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[00:00:20] >> The PGA Tour is proud to bring you the season-long race for the FedEx Cup. Now, coverage of the 2022 RBC Canadian Open.

[00:00:52] >> From Toronto, Ontario, Canada, it's live first round coverage of the RBC Canadian Open. St. George's Golf and Country Club opened in 1930, a Stanley Thompson design. This is the first time that the RBC Canadian Open has been contested here since 2010. Plays as a par 70, just over 7,000 yards, the rough is thick and lush, and this event with a great storied history. The RBC Canadian Open is back. The last time it was played 2019, Rory McIlroy with a final round, 61 in winning by seven shots, played in the morning wave, 4-under 66 for Rory today. Justin Thomas, you won the PGA Championship just a few weeks ago rolling in this putt for Bernie.

[00:01:48] >> JT with 1-under 69 as part of this morning wave. A star studded field here in Toronto for the 111th edition of the RBC Canadian Open, including World number 1 Scottie Scheffler, and the fourth ranked player in the world, Cameron Smith. They are all here, five of the top 10 in the Official World Golf rankings are here this week at the RBC Canadian Open. Wyndham Clark with a 7-under 63, bogey-free, setting the pace. Sam Burns, third at the 9th.

[00:02:30] >> Yeah, drove it right into some of that thick grass you were talking about, Trevor. And that's a beautiful shot there from 111 for Sam.

[00:02:38] >> He would knock that in.

[00:02:40] >> Justin Rose for his eagle at the 9th.

[00:02:42] >> Let's see if he can take advantage of that nice 5-iron he hid in here from 232, just under 25 feet.

[00:02:49] >> Come on.

[00:02:51] >> There you go.

[00:02:54] >> Why not? And that's the fourth eagle that he has made so far this year.

[00:03:04] >> Over at the 10th, we heard a little roar, Harold Varner playing his third.

[00:03:08] >> Yeah. Came up a little bit short there with a 9-iron from 130. Perfect lie, lot of green to work with. Just a little delayed action.

[00:03:18] >> Yeah. And what a game it is. In the previous group, we got two guys from 10 or 12 feet, couldn't get it close to the hole, and Varner chips in from the thick grass.

[00:03:28] >> Harold still trying to track down that first win on the PGA Tour. Did win on the Asian Tour, but trying to win on the PGA Tour. He's been knocking on the door.

[00:03:38] >> It is quite interesting that his iron play and his approach play has improved so much, because off of the tee, he's actually hitting less fairways than what he did last season. So, when he is getting it in the fairway, he's really taking advantage of that.

[00:03:53] >> You know, I think also this is one part of his game that he has been fantastic at really having an arsenal around the greens. He's certainly going to need it here, sharing his spots deep in that ryegrass on the right-hand side. He's going to go through a valley. Its options here as he try to land it short and let it run up to try to fly just to the base of the slope and let it bounce up. Certainly coming out of this lie. If gets it on the crown quickly, it will work its way back toward the back pores in the green and move to his left. So he's going to have to give us some more not to the right. And trying to fly just to the base of the hill and does. It should run up, but it will turn left.

[00:04:43] >> That's a birdie for Scheffler.

[00:04:50] >> Third shot for Roger Sloan.

[00:04:53] >> He won't be able to see the level of the green from down there. Oh, this is incredible. What a shot.

[00:05:00] >> The Roger Sloane after the poor second shot.

[00:05:04] >> He has no idea yet.

[00:05:05] >> He has --

[00:05:05] >> No idea.

[00:05:13] >> Back at the 11th, Harold Varner III, long look for an eagle, at least to get to 5-under on the day.

[00:05:18] >> Yeah, nice solid 6-iron up there, Shane, from 216 yards, and another solid strike. And that looks like it's going in. How about this, two in a row? Catching the hole.

[00:05:32] >> Moves him to 6-under, excuse me. Harold Varner making eagle putts in 2022.

[00:05:40] >> Back over to 11.

[00:05:43] >> And Hatton needs this one to go.

[00:05:45] >> Yeah. Let's see if he can duplicate Harold Varner and jumpstart his round right here, Shane.

[00:05:53] >> Yeah.

[00:05:54] >> Does just that. And he looks just thrilled.

[00:06:01] >> Back over to 13.

[00:06:02] >> Long one here for Justin Rose.

[00:06:04] >> Big breaker from right to left, Shane, on a good lie. And why not? Nice catch hole. Easy hole. Come on.

[00:06:12] >> It doesn't matter where you hid it, you're walking away with a 2 if you're in this group.

[00:06:16] >> Back at the 13th, the adventures continue for Tyrrell Hatton as they always do.

