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[00:00:20] >> The PGA Tour is proud to bring you the season-long rates for the FedEx Cup. Now, coverage of the 2022 Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

[00:00:50] >> PGA Tour has been coming to New Orleans for 73 years. TPC Louisiana, Pete Dye design opened in 2004, first hosted the event 2005. It has been the home every year since 2007. And since 2017, it has become a team format at this par 72 layout playing just over 7,400 yards. And we take a look at the format. The first and third rounds, four-ball, best ball. Second final rounds, foursomes, alternate shot. And the four-ball players must play their own ball. There is a cut. Top 33 teams and ties will make the cut here and play on to the weekend.

[00:01:32] >> Here at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans, anything can happen with great scoring conditions. How about Taylor Moore? Rolls this putt in in for eagle on the par-5 18th as his team cards a 12-under 60, tying the tournament four-ball record. Robert MacIntyre at the par-3 14th, 207 yards. He kind of likes it. Picks up the tee, lands it a little short. And that is holding speed, and ace for Robert MacIntyre, and a high five in this team format at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans. Twelve-under par leads the way.

[00:02:12] >> Here at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans with first round action in full swing.

[00:02:19] >> Over to eight.

[00:02:20] >> And Schauffele.

[00:02:21] >> Sixty-eight yards. Taking it in there pretty low.

[00:02:30] >> Boy that is beautiful technique.

[00:02:34] >> Watson for birdie at the 7th.

[00:02:56] >> Nice one, Bubba.

[00:02:58][ Applause ]

[00:03:05] >> Back at 8, Schauffele for his birdie.

[00:03:09] >> Yeah, that nice little approach from 6 just under 7 yards.

[00:03:13] >> Putt.

[00:03:14] >> OK.

[00:03:15] >> Both contributing to the score.

[00:03:16] >> Yeah. Third shot for Jim Herman at the par-5 18th.

[00:03:30] >> Hole location cut over a bunker there in the front. Nice. Turn it beyond the flag, spinning it back.

[00:03:37] >> He would knock that in.

[00:03:42] >> Xander Schauffele, sharply second at the 10th from the fairway bunker.

[00:03:45] >> Yeah. We pull up some driver, put in the right fairway bunker, good lie, 129 downwind. All about the contact. It was good.

[00:03:53] >> Man, almost bounced in on that second bounce.

[00:03:59] >> Cantlay for birdie at 10.

[00:04:14] >> He makes it.

[00:04:15] >> Oh, yeah.

[00:04:15] >> So Schauffele doesn't need to putt.

[00:04:17] >> Oh, yeah. OK. Putt.

[00:04:27] >> Par-5 18th, Chris Kirk playing is second.

[00:04:33] >> A bunker guarding this hole location. So you can go a little right of it, but then you bring the water into play. And look at this. Oh, just skirts right by there. Is this any good from Chris Kirk?

[00:04:50] >> Brendon Todd would convert that for eagle. Mito Pereira for a long par play at 10.

[00:05:05][ Applause ]

[00:05:09] >> Hey, we got the four 10th.

[00:05:15] >> This is interesting. Schauffele is actually a way, but Cantlay is going to putt because they're on a similar line.

[00:05:23] >> Yup. And that will help pre Xander's birdie attempt up.

[00:05:26] >> Yeah. So now, he saw what that putt is going to do for the last 5 feet or so. Make more of an educated guess.

[00:05:49] >> Last year, the winning score was 20-under par. Last year, six-under made the cut again. Top 33 teams and ties make the cut --

[00:06:01] >> Yeah.

[00:06:01] >> -- in this 80-team field.

[00:06:03] >> These best ball days are the days when these guys are really going to be taking it low. And then Friday and Sunday when they play alternate shot, anything around par -- under par. Schauffele makes another birdie. That gets him to 10-under now. Anything around par on those days is good. But 59 Watch on the cards here for this team.

[00:06:27] >> Back here at 11, Henrik Stenson, his third shot.

[00:06:33] >> Now, this is a good chipping action right here. I expect a good one. Oh, no, Henrik, that won't do it. How good is that?

[00:06:47] >> That's perfect. That's how good that is.

[00:06:49] >> Man, I have watched that chipping action on a loop for many years.

[00:06:58] >> Kitayama's fourth at 18. This team 4-under. Will it travel? Birdie at 18 the hard way.

[00:07:14] >> It sure is. That gets them to 5-under on their first nine.

[00:07:23] >> Sam Burns from just off the green at 13.

[00:07:35] >> Get it. Get it.

[00:07:40] >> Wow. What a shot. Third shot there for Sam Burns, and he holds it for birdie. His partner, remember, was in trouble over the green.

[00:07:50] >> Go.

[00:07:50] >> Xander second at 16.

