Production Transcript for 22INTCUTTOPUNT Master FA.mp3

[00:00:21] >> The PGA Tour is proud to bring you the season long race for the FedEx Cup. Now coverage of the 2022 Corales Puntacana Championship.

[00:00:50] >> From Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic, it's first round coverage of the Corales Puntacana Championship. Opportunity awaits for the top 100 in the official World Golf rankings. They're in the field here this week. Here's a look at the leaderboard. Three par leads the way. Six players at 3-under. Joel Dahmen the defending champ is at 1-under through his opening 12.

[00:01:23] >> To the 13th, Nate Lashley with his birdie putt.

[00:01:25] >> Yeah, he left it in a great position. And Kurt, you said it these paspalum greens are some of the best that I've seen. Not much grain putting back up the hill, but you do have to be aware of the wind that y'all spoke about, even on some of these holes that are exposed. All right. It will definitely affect the break.

[00:01:45] >> Well done there, nice birdie for Nate.

[00:01:49] >> Back at 14, the third for Aaron Baddeley.

[00:01:51] >> 105 yards. Two birdies, three bogeys on Aaron's card, but that was a good looking shot.

[00:01:57] >> Playing out of the past champions category.

[00:02:04] >> And now at the par-4 13th, Hudson Swafford has this for birdie.

[00:02:10] >> All right.

[00:02:13] >> A lot of stuff going on on that scorecard, look at that.

[00:02:17] >> Back to the 9th and Kurt Kitayama for birdie.

[00:02:23] >> A good putt there for Kurt.

[00:02:25] >> Boy, those holes 8, 9, 17, 18 are just spectacular.

[00:02:30] >> So we head to the 11th now with Alex Smalley from one par-3 to another, although the 11th playing 243 yards.

[00:02:37] >> Thank goodness it's downwind.

[00:02:39] >> It's still a hard hole though, back on the back tee today. And look at that, nicely done there.

[00:02:46] >> Baddeley for his birdie at 14.

[00:02:48] >> Trying to get that bogey from 13 back, and he does after that nice approach. I love the way that he goes about his putting, very natural.

[00:02:57] >> Over to the 11th now and Jim Knous, see what he can do on this 243-yard par-3. Loo kat this. There's a little narrow throat in the front of the screen, beautiful shot, might go in. Watch out. Wow. What a shot.

[00:03:22] >> 17th now, Brandon Hagy. Long-hitting Brandon Hagy. You would think this would be a good course for him, but as you mentioned in your open, Kurt, the long hitters have not dominated this event at all.

[00:03:34] >> Hagy would tap that in for par. A par at the final hole and he would finish the opening round at 2-under. Hudson Swafford to save par at the par-4 15th.

[00:03:50] >> Nice putt there.

[00:03:56] >> Ben Martin has birdie putt at 14. Birdied 11 and 12, and after a par at 13, pours that in at 14. So that gets him to 3-under. Baddely for his birdie. Pours that in.

[00:04:22] >> He's done that a few times.

[00:04:27] >> Brian Stuard over at 14 for his birdie. There you go.

[00:04:39] >> Now Vaughn Taylor, his second from the fairway bunker on 18.

[00:04:42] >> All below his feet, 156 yards. Good news is, it's easy to keep the ball low. And that's a beautiful looking shot.

[00:04:50] >> Boy how good is that?

[00:04:51] >> Look at this.

[00:04:52] >> Didn't look like it was sitting great in that bunker either. He just picked it right off the top.

[00:04:58] >> Sahith Theegala for birdie on the 14th.

[00:05:03] >> For his Birdie and he pours that in. Having a really nice rookie year out here.

[00:05:08] >> That birdie gets Theegala to 2-under.

[00:05:13] >> Out to the 15th now, Ben Martin with a chance for birdie to get to 4-under and top the leaderboard. There you go.

[00:05:23] >> Good putt there for Ben, playing out of the past champions category, a little bit on the Korn Ferry Tour, trying to get back out on the tour.

[00:05:34] >> Vaughn Taylor up at the green for his birdie, John Cook.

[00:05:36] >> After that incredible fairway bunker shot, now 12 feet. And what a way to end a good, solid day for Vaughn Taylor.

[00:05:44] >> No kidding.

[00:05:50] >> And Martin for his birdie at 16 and the outright lead.

[00:05:56] >> That hole looks like a peach basket right now for him.

[00:06:04] >> Scott Brown finishing up his day at 18 after the bogey at 17.

[00:06:10] >> Trying to be the 5th birdie, and is. Boy, nice bounce back after that bogey at 17. 1-under, 71 for Scott.

