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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 3M Open.

[00:00:49] >> From TPC Twin Cities in Blaine, Minnesota, First Round coverage of the 3M Open. PGA Tour has been coming to the Twin Cities since 1930. This is the fourth edition of the 3M Open in Blaine, Minnesota, TPC Twin Cities, an Arnold Palmer design opened in 2000. Tom Lehmann handled the renovation in 2018 and '19. It's par 71, just over 7,400 yards golf course in perfect condition. Outstanding field, and the weather, Chamber of Commerce Day in Blaine. Eighty-one degrees, winds out of the Northwest 15 to 20 miles per hour, sunny skies in the forecast, and some favorable scoring conditions. Will that wind cause a factor as the day moves along? We'll find out in this very important week on the PGA Tour.

[00:01:41] >> In the morning way, we've seen some better scores. Sungjae Im, his second app, the 10th.

[00:01:48] >> One of three guys in the field in the Top 25 In the world rankings. A heck of a shot at 10 right over the top of the flag.

[00:01:54] >> That was his first hole of the day, started at the 10th, and kept the fine play going. His birdie at the 4th.

[00:02:03] >> And that would get him to 3-under and finished with 6-under 65. Scott Piercy, his birdie at the 10th.

[00:02:12] >> He's a guy in need of a good week. He's outside looking in as far as the playoffs go right now. And a second in the par-4 14th.

[00:02:25] >> Beautiful disc and control there going downwind. Six-under 65 for Scott as well.

[00:02:33] >> We head over to the 4th. Now, downwind, par 3, playing 177 yards, Tony Finau.

[00:02:39] >> Nine-iron here, Phil, 165. Gets passed that bunker on the right if you're taking a direct line. One seventy-five gets on that proper level just left of the hole. Nice shot.

[00:02:51] >> Ohm yeah, judge nicely there. Below the hole.

[00:03:01] >> Back to 4 now, Jason Day.

[00:03:03] >> Not much to this. About 12 feet. Does go slightly up a little bit of a slope.

[00:03:14] >> All right. Curt, prognostication, bring out the crystal ball, what do we expect out of Jason Day in the future? Any thoughts?

[00:03:22] >> Yeah.

[00:03:22] >> Drop it.

[00:03:23] >> Yeah, that was pretty routine a few years ago, wasn't it? He was one of the great putters. I think it all depends on his health. I mean, that back needs to stay intact, and it needs to be healthy for him to play his best golf.

[00:03:40] >> And Tony Finau for birdie.

[00:03:41] >> Just inside from where Jason Day putted, a slightly different angle. Did he hit it? He did.

[00:03:47] >> No problem here at the 4th for this group. Two birdies out of three players.

[00:03:57] >> Noh's second at the 9th.

[00:04:02] >> Try to judge it coming out of that rough. Is he going to match Doug Ghim?

[00:04:05] >> He is. Maybe even better how good is this?

[00:04:16] >> Into the hole, go ahead.

[00:04:17] >> Noh says yes. That's a walk-off eagle right there. Birdied 9, eagled nine, 2-under 69.

[00:04:26] >> You got squares, double boxes, double circles.

[00:04:33] >> This is so good coming out of that rough, controlling it as well as he did.

[00:04:44] >> Into the hole, go ahead.

[00:04:45] >> Holing speed, perfect.

[00:04:46][ Applause ]

[00:04:51] >> We'll go to 13th, Martin Trainer, 1-under. So far, you can see that red number, 137, the FedEx Cup points race. He can use some more of those. Off to a good start here.

[00:05:05] >> Now, Finau, second shot at the 7th.

[00:05:08] >> Ninety-one yards here for Tony. See if he can maybe drive one in a little bit lower, which he did. Maybe skip it back there and check it.

[00:05:18] >> Like that.

[00:05:20] >> Look at that spin.

[00:05:23] >> Great shot. Really good distance control. You're planning on that one big hop and then the spin.

[00:05:29] >> Finau for birdie at 7th.

[00:05:31] >> Right at 4 feet.

[00:05:33][ Applause ]

[00:05:37] >> Straight in.

[00:05:38] >> Try to putt one up.

[00:05:40] >> Yeah.

[00:05:40] >> Finally putt it?

[00:05:42] >> Yup. A little bit right of it.

[00:05:44] >> I remember this group now, Davis Riley.

[00:05:49] >> Yeah, coming off that good opportunity for his first birdie of the day back there at the 7th. Also a six 6-iron.

[00:05:56] >> I like how his turn continues through the ball and all the way up to his finish. His left side really clears both his hips and his shoulders both. Really gets through the ball.

[00:06:06] >> Choking down on the club tells me he's going to hit something down underneath the wind. But this is right at it.