[00:07:58] >> One forty-two into the wind, back left hole location. Only three from that left, Trevor. This is a pitching wedge.

[00:08:06] >> He's angling right at it.

[00:08:13] >> This team has made pars in each of their last three.

[00:08:16] >> Is it enough?

[00:08:17] >> Yeah, it is.

[00:08:17] >> Yes, it is. Good shot.

[00:08:20] >> They would make birdie. Now, we move ahead to Cantlay at 17.

[00:08:28] >> Yeah, this is one of those. I mean, your contact is correct. This is holeable right here.

[00:08:37] >> A little skipper.

[00:08:38] >> I think that's what he was thinking to.

[00:08:44] >> On 59 Watch now. We pick up Cantlay out of the fairway.

[00:08:48] >> What's Patrick having?

[00:08:49] >> Two sixty-four. Gets him 249 front. And Schauffele has been in great position. Now, this is his three wood. He's got it out to the right, the high draw. This is a good looking shot.

[00:09:04] >> Begging. Oh, yeah. Right on the surface. Going to have that for them to shoot 58.

[00:09:16] >> Cantlay for birdie. And this would give them the outright lead and set a new four-ball tournament record with a 59.

[00:09:32] >> Birdie for Patrick Cantlay. Cantlay and Schauffele, 13-under.

[00:09:38] >> Yeah, we played really well. You know, made a lot of putts today on a day that was a little tricky with the wind, and, you know, didn't birdie a lot of the same holes. So when you do that in this format, I mean, that's really the key.

[00:09:49] >> Even with a new tournament record set in Round 1, Cantlay and Schauffele only have a one shot lead over Matthew NeSmith and Taylor Moore. Round 2 foursomes is next.

[00:10:09] >> TPC Louisiana, par 72, just over 7,400 yards, designed by Pete Dye and opened in 2004. Conditions are absolutely perfect for scoring. Wind up a little bit more on the second round Friday. And the challenges that the players will face, we're on to alternate shot. If you get a look at the par-5 18th, so many things can change. There, you see that flagstick blowing. How it will affect the players in the field here today with that cut number hovering around 8-under par? Here is the format. First and third rounds are four-ball, best ball. Second and final rounds alternate shot. Top 33 teams in ties will make the cut onto the weekend.

[00:10:55] >> Let's go over to the 8th and welcome in Curt Byrum.

[00:10:58] >> Thank you, Bob Papa. How about this? Jay Haas playing with son Bill Haas. Jay playing in his 799th PGA Tour event, 68 years old. And he made more birdies than his son did yesterday. Made four.

[00:11:15] >> I made sure to go and give Bill a hard time about that, and Jay was laughing. He made four birdies, said they just had the absolute best day. Look at that scorecard there, Curt, having another good one.

[00:11:28] >> Now, Cam Smith for birdie at the 7th.

[00:11:42] >> OK. This will get this team under par for the day if Cam can make this, and does.

[00:11:47][ Applause ] That's the ball of Hovland, Morikawa in the right rough.

[00:12:02] >> Very good line, Curt. The only issue is just putt is going to be just above his feet here, but a nice angle.

[00:12:08] >> They really struggled with the putter today, made three putt at the par 5 second hole after knocking it on there in two. They've missed six out of seven times already today inside of 25 feet.

[00:12:22] >> Some 99 yards there, Curt.

[00:12:29] >> Yeah, another good look there. Hovland will be putting.

[00:12:34] >> Now, we'll put the green with Hovland.

[00:12:36] >> All right. Here at 8. Time for Hovland to knock one in.

[00:12:39] >> Yeah. As you said, Curt, they have really made nothing at all.

[00:12:43] >> OK.

[00:12:44] >> And finally gets one to go. That could actually get them going right there.

[00:12:52] >> Over to the 10th with the Haas family.

[00:12:54] >> Jay Haas has this for birdie.

[00:13:05] >> Jay gave it a run and he's going to leave Bill a little work left. Fantastic shots by Collin Morikawa and Marc Leishman over at the par-3 9th. Collin just dialed in, maybe a little boost after they made that birdie on the last.

[00:13:24] >> Yeah, got a little momentum going. That iron shot right there was on a rope. Are there any curve on that at all?

[00:13:33] >> That mark leash is set. Hey, I can match that.

[00:13:37] >> Yeah. With that wind coming out of the right leash holding up that little fade so it doesn't curve too much. Really, really good from those two teams.

[00:13:47] >> Hovland now to cash in a birdie after Morikawa's tee shot.

[00:13:52] >> Look at a great opportunity before Hovland and Morikawa got on tour covering them in college golf, and we still look at their technique and which they use right now, they have not really changed any approach at all. Same players, very mature in college, and now very mature at the professional level.

[00:14:20] >> Great angle here to see this ball roll.

[00:14:23] >> So two twos there. Starting to get a little momentum here, these two teams.

