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

[00:00:52] >> Beautiful Rolling Hills, California wine country, some 50 miles north of San Francisco, about 60 miles west of Sacramento, 2014, the PGA Tour came back to Silverado, and here opening up the season once again. The layout here, some 400 wineries in the area, most of them family owned, and this golf course hosting the best in the game. Some of the earlier highlights. Tough start for Nick Taylor, really started to turn it around right about the turn, Curt.

[00:01:20] >> He was 2-over for -- through the first three holes, but boy, did he get it turned around. Hung in there, started making birdies out of the beauty at 10. Another birdie for him there.

[00:01:29] >> Shot 5-under on the back nine. How about 27 year old from Georgia, Greyson Sigg? This is the tee shot at 11.

[00:01:36] >> Good par 3s here at Silverado, but a gettable front hole location today at 11. And Sigg takes advantage of that.

[00:01:42] >> Got it to 4-under, finished up at 5-under. So he posted a 67. So good scores here. The opening round S.H. Kim, part of that, his approach here at 14.

[00:01:53] >> Got up, hit driver down there, and only had 89 yards left. And just flipped it in there with a little spin. What a beauty that little wedge was.

[00:02:01] >> Had a fog delay of about an hour and a half earlier this morning. It was chilly here in Northern California, but it's mid 70s right now. The breeze, a bit of a factor but beautiful conditions. At 66, 6-under and leads the way here, it's Day 1, the new season underway at the Fortinet Championship. Tom Hoge coming off a good season. This moment ago, his second at the 4th.

[00:02:26] >> He's one of the best iron players on the PGA Tour. So let's see if he can get this in there closed down wind. And the answer is yes.

[00:02:35] >> That would be close.

[00:02:36] >> Yeah.

[00:02:36] >> Yeah.

[00:02:37] >> We'll give him that one.

[00:02:38] >> Thank you.

[00:02:40] >> Thank you, Rickie.

[00:02:42] >> And that's simply Jason Day getting set to go. You think about Rickie Fowler and his whole situation. Go back to 09 at this championship, same thing. So close to just a second start on the PGA Tour, lost in the playoff to Troy Matteson. Now back doing things just like that, that approach from Day. To the 18th, Terry.

[00:03:06] >> So Kim finishing up. He helps with this. Yeah, what around to open up here on the PGA Tour.

[00:03:17] >> We go back to the 6th.

[00:03:19] >> Jason Day a chance for birdie.

[00:03:20] >> Yeah, to get to in a row after kind of a wobbly start for Jason, and really struggled with his speed on the greens early.

[00:03:29] >> Another veteran guy -- There you go, a good putt there. Another veteran guy who really needs a good season. He just really struggled, obviously, with the injuries or the back problems.

[00:03:44] >> Robby Shelton here at the 11th just a moment ago. Just 158 yards today, begging for it to sit. And you could just hit the flagstick. It'll do its work. Up at the 17th, Martin Laird.

[00:04:01] >> See if he can spin it from that first cut here. They've got a front left hold location. Didn't need to. How about this?

[00:04:13] >> Just about holes it out here at 17.

[00:04:17] >> He would knock that in.

[00:04:19] >> Max Homa made his PGA Tour debut here in 2013. He drove up in a 2003 Honda Civic. Didn't realize you got a courtesy car. So he parked in the parking lot, finished in the Top 10, took home a check of $135,000 that we put at the time--

[00:04:35] >> Yeah.

[00:04:35] >> -- as he pours in another putt, would buy 4.82 Honda Civics. Just that check alone.

[00:04:42] >> Brand new.

[00:04:43] >> This year -- Last year, he could have taken home 189 Honda Civics. How things change when you make 5.29 million on the Tour.

[00:04:56] >> Over at the 5th, co-leader Justin Lower, this is fourth here at the par 5.

[00:05:04] >> What?

[00:05:04] >> OK. That ball got Lower quickly. Nice birdie there. Seventh of his day.

[00:05:12] >> Good job, bro.

[00:05:18] >> The guy right now that looks scary, Roger, Max for another birdie.

[00:05:22] >> Yeah. And, Curt, can you imagine this guy not being in the foursomes?

[00:05:27] >> No, I can't.

[00:05:28] >> That means he's got to be in that format.

[00:05:31] >> Little team nugget here, Roger, for you. Max Homa, only player in Walker Cup history to make a hole in 1 and a Walker Cup.

[00:05:37] >> Yeah, baby.

[00:05:38] >> And that one higher than a 1 but another birdie for Homa. He is rocking. He is rolling. He's a man that likes Napa a lot. That is four birdies in five holes.

[00:05:53] >> This at 16, started on the back nine, made birdies at 14, that one at 16. But that was just the beginning of this story. This at 17.

[00:06:03] >> Short par 4but didn't hit it that close. It didn't matter though. It was going so well with this putter.

[00:06:12] >> Made the playoffs last year, keep his card. Another one, walking it in. How about this? Short time ago at the 5th.

[00:06:22] >> Over the back of the par 5, didn't matter. Back here at the 7th, our leader Justin Lower. And Curt mentioned it, hold this shot a couple holes ago.

[00:06:37] >> Almost the same shot.

[00:06:38] >> Can't do it again, can he? Can't do it do again, can he?