[00:06:22] >> And he do a pretty good lie. So if he can get this up in the air and land it softly, he'd get it close. How about in?

[00:06:35] >> Get it very close. There you go Tyrrell. You got to smile. You got to smile once. You made an eagle. There it is. You know what was coming.

[00:06:47] >> Burns second at 14.

[00:06:59][ Applause ] Sam Burns for birdie. That gets him to 3-under putt from Scottie Scheffler there. And that was a beautiful wedge shot he played in there and converts.

[00:07:30] >> Back at the 16th, the second for Scottie Scheffler.

[00:07:34] >> And he's just going to dump this ball on the green. You can only see about a quarter of the ball that sits down in this blue grass here. Downhill the entire little picture.

[00:07:46] >> You can see just how far left he's looking at. Just shows how much this green slopes from back to front.

[00:08:02] >> This could be good. Could be really good, guys.

[00:08:04] >> Get in there. How about that?

[00:08:09] >> And a goal for Scheffler at 16.

[00:08:17] >> How good is this guy's short game? Wow. I mean, he is aimed probably 15 to 20 feet out to the left.

[00:08:36] >> You think about the lip out that he had earlier, that one caught that right edge and just --

[00:08:42] >> Fell back in.

[00:08:42] >> -- fell right in.

[00:08:44][ Applause ]

[00:08:49] >> Burns' second at 17.

[00:09:01] >> Yeah.

[00:09:03] >> And there's been a lot of deliberation planned in, gauge the wind here with this caddie Sam Perkins now to an aggressive line off the tee. Cut the duck leg off. It's just 122, no cap wedge here for Sam. When you should with that tee shirt, take direct line out here, and does.

[00:09:25] >> Relatively direct. Just about hoops it.

[00:09:32] >> Back to 17.

[00:09:34] >> And to be fair, every round seems relatively stressful for Tyrrell Hatton. Here's burns. Great approach and an excellent birdie there for Burns. Sam Burns doing Sam Burns things here in Canada.

[00:09:49] >> Matt Fitzpatrick ties his career low round on the PGA Tour with a 64. Also near the top, Rory McIlroy, who opened his title defense with a 4-under 64. Round 2 is next.

[00:10:12] >> St. George's Golf and Country Club, hosting for the sixth time, located five miles from Lake Ontario. The 111th edition of the RBC Canadian Open is in full swing. This Stanley Thompson masterpiece opened in 1930, a par 70, playing just over 7,000 yards. Alex Smalley started the day at the 9th, yes, because of where the 10th is situated, they start when they go on the opposite side at the 9th hole. Knocks that in for eagle at the par-5 9th. A little high five. Great way to start the day.

[00:10:48] >> And how about Cam Smith at the par-4 5th?

[00:10:52] >> Extremely impressed with his bounce back after an awful round yesterday. That eagle there helped him finish his second round at 1-over for the tournament.

[00:11:03] >> Canada zone Adam Hadwin has this putt for eagle at the par-5 9th.

[00:11:09] >> There you go. Gets him to 2-under for the tournament. That cut line hanging around plus one right now.

[00:11:22] >> Back over at the 9th, Corey Conners set to play.

[00:11:25] >> A little helping breeze here at the par 5. Seven-iron from 186 coming back up the hill. Winds up a bit today.

[00:11:36] >> That's going to be in a similar spot to where we just saw Hadwin make it from.

[00:11:40] >> And Conners would make birdie from there.

[00:11:44] >> Now four eagles already today, and we're going to have a few more looks here with this featured pairing or grouping, shall I say.

[00:11:53] >> He's made it really formal, Cohen, host Bob Papa Robert, so you set the tone for the rest of the day here, Trevor.

[00:12:02] >> I had to make sure that he was paying attention.

[00:12:06] >> Who would not pay attention to the President's Cup, the International Squad Masters Champion? It's a long list it starts with my wife.

[00:12:14] >> One thing missing is your green shirt today.

[00:12:19] >> It's coming.

[00:12:21] >> McIlroy for Eagle. Rory won by seven shots at Hamilton Golf and Country Club in 2019. Final round 61. He birdied nine of the first 14 holes in that final round, and just brings a lot of energy, not only to this field, but to this community having him back.

[00:12:45] >> No doubt. That was a wonderful play from that fairway bunker. Now, this putt for eagle comes back up the slope. He'll try to move a little bit from left to right at the end. He's got a chance.

[00:12:56] >> The last couple of feet actually starts to go back down the hill. I thought that ball may run out a bit more. But still, awesome touch there up and over the ridge.

[00:13:08] >> Now, Tom is ready to play at 10.

[00:13:11] >> All right, that's --

[00:13:12] >> All the movement of the balls back and forth now, JT.