[00:14:34] >> Over at the 9th, Max Homa for birdie to get the team 11-under.

[00:14:41] >> These guys on a serious roll today. And there's one more. They go out in 31 playing alternate shot.

[00:14:49] >> Cam Smith down a little trouble at 11.

[00:14:56] >> Yeah. Leishman put him right behind the tree. He's going to have to shake this shot from left to right. He's got 279 for a second shot here the par 5.

[00:15:03] >> He's trying to get it up there. He might even get to the front edge here.

[00:15:07] >> Yeah, no doubt. Hit it on the button.

[00:15:11] >> I'll tell you what.

[00:15:12] >> Wow, impressive;

[00:15:13] >> I'll tell you what.

[00:15:13] >> Look at that shot. How about that, gentlemen?

[00:15:15] >> Is this the shot of the day?

[00:15:16] >> That is so good.

[00:15:19] >> I thought he could hit it into the mound in front of him, all the tree in front of him.

[00:15:22] >> On that up.

[00:15:23] >> And he's hit it to 15 feet.

[00:15:24] >> On that upslope. What a shot.

[00:15:27] >> They were two putt for birdie.

[00:15:30] >> Garrick Higgo on the tee at the 3rd. Picked up, won at Congaree last year.

[00:15:36] >> This is a very difficult par 3 here, 213 yards, hole location on the left-hand side today. Just look at this. Beautiful shot there.

[00:15:49] >> Now, Smith on the tee at the par-3 14th.

[00:15:57] >> Hole location right on the left edge of that TV tower.

[00:16:02] >> Holding off just a little against that breeze.

[00:16:05] >> Right on line if it's in the right club. It sure is.

[00:16:08] >> Wow, right over the top of that ridge, and that ball came in nicely. Great shape shot. Let that ball kind of hold up against that right to left wind and landed softly.

[00:16:18] >> Here at 11, Doc Redman going to give it a go in 2.

[00:16:25] >> Pretty much all he has in the tank right there.

[00:16:29] >> I think he bruised his neck with the shaft that followed through.

[00:16:33] >> You know, the good news is on that lead, his partner will be pitching back into the wind as we go up to 14.

[00:16:41] >> Marc Leishman for birdie. Another one.

[00:16:45] >> Nice.

[00:16:45] >> Making it look easy.

[00:16:47][ Applause ] Back here at 11, Sam Ryder with the third shot for this team of Ryder and Redman. And well done there.

[00:17:02] >> Redman would finish that off for birdie.

[00:17:04] >> To 18th.

[00:17:08] >> Aaron Rai for birdie at 18.

[00:17:12] >> How about that?

[00:17:13] >> Making amends for the poor pitch by Lipsky and a great round from these guys, 5-under 67 In alternate shot.

[00:17:23] >> This is at 15, Shane Lowry with the third shot.

[00:17:28] >> Talk about short game. This guy's got a terrific short game.

[00:17:32] >> Get in, get in.

[00:17:33] >> Oh, yes.

[00:17:35] >> Watch it.

[00:17:36] >> Wow. His partner, Ian Poulter, liked that one.

[00:17:40] >> Look at those trousers there, Curt.

[00:17:44] >> Back to 18.

[00:17:47] >> Let's see if Leishman and Smith can salvage the par here at 18.

[00:17:56] >> Yeah, they do just that. That'll leave them 6 off the lead heading into the four-ball on Saturday.

[00:18:07] >> Garrick Higgo on the tee at the 9thm final hole the day.

[00:18:11] >> That wind whipping across from the right-hand side, front right hole location. And a good looking swing there, This is on some kind of line.

[00:18:20] >> Now, look at that. Great shot.

[00:18:28] >> Back at the 9th after a wonderful tee shot by Garrick Higgo. Branden Grace for birdie.

[00:18:38] >> There's another one for that tee bogey free, 65, tied the low score the day out here in the alternate shot format.

[00:18:52] >> Dylan Wu on the tee at 14th.

[00:19:05] >> Oh, man.

[00:19:07] >> It's tracking. It's tracking.

[00:19:09] >> He had one here yesterday. Oh my word.

[00:19:15] >> I'll take the birdie though.

[00:19:16] >> Remember, MacIntyre made the ace yesterday? Gosh, I thought that was in.

[00:19:23] >> Following their tournament record 59, Schauffele and Cantlay shoot a solid 68 in foursomes, extending their lead by 2 at 17-under. Round 3 is next.

[00:19:36] >> Right now, it's time to make a move. Every shot, every finish matters. The race for the FedEx Cup is on.