[00:06:22] >> 17th now and Ben Martin. Vaulted into the lead, trying to play a little knockdown draw.

[00:06:37] >> Martin would go on to make that for birdie, moving him to 6 under par. Now Dawie van der Walt on the par-3 17th, this for birdie.

[00:06:56] >> At 18, Alex Smalley for his birdie. Alex Smalley with a 3-under par 69, birdies two of his last three. Lengthy birdie putt for Wesley Bryan.

[00:07:15] >> Putting back up through a little valley.

[00:07:20] >> Oh, how good is that from long range?

[00:07:27] >> Nice wedge shot.

[00:07:28] >> Yeah.

[00:07:31] >> So 6-under leads the way here at the Corales Puntacana Championship in the Dominican Republic. Nice playing by Thomas Detry and Alex Smalley as well today.

[00:07:46] >> Today from Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic, it's live second round coverage of the Corales Puntacana Championship. Take a look at the leaderboard. Adam Schenk who's missed seven of his last nine cuts, well, he's an 8-under. 3-under on his round today, highlighted by an eagle at the par-5 4th. Players dealing with some difficult conditions despite the beauty here in the Dominican Republic.

[00:08:17] >> This was Brandon Wu over at the 9th, par-3, today playing 195 yards, back hole location. Pretty generous, good putt there. You might see some more birdies here on this par-3 today with that hole location. And now Greyson Sigg for birdie as well with a beautiful shot in there. 7th green. 8th and 9th holes sit right on the water, very exposed to the wind. Aphibarnrat behind the green, sitting in the rough, going to try to bump it into the hill, judge it. And that's going to release a little bit, not bad from there.

[00:08:56] >> He would make that short putt coming back for par.

[00:08:59] >> Well, we head back to the 13th now with McDowell. There's a certain type of shot here, most likely that's required. Well done. If there's anybody in the field who's ready to play that shot, coming from Northern Ireland.

[00:09:17] >> That was fantastic.

[00:09:21] >> To the 4th hole where Ryan Armour prepares for his third shot on the par-5.

[00:09:39] >> Back to 14, third for Nick Taylor. Oh yeah, good shot. Back at the 4th, Ryan Armour for his birdie. There you go.

[00:10:02] >> Back to the green at 14.

[00:10:05] >> And it looks like it's going to be Graeme McDowell first putt here for his birdie.

[00:10:16] >> He might be going left now if he makes birdie every time like that.

[00:10:25] >> Back at the 17th now, playing 176 yards as Schenk gets ready to play.

[00:10:31] >> You really have to be committed to the type of shots you want to play. He's finding this down a little bit. It's on a good line.

[00:10:40] >> It's a scary shot. Oh, beautiful shot. Wow.

[00:10:42] >> Yeah.

[00:10:49] >> Now Graeme McDowell getting ready to play his 120-yard approach shot into the par-4 15th.

[00:11:04] >> It didn't sound like he liked it, but what a beautiful shot.

[00:11:06] >> Yeah, no doubt.

[00:11:11] >> To 17, where Adam Schenk has a putt to make birdie.

[00:11:19] >> Adam Schenk played himself a golf shot on the 17th.

[00:11:23] >> What a birdie. He really has been struggling with his ball striking, but he has found something this week.

[00:11:33] >> Graeme typically putts this length putt pretty aggressively.

[00:11:37] >> Yeah.

[00:11:37] >> The ball goes in with some speed usually.

[00:11:39] >> More of that tap stroke, doesn't he?

[00:11:40] >> Yeah.

[00:11:40] >> Aggressive. Good call. Good putt.

[00:11:48] >> Yes, buried it.

[00:11:49] >> It's looking pretty solid. He's comfortable with his game right now.

[00:11:54] >> To the 11th, Brice Garnett ready to tee off on the par-3.

[00:12:15] >> Back to 17, great view looking at this green. It's perched right out by the ocean. Graeme McDowell now will have a birdie putt.

[00:12:29] >> Speaking of that.

[00:12:31] >> Just like that.

[00:12:33] >> Boy, what a finish.

[00:12:35] >> Look at that, birdies on three of his last four holes. The 18th left to go. Graeme McDowell in the hunt once again.

[00:12:47] >> Nick Taylor, second on the way to 18.

[00:12:49] >> That's from 161, wind starting to die down. And what a play their.

[00:12:57] >> Third shot for Kyle Stanley at the 10th, and just getting his round started.

[00:13:01] >> Pretty straightforward shot here for a guy at this level. Go in.

[00:13:07] >> Yeah.