[00:13:14] >> Yeah, much better contact. This is on a great line if it's enough.

[00:13:23] >> Oh yeah, it is. This guy's wedge game is insane. So good.

[00:13:28] >> Now, think about what he did at the PGA Championship and winning. You know, coming off the paces, he made the term. What was he, five shots off the lead? But --

[00:13:38] >> Even more, he was eight behind with 10 to play.

[00:13:46] >> Fitzpatrick now for birdie at the 9th. Must have given him the outright lead.

[00:13:50] >> Just under 5 feet. That's my guy.

[00:13:53] >> Clanks it up that flagstick.

[00:13:55] >> Go back to 10.

[00:14:01] >> Second on the way for Shane Lowry.

[00:14:03] >> Coming off a birdie, two putt birdie back there at the 9th after a couple of bogeys. Another good shot peppering this flagstick.

[00:14:12] >> Lowry would knock that in.

[00:14:14] >> Go over to the 8th, Wyndham Clark, now two-back of Fitzpatrick.

[00:14:20] >> And that follow through is getting shorter and shorter here the last hour.

[00:14:25] >> Take the leaderboards away.

[00:14:26] >> Maybe we should try it. Maybe we should try it, Shane.

[00:14:29] >> Clark would make birdie.

[00:14:32] >> And now, Rory, second longest drive on any hole by any player this week.

[00:14:38] >> One forty-seven Front, 180 total. And Shane, that was some kind of tee shot he had. Given that distance, he was able to get it. On that proper level now, we have a great look for eagle.

[00:14:53] >> That would be a two putt birdie for McIlroy.

[00:14:55] >> Back at the 13th, Mike Weir, great look for birdie.

[00:15:01] >> Get in.

[00:15:02] >> You want to get loud on Friday, follow Mike Weir around at the RBC Canadian Open and see if he drops it in for birdie. Within one of the cut right now thanks to the 2. Go back to 14.

[00:15:16] >> Thomas for birdie.

[00:15:17] >> Yeah. Once again, we've said it so many times, you had to close back there at the 12th. Most a tap in now. This one, about 12 feet as it worked its way down the hill.

[00:15:30] >> Yeah.

[00:15:34] >> Finally.

[00:15:34] >> OK. Maybe that will take the little forum and he can finish quick here.

[00:15:39] >> Back to the 11th, Wyndham Clark, just 177 yards left with his second. Into this par 5, did love the second, love the third.

[00:15:52] >> Clark would finish that off.

[00:15:55] >> Showed you the tee shot here at the 13th from Nick Taylor, trying to pay this off just to get to 4-under. And quickly into the top five on the leaderboard. Go to the tee at 13, Cameron Percy. Round 1, 17 pars, one bogey. Round 2, no bogeys, couple birdies, and just about cocktails. They call them a kick-ins rarely. You could go ahead and kick that in all you want inches away.

[00:16:37] >> What a shot.

[00:16:38] >> The event not held the last two years because of coronavirus worry in the mix. Here in 2022, trying to defend his titles, we take you out to 15.

[00:16:49] >> And, Bob, a great look here for Rory, two big hits up the hill, a chance for birdie.

[00:16:55] >> Yeah, wonderful little pitch that he played. Now, this ball, Shane, you're going to actually have to get this ball just outside right and feed it down. Just gently let it come over the front edge.

[00:17:06] >> Has made a lot of these of late.

[00:17:09] >> Let's go.

[00:17:12] >> There is the pars and bogeys. That one for a birdie, and Rory to minus-5. To the 15th, Shane Lowry up the hill for birdie.

[00:17:22] >> Yeah, left his pitch shot pretty, pretty short, about 25 feet.

[00:17:25] >> And that one dead central. Nice run on this back nine for Lowry. Back to the 17th. Now, Rory is set to go for birdie. And after a wait, no issues. Hold him up as long as you want. Pours that in, just 2 off the lead as our defending champion.

[00:17:55][ Cheering and Applause ] Look at that, Trevor.

[00:18:03] >> Just dove in that right side the last second.

[00:18:09] >> Stoppage of play, no issue for Rory McIlroy.

[00:18:13][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:18:17] >> How great is the atmosphere around 15, 16, 17, 18 this week, tremendous.

[00:18:24] >> Up at 18, Mike Weir to finish with a birdie.

[00:18:35][ Cheering and Applause ] 2003 Masters Champion. He's going to miss the cut by a shot. But a great finish for Mike Weir.

[00:18:46] >> Now, Fitzpatrick for his par.

[00:18:53] >> Important putt here for Matthew. And really, he's played a fine round of golf until he hit that bad tee shot at 14, cost him a double, and then just kind of spiraled from there.