[00:20:13] >> It's a breezy day on the Bayou. We're at TPC Louisiana, a Pete Dye design, located 15 miles west of New Orleans. It's the fifth straight year of the Zurich Classic Features Team Play, the only one of its kind on the PGA Tour schedule. Been a lot of fun to be a part of this format going back in years past. And again, this week, the first and third rounds are four-ball, or best ball as many call it. And the second and final rounds are foursomes, alternate shot. Thirty-nine teams made the cut at 8-under par. And today in best ball is the day to go low. And we're seeing some 63s already after Cantlay and Schauffele had a 59 on Thursday.

[00:21:06] >> Birdies and even eagles, the story of the day here at TPC Louisiana. This is Garrick Higgo at the par-5 7th chipping in for eagle, and not to be outdone. Patrick Cantlay playing alongside Xander Schauffele. This is for eagle for Cantlay. And he gets it to drop at 7. Cantlay and Schauffele tied at the top with Garrick Higgo and Branden Grace. And let's get out to the 11th hole and Trevor Immelman.

[00:21:41] >> Horschel here with his 3rd. It sounded heavy. They had a lot of sand in that bunker that guards the front portion of 11th. Back to 9.

[00:21:54] >> Great look at the 9th green. With the water on the left is Patrick Cantlay. Eyes up for birdie putt.

[00:22:00] >> Coming off a great week last week at Hilton Head where he was unlucky to bury his second shot in the playoff at 18-under the lip, and couldn't get it up and down to continue. Lost to Jordan Spieth. But in good form. Always nice to come into a tournament in good form. Good -- High confidence level. Good pull there.

[00:22:30] >> Go to 11.

[00:22:32] >> And Horschel trying to convert after the poor bunker shot, and does. So that's back to back birdies for the Horschel, Burns group. These guys finished in a tie for fourth here last year. And they're on a nice run now.

[00:22:48] >> At 13th, this is Shane Lowry and Ian Poulter. This has been going on all week long. They've coordinated their outfits. They've also had a lot of fun with it on Instagram.

[00:23:04] >> Shane said it's one and done for him.

[00:23:08] >> But apparently, it's only -- like the idea was just a couple of weeks old. They made this happen pretty quickly. To 12th.

[00:23:15] >> And the approach shot for Billy Horschel teamed up with Sam Burns. They're just one off the lead.

[00:23:25] >> Very difficult par 4.

[00:23:29] >> That's a good shot right there.

[00:23:37] >> Back at the par-5 11th, Scrivener for his birdie. There you go, he gets that one before. He'd been playing some solid golf over on the DP World Tour in the Middle East and in South Africa.

[00:23:54] >> To 12th.

[00:23:54] >> Now, we saw the approach from Horschel. So this for birdie to get into a share of the lead.

[00:24:01] >> That'd be great birdie today, one of the tougher holes, only seven all day there.

[00:24:07] >> I have a feeling Trevor Immelman is going to see this team at Presidents Cup.

[00:24:14] >> No, I'm not really looking forward to it either. They're pretty formidable.

[00:24:17] >> I was going to say I'd be terrified, Trevor.

[00:24:21] >> Thankfully, I'm not the one playing.

[00:24:22] >> There's not much in this putt at all. Right center with a little bit of go to it.

[00:24:42] >> Well done.

[00:24:47] >> For birdie.

[00:24:48] >> Well done.

[00:24:48] >> To 18.

[00:24:51] >> And Keegan Bradley has this for eagle just off the green. A good look at this hole location today, Ian, on the front right corner of 18. And Bradley drops it in.

[00:25:02] >> No problem for Keegan Bradley. Back into the win today. It's a good solid par-5. So another 63 being shot.

[00:25:12] >> Up to 13.

[00:25:13] >> And Billy Horschel with a second. This is a really gettable hole location today. Shortish sort of par-4.

[00:25:24] >> To 12.

[00:25:29] >> And this par putt now for Higgo. They need it to remain tied at the top. And what does a bogey feel like in best ball?

[00:25:38] >> It feels like a double bogey.

[00:25:40] >> Yeah.

[00:25:41] >> You just have to keep them off the cad.

[00:25:42] >> Now, Cantlay at 11.

[00:25:44] >> But pitching around these grains is tough, Trevor. It's extremely grainy.

[00:25:47] >> Yeah, it sure is. If you're into the grain, it makes it so much more difficult. But what do you call in for here? One of those low spinners with a big first bounce.

[00:25:55] >> Yeah. He's got -- He's going back into the wind. So I think this is when he use the leading edge, drive it in there. He should be able to put some spin on it.

[00:26:01] >> I can see the stance way open, ball pushed back. Keep that chest moving. Just like that.

[00:26:09] >> These grains are really starting to roll out.

[00:26:12] >> Yeah. Twelve and a half to start the day. Take a look here at the contact, and it'll start going around the corner.

[00:26:21] >> Take you up to the par-3 14th, Bubba Watson from long range for birdie. Him and Harold Varner birdied 11 and 13, and now 14 as well.