[00:06:12] >> Good looking golf shot right here.

[00:06:15] >> Oh, nice.

[00:06:17] >> Riley would knock that in for birdie.

[00:06:21] >> It's Finau now for birdie at 9.

[00:06:24] >> Twenty-two feet there for Tony.

[00:06:26] >> There you go. Buries it.

[00:06:30][ Applause ]

[00:06:37] >> This is at 18. Robert Streb going for the green in 2. Water in front. What a shot this is.

[00:06:50] >> He would make that for eagle.

[00:06:53] >> Cameron Tringale's third at 12.

[00:07:00] >> Come along bunker shot with that hole location in the back. And that is incredibly good.

[00:07:09] >> He would make par.

[00:07:12][ Applause ] Second for Camilo Villegas in the 18. And really well done there.

[00:07:31] >> Almost as good as Robert Streb.

[00:07:37] >> Villegas, his 9th hole the day for eagle at 18.

[00:07:44] >> Yeah, made it pay off. I'll tell you, that was a gutsy shot to hit a low draw in there for your second shot. And it paid off big with that eagle.

[00:07:55] >> Yeah, I played really nicely. I thought it was pretty tricky. You know, the wind was -- there's enough went up there to kind of affect every shot, putting and hitting, but I steadied the ship pretty good, you know. I was able to hold some putts in the middle of that front nine and kind of get going in the middle of the round. So, I held it together really nicely, and my ball striking really came through for me to kind of make the golf course get off on a day like today.

[00:08:14] >> Tony Finau had it all working, firing a 4-under 67, but he trails First Round leader Scott Piercy and Sungjae Im by two strokes. Round 2 is now.

[00:08:35] >> Second round coverage of the 3M Open. PGA Tour has a rich history in the Twin Cities dating back to 1930. And for the fourth year, TPC Twin Cities playing host to the 3M Open. It's Arnold Palmer design in conjunction with Tom Lehman. Opened in June of 2000. Tom Lehman did a renovation in 2019. Par 71 stretches out over 7,400 yards. And there's lots of water on this golf course that can bring big numbers into play.

[00:09:10] >> We head over to 13th. And Piercy, after three opening birdies here on the par 3 playing 205 today.

[00:09:20] >> Come on, baby.

[00:09:21] >> Cut over in the right hand corner. He's asking for it to be good. That would be an aggressive line. Oh my goodness --

[00:09:26] >> Wow.

[00:09:26] >> -- what a shot there.

[00:09:27] >> Piercy would knock that in to make it 4 straight birdies to start his round.

[00:09:33] >> Back out to 4.

[00:09:34] >> And Kim for birdie. Very solid putting stroke. Actually, he makes it as well. You see how his arms and shoulders form a triangle and all work together there.

[00:09:48] >> Rickie Fowler playing his second.

[00:09:51] >> Had a pitching wedge from 148. And this is all over it.

[00:09:57] >> Oh, yeah.

[00:09:59] >> And Fowler would make par.

[00:10:02] >> To 17th.

[00:10:03] >> Callum Tarren for birdie.

[00:10:07] >> He has to putt within two good looking putt. What a break, it does. Nice putt there. Callum Tarren comes in 144 in the FedEx Cup points race. Needs a good weekend and he is off to a great start.

[00:10:22] >> Back over at 5, Sungjae Im.

[00:10:26] >> So Sungjae from 178 had nice 8-iron. It did catch the side of that little saddle, so a much easier putt than what Tom Hoge just faced.

[00:10:39] >> Yeah.

[00:10:41] >> You should mention they're playing a two ball because Hideki Matsuyama withdrew.

[00:10:47] >> Over to 13, and Troy Merritt, long birdie putt on the par 3 to get to 3-under counted. From the outside, Troy Merritt. How's that for a start for you? Back to 6 now. I think he can make it almost.

[00:11:21] >> Wow.

[00:11:22] >> What a shot.

[00:11:28] >> Fowler for birdie at 5.

[00:11:38][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:11:50] >> Chesson Hadley over at the 9th. Had this ball.

[00:11:55] >> He had to to take that slope out of play. What a great shot. Perfection. That was a really difficult shot.

[00:12:04][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:12:22] >> How good was that?

[00:12:28] >> Scott Piercy birdied his first four holes today, but he's made six straight par since.

[00:12:35] >> Looks like a pretty makeable putt here, Colt.

[00:12:37] >> Yes, it is. Right up the hill, moving a little bit to his right. That was a fantastic shot from the right rough. I mean, this rough is no joke. As you all said, every bit of 4 inches.