[00:19:06] >> Yeah, he's 3-over. His last four holes come into 18, really --

[00:19:11] >> Unforced error back there at 17 with that three putt. And he's going to bogey the last three. You see that finish, double birdie, bogey, bogey, bogey for an even par 70.

[00:19:30] >> After Round 2, Wyndham Clark leads by one stroke over five players, including defending champion Rory McIlroy. This is the second time Clark has held a 36 hole lead, the first in 2020. Round 3 is next.

[00:19:51] >> Friends, wait until you see this leaderboard we have at the RBC Canadian Open. Tony Finau, what a round he's putting together. With an eagle at the 9th, shoots 29 going out. Meanwhile, Rory McIlroy is the defending champion, even though it's been three years since this event was last contested. And there's Rory pouring one in. He's 2-under through the first seven holes and is one off the lead.

[00:20:24] >> Justin Thomas up ahead at the 15th. He started this third round at 2-under par after round 269 and 69. And look at this at the par 5 to get to 9-under with the eagle. And now, just as we come on the air, over 13, here's Finau.

[00:20:53] >> Shares the lead with Thomas, with McIlroy one back. And Burns and Fitzpatrick two off the lead, along with Wyndham Clark. Fine shot there by Finau. Scottie Scheffler, by the way, is in this movie as well. And so as Shane Lowry. They're only three behind. Let's go to 7 right now. Here's McIlroy for birdie. This just happened. He pours it in for another birdie. It's Thomas and Finau at 9, McIlroy at 8, Burns, Fitzpatrick, and Clark at 7.

[00:21:34] >> To 8.

[00:21:35] >> How about this leaderboard today, guys? We have got an Open Championship going on right here at the RBC. Matt Fitzpatrick, he's in great form here at the 8th, par 3.

[00:21:45][ Applause ] Back up to 16.

[00:21:51] >> This awkward par 5 back up the hill, nearly 10 feet tall. It's almost. So this is named as the ice rink hole. Thomas is now in a faceoff with Finau. To 10.

[00:22:08] >> Here's Scottie Scheffler for birdie. To 7-under.

[00:22:16][ Applause ]

[00:22:23] >> At 10. Sam Burns trying to finish up his birdie. The only player to drive the 10th green so far today. Burns chart runner form in this season.

[00:22:35] >> At 9. Well, now this is the fourth shot for Fitzpatrick. How about an old world 5? That will be clever. Released.

[00:22:47] >> I had no idea. That's what it's going to be. Fourteen.

[00:22:56] >> Tony Finau from just the front of the green, Dottie, about a couple of yards through the fringe.

[00:23:01] >> Fringe is rolling beautifully on one of the calmer greens on the golf course in uphill.

[00:23:05] >> Again. Oh my goodness.

[00:23:10] >> Two days in a row.

[00:23:11] >> Can't miss.

[00:23:12] >> On his way, 7-under par now on his day. Look at run from 6 through 11.

[00:23:22] >> Let's go to 17.

[00:23:38][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:23:41] >> And Justin Thomas finds a way to make the bottom of the cup.

[00:23:45] >> We're at the 9th, and McIlroy playing his second shot. Wow. He's good with that.

[00:23:51] >> With a 6-iron green, and the grass going with him. Got to take it up and over those trees in the rights.

[00:23:57] >> Look at that angle.

[00:23:58] >> Well, look at this shot.

[00:24:01] >> Oh my goodness, seriously. That's sensational.

[00:24:06] >> That's off the chart, so don't just stick there, but go, how about that?

[00:24:12] >> Alex Smalley just through the back of the green here. We saw Keith Mitchell and Rory McIlroy very fast down the hill. And that's another 2. The seventh birdie of the day here at the tough par 3, nice little run.

[00:24:33] >> Here's a look at that 9th and what a 6-iron McElroy hit in there. And there's Mitchell from out there too, not going to 23 feet away. So a couple of Eagle bids coming up by these two.

[00:24:51] >> Walking up here, Jim, I looked over at Rory and I was like, "Nice shot, mate." And he had a big grin on his face. And then walking onto the green, the crowds just erupted and started chanting his name. He must be feeling on top of the world right now.

[00:25:05] >> You know, he came here, I'd say here to Canada 2019. He took in an NBA Playoff game with the Raptors, enjoyed himself, had not played in the event before, and absolutely fell in love with Canada. And that experience, of course, he wanted too. So, here he is going for another title.

[00:25:23] >> Release the darn thing.

[00:25:25] >> He'll take 4 after that tee shot though, Nick.

[00:25:30] >> Yeah. I agree with that.

[00:25:32] >> And it gets back to 8-under par after the drop shot at the par-3 8th.