[00:26:35][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:26:40] >> And this is Mark Hubbard for birdie to get to 20-under. What a day, a 62 for Brehm and Hubbard. And now, they're only 2-back.

[00:26:59] >> Patrick not wasting any time getting in there.

[00:27:04] >> Now, there should be no problem here. Keep it inside the hole, hit it with some pace.

[00:27:09] >> Trying to start building a little cushion here to get to and front. And does. So even with the tee shot in the fairway bunker, still manages to make a birdie at the par-five.

[00:27:29] >> We go back to 13.

[00:27:33] >> And Higgo for that team's birdie. Speed freed up because Branden did make 4. Got it. Aggressive off the tee, really well managed second, and cashed in.

[00:27:48] >> Twelfth 12 hole with Schauffele and Cantlay. Ahead by one trying to add to their lead as Xander has a birdie putt here.

[00:27:59] >> And this would be a bonus here, but a gorgeous 6 iron, placing about 20 feet up the hill for birdie.

[00:28:06] >> Only one player all day has hit it inside 10 feet. That was Aphibarnrat.

[00:28:15] >> Yeah.

[00:28:15] >> That is beautiful.

[00:28:17][ Applause ] Now, here at 215, Sam Burns in the middle of the fairway. Homecoming for Sam. Born in Shreveport, Louisiana and still lives in this state. And the home fans will love this one.

[00:28:39] >> Burns would knock that in for birdie.

[00:28:41] >> South African pairs, two good looks at birdie here coming down the hill. Wow. And that's two holes in a row.

[00:28:54] >> Hold on.

[00:28:56] >> Let's go to 13.

[00:29:00] >> And then the garden spot, Xander Schauffele.

[00:29:02] >> Definitely the best angle of the group, Dottie. This pin just three paces off the left edge of the green. He's got 77 yards and a lot of wedge.

[00:29:12] >> Does he fly it there cold, or does he go skipping it in?

[00:29:16] >> I think he's going to have to take some off this, so I would expect one big bounce and then some spin.

[00:29:24] >> Tempo so good. Lovely. Exactly as you dialed it up.

[00:29:29] >> Up at the green, Cantlay is putting before Schauffele.

[00:29:34] >> No stress in his forms, and the putter just flows. It's almost like the heavy hit on the back of the ball.

[00:29:41] >> To me, like he takes it back and almost just let gravity take over, just lets the putter head fall into the ball.

[00:29:49] >> Great description. A little more heat.

[00:29:52] >> Oh, yeah.

[00:29:55] >> Yes.

[00:29:55] >> Pick it up, X.

[00:30:01] >> Jason Day was in trouble so it's up to his partner here. Jason Scrivener has this long putt for birdie. You don't want to be too aggressive. But how about that?

[00:30:10] >> Wow.

[00:30:11] >> That is a bonus. When the putt looks like making bogey and you hold a 30 footer.

[00:30:15] >> Yeah, that's a great feeling.

[00:30:25] >> The second for Cantlay at 15.

[00:30:27] >> Interesting play there, guys. He's 11 yards ahead of his partner, Xander Schauffele, but had a really poor lie, so they let him go first.

[00:30:37] >> Higgo for birdie at the 16th.

[00:30:45] >> I don't think he needs to give this hole away. Beautiful. That is teamwork.

[00:30:53] >> Beautiful.

[00:30:54] >> Cantlay at the 15 with another good look for birdie.

[00:31:15] >> Another birdie for Cantlay and Schauffele.

[00:31:18] >> Let's go,

[00:31:20] >> That works.

[00:31:20] >> All smiles for these two right here as they get to 26-under par.

[00:31:28] >> Now, Day on the tee at the par-3 17th. He would convert that for birdie.

[00:31:42][ Applause ]

[00:31:47] >> He brought in Xander Schauffele for a look. I think this one is just about a ball outside the left, Trevor, and just give it some speed.

[00:31:53] >> Yeah, putting back into the wind as well. These guys are 6-under in the last seven holes. Looking for one more and trying to extend that lead. Oh, yeah,

[00:32:20] >> I mean this is a clinic.

[00:32:21] >> It sure is. That gets them to 28-under and a four stroke lead right now over Grace and Higgo.

[00:32:29] >> We move ahead to Schauffele, second at the par-5 18th.

[00:32:33] >> That's 247 and a 5 wood.

[00:32:36] >> How much is Xander, if at all, influenced by what Cantlay just did?

[00:32:40] >> He knows now we can have a go at it. He'll hit this to the right high, let it drift on the wind similar to what Sam Burns attempted, and then try knock it in there close, make an eagle. There you go.

[00:32:55] >> This one starts over the water, trying to draw back.

[00:33:00] >> Yeah.

[00:33:02] >> Are you kidding me?