[00:13:16] >> Now Ben Martin.

[00:13:27] >> Ooh, that's a good way to start your day, driving the fairway and almost hole your second shot.

[00:13:38] >> Graeme McDowell, his second shot coming up at the par-4 18th.

[00:13:45] >> This from 122 for Graeme McDowell.

[00:13:48] >> Guys are taking a more aggressive line off the tee as well, and it's just really making a big difference. When that wind was howling earlier this morning, they were going much more left off that tee.

[00:14:03] >> Ben Martin for his birdie at the 10th.

[00:14:08] >> Ben Martin parred the 10th hole yesterday. Today he birdies it.

[00:14:17] >> Back at 18, Graeme McDowell, good look at birdie. Only two birdies at 18 today. All three players have a good look.

[00:14:23] >> That's a good spot here. It is back into the wind, so he's got to keep the speed up. Which he does. How about that finish? He birdies four out of these last five, and McDowell looks dialed in this week.

[00:14:41] >> Back to 11.

[00:14:42] >> And Ben Martin was a pretty good look for birdie. Wow. He is feeling it.

[00:14:54] >> Nick Taylor for his birdie at 18.

[00:15:01] >> I mean we've seen multiple birdies now in the last 30 minutes. Guys are more aggressive off the tee, they're leaving shorter clubs in and they're getting it in there close.

[00:15:13] >> Third shot for Hudson Swafford up by the green at 12.

[00:15:16] >> Hudson had his tee shot on a downhill, second shot right at the green now. Good little pinch shot right there. Pretty good.

[00:15:23] >> Boy, is that any good?

[00:15:28] >> To the 9th now. Remember David Lipski played a nice tee shot into this position. Trying to get to 6-under. Nice finish there for David Lipski. Ricky, on tour 65 today after opening with 73, and he is in the mix.

[00:15:47] >> Over to the 17th now, long putt here for Greyson Sigg, up and over a big ridge. Tough to get this one close. Rookie out of Georgia. Wow, you don't get it close. You just make it. How about that? Come on. That's stealing one, Greyson. Chase Seiffert for birdie at 18. He pours that in. Ben Martin has been pretty incredible so far this week. He started his second round on the 10th hole, birdies at 10 and 11. He's got it to 8-under.

[00:16:37] >> Very well done.

[00:16:38] >> Another short game shot.

[00:16:46] >> Greyson Sigg for his birdie at 18.

[00:16:52] >> Chance to end with three birdies in a row.

[00:16:57] >> Boom, does he?

[00:16:57] >> He does.

[00:16:59] >> Back-to-back 69's for Greyson Sigg. He's in at 6-under.

[00:17:08] >> Ben Kohles from the back of the green, chance for birdie to get to 5-under. Looks good. It is good. Nice putt there for Ben Kohles, opened with even par 72, bounced back with 67 today, well done.

[00:17:26] >> Ben Martin will begin round three with the solo lead, two strokes clear of Alex Smalley, three ahead of Schenk and Ramey in third place. The third round of the Corales Puntacana Championship coming up next.

[00:17:43] >> Today from Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic, it's live third round coverage of the Corales Puntacana Championship. Spectacular scoring conditions on this Saturday. Take a look at some of the highlights. Alex Smalley, product out of Duke, first year on the PGA Tour, and Kurt Byram, after shooting a wonderful 65 yesterday off to a great start.

[00:18:05] >> He looks really comfortable. His best finish on tour was tied for 12th last fall, so improving on that, hopefully.

[00:18:12] >> 2010 US Open champion Graeme McDowell who won here in the past, rolls in a birdie at the third. That gets him to 9under par. And then a long eagle putt at the par-5 4th.

[00:18:25] >> He's the most accomplished player among these leaders right now. He has a lot of experience winning, of course the US Open champ back in 2010. Doesn't get the eagle putt to go there but that's an easy birdie.

[00:18:36] >> Ben Martin had the lead after round one, shot 66 in round two. And Ben Martin currently at 12 under through his opening 36, as we take a look at the leaderboard. Martin with one birdie on his scorecard today. Now let's take you out to the 7th and welcome in Phil Blackmar.

[00:18:55] >> And thank you very much. Graeme McDowell missed the green with his second on the par-5, pitched to here. John Cook out with this group.

[00:19:02] >> Thank you there, Phil. Yeah, not a very good pitch shot for G Mac. Getting out 12 feet, downwind, have to be careful.

[00:19:11] >> Will it stay up? Will it reach? It will.

[00:19:13] >> A 4's a 4's a 4's a 4.