[00:06:43] >> What? Come on.

[00:06:44] >> Sure. Make all the birdies. Don't leave any for anybody else.

[00:06:48] >> Unconscious.

[00:06:49] >> Two chip in, his last three holes, Justin Lower 8-under, Curt.

[00:06:54] >> Incredible.

[00:06:54] >> Cutting the legs out of these pitch shots.

[00:06:56] >> Yeah. I mean it's almost exactly the same technique. He used it at the fifth hole when he hold that. Little downhill.

[00:07:06] >> Wow.

[00:07:06] >> We got this.

[00:07:07] >> He's playing with Beau Hossler there. Beau is like, "What a show you're putting on here, dud."

[00:07:12] >> Go to 16. A moment ago, the third for Sung Kang.

[00:07:22] >> There's two par 5s within the last three holes on this golf course.

[00:07:25] >> Oh, how about that?

[00:07:29] >> Kang would make that for birdie.

[00:07:33] >> Go to the 7th, Austin Smotherman, 28-year-old.

[00:07:39] >> He's feeling confident here. He has the flagstick out.

[00:07:41] >> In the hole. Go, go, go. Yeah.

[00:07:43] >> Of course it goes in. We're going to show you a non-chip in from Smotherman at 1-over. Homan on the way at 14.

[00:07:55] >> Just 125, sand iron and --

[00:07:57] >> Dead at it.

[00:07:59] >> Right at it.

[00:07:59] >> I guess hit the flagstick.

[00:08:01] >> Exactly at it. Yeah.

[00:08:02] >> I actually think that was a bad break. I think it came off the flagstick further away that it would have been had it --

[00:08:08] >> I think it comes back a little bit maybe.

[00:08:10] >> I think it would have checked up right behind the hole.

[00:08:12] >> Yeah. As e go back to the 9th. And Lower, opportunity or an up and in in a round of 9-under par to start his bid at the Fortinet.

[00:08:23] >> This is very doable. He's pitching right into an upslope on that green. So he doesn't have to worry too much about this getting away from him on the other side of the hole. Very doable.

[00:08:34] >> Well, he's chipped in on about half the holes today. So why not just finished one off with a pitch in? It's not going to go in, but how about that take, Curt?

[00:08:42] >> What a round.

[00:08:43] >> To our leader, and Curt, finishing this up in style, this four round of 63.

[00:08:51] >> It's just incredible. He did so many good things out there today. Such a great feeling I would imagine for him to start his new season like this.

[00:09:01] >> There you have it. Great birdie. Best round of his PGA Tour career.

[00:09:06] >> A lot of rookies are getting their start this week, including Nico Echavarria.

[00:09:11] >> That first tee shot was different. Obviously, we played with pressure. That pressure I felt on the last round two weeks ago was as big, but this is a little different. This is a bigger stage, and obviously, the situation shouldn't change. But you just don't feel the same as you felt on Korn Ferry to be honest.

[00:09:35] >> Justin Lower leads the way into the new season after a smoking 63. But last year's champ and California kid Max Homa is two shots back. Round 2 is next.

[00:09:54] >> Beautiful city here, 18 square miles, 80,000 people that produces some of the best wine in the world. And has hosted some great golf through the years. From 1968 to 1980, the PGA Tour was here. Then back again starting in 2014 for the first time hosting this event.

[00:10:16] >> And Corey Conners, second. One of the many players missing his ninth fairway.

[00:10:23] >> Might be able to squeeze this up and get it to tumble out of this rough. Get it up in that bunker or near the green somewhere. Maybe even better. Look at this. What is that any good?

[00:10:38] >> He's missed the sweet spot before. I just don't know when.

[00:10:43] >> Finishing up his opening nine today at 18, Matt Kuchar, this is fourth at the par 5.

[00:10:49] >> He's down in the low area there. Very tight lie down there. Of course.

[00:11:02] >> Listen. Ever present. Theegala's second here at the 8th.

[00:11:13] >> Going up the hill significantly. About a half a club up the hill at 8.

[00:11:17] >> Oh, right at it.

[00:11:17] >> How about that? Boy, coming off that monster rookie year, just -- you could just sense the confidence that he has in his game.

[00:11:26] >> And this for the big bird for Conners.

[00:11:31] >> My god, just a shade left, very little, slightly uphill. Got to be looking his chops over this one.

[00:11:39] >> He might have pushed that, just a touch. It came off that putter face a little right where he wanted to start it. You're right, though, Shane. He does not miss the middle of the club face very often. It is -- When you watch him in the practice area, it's just a clinic.

[00:11:58] >> He's a player stopper.

[00:11:59] >> Yeah.

[00:11:59] >> When the other pros walked by and go, "I need to watch him hit a couple."

[00:12:02] >> Yeah.

[00:12:02] >> Sahith Theegala for birdie at the 8th.

[00:12:12] >> Yeah.

[00:12:12] >> There you go. Sahith Theegala.

[00:12:13] >> All right. We're going to start to see some shots pulled out. I'm getting the feeling here. Thirteen for 13 for Stroud out of the bunker.

[00:12:22] >> Come on, Chris.

[00:12:23] >> I'm not rooting against him but --

[00:12:24] >> Curt, you didn't even say it.

[00:12:25] >> Yes.

[00:12:25] >