[00:12:49] >> He's changed powders for this week. He was putting with more of a mallet style before. He said this putt is much more squared off, and he likes that it helps him with his lines a little bit better. A lot of times, you go to a more square putter, it can get your alignment a little bit better.

[00:13:05] >> Sometimes, you just got to put them in timeout.

[00:13:08] >> Yes, you do. We heard earlier Dixon talking to Callum Tarren on how you change putters and it didn't work. And he put the old putter back in and it did much better. Sometimes, you just got to let them know who's boss too.

[00:13:22] >> It's like that putter that's not yours, you make everything with it. And then once you purchase it, you make nothing.

[00:13:26] >> Yeah, absolutely. Lot of folks at home understand that. Go look in the closet. You got about 30 of them in there. Well, it was a good look at stroke right there, wasn't it?

[00:13:41] >> That is a heck of a 3.

[00:13:42] >> How about that? Coming out of the right hand rough, that back hole location, who said you need to play the angles?

[00:13:52] >> Let's head over to the 17th. Birthday boy David Lingmerth going along pretty nicely to 35 today. I want to be 35 again? All right, Curt. What have you learned? What would you if your 35 again? Happy Birthday David.

[00:14:12] >> I'd fix my putting stroke. That's what I would do.

[00:14:19] >> J.J. Henry, his third at the 9th.

[00:14:25] >> Come on. Go in.

[00:14:25] >> Yeah, J.J.

[00:14:27] >> Kind of a short game clinic out here this afternoon.

[00:14:32] >> Piercy for birdie at 6.

[00:14:38] >> What a beautiful iron shot that was. This from about just over 10 feet, pretty quick.

[00:14:45] >> Turn. Yeah. The lead is now 2.

[00:14:48] >> Skull.

[00:14:48] >> It went right ahead and left. It almost broke left into the hole.

[00:15:00] >> Rickie Fowler at 14, his second from that bunker.

[00:15:04] >> Wow. Out of the bunker, over water.

[00:15:07] >> What else could go?

[00:15:09] >> And a beauty. That's the best shot we've seen in a while. That was very aggressive from that fairway bunker.

[00:15:15] >> Back at the 7th, Scott Piercy trying to widen that lead.

[00:15:21] >> Tough to focus here at the 7th with the smell these fresh donuts over here at Hopper's Mini Donuts.

[00:15:28] >> You could call this putt from over there while you're ordering.

[00:15:32] >> Who says I'm not?

[00:15:33] >> Yeah. Isn't this where you left the Fowler group earlier?

[00:15:37] >> I was. I'm back. Ten feet down the hill, moving to his right.

[00:15:54] >> Just in total control.

[00:16:00] >> Good look for Rickie Fowler at 14 for birdie. This would get him to 2-under. Palmer tapped in for his par. And that misses last.

[00:16:12] >> Still can't. Still don't get to see one go in for birdie.

[00:16:16] >> Currently, 72 players, plus one or better.

[00:16:20] >> I feel like 8-iron is the better play. I mean, like I said, it's going to be coming down left the flag. And it will cover one line of the flag. It seems to be coming down on the left side of the camera that's over there. Just kind of laying down. Final hole of the day for Scott Piercy. He's made 7 birdies today. And it's a one big birdie.

[00:16:56] >> Great blue heron I think.

[00:16:58] >> It is.

[00:17:01] >> Tim is really slimmed down.

[00:17:02] >> Yeah.

[00:17:03] >> I'll tell you what, they're having a tough time figuring out this wind the last couple of holes. I've got a little down off of his right.

[00:17:13] >> Well, you don't want to make a mistake here, do you? Right and short, no good.

[00:17:18] >> No good at all. But I mean, anything a little left of this hole, there is a slope that will feed it towards the hole location.

[00:17:24] >> I saw Rickie Fowler short and right.

[00:17:31] >> Sit, sit.

[00:17:32] >> Sit down right there. That's going to be OK.

[00:17:34] >> It's fine. Boy, it could have been really good had it not gotten up into the rough there. It could have turned around and went the other way.

[00:17:45] >> What's amazing, Colt, to me about Scott Piercy is, you know, he's had it for him. He's had a poor year. He's outside the Top 125, 138 FedEx Cup. And he looks like a guy who has total confidence in everything he's doing despite having that kind of a year, you know?

[00:18:04] >> He's always been a very confident player.

[00:18:06] >> He has.

[00:18:07] >> I mean, you can see it in his walk. And he's feeling it right now. He knows he's in full control of his golf game.

[00:18:11] >> Is he thinking of belly and a wedge here?

[00:18:14] >> He took a look at that lie. He didn't like that putter, probably because it was going to pop up in the air.