[00:33:04] >> Just short of the green, but what a shot from Schauffele.

[00:33:08] >> All right. So they shot 59 on Thursday. And if Schauffele holes this, they'll shoot 59 again. Just wobbled a little coming on to the green. Just bounced through that last little bit of fringe.

[00:33:36] >> What a round a golf buy these two today though.

[00:33:38] >> Once again, they've got two short putts for birdies to go 29-under and a 60.

[00:33:46] >> Amazing golf buy these two, Patrick Cantlay and Xander Schauffele. Their scores this week, 59, 68, 60. And they are 29-under par.

[00:34:02] >> Patrick Cantlay and Xander Schauffele seek to become the Zurich Classic of New Orleans first team to win wire to wire. They hold a five shot lead over Garrick Higgo and Branden Grace. The final round is next.

[00:34:21] >> We are at TPC Louisiana, about 15 miles west of New Orleans, on another warm, humid day for the final round of the Zurich Classic. This Pete Dye design is in great shape, firm and fast. The wind could come into play this afternoon. Gusts around 20 miles per hour. Team play continues to be a big hit here in New Orleans. Fifth year that this tournament is a team event. The only one of its kind on the PGA Tour. Rounds 1 and 3 were four-ball or best ball as it's commonly known. And just like Round 2, today is alternate shot for the final round. Partners must alternate strokes and tee shots here for the final round.

[00:35:13] >> And Davis Riley here at the par 3 from long range for birdie. Up and over a little ridge, shoulder that comes off that green side bunker. Is it going to keep rolling? Oh, yes it is. Big crowds, 17 loving that one, and so as his partner, Will Zalatoris. To 18.

[00:35:37] >> We could hear that roar up here at 18. And here is Cam Smith finishing on a tee.

[00:35:44] >> I'm surprised they're still making camp up, those three footers.

[00:35:47] >> So they finish at 17-under par, the defending champions here at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans. We go back to 6.

[00:35:59] >> And two par putts coming up here.

[00:36:03] >> And a lengthy one for Garrick Higgo. I think with the deficit they started with today, I mean they just -- they can't afford to make mistakes today if they want any chance of catching Xander and Patrick. But this one is coming down that hill and it's straight down green. It'll have some speed to it.

[00:36:19] >> Youngster trying to get the attention of Trevor Immelman for that President's Cup team coming up later this fall. That hurts.

[00:36:35] >> Yeah. Short on line, an inch or two --

[00:36:37] >> Yeah.

[00:36:37] >> -- just hurts more than any other miss, doesn't it?

[00:36:39] >> It seems to, yes.

[00:36:43] >> Let's go to 8.

[00:36:44] >> And David Lipsky for his birdie. Aaron Rai, he had a nice wedge in here. Trying to get to 24-under. OK, gets that one to drop. That was the club that kind of held that team back yesterday, kept hitting the edges, couldn't get anything to fall down.

[00:37:01] >> And you can see that drives, 321 yards for Schauffele. Higgo pounding at 350, but both are in the rough.

[00:37:16] >> He's going with that 7 wood we saw him hit several times yesterday. And Ian almost think these guys can just throw the pin sheet in the trash and just look at the middle of the green all day.

[00:37:25] >> A hundred percent, Colt. Really good point. It's really 18 pars would win it for them. I hate to say I'd like to see him make some birdies, and here would be one of them.

[00:37:39] >> He threw this way up in the air and it's right at it, but is it enough?

[00:37:43] >> It's enough. What a shot from Cantlay.

[00:37:47] >> That was impressive.

[00:37:50] >> Well, it looks like they're going to have better than 18 pars.

[00:37:53] >> Wow.

[00:37:58] >> Higgo off the green at 7.

[00:38:00] >> You know, I was out there this morning, and I only had my putter with me, so I was putting up some of these banks.

[00:38:07] >> We'll go with that. Get out, get out, get out.

[00:38:14] >> It's coming back. And now, here at the 12. Steele has a birdie putt. Playing with Keegan Bradley. Look at this putt. It goes in for Brendan Steele. So they have now made three birdies in a row to get to 21-under par.

[00:38:44] >> Back to 7th.

[00:38:48] >> And this puts for par for Higgo.

[00:38:50] >> And they're never good when the same team hits four shots in a row.

[00:38:53] >> Wow.

[00:38:55] >> And Ian had already said on the par 5s today, you've got to at least be thinking birdie. He hasn't won on the PGA Tour since 2019. He did win gold, which is not an official PGA Tour event, but he has won.

[00:39:11] >> There's only two players in the world -- male players in the world that have won, and that's Justin Rose from '16, and now in Rio 2020 they call it, but obviously 2021, Xander.

[00:39:23] >> Thirty-one-under par and eagle for Schauffele at 7 with Patrick Cantlay.