[00:19:15] >> It sure is. He has really been rolling the putter nicely first couple days, comfortable on these paspalum greens.

[00:19:24] >> In round one when the winds were up, the scoring average was 72.58. As the winds have died down yesterday, the scoring average was just over 70. And we're seeing guys go low today.

[00:19:34] >> And there's a great example there, the tee shot of David Lipski on the 9th hole the par-3. Cameron Percy at the par-5 12th for his birdie.

[00:19:46] >> Coming off a bogey at 11. There you go, good bounce back there.

[00:19:50] >> So he's at 9-under.

[00:19:59] >> To 9.

[00:19:59] >> David Lipski to get to 10-under. What a front nine that is, out 32, finishes eagle, birdie, birdie. Rasmus Hojgaard here a chance for birdie to get to minus-10, having a great day, Kurt.

[00:20:14] >> Yeah, sponsor exemption over here, plays most of his golf on the DP World Tour. How about that? He's having a day.

[00:20:25] >> Up one to the 18th, where Seth Reeves is ready to chip his third shot onto the green.

[00:20:34] >> That will take a bit of the sting out of a tough day for Reeves.

[00:20:40] >> Now over to the par-5 7th with Ben Martin. Martin would make that short putt for birdie, moving him to 13 under par. For the 15th now, Jhonattan Vegas who's having quite the round today. This for birdie. Jhonattan with three second place finishes last year. Good putt there. His last win coming in 2017 at the RBC Canadian Open. And wouldn't he like to get back in the winner's circle again?

[00:21:20] >> Head over to the 9th now and Chad Ramey has this for birdie to get to 12-under. He's a rookie out here, made an incredible 40 of 43 cuts in the wraparound season on the Korn Ferry tour last year. That's phenomenal playing.

[00:21:39] >> Lashley for his birdie at 10.

[00:21:45] >> Yeah, we see him out there at TPC Scottsdale quite a bit, and he spends a lot of time on the putting green and doing a lot of that.

[00:21:52] >> That is just find in one. What a birdie.

[00:21:55] >> So that gets to 10-under. The par-5 14th, Cameron Percy playing his third shot. He's got a nice day going, went out in 32. This could go. Yes. He laid it up as close to the green as he could and that paid off. Just a little pitch shot left. That is perfection.

[00:22:21] >> Back to the 9th now, Martin.

[00:22:24] >> Very fortunate that ball stayed out of the penalty area after that tee shot. Now a very straightforward little little pitch back into the breeze.

[00:22:30] >> Oh, good shot.

[00:22:32] >> I thought it had a chance, Phil.

[00:22:34] >> Love the technique there, beautiful pitch.

[00:22:39] >> Kurt we need to keep an eye here. Graeme telling John Cook about a back spasm that he felt walking off the 8th.

[00:22:48] >> Yeah, I think that's bothering him.

[00:22:49] >> Yeah, that's up the left. That wasn't a normal swing there for Graeme.

[00:22:52] >> And the one-handed finish, that's the second time we've seen that as well. So yeah, boy, that's last thing he needs right now.

[00:23:03] >> I think he's actually called for the physio to come out.

[00:23:07] >> Well, somebody's working on him.

[00:23:23] >> Back there at the 10th, Martin has this for birdie.

[00:23:27] >> He's got a putt just over a little ridge right in the first quarter of the putt, and then the last three quarters of the putt are going to be downhill, kind of moving just a little bit right here. Again, this is just one of those holes here that you're looking to make par, and if you make birdie, it's a bonus and that is a bonus.

[00:23:44] >> What a read.

[00:23:48] >> Remember, he shot 30 on this back nine on Thursday to catapult himself to a 6-under 66.

[00:23:57] >> To number 12, Nate Lashley has a birdie putt.

[00:24:02] >> Yeah, he loves playing here.

[00:24:06] >> Ahead two holes to the par-5 14th, Thomas Detry getting ready to take his third shot.

[00:24:17] >> He would go on and tap that in for birdie.

[00:24:30] >> Justin Lauer for par at 18. And nice save there.

[00:24:37] >> So he shoots 4-under 68.

[00:24:41] >> A challenging finish here.

[00:24:52] >> Good putt.

[00:24:53] >> Boy, he needed that. That last swing looked a little bit better. Maybe the spasm's starting to let go. We'll have to see.

[00:25:03] >> At 14th, third shot for Chad Ramey coming off that bogey at 13. A little further back, but a chance to throw it up in the air and spin it a little bit.

[00:25:14] >> Look at this.