[00:18:21] >> Yeah, it's sitting down a little bit. He definitely could have gone with putter, but this will definitely guarantee, you know, not getting a grasp between the face and the ball.

[00:18:30] >> But I mean, he's just got to get this through the fringe, and it's going to get there.

[00:18:32] >> Yeah, that's what Mike just told him. A foot onto the green and let it go.

[00:18:42] >> Solid round of golf.

[00:18:43] >> Yeah. Sure was.

[00:18:47] >> Started with 4 straight birdies, 10, 11, 12, and 13. Clean scorecard. And a 7-under 64 for Scott Piercy. And he's at 13-under through the opening 36.

[00:19:07] >> A stellar 64 catapults Piercy into the lead alone at 13-under. But Argentina is Emiliano Grillo, only 3 shots back after a Second Round 65. Round 3 is next. The skies are gray and the weather, well, it hasn't cooperated for much of the day. We're in a delay here at TPC Twin Cities, about 20 miles outside of Minneapolis in Blaine, Minnesota. But hopefully, the weather is about to leave the area. The temperature has dropped because of this cold front that has moved through with a lot of electricity. There's one more little cell we have to contend with. And you can see the great bulk of it has already moved to east. They're expecting a full update coming up in about one half hour. And the word on the streets here of Blaine, Minnesota is that we expect the players will probably be restarting the round around 3:15 Local Time, 4:15 East Coast Time. And we'll of course have the live coverage once it continues with. Scott Piercy, what a story. Shot rounds of 65 Thursday, 64 Friday, comes out today, and he's on a 5-birdie streak.

[00:20:31] >> Into the night, we'll be here for the live coverage. This is some of the action from this morning as they patchwork this Third Round together. Brilliantly done by Grillo at the 1st, let the birdie, and then he started to make some long putts beginning at the 4th. And if you liked that one, he had something even better in store. Sir Nick at the 6 for eagle.

[00:20:57] >> Yeah. This is a long time ago. These guys have been sitting around for 6 hours. But early this morning, he was on a charge. So he was feeling good. Holding some serious footage. But this man just was in a nice Steady Eddy mode. Looked like he wasn't sure about that one. But thank you. And they went on a nice little tear, short par 3, slightly downhill, soft green, a little ticket with maybe even a tan.

[00:21:29] >> So he goes par, par, birdie, birdie, and trying to add another birdie on that for three in a row. And that's precisely what he did. And he wasn't finished. At the 6, nearly hole high and 2 on the par 5, able to knock it up close for four in a row. And then, for five straight at the 7th. Again, he didn't look so sure but --

[00:22:01] >> Yeah, yeah.

[00:22:01] >> -- it was pure. Five in a row going into the break. The last time he struck a shot was at 10:56 this morning. And now, everyone's back warming up for the resumption of play.

[00:22:22] >> Here we go over to the tent.

[00:22:25] >> And Adam Long, a little bit uphill. So that is a good way to start after the restart, long wait, 7-under.

[00:22:35] >> The last bogey made by Tony Finau was on his opening hole of the tournament. He three putter his first hole competition at the 3M this year. But this from off the green is for par.

[00:22:47] >> And he'll happily take two from here. Went to a less lofted wedge. And the way he's talking with Mark Urbanek right now is that color rough is going to disturb the backswings on And so now, we're capitulating and going with putter, just trying to get something inside of four or five feet.

[00:23:02] >> We're going with the toe of the putter. And that's how he likes to feel. He's practice swinging. I reckon we can have a bit of --

[00:23:10] >> You got some magic here.

[00:23:11] >> For that magic. It's good hands for this. Here we go. They just get that tiny little angle.

[00:23:19] >> And that toe is going to cut through the grass behind.

[00:23:21] >> Yeah.

[00:23:21] >> So much better.

[00:23:23] >> So a-OK.

[00:23:24] >> Keep your heads still now.

[00:23:26] >> This was a Freddie and Vijay special too.

[00:23:29] >> Yeah. Look at this.

[00:23:31] >> Look at that.

[00:23:32] >> I love it.

[00:23:32] >> Yes.

[00:23:33] >> Put that one on the highlight reel.

[00:23:36] >> I got to practice that.

[00:23:38] >> It works.

[00:23:39] >> There's any daylight left tonight, I'll be out there doing that.

[00:23:43] >> How about that?

[00:23:44] >> Yeah. How about from 4? It's the way to do it.

[00:23:48][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:23:56] >> Let's go to 10.

[00:23:59] >> And Doug Ghim attempting to really detect this right hole location just on the front. That's very steep.

[00:24:10] >> A lot of ways to get it done. That's another great shot. It's not much to play with it today. And very nearly in. Ghim, I just said, well, that is a give me, tap in.