[00:39:30] >> And an interesting statistic, a little nugget for you, they've only had three Eagles each all season.

[00:39:36] >> We're back at the 8th. Higgo and Grace coming off the -- off of back to back bogeys trying to get something going here.

[00:39:48] >> Ohm boy, Trevor, he laid the sod over that one.

[00:39:50] >> Just a huge divot there, Colt. To 10,

[00:39:58] >> Aaron Rai with his second at 10. Likes to cut on the 13, get to cover 8 yards to get into that little cove right there. Well done.

[00:40:11] >> What's Grace got, Colt?

[00:40:13] >> Not what he was hoping for.

[00:40:15] >> Good.

[00:40:16] >> Thirty-five feet from the fringe should break to his left.

[00:40:24] >> Great effort.

[00:40:25] >> Yeah, sure is. But, man, these guys have played 6, 7 and 8 in 2-over. The 8th is actually the easiest par 4 on the golf course today. So they're leaking shots all over the place, this team. Over to 10.

[00:40:39] >> And Lipsky to convert that really good iron shot from Aaron Rai. Ian, we're not going to see this again, are we?

[00:40:50] >> But they're all struggling with that hole locations.

[00:40:52] >> They are.

[00:40:52] >> Two or three, we saw them today, didn't we, out there?

[00:40:57] >> Let's go to 13.

[00:40:58] >> Keegan Bradley. Is it back to back birdies for this team? Oh, I do believe so.

[00:41:06] >> Billy Horschel with his second out of the fairway at 10.

[00:41:28] >> Sam Burns would knock that in. They move to 27-under.

[00:41:33] >> Betting that that chip was going to come up short of the hole. He would have liked it a little closer, but he was never going to get too aggressive.

[00:41:57] >> Just stays out to the left. So that's just their second bogey of the week. And all of a sudden, the lead is down to three.

[00:42:06] >> Garrick Higgo just has 82 yards left.

[00:42:21] >> Terrific.

[00:42:22] >> Beauty there.

[00:42:23] >> Much needed.

[00:42:28] >> This lie looks interesting here, Dottie. Both feet out the bunker. A lot of green to work with. Stay down in his posture beautifully. This is really a great shot from Billy Horschel. And now, things are starting to get interesting. The lead is having a little hiccup. Let's see. Back to 10.

[00:42:52] >> Dottie, it is full grind mode here at the depth for these two. Taking a long look at this par putt.

[00:42:59] >> This is hugely important. This sets the stage for these final nine holes, because in that group ahead, there's also a leaderboard behind the 11th hole. So Horschel and Burns are going to know what happens here likely before they putt. Ball game is on.

[00:43:28] >> That's just got interesting.

[00:43:33] >> Let's go back to 10.

[00:43:37] >> Branden Grace, birdie for that team.

[00:43:44] >> Here at 11 now, Jason Day. He and partner, Scrivener, trying to make their birdie at par 5. Will it stay up? Yeah, it does. Good to see Jason Day getting that flat stick working again. He's been putting in a ton of work with Chris Como. Now, up at the green. Burns and Horschel looking for their third birdie in the last four, and to pull within one. Yes.

[00:44:08] >> Look at that scorecard.

[00:44:10] >> Beautiful golf in this alternate shot format. Burns has won twice already this season.

[00:44:16] >> Fifteen.

[00:44:17] >> And Shane Lowry, once again, very colorful with his partner Ian Poulter this week, this putt for birdie.

[00:44:27] >> How about it?

[00:44:27] >> It goes it.

[00:44:29] >> I followed it without missing.

[00:44:34] >> Back to 11.

[00:44:36] >> And Grace is birdie attempt here. Oh, yeah, rolls it in the right side. So back to back birdies for the South African team. Get them to 25-under, four behind for the moment. Leaders got a short birdie putt coming up, and Cantlay not wasting any time, Colt.

[00:44:59] >> Nom he's not. Just about three feet, not much in it.

[00:45:03] >> This guy looks so good over the putter. Whole body seems so relaxed. Great tempo to the stroke.

[00:45:13] >> OK. So they get back on track with a birdie at 11. Extend the lead out to 2. We're back at the 17th, Doc Redman for birdie here to get this team to 24-under. There you go. THAT's a nice 2 at the tough par-3. These guys making a little move since the 7th hole.

[00:45:38] >> Schauffele at 12.

[00:45:41] >> Just that tree in front is the most paramount thing.

[00:45:54] >> That's a 5 iron from 198, hit extremely high and on a great line.

[00:46:02] >> That's a good shot there, Colt.

[00:46:05] >> Excellent.

[00:46:06] >> Up at the green with Branden Grace for birdie.

[00:46:11] >> With this new putter shaft and head that he put in this week, that feels a lot more balanced and in control through the ball. And it certainly shown.