[00:25:14] >> Oh, look at that. Chad Ramey with an eagle at 14, holes it out from the fairway, and he now moves to 13 under to share the lead.

[00:25:32] >> McDowell for his par at 14.

[00:25:33] >> This will be another battling save.

[00:25:37] >> Tell you what, you've got to give him credit. I mean he's had that trainer out twice now, you know, cracking his back and trying to get him stretched out.

[00:25:47] >> Back at 14, Ben Martin for birdie and the outright lead.

[00:25:55] >> Yeah, spot on there. What a great read.

[00:26:02] >> So that moves in the minus-9 on the par-5s this week.

[00:26:09] >> Nate Lashley aggressive with that third shot, has this left for par. Lashley a 3-under 69. He's in at 10-under.

[00:26:24] >> Okay, a couple feet now for Chad Ramey's bogie.

[00:26:31] >> So his third bogey of the day. He's in at 12-under, shoots a 3-under 69 highlighted by that eagle at 14.

[00:26:47] >> This ball has come to rest on the downslope here, and that will give him a little bit more trapping action to try to keep this ball down. I got it measured right here at 132. Definitely going to play this with a little open stance.

[00:27:04] >> The goal would be to land this right on the front edge somewhere. That would be fantastic.

[00:27:16] >> It's a good shot, but that's exactly where we've seen guys three-putt from.

[00:27:28] >> Ben Martin, his second.

[00:27:32] >> They're trying to land it on the 121 spot, but because of the when, they're giving that about 14 yards of hurt.

[00:27:40] >> You know, back at 13 we were speaking of that, we said they were given a lot of room behind that. How they're gauging this when and how the balls flying, they went through the same process back to par-4 13th where we thought it might be a big number.

[00:28:04] >> The wind's got this one. I don't think it's going to fly back as far as he thought. I think it's going to be okay.

[00:28:07] >> That's a good shot.

[00:28:08] >> Yep, very good.

[00:28:13] >> It's right about where Detry left it and three-putted.

[00:28:24] >> Chance to end the day with a three-shot lead. Every shot could matter.

[00:28:29] >> No doubt. You know, he's made some really good putts and made some difficult putts. This putt right here for a right-handed player is right in your wheelhouse. It's going to break a little bit to your left, slightly back up the hill. Love his chances here.

[00:29:03] >> That fell off quickly to the left.

[00:29:14] >> So Martin will have a little left for his par. Smalley is away. And after the way he's played on the second nine after that 1-over 37 on the front, this would be a huge make for Alex Smalley.

[00:29:44] >> A putt by my count that is makeable inside that six-foot range that he has let slip by.

[00:29:56] >> Billy Ray, as we said before, watching this as the other groups have come through, what Smalley did has happened a lot especially late.

[00:30:04] >> It's crazy. I don't know what it is about this hole location, but it has been brutal on these guys.

[00:30:22] >> Ben Martin with a par at 18. Shoots a 2-under 70. Started the day with a two-shot lead and he'll head into Sunday's final round with a two-shot lead as well. Ben Martin led after 18, led through 36, now leads through 54 in search of his second win on the PGA Tour. Chad Ramey will start Sunday two shots back.

[00:30:51] >> Whatever you do, don't blink. The chase for the ultimate prize is heating up. The stage is set, the stars are here. And they're not looking back. So don't miss a second. The pressure-packed race for the FedEx Cup is on.

[00:31:22] >> The 5th consecutive year the PGA Tour coming to the Dominican. The Corales Puntacana Championship. It is the 23rd of 47 on the PGA tour schedule. Ben Martin started the day with a two-shot lead. Alex Smalley shot 73 yesterday, but gets off to a fast start. Birdie at 1, and then Kurt, a birdie at the par-3 2nd.

[00:31:43] >> And a tough par-3 it is, 222 yards. And boy, he had the momentum going early.

[00:31:49] >> This is a week of opportunity for those who have not won. Jhonattan Vegas has won three times on the PGA Tour. A birdie and the 1st gets him to 12-under after his bogey-free 65 on Saturday. Got him in contention. Alex Smalley continuing with the hot hand, his birdie at the 5th after a birdie at 4.

[00:32:09] >> 5's one of the tougher par-4's on the course. So another great birdie there.

[00:32:13] >> Ben Martin lad after each of the first three rounds, but a mistake at the 1st.

[00:32:18] >> Compounded mistake. He blew it over the green, which with that back hole location was not the spot. And that led to a double start for him.