[00:24:21] >> Getting ready for the third shot at the 9th hole. Dottie, he's been taking that right shoe off a couple of times. You have no idea what's going on?

[00:24:29] >> I do. When we when we got here and they were getting ready to play the 8th, or walk up to the 8th, Scott was taping his heel. And apparently, there's a blister there that's really given him a fit. That's 129 yards playing right at 10. Eight at the least.

[00:25:01] >> All right, good shot. That will be for par.

[00:25:08] >> Top side, a bit quick. And we're walking.

[00:25:11] >> This actually is going to make --

[00:25:14] >> Yeah.

[00:25:15] >> -- competing a little problematic.

[00:25:19] >> Now, up ahead, Sungjae Im. Marvelous putt.

[00:25:29][ Applause ]

[00:25:35] >> Back to our leader.

[00:25:44] >> 3M does make some blister prevention tape under their Next Care Division.

[00:25:55] >> I would think he would have to make this to stay 4-back. With the slope, it would make sense that this would want to dive just a little to his left.

[00:26:09] >> Great 3.

[00:26:10][ Applause ]

[00:26:15] >> Now, Piercy for birdie at 10.

[00:26:30] >> No doubt, whatsoever. So 18-under Piercy goes.

[00:26:36] >> At the 12, greenside bunker, Finau in 2.

[00:26:40] >> Sand really compacted, can spin this if he wants.

[00:26:43] >> Needs it.

[00:26:44] >> Oh, yeah.

[00:26:45] >> Good call, Mark.

[00:26:45] >> A little saucy there, Jim.

[00:26:47] >> That's the birdie for Finau.

[00:26:50] >> Here's Piercy.

[00:26:51] >> He has 245 to the front, 271 total. Maybe 3 or 4 yards of help. The breeze behind him, it's really calm down out here.

[00:27:02] >> Well, he doesn't like to draw it. So this was still go down the left.

[00:27:08] >> There's room there in the opening.

[00:27:11] >> It just means more carry to get over those angled bunkers. And always nail it right at the flag, straight line.

[00:27:23] >> Oh my goodness.

[00:27:24] >> You're not kidding.

[00:27:25] >> You sure can. What a difference.

[00:27:27] >> Three feet from the hole?

[00:27:28] >> What a difference of week where if you landed a 3-wood by the hole, that synergy will be 60 yards passed the flag.

[00:27:36] >> Shoeless Scott Piercy leads at the 3M.

[00:27:48] >> It's really not a complicated part either. Kind of pick that line and get it started on it and let gravity just cruise on him.

[00:28:01] >> This would be the stuff breaking, yeah.

[00:28:04] >> He's had head 4 putts hold over 25 feet for the week. OK. So his total, only gets at about a foot there, but he's over 350 feet worth of the putts hold in slightly more than two and a half rounds.

[00:28:25] >> Now, at 16, he'll defend next week, Cam Davis from Rocket Mortgage, a chance for another eagle. He's the eagle king on the tour. And that is the 13th eagle this season. Last year, he led that category. He made 20 eagles.

[00:28:43] >> Now, Putnam at the 18th for eagle. OK. There hasn't been one on the finishing hole all day.

[00:28:49] >> It's in a bow.

[00:28:49] >> It's in a hole. To 10-under.

[00:28:55][ Applause ]

[00:28:59] >> OK.

[00:28:59] >> Make sure you get enough on it.

[00:29:02] >> Yeah. OK.

[00:29:03] >> Twenty-five through, right?

[00:29:04] >> Yeah, twenty-five.

[00:29:05] >> And 40 through?

[00:29:06] >> Yes.

[00:29:06] >> OK.

[00:29:08] >> OK. Two twenty-five, 240 through there. You got an awkward pin because we've got an angle on the green too on the pin sheet. Basically, you're calling it front right. So a bit dicey to go for it.

[00:29:24] >> A real launching pad of a lie on the upslope.

[00:29:27] >> Yeah.

[00:29:29] >> That's a 4-iron.

[00:29:33] >> With the flags, sweep it away for it for safety. OK.

[00:29:50] >> Seems to be walking a little bit better now, Dottie. Doesn't seem to be limping as much and the shoe agreed.

[00:29:56] >> Agreed. And he's done a pretty good job of trying to keep himself loose as that pace of play has gotten a little slogged, bogged. But he's going to have some treatment, I guarantee it.

[00:30:09] >> Now, Finau. Of course, he had that Monday finish win at the first leg of the playoffs, the Northern Trust last August. That was his last win when he defeated Cam Smith on a playoff. Sixty-five. How about all these 64s and 65s we've had today?

[00:30:33] >> Piercy's second at the par-5 18th.