[00:46:22] >> This team is red hot right now. Grace and Higgo with another birdie to get to 26-under par.

[00:46:33] >> Fourteen.

[00:46:33] >> Burns trying to make amends here. Don't want to fall three behind with just four holes left. And walks it in confidently.

[00:46:46] >> Up to 18.

[00:46:46] >> And this is a birdie putt for Keegan Bradley. Good buddies with Brendan Steele. And they finish it style. A birdie on 18.

[00:46:57] >> After pars 12, 13, and 14, Schauffele and Cantlay have a two shot lead with Burns on the tee of 15.

[00:47:07] >> Sam Burns going for it. Two hundred and ninety-nine yards today, the 16th hole is front left hole location and wet. To 15.

[00:47:20] >> And the approach for Patrick Cantlay.

[00:47:22] >> One seventy-seven has 8 iron. Got to look left to this hole location.

[00:47:28] >> Yeah. Got it just started at the tower, just a little left.

[00:47:32] >> And that's exactly what he's done, Ian.

[00:47:34] >> If I could shut the door right here.

[00:47:37] >> We'll get probably a couple drops and a place, and I'll be playing in the third from up there by the time.

[00:47:44] >> Thank you. There's one. There's two.

[00:47:50] >> OK.

[00:47:50] >> Mark Poulton hands the ball back to his player and we're going to place it where it struck the ground last. That's Horschel with the team's third.

[00:48:01] >> Burns would tap that in and remain 2-back.

[00:48:07] >> Now, this could be a big one here. Schauffele for birdie to increase the lead to three.

[00:48:12] >> And earlier in the eagle putt he made back at 7, they have not made very many putts.

[00:48:20] >> Certainly not compared to yesterday when they didn't miss many. It's still a two shot lead with three to go.

[00:48:33] >> Seventeen, Sam Burns. Off the downslope, it took such a soft bounce there.

[00:48:43] >> Schauffele second at 16.

[00:48:45] >> Going to give it a full rip of the gap wedge from 128.

[00:48:58] >> Smart play. May not be spectacular, but it was smart.

[00:49:05] >> And here is 17. Horschel now got to think he's got to make this and they probably need eagle up the par-5 18th. And he's left it short.

[00:49:28] >> At the 16th. And, yes, those are raindrops you hear falling.

[00:49:32] >> Quick one here, Dottie. Going to break, left early then come back to his right. I'll find it.

[00:49:40] >> Scared it.

[00:49:42] >> All right. Here at 18, and Horschel knows where he is on the leader board, going forward in 2.

[00:49:49] >> It's over.

[00:49:50] >> Thank you, Sam.

[00:49:53] >> And that one's going to be short and left.

[00:50:02] >> Three shot lead.

[00:50:09] >> This one is headed well right.

[00:50:10] >> As expected. May have helped there, just to slow that ball down.

[00:50:21] >> Here at 18, Sam Burns with his third. Out of the bunker.

[00:50:26] >> What a shot, dude.

[00:50:29] >> Here, Horschel like it. That's going to spin back just a little bit, but Horschel will have a putt for birdie.

[00:50:36] >> I mean I would say on a Tuesday practice round, he's getting this up and down eight out of 10 times.

[00:50:41] >> Agreed.

[00:50:41] >> A little different on Sunday though.

[00:50:43] >> Just got it well back in the start, so maybe some kind of bump. Oh, yeah. Pair up to grab on the second bounce. What a shot from Patrick Cantlay.

[00:51:00] >> I mean, to play that shot off in this moment is just incredible.

[00:51:06] >> Vision, imagination, and execution, and an easy tap in par for his partner. So they've avoided disaster at the difficult 17th.

[00:51:22] >> We take you back up to the 18th green. And here is Horschel for birdie.

[00:51:26] >> And that was a brilliant bunker shot from 50 yards for his partner Sam Burns. Really good to get them the birdie opportunity. But they've locked up second place for sure.

[00:51:38] >> Another good week for these two, Horschel and Burns. Last year, they teamed up, they finished tied for fourth. And this year, they get a second place finish. And now, Cantlay with his third.

[00:51:52] >> One thirty-nine back into a little bit of wind. That's a pitching wedge. Heading right at it.

[00:52:00] >> It comes up just a little bit short.

[00:52:01] >> After Schauffele's fourth ended up short of the green.

[00:52:06] >> Patrick Cantlay trying to finish it out with his teammate Xander Schauffele.

[00:52:12] >> It's going to make Xander tap it in.

[00:52:19] >> A team effort, a team win, both of them having to putt it out for the final stage. Bayou brilliance for Schauffele and Cantlay. Wire to wire winners at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

[00:52:37] >> This concludes the PGA Tours coverage of the Zurich Classic of New Orleans from TPC Louisiana in Avondale, Louisiana.