[00:32:27] >> But he would bounce back over at the par-4 3rd, rolling this in for birdie to get to 13-under and within a shot of the lead. And then at the gettable par-5 4th, the easiest hole on the golf course, just passed hole high in two. His third shot, made it look pretty easy. And he knocked that in for birdie and that would get him to 14-under and a share of the lead. Jhonattan Vegas, his birdie at the 6th.

[00:32:57] >> Boy, uphill, couldn't have it in a better spot. Almost a straight putt from there.

[00:33:03] >> Good Putt.

[00:33:05] >> So Vegas to 14-under.

[00:33:10] >> Cameron Percy is a couple back, has this for eagle. Over a little swell there, back downhill now. Oh yeah, Cameron Percy ties the lead with that long Eagle putt. Well done by the Australian. Over to the 11th now and Alex Smalley.

[00:33:32] >> Hit a nice t shirt in there and about 18 feet, little slight movement from left to right.

[00:33:40] >> He rolls it in. What a round he has underway after that brilliant start. Smalley now to 15-under as well.

[00:33:54] >> Back at the 7th now, Chad Ramey with a little pitch. It's important he hits a good pitch here.

[00:34:05] >> And just that.

[00:34:06] >> Well done. He doesn't want to fall too far behind the lead.

[00:34:13] >> Back to the 11th now Brian Stuard for birdie.

[00:34:16] >> From just inside where Alex had putted from and made, slightly moving to the right. How about that group?

[00:34:24] >> How about that group?

[00:34:29] >> Well, after not taking advantage of the par-5 7th, Smalley has this for par at the par-5 12th.

[00:34:36] >> 20 feet and just rams it there.

[00:34:38] >> Wow is right.

[00:34:40] >> Mark that one down.

[00:34:42] >> Yeah, you know, if he goes on to somehow win here, he'll probably look back at that putt and say that was a game changer right there.

[00:34:54] >> Back at the 9th, Chad Ramey with a bunker shot, trying to get up and down for par.

[00:34:57] >> This is very doable here.

[00:35:03] >> Sets up very square for the shot.

[00:35:13] >> I didn't see that approach, to be honest with you. I thought he might try to fly it over that little ridge, but just pinched it on the front and let the downslope take it back to the hole.

[00:35:24] >> At the 12th, Rasmus Hojgaard for birdie to get to within three of the lead.

[00:35:29] >> Yeah, it's important for him to stay inside the top 10 at the very least.

[00:35:39] >> Chad Ramey now to clean up his par put on nine.

[00:35:54] >> Adam Schenk has this putt for birdie at 18.

[00:35:59] >> What a day he's having. Turned it in 2-under, and then he's made four more birdies. So Schenk kind of back door top 10 here, tied for fifth right now. 5-under -- 6-under 66, including seven birdies today.

[00:36:20] >> And he needed a good one. He needed a good week. This since the 1st of the year has been pretty rough for Adam Schenk.

[00:36:28] >> Ramey for his birdie at 10.

[00:36:29] >> Yeah, outside chance here but I like his chances. It's pretty level throughout the entire length of the putt.

[00:36:37] >> Boy, did he get a good read? Did he get a good read?

[00:36:41] >> Percy now, played this bunker shot here, has this for par to stay within two. Oh, big putt there. Well done. Didn't want to start this nine with back-to-back bogies.

[00:36:59] >> Hojgaard with his second shot now, trying to get this wedge shot in there close. Spin back, all right, nice shot there. He's going to have a good chance for birdie. He could pull within two.

[00:37:18] >> Brian Stuard to get to 14-under.

[00:37:20] >> After a really nice approach shot back there. 12 feet. This will get him in the game.

[00:37:29] >> Yes, and it does. He might have to birdie the next two to have a great shot at it, but we'll see.

[00:37:37] >> We head to the 17th now and Smalley.

[00:37:46] >> I don't think that the these two know that Ben Martin has made a bogey. This is a 7-iron, also on a good line. It's the right one.

[00:37:54] >> It is.

[00:37:54] >> Oh man.

[00:37:56] >> What a shot. He's going to have a great chance, Kurt, to post, put a number up for everyone else to look at. Hojgaard, a chance to get to 14-under and narrow the gap. All right, nice putt there.

[00:38:14] >> Forget the top 10.

[00:38:16] >> Yeah.

[00:38:16] >> He may even have a chance to win here.

[00:38:23] >> Smalley at 17 for birdie and the lead.

[00:38:27] >> Big putt here. Seven feet, moves a little to the right.

[00:38:30] >> Wow.

[00:38:30] >> Clutch birdie.

[00:38:31] >> Wow.

[00:38:32] >> Boy, Kurt, we were watching yesterday those putts he didn't make on the way in. To think now that he's got the lead at this point.

