little buddy, really.

[00:45:57.379]>>Well, he definitely has a putt at it.

[00:46:02.760]>>Went into that shot.

[00:46:06.070]>>Two steps closer than Rory, 178 to the hole, does play down 8 yards. It's about what George McNeill just had and then he pulled it a little left.

[00:46:18.780]>>It is on an uphill lie, so that would be the tendency. This is way up in the air, slightly to the right, needs to get down.

[00:46:27.419]>>And, and it did, and he didn't waste any time with that shot, did he? He was ready to roll.

[00:46:34.929]>>2 putts from there will finish the story.

[00:46:40.939]>>Retief Goosen 4 wins on the PGA TOUR Champions for the Hall of Famer.

[00:46:46.669]>>Did win on this property on the PGA TOUR, which was contested here at TPC Sugarloaf from 1997 to 2008. The only three-time champion, Stephen Ames, after shooting,

[00:47:00.000]>>Bogey free 63.

[00:47:02.750]>>And waiting in the clubhouse to see if there'll be a playoff or if Goosen.

[00:47:09.560]>>Can win this thing out. Well, he's one of the best putters in the game, you know, this is classic goosing.

[00:47:18.320]>>What could be better than watching this guy try to lag it in there, 2 putts to win, probably one of the.

[00:47:24.540]>>Best players ever for, for good touch on fast greens. Uh, the two US Opens he won, I just can't get over how fast those greens are. I've participated in both of them, and it's like, holy cow. You know, it's gonna be interesting. Zach Johnson's gonna putt first.

[00:47:56.030]>>It's one of the big rule changes in the game of golf where you can actually tamper with your line a little bit nowadays, you can tap down the spike marks and all the imperfections. I'm surprised it doesn't take an hour longer to play.

[00:48:11.120]>>Oh, he's given this all his attention.

[00:48:14.860]>>He's looked under every nook and cranny to try to get this putt right, Cookie.

[00:48:19.879]>>Yeah, it's, it's a difficult one. He's got to run that fringe line. You just don't know how it's gonna roll through there.

[00:48:28.439]>>Halfway it goes straight downhill, so this is not an easy putt at all.

[00:48:39.969]>>He led after round 1 by 1 point, led after round 2.

[00:48:44.939]>>By 3.

[00:48:49.250]>>As this putt for eagle and to take the lead. It's too high, way too high.

[00:48:58.169]>>That's a common miss. Yeah, it's a common miss on the left side of this green, Paul, because we see it with that front pin too that a lot of putts are missed high. It looks like they're gonna keep breaking and they just flatten out, so Retief knows exactly what's going on.

[00:49:18.469]>>Goosen with Ames in at 37 points.

[00:49:23.530]>>It's not like Goosen's got to make this. This is 2 putts for the win.

[00:49:29.469]>>Goosen gives the appearance that his heart rate is about the same as it was in the parking lot, but I bet it's.

[00:49:35.729]>>Banging a little harder than that.

[00:49:40.179]>>Everything else has been said.

[00:49:44.020]>>2 putts, gets the job done.

[00:50:01.590]>>Easy, easy now.

[00:50:04.320]>>OK, he's made a few of those in his back nine. That's a ride. This was a little outside that 3 ft little thank you range.

[00:50:15.100]>>Yeah, a little sigh of relief there from Stephen Ames.

[00:50:19.989]>>As he just sits and waits on a painful wait for Retief.

[00:50:26.820]>>He just could have lagged it up there, gimme, and it would have all been over by now. This putt though is to jump tournament host Stewart Cink for solo third. Cink is in with 35 points after a bogey-free 63 today. Yeah, this is just all cash.

[00:50:46.179]>>Prestige has slipped away.

[00:50:52.409]>>3 straight birdies for Zach Johnson to finish, but only 8 points in the final round.

[00:51:01.060]>>World Golf Hall of Famer Retief Goosen.

[00:51:06.310]>>Trying to close out his 5th win.

[00:51:09.370]>>On the PGA TOUR Champions as this for birdie and 2 points that Stephen Ames can just watch now.

[00:51:20.219]>>Not a whole lot to this, maybe just left of center.

[00:51:33.510]>>Hooson for birdie and the win.

[00:51:39.729]>>And there it is, Retief Goosen birdies the final hole of the tournament.

[00:51:46.739]>>And is the winner of the Mitsubishi Electric Classic.

[00:51:50.860]>>So the Hall of Famer picks up win number 5 on the PGA TOUR Champions. What a run by Stephen Ames, a bogey-free 63 today. 19 points for him, 19 points for Stewart Cink and a bogey-free 63 as well. Jaidee finishes solo 5. Tommy Gainey 6th, George McNeill 7th, good week for David Duval as he finishes in a tie for 8th.