[00:30:36] >> I think so. Let me just -- exactly. I mean, even over --

[00:30:42] >> What's the shortest part up there?

[00:30:44] >> This is right here. So that's to 238. And then, all the way to the left is 241. So a solid one of those got to cover no problem.

[00:30:56] >> I think it's such an advantage to be able to put your hands on this golf ball and it's a perfect lie.

[00:31:00] >> Yeah.

[00:31:00] >> Helps make the decision for you.

[00:31:05] >> The only bad shot he could do is overcut it and just neck it and he doesn't get there. So, I should think you forget about the flag to trump bust in that front left section. If it bleeds the right, perfect.

[00:31:20] >> Can you believe this?

[00:31:23] >> Missed it fat.

[00:31:25] >> That's the one thing --

[00:31:26] >> Not even close.

[00:31:27] >> -- he couldn't do.

[00:31:28] >> Yeah. Yeah. You can see, right, it's very springy lie.

[00:31:37] >> Is he going to play?

[00:31:41] >> Well, yeah.

[00:31:41] >> He's going to play.

[00:31:42] >> I don't think he's going to belly it. He is. And it hasn't got up over there. Well, just. Got a hooky 9 foot or something like that.

[00:31:57] >> Or a 6.

[00:32:03] >> So he's taken his penalty shot and drop in when it's all said and done. Playing his fourth. This might be a really good.

[00:32:20] >> That is incredible.

[00:32:23] >> Well, he knew what he was, Dottie. In the end, he's going to get out of here with a 5. He's hold a lot of big putt the last two days, Nick. But this, there's more attention behind it than anyone.

[00:32:46] >> Yeah. Certainly, this is the most important one.

[00:32:54] >> Give it to him for hanging in there. Well, done Scotty. Round of 66.

[00:33:15] >> And now, Emiliano for a birdie of his own. Pick up two shots on this final hole of the day on the leader. And that's what he does. Sixty0seven for Grillo. They'll be in each other's company again tomorrow, these two right here.

[00:33:42] >> Scott Piercy is 18-under 195 total, sets a new 54-hole scoring record at the 3M Open, beating the previous mark by three strokes to hold the four shot lead heading into the final round.

[00:34:03] >> Hello, hello. And he buries it.

[00:34:13] >> Every shot, every finish matters. The race for the FedEx Cup is on.

[00:34:31] >> This week at 3M, the story has been 43-year-old Scott Piercy, this at the second hole today for birdie. After rounds 65, 64, and 66, he comes out looking for a second birdie today at the 6th. Look at that face of determination. It's been a long time since he won on tour. Four-time winner, sits atop the leaderboard by five over Tony Finau. And the final round coming up. Here's James Hahn at the 12th. It's my man, Hahn.

[00:35:13] >> What?

[00:35:14] >> James Hahn.

[00:35:15][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:35:28] >> Let's get to the play at the 10th.

[00:35:30] >> Thank you very much, Jim. Sungjae Im, you saw 126, because the flag is all the way in the back. And is it a tremendous shot?

[00:35:44] >> And Jordan talked about this guy, his ball striking being some of the best he'd ever seen, playing junior and amateur golf. He's at an angle where he can take this on much more than his other two fellow plank competitors.

[00:36:15] >> Well, being aggressive after nasty double a short while ago. At 10.

[00:36:25] >> So the great second shot of Sungjae.

[00:36:38] >> Emiliano, it's hard to get that triple out of your mind, Nick. But he'll try his best to steal a shot here at the 9th. It's given everyone else fits.

[00:36:49] >> Yeah. That would be a big help to make a 3 here.

[00:36:53] >> Missed a reasonably short one back there at the 8th. So need to flush these last two holes pretty quickly.

[00:36:59] >> It's only two shots at a 2nd. So that's obviously what these guys are looking at right now. Go on break. Maybe the wind held it up a touch.

[00:37:21] >> And now, Piercy steps in to try to avoid a second consecutive bogey.

[00:37:35] >> This new putter has been spectacular this week.

[00:37:41] >> Wow. That one felt a little weird. That one broke a bunch and Grillo went pretty straight.

[00:37:54] >> So even par 35 on the side with the marks against at 8 and 9.

[00:38:04] >> Back at the 11th with Sungjae Im. This for birdie to get to 13-under. He could get in the mix. Unusual missed for Im there from that length. At 10 now.

[00:38:21] >> Grillo quickly.

[00:38:23] >> Definitely speedier, Frank, 142, 5 yards long. Well played.

[00:38:28] >> And it helped. Now, Tony.

[00:38:40] >> This is done, yeah, the DFC, the divot free zone. Just lob wedge from 129 downwind.