[00:38:43] >> And this approach shot here at the par-4 13th, placed just uphill, just a bit though, about four or five yards. I think you've really got to control your trajectory here so you can dial your number in.

[00:38:54] >> Yeah, wind's got this one just a bit. Is it enough to get back there? Oh, wonderful shot there. Just gets it on the proper level.

[00:39:01] >> Yep, good look at birdie.

[00:39:05] >> Back to 17 now, Stuard has this for par. Remember he was on the front of the green with his tee shot. All right, well done. Stays at 14-under.

[00:39:19] >> Back to 13, Chad Ramey a chance for birdie, good look here.

[00:39:28] >> Oh, good putt.

[00:39:29] >> Well, that was a wonderful putt there, but that was all set up by just a dynamic little second shot in there.

[00:39:39] >> Alex Smalley, his first year on the PGA Tour, trying to punch his first PGA Tour ticket win. Can he post 17-under with a birdie here at 18?

[00:39:49] >> 20 feet, just has to worry about pace.

[00:39:53] >> Get there. Oh my goodness. That thing was headed in the heart of the hole if it gets there. Boy that would have been huge. Had it gone in, that would have given him a two-shot lead.

[00:40:09] >> Yeah.

[00:40:10] >> What a round though for the 25-year-old from Greensboro, North Carolina. Bogey-free 65. Ben martin playing his third at the par-5 14th.

[00:40:20] >> Well, just hole high right of this green, and too, didn't have to contend with the ridge. This has got to go.

[00:40:27] >> And that's just okay given that situation.

[00:40:31] >> Yeah.

[00:40:34] >> Ramey's third at 14.

[00:40:35] >> A very difficult shot because it's coming off the downslope, so you got to get it out quickly. He's got a little bit of room to work with. Boy, caught that absolutely perfect.

[00:40:43] >> He's hit some beautiful, beautiful shots.

[00:40:46] >> He's hit some good pitch shots today.

[00:40:53] >> Brian Stuard for his par on 18. Mistake off the tee, hitting it in that fairway bunker. You know, the problem is he's an average to less than average length hitter, so that bunker is a tough one for him to get it over. Whereas for Smalley, Smalley could go right at that bunker and he wasn't even worried about it, even if he turns it over a little bit.

[00:41:18] >> At the par-5 14th, Ben Martin has this look at birdie.

[00:41:32] >> Just buries it there. Actually started actually in the center and just split the center. Good read, great stroke under the circumstances. Boy, he needed that.

[00:41:46] >> Ramey going for back-to-back birdies. This would get him within one.

[00:41:59] >> Great up and down by Chad Ramey. Up at 18, Rasmus Hojgaard for his birdie.

[00:42:09] >> Three-time winner over there in Europe. Get there. Boy those putts come into the hole from that angle, really put on the brakes at the end, but a great week for him. A sponsor exemption here, and he is going to parlay that into another week on the PGA Tour next week.

[00:42:29] >> Chad Ramey at the par-4 15th, his second shot.

[00:42:40] >> The controlled action that he has in his game, and a good wedge shot there. And BR, good call. That's a very short putt, makeable birdie putt there for Ramey. A chance to tie the lead with that one.

[00:42:55] >> Cameron Percy for birdie at 16.

[00:42:57] >> Just short of hole high, goes up the slope.

[00:43:00] >> How about that?

[00:43:04] >> Cameron Percy's not in the field next week on his number either, so this would get him in at Bolero.

[00:43:13] >> 15 and Ramey for birdie to tie the lead.

[00:43:16] >> Left in a perfect position coming back up the hill. Pretty straight putt here as well. How's that momentum?

[00:43:24] >> That's three in a row now.

[00:43:25] >> You called it back in the fairway, Billy Ray. Three in a row at the right time.

[00:43:35] >> 16, long birdie putt for Chad Ramey to take the lead.

[00:43:42] >> For his fourth birdie in a row. Oh yeah.

[00:43:45] >> How about that.

[00:43:45] >> Beauty.

[00:43:45] >> Wow, talk about momentum. He's got all of it right now. Chad Ramey with four in a row and now has the outright lead.

[00:43:59] >> Jhonattan Vegas's second at 18.

[00:44:01] >> 113 into the wind, out of the right. Have to really be able to control your spin here. Right-headed. Yeah, but that's the advantage of his length. I mean, 113 yards left, just a little gap wedge for him.

[00:44:20] >> Now back to the 17th, Ben Martin for birdie.

[00:44:23] >> He'd love to see some good fortune here after that really gutsy tee shot to the flag, right on, just rolled just to the back of the green it comes.