[00:25:40][ Applause ]

[00:25:48] >> Smalley has a big birdie there at 10th. He starts to move just one behind Finau.

[00:25:55] >> Eleven.

[00:25:56] >> Rory for eagle.

[00:25:57] >> Uphill, initially turning downhill towards the end of the journey.

[00:26:00] >> There's a hole.

[00:26:06] >> A little bit of a bubble early. And as you'd expect going up that hill, a lot of left that one short. But still it's a birdie.

[00:26:14] >> He'll move to 9-under, one behind Tony Finau.

[00:26:19] >> Champion here back in 2019. Had such a good time. Couldn't wait to get back. Let's hope he keeps coming back to National Open. Just won a few of those.

[00:26:33] >> Fitzpatrick for birdie, and the co-lead.

[00:26:48] >> Perfect position off the tee live at the 12, McIlroy.

[00:26:52] >> And a perfect lie has selected a pitching wedge, and you have to be careful. There's a false front guarding this.

[00:26:58] >> There's a false hill.

[00:27:01] >> It's steep, no doubt.

[00:27:03] >> It's got to be better, isn't that?

[00:27:07] >> Perfectly drawn up, Nick, perfect.

[00:27:09] >> A lot better.

[00:27:10] >> Oh man.

[00:27:12] >> That moves him into a tie for the lead.

[00:27:18] >> Here is Finau.

[00:27:20] >> Just a pitching wedge in his hand. The wind trying to help but mostly to the right.

[00:27:28] >> Push it a little bit. The wind didn't help him as much as he had hoped. But he'll have that for 62.

[00:27:37] >> Finau to tie his career low round on tour if he holds this putt 62 that he shot at Phoenix in 2020.

[00:27:47] >> There's a hole.

[00:27:47] >> There's a hole.

[00:27:48] >> Got to be aware. It's uphill at the very end.

[00:27:52] >> Oh, yes.

[00:27:55] >> The long ones missed the shorter ones. What a round.

[00:28:00] >> He's got the right feeling jiggle on the longer ones. Just fills in with his whole body. And the short ones, his body gets too static.

[00:28:13] >> Fourteen.

[00:28:14] >> In the hole.

[00:28:16] >> Matt Fitzpatrick --

[00:28:17] >> Come on.

[00:28:17] >> -- pulled his second shot way left here at the par 4. So Finau is below his high right, missed it way right on the bank.

[00:28:33] >> For reference there, he always has been leaving it in since the COVID. But there'll be a 6-year drop back to 7 along with Finau. And that's in a tie for 9th. Finau in the hole -- in the house, I should say, with 62 today, 11-under. Justin Thomas at 9-under with a 63.

[00:28:57] >> Look at this, Rory going forward at 15.

[00:28:59] >> Wow.

[00:29:00] >> Five-wood in hand, that television towel would be the right upright if you're kicking a field goal.

[00:29:04] >> It's just St. George's right here, this look.

[00:29:06] >> Yeah.

[00:29:06] >> And it's gorgeous. Look at this.

[00:29:09] >> That shot is gorgeous.

[00:29:12] >> Seems like it.

[00:29:13] >> Oh, man.

[00:29:14] >> It's miles.

[00:29:15] >> Over the world.

[00:29:16] >> He's nailed everything.

[00:29:17] >> It goes down the path. What's the degree loft on this club right here?

[00:29:25] >> He carry?

[00:29:26] >> Yeah. It's probably 60, yeah.

[00:29:28] >> It's right around that 60 number. And the key for him, he keeps those feet narrow just to make sure about the landing spot. You can get some nip on this if you strike it clean.

[00:29:38] >> Yeah, there's a lot going on.

[00:29:40] >> He changed earlier in the season. Some more bounce on this sand wedge, I think as much as even 12 degrees. He likes to play them kind of shallow.

[00:29:51] >> Yeah.

[00:29:51] >> Then he pick this off the upslope. Hands stop moving a little bit.

[00:30:03][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:30:11] >> Made one earlier, couldn't get anything in the hole the first couple of days.

[00:30:15] >> Banged it in the back.

[00:30:19][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:30:24] >> This blustery wind is from his right too. And the whole day, it looks like, and you can see it now, he's been spot putting. So picking a spot out in front of the golf ball, that's the intermediate target, setup, roll it over the top of that.

[00:30:46] >> Bring on the roars. I was watching his reaction. I wasn't so sure.

[00:30:54] >> I wasn't -- I thought he left it short.

[00:31:00] >> Here's Cook.

[00:31:03] >> This might be really good. Start turning now.

[00:31:07] >> It sounded great.

[00:31:08] >> He'll have that for round of 2-under 68.