[00:38:46] >> You can rip it, Mark.

[00:38:47] >> Well, he really needs it this close. So if --

[00:38:51] >> You really nip that one, Nick.

[00:38:53] >> He really needs to make a easy 3 here.

[00:38:56] >> Settle down.

[00:39:03] >> He's fortunate that this is an area where it's just trampled flat. It's not trampled. So he's playing the shot into the grain. Now, the thing is, to his advantage is that he will be chipping back into the breeze. How good is that?

[00:39:15] >> It was excellent.

[00:39:17][ Applause ]

[00:39:26] >> This will go a touch to the right, but not outside the hole.

[00:39:30] >> Grillo played that hole as fast as he has any hole, records a 3. Maybe there's a message.

[00:39:38] >> He's got to just send this little firmer. I would have thought to keep it on line. Don't you dribble it down there. It's going to miss right.

[00:39:51] >> He thinks this putter is a little bit hotter. And he hasn't been kind of losing as many putts to the right.

[00:39:58] >> That is still there.

[00:40:00] >> That's a great save.

[00:40:07] >> Tony has been fishing all week with his kids. He's got the family here. He's got five children just staying off the 10th hole.

[00:40:17] >> Well, he's fishing for birdies right now. It's time to start forcing the issue early, but --

[00:40:21] >> Well, he's got the best scoring average on Sundays of anyone out here, 67.8. He needs to start making a couple now. There you go. Turned out to be an easy 3. Reel that one in.

[00:40:37] >> Reel that one it.

[00:40:47] >> Grillo, perfect drive there, just 146.

[00:40:50] >> One forty-six downwind, take that aim. And he has.

[00:40:56] >> Excellent coming off the birdie at 10. Can get back to even for the day. That triple bogey when he hit it over the back of the green at 7. Only won 3 putt all week. That was the 8th today.

[00:41:13] >> You had to say that, didn't you?

[00:41:15] >> I'm confident he'll you'll make it, as well as he's been putting. Well, sorry about that Scott, the announcer's curse. But it was a poor tee shot. He had to fly safe on the second shot, three putts from long range. So, he's dropped back to 17-under. He was 20-under after the 6th hole. Reset, go through the routine.

[00:41:50] >> So basically, on a windy day, if you're top side of the wind, don't mark it, because if it blows then, then you play it from that next putt, you see?

[00:41:57] >> Well, even if it becomes a lot closer, even if it rolls in.

[00:42:00] >> It rolled in. Yeah.

[00:42:03] >> There you go. So they told him to speed up a couple of holes ago, and he said, OK. Birdie, birdie, I'll play faster.

[00:42:12] >> Finau playing his approach shot into the par-5 12th.

[00:42:15] >> Gap wage a little low, get it half out that hill and just try and release it over the ridge.

[00:42:22] >> It's come out really nicely, but higher.

[00:42:27] >> It did well.

[00:42:29] >> Got it above the ridge. Have that putt to trim the lead to one.

[00:42:39] >> Now, Finau for birdie.

[00:42:46] >> And not too much doing with this, Jim. Just a little downhill.

[00:42:51] >> To get it within one. Got to hit it.

[00:42:55] >> Wow.

[00:42:55] >> Oh my goodness.

[00:43:03][ Applause ]

[00:43:06] >> Now, Piercy, this is kind of a poll on this one. He's going to lob it over. There we go. That makes -- It would be the difference that makes the difference.

[00:43:19] >> Piercy would make birdie to stop the bleeding.

[00:43:22] >> We got to 14.

[00:43:24] >> And Sungjae Im here at the par 4. Good tee shot, laid it up short of the bunkers. Front hole location today, left to right wind whipping across. Beautifully played for Im. Let's see what Grill can do here at 13.

[00:43:48] >> He's going to have to stand on this, Frank. That's 7-iron. Get it to ride the wind from the short side.

[00:43:55] >> Turn it 11 yards is what this is. So it shows you how strong the breeze is.

[00:44:19] >> Piercy playing his third shot now from over the green and 13.

[00:44:21] >> Yeah. Just don't want to leave it in front of you.

[00:44:41] >> Came out a little left. No surprise. So at least he has a chance at three.

[00:44:45] >> Piercy would make bogey. Grillo for birdie a 13. And just a moment ago, Grillo was out of it. And now, all of a sudden, he only finds himself too, go shots back from the leader.

[00:45:18] >> You could see a two-shot swing here.

[00:45:21] >> Way more awkward than the Hoge putt. This one sliding from his left.

[00:45:26] >> Oh, yeah, Tony Finau. Can he catch Piercy? He want to be tied with him, or even in front, with Scott in trouble in the bunker back there.