[00:44:36] >> Just got it out there just a hair, beautiful roll.

[00:44:38] >> That has attention throughout the whole putt.

[00:44:41] >> He really thought as it started turning the corner there coming down, he thought he had made it, Kurt.

[00:44:47] >> I thought he had too, actually. I thought it was going to snap to the right a little bit more, but I love the pace. At least he got it there and gave it a chance.

[00:45:01] >> Percy for birdie at 18 to match Smalley at 16-under.

[00:45:05] >> Absolute must-make, and you can't leave it short in that position. It's a good week for Cameron though.

[00:45:23] >> Yeah, he's tied for fourth and that gets him in to Bolero.

[00:45:36] >> He's going to put this outside that right edge.

[00:45:37] >> And get it there.

[00:45:43] >> Hit it.

[00:45:43] >> Same.

[00:45:43] >> You've got to get it there. You've gotta -- Jhonattan.

[00:46:03] >> He played really well. Putter let him down just a little bit there coming in, but man, he played some good golf.

[00:46:08] >> Especially on the weekend.

[00:46:13] >> Meanwhile, Alex Smalley posted that 16-under with a bogey-free 65. Probably getting the play-by-play, so he knows what those guys are doing at 18.

[00:46:29] >> Ramey with a one-shot lead playing 18, his second.

[00:46:34] >> You've got to read this line to try to figure out how it's going to come out of there.

[00:46:39] >> Probably thinking, probably right around 205, no more than 210 for a landing spot here.

[00:46:45] >> Yeah, no more than that. It actually is actual front yardage. It depends on trajectories. Only 181.

[00:46:58] >> They like it. Stay there, don't get too far left.

[00:47:04] >> Stay there.

[00:47:05] >> Boy, excellent shot.

[00:47:06] >> You know what? He has answered the bell in that shot right there. That could have been really, really a shot. If you miss it left down in that collection area, that's not an easy play whatsoever. Now that's going to certainly change the mindset here after Ramey put that ball in the center of the green. Ben Martin, he's only got 131 and he's going to have to go hole hunting here.

[00:47:39] >> Ben Martin's caddy really working the numbers here.

[00:47:42] >> Time and place. Ben Martin needs one of his best.

[00:47:51] >> You've got to attack here. A lot of loft on it.

[00:48:11] >> Trying to work it in from the right.

[00:48:13] >> There you go. Great shot under pressure. What an opportunity for Ben Martin.

[00:48:25] >> He led after 18. He led through 36 and 54, now finds himself a shot back. And time and place, Kurt, and he certainly answered the bell.

[00:48:40] >> Ramey's putted the ball so well. His speed's been incredibly good. So expect him to hit a good putt, but it is a challenging putt.

[00:48:51] >> Ramey's putt is just far enough past that top crest of that slope there, so he's going to have to run just on top of that slope. Really doesn't have to contend with it that much. But initially it's going to be slow coming back up the hill.

[00:49:12] >> And if Ramey, like he made that long one at 16, makes this, game, set, match.

[00:49:18] >> Yeah.

[00:49:24] >> I'm sure he'd love to give it a chance to go in, but leave more than a couple feet for the next one.

[00:49:29] >> Well, I'll tell you, if this goes in, that means he birdies five of the last six holes. You're supposed to win.

[00:50:05] >> Beautifully judged.

[00:50:06] >> Yeah.

[00:50:13] >> Boy, he was impressive on this back nine, especially down the stretch here.

[00:50:18] >> I would say.

[00:50:23] >> So if Ramy makes that par putt, Alex Smalley is eliminated. Now Ben Martin has this putt for birdie to tie Ramey at 17-under. Billy Ray, much in this?

[00:50:37] >> Not much at all. You can't give the hole away here. He's been phenomenal from this distance.

[00:51:00] >> With the way Ben Martin has played this week, was there any doubt that he was going to make it?

[00:51:06] >> That's a heartbreaker man? You can see him trying to gather his thoughts right there. That is just a tough one to swallow.

[00:51:22] >> A par for Martin at 18. 2-under 70. And now, 29-year-old Chad Ramey, born in Tupelo, Mississippi, lives in Fulton, Mississippi, has this putt in his first year on the PGA Tour for his first victory. And Chad Ramey wins the Corales Puntacana Championship. And what a finish by Ramey. A lifechanging experience for Chad Ramey in his first year on the PGA Tour, moves to 32nd projected FedEx Cup standings as he shoots a final round 67.

[00:52:28] >> This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of the Corales Puntacana Championship.