[00:31:19] >> Very important putt here for Roy to shake off that second shot, Mark.

[00:31:23] >> It certainly is. But once he is into the routine, it's been very decisive on the greens today.

[00:31:39] >> All right, sand wedge the par.

[00:31:42][ Cheering and Applause ] How about Alex Smalley? Maybe he can follow suit here. Fifteen feet for birdie. How about that? Toughest hole of the day, last two guys make birdies.

[00:32:04] >> They're already chanting before even hits the putt.

[00:32:10] >> Should this go down? Jim, I think it may be the loudest birdie of the week.

[00:32:15] >> No question.

[00:32:19] >> You're right, Nick. This lie -- This read, I should say, is not complicated whatsoever.

[00:32:24] >> No. He's picked a good spot. Three years of waiting for golf to come back their way on the PGA Tour. A lot of pent up enthusiasm ready to give it all.

[00:32:49] >> That wasn't in the script, Nick.

[00:32:51] >> So that was a -- He's snitching poke the line. Look like it started dead straight. He'll share the overnight lead with Tony Finau, round of 65.

[00:33:07] >> Defending champion Rory McIlroy cards a 5-under 65 in the third round of the RBC Canadian Open and he's tied for the lead with Tony Finau at 11-under. The final round is next.

[00:33:29] >> Hello, hello.

[00:33:38] >> Every shot, every finish next. The race for the FedEx Cup is on.

[00:33:57] >> The final round is underway at the RBC Canadian Open. And there are fireworks everywhere. At the 1st earlier today, Justin Rose.

[00:34:07][ Cheering and Applause ] With an opening eagle.

[00:34:16] >> Setting a pace for the leaders who would come out firing as well. Justin Thomas at the 6th.

[00:34:30] >> Nearly at ace. And watch the reaction of McIlroy's hand. Wow, that was fantastic.

[00:34:39] >> Tony Finau is in that group as well.

[00:34:42] >> Get in.

[00:34:42] >> He's at the second hole, Tony for birdie. Share the overnight lead with McIlroy.

[00:34:51] >> Wyndham Clark is in this movie in a prominent way. Birdie. Yes, gets there at the 9th. Currently 1-back. And remember the 6 after JT's tee shot, Rory's reaction. He only had one other little statement to make on that hole.

[00:35:11][ Cheering and Applause ] Then he followed it up with this shot at the 7th.

[00:35:21] >> In the hole.

[00:35:21] >> In the hole.

[00:35:24] >> If you were with us yesterday, it will remind you of his approach into the 12th. Lead to another birdie, 4-under through his first day. Clark is 5-under through 9. JT is 4-under through 8. Look at this leaderboard loaded with stars. The final round is coming your way.

[00:35:48] >> OK.

[00:35:48] >> In the hole.

[00:35:50] >> In the hole.

[00:35:50] >> This is at the 9th, Finau.

[00:35:54][ Applause ]

[00:36:00] >> How about Justin Rose? He has 8-under for the day, playing the 14th.

[00:36:05] >> Sixty-three his best score in the Canadian Open. He's going to better that with this play today, that's for sure, Justin Rose. And that was with a bogey on the par 5. Another great shot here at the difficult 14th.

[00:36:16] >> Back to 9.

[00:36:20] >> Now, for eagle.

[00:36:22] >> Slow one up the hill, moving left at the very end. 0

[00:36:31] >> Can tie the lead. That's going to be 29 going out.

[00:36:37] >> Yeah. Now, this group is absolutely amazing.

[00:36:41] >> Par 34, might add, 34, 36, par 70. And that's four in a row for JT. Ian McQueen, we talked about it yesterday. For these conditions here, it's gorgeous. It's an old timey classic golf course. And the players have enjoyed every minute of it. Now, Finau for birdie.

[00:37:00] >> It certainly makes you focus. Yeah, you get bunkers built into the side of the hills to frame the tee shots and pro shots.

[00:37:12] >> To 29s and 31 --

[00:37:13] >> I love you, birdie.

[00:37:14] >> -- let's McElroy finishes up. Let's go to 10.

[00:37:16] >> Another player that's laid up off the tee, Burns.

[00:37:18] >> Yeah. Yeah.

[00:37:23] >> Nicely underneath the hole. And he's got a habit of coming from behind on a Sunday and picking up titles. To 9.

[00:37:31] >> Well, that bunker shot worked out quite well, Dottie.

[00:37:35] >> It certainly did, left it on the proper side too.

[00:37:39] >> He's bound to do something he's never done before if it goes in. That's the first time he's ever shot 29 on the front nine of any tour event.

[00:37:48] >> And I'm surprised of that one.

[00:37:50] >> It is surprising. Yeah, yeah. He's quite good. You know, he makes a lot of birdies.