[00:45:42] >> Piercy playing his third at the 14th.

[00:45:45] >> So he's got to make sure he hits it cleanly and far enough to carry the water. But not too far to the right that you reach that other sand bunker on the right.

[00:45:55] >> Right -- around that right hand 2M. That's a perfect line, isn't it?

[00:45:59] >> Yeah. And a little long, make sure you are --

[00:46:01] >> Yeah.

[00:46:02] >> -- over the water.

[00:46:02] >> Strikes the most important thing.

[00:46:11] >> It needs to stay right. It was not solid.

[00:46:18] >> Well, on the 8th tee, he had a five-shot lead. He was 20-under. And right now, he's going to be dropping and playing 4 from short of the green here. Six would be a great score.

[00:46:28] >> And Finau --

[00:46:33] >> This is it.

[00:46:38] >> Breeze coming from the left.

[00:46:47] >> Bank at 14.

[00:46:49] >> Not an easy chip here for Piercy. But he's made it look easy. Half a roll more, Scott. And unlike Grillo, he too now has a triple bogey on the card.

[00:47:07] >> Tony Finau.

[00:47:10] >> He has just watched Greyson Sigg back down this line. And the ball accelerates towards the end of the journey and turns left.

[00:47:16] >> Good putt.

[00:47:19] >> Hello.

[00:47:21] >> Incredible.

[00:47:23][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:47:29] >> Now, he's at 17.

[00:47:34][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:47:44] >> He's got 7-iron in his hand but he's got access to the back of the golf ball.

[00:47:51] >> Got to carry the bunkers. Does great shot.

[00:47:58] >> What a line he took there.

[00:48:02] >> This is a serious shot guys, isn't it, with that water down the right.

[00:48:06] >> It's a tweener hole today. It's reachable, 307. Make three, gain half a shot. Make four, loose half a shot.

[00:48:13] >> Went with this club last night, flew it onto the green. Has a bit of a helping wind off the right now, that 3-wood.

[00:48:19] >> Just funnel off the back. That's actually an awkward chip from that side.

[00:48:29] >> Yeah. Piercy has this for par.

[00:48:34] >> Doug Ghim just missed his putt for birdie. And this will have a little bit of right turn to the one that Scott's struggled with a little bit today.

[00:48:47] >> Right you are, Dottie. And this lie continues. Had he hold it, it would have been a three-way tie for second. Now, look at that.

[00:48:57] >> Today has -- the flat stick has obliged a little more for Tony. He's in the plus column.

[00:49:02] >> It certainly has. And it looks like he's on the front foot. The rhythm is good.

[00:49:06] >> Yeah.

[00:49:07] >> The demeanor perfect. And he's seeing the lands well.

[00:49:10] >> Just to fill the cushion full of feathers. Yeah, look at that. That might over 110 feet of putt tonight. That's double what he made yesterday.

[00:49:30] >> Yeah, Ian, smiles for Finau, but not the same for Piercy. Four and a half feet here. Yeah, well done.

[00:49:41] >> We move ahead to the 18th tee where Finau has a four-shot lead over Piercy and Grillo.

[00:49:55] >> I don't like this to be honest. Four ahead, I would go driving iron, lay up, and then pitch across.

[00:50:03] >> Well, he's got this driveway, tees the ball down, and kind of flats it. That's what he's got set up. That's dangerously right.

[00:50:14] >> You don't want to go that way. Sit. He's done it again. It's no.

[00:50:26] >> Wow.

[00:50:26] >> Wow, we wait to the drop zone for Piercy, who might be seeing his playoff hopes disappear if he's not careful.

[00:50:35] >> Yes. Well, he's playing his third now from 110 yards. Tough day, Dottie.

[00:50:45] >> All day. It all changed within 30 minutes.

[00:50:48] >> Come on now. That would have been something, wouldn't it? So good.

[00:50:56] >> You see this whole?

[00:50:57] >> Yup, correct.

[00:50:58] >> Good news, the lie is perfect just like you would have on the driving range tee. And as the examination, just manage that swing pace. That's left, Nick.

[00:51:16] >> He went for a fade.

[00:51:17] >> And that'll be fine. He's going to get away with it. That wasn't the prettiest bailouts, was it?

[00:51:26] >> And now, the walk up for Tony. Twenty-two events since that win at Liberty National early August. He's had runner up finishes in Mexico, in Canada, the Mexico Open at Vedanta, the RBC Canadian Open. And all indications are barring any crazy miracle. This is going to be win number 3 and a second inside of a year. Tony Finau, the champion at the 3M.

[00:52:19] >> This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of the 3M Open from TPC Twin Cities in Blaine, Minnesota.