[00:37:58] >> The piece being set by Justin Rose again at the 14th.

[00:38:02] >> He is the FedEx Cup Champion from 2018. Finds the bottom of the cup.

[00:38:07] >> Now, he gets a bit serious drawing in.

[00:38:09] >> Yes. Now, we're on that 59 watch.

[00:38:12] >> Up ahead, Sam Burns.

[00:38:15] >> Just a little break off he's right up the hill.

[00:38:19] >> In the hole. Well, here we go.

[00:38:22] >> He starts his charge.

[00:38:24] >> Now, Rory was studying in this light carefully for a while. He doesn't want to -- he's got to have a bit of aggression into it. But you do want to use the grass, a good inch of grass to kind of really slow that club head down, just muffle the hit. Almost stuff on it. There you, yeah. Pure.

[00:38:56] >> This is --

[00:38:56] >> You can't believe.

[00:39:01] >> That's the second shot. Well --

[00:39:03] >> Yeah.

[00:39:03] >> -- it's almost a putt that's hang on the lip tonight. Well, he automatically goes to 17-under, but could have been an eagle. It's almost like they think it's on the full line, Dottie, where it might not break to the right.

[00:39:21] >> I think you're right. If this has pace, I think you can almost eliminate that completely. I wouldn't be going up and giving this hole away.

[00:39:42] >> In the hole. In the hole.

[00:39:43] >> Went straight in. So Thomas now the nearest to McIlroy.

[00:39:53] >> Up to 15.

[00:39:55] >> And this is for Rose.

[00:39:57] >> Oh my goodness.

[00:39:58] >> Chance to go to 11-under for the day. Oh my goodness.

[00:40:02] >> Wow.

[00:40:03] >> Third of the day, third eagle, his fifth of the week.

[00:40:08] >> Now, up ahead at 11 green is --

[00:40:13] >> Sam Burns. Boy, what a year he's been having.

[00:40:16] >> Up sloping lie, that'll help them, really need some sizzle on this.

[00:40:22] >> Excellent.

[00:40:24] >> Burns would knock that in.

[00:40:28] >> Now, Rory's third.

[00:40:30] >> One eleven from a slightly hanging lie, Ian. It's that soft armed webs that he's been working on.

[00:40:38] >> Yeah, that was a beautiful follow through. How about this? Rory McIlroy on fire.

[00:40:49] >> And you could say, Dottie, with the play today and with this exciting final group, summer is open here at the Canadian Open. It's a little tagline that they're using. It's the first week of summer. And you can certainly say that it's been an exciting week.

[00:41:09] >> Well, that definitely blooming the top of the leaderboard, 6-under, 6-under. 4-under, 6-under, 10-under.

[00:41:15] >> Just those couple of bogeys have been a thorn in Rose's side. This for birdie. Nice little pitch in there for Justin.

[00:41:31][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:41:36] >> Thomas 16-under. Rory about to tap in.

[00:41:39] >> Let's go to 17.

[00:41:42] >> Three hundred and thirty-five yard drive for Justin. Longest in his group.

[00:41:49] >> Oh my god.

[00:41:53] >> And Rose today has had 12 threes and a two.

[00:41:57] >> Rose moves to 15-under. Now Conners at 16.

[00:42:05][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:42:23] >> This one will be quite slippery.

[00:42:28] >> Yeah. Where he's standing is steep.

[00:42:32] >> Yeah. It goes through a kind of a lull. And then it's ever so slightly on a crown, or the hole is cut.

[00:42:40] >> Just a tiny bit left to right all the way.

[00:42:49] >> Got his interest.

[00:42:51] >> Seriously.

[00:42:55][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:43:02] >> He's got his interest, all right.

[00:43:05][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:43:09] >> And meanwhile, at 16.

[00:43:12] >> Well, we saw that great tee shot, Jim, flying through, the highest rank Canadian. Makes it -- Pulls at two and it's 16.

[00:43:20] >> At 16.

[00:43:26] >> Can recognize the swing from a mile away. Shane Lowry.

[00:43:29] >> Let's go. Let's go.

[00:43:42] >> Could it be?

[00:43:43] >> He's been over this forever. That old saying, the best way to go for 59 is go for 58.

[00:43:51] >> What's he thinking right now?

[00:43:52] >> Just to get close. I mean, 20 to three feet.

[00:43:59] >> And the pressure he's feeling.

[00:44:01] >> It's got to fly.

[00:44:05] >> That's what I was wondering about.

[00:44:06] >> He will -- No.

[00:44:07] >> Oh my goodness, he thought about that forever, and then he just air them out. That's 30 yards long. What on earth happened? Was that adrenaline and a flyer?

[00:44:17] >> Sorry, I didn't set that up.

[00:44:23] >> You did. You do.

[00:44:24] >> Tried to call for it.

[00:44:25] >> This would be music to his ears as it goes in.

[00:44:28] >> Yes.

[00:44:30] >> That's the Tony.

[00:44:32] >> Yeah. He loves being on the stage, isn't he?

[00:44:38] >> Sam Burns, 13-under.

[00:44:41] >> That's a sorted 9-iron back into the wind.

[00:44:44][ Cheering and Applause ] And another beautiful iron shot.

[00:44:55] >> Just a little test down the hill.

[00:45:02] >> He has been prone to that throughout this season, and it just came back and haunted him again.

[00:45:09] >> But put all that aside, you don't stand over putts like this very often, if ever, this big, one chance. Again, around the began with a hole out at the 1st for eagle from the fairway. If you can do that, why not make an 18 footer for the 59?

[00:45:40][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:45:56] >> Now, Burns. And Sam Burns rocks went in for his fifth eagle, sorry, birdie of the day. Live with Justin Thomas, his second here at 14. He's birdied it every day,

[00:46:20] >> That's an 8-iron changed from a 9. I like the change.

[00:46:25][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:46:32] >> Ten feet, 2 inches would be the longest part he's made today. He's second in proximity to the hole, hitting it beautifully.

[00:46:40] >> And we put so much pressure on McIlroy's par putt.

[00:46:43] >> In the hole.

[00:46:45] >> Could be a game changer.

[00:46:47][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:46:55] >> And then burns played his third to here, get a chance to pick up a shot.

[00:47:01] >> Third out of a divot.

[00:47:02] >> I can see that.

[00:47:04] >> Yeah. He's still in there.

[00:47:05] >> Yes, he is.

[00:47:08] >> Back to 15.

[00:47:10] >> Well, we've seen him hits some magnificent irons this week to a foot or two away, Dottie.

[00:47:15] >> You will have to keep this right on the train line to have access.

[00:47:20] >> It's so good.

[00:47:21] >> Look at him.

[00:47:21] >> Nice. It's getting bigger. It's going to spin back.

[00:47:24] >> Oh, yes. It's all he wants, isn't it? Another great too, more than better than a great chance.

[00:47:34] >> Two feet it is.

[00:47:35] >> All right, Dottie, what are the warnings for this putt? It looks pretty straightforward but downhill.

[00:47:40] >> Just a little downhill. There's nothing there. My goodness.

[00:47:46] >> Apart from that.

[00:47:48] >> That almost look like a hit in the heel.

[00:47:50] >> McIlroy would have to settle for par. We move ahead to him in the bunker at 16.

[00:47:57] >> Gets it's up and down about 60% of the time for the year.

[00:48:07] >> That's that one that rose.

[00:48:14] >> You said Justin Rose is nearly come down.

[00:48:19] >> Yeah.

[00:48:19] >> Stays up.

[00:48:20] >> Thomas with a huge birdie chance.

[00:48:40] >> It just settled.

[00:48:46] >> Come on, Rory.

[00:49:11] >> Sold it. Remains bogey free, 33 holes, and it's finally caught McIlroy.

[00:49:18] >> We move ahead to the leader's second shots at 17.

[00:49:24] >> And he's been looking up the entire time in a big, big hard wood right in front of. Trampled but OK lie. Got a 9-iron. He's now looking low. He's trying to use the opening in the front of the green.

[00:49:50] >> Trying to scoot it up like Sam Burns did. Leave it under the hole. But Rory in the driver seat right now, good chance for birdie.

[00:50:03] >> One twenty-five. Again, got to be careful. This could come out hot.

[00:50:12][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:50:15] >> Well played for McIlroy. His wedge game has been on today. Just to tap in with for the birdie to go 18-under.

[00:50:30] >> And to avoid that two shot swing, you mentioned, Jim.

[00:50:38] >> In the hole.

[00:50:38] >> Not to be for JT. Straight in for McIlroy. He moves to 18-under, and he goes to the last with a two shot advantage.

[00:51:02] >> Eight-iron in his hand.

[00:51:14][ Cheering ]

[00:51:20] >> Oh, yes. And it's coming back.

[00:51:26][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:51:35] >> Finau for birdie at 18.

[00:51:43] >> Hole it, and you get second alone. Hole it. You get second alone.

[00:51:51][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:52:03] >> Right. We're going to hit play at the same time. Record.

[00:52:16] >> Oh, yeah. Rory McIlroy defends his title at the RBC Canadian Open.

[00:52:25] >> This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of the RBC Canadian Open from St. George's Golf and Country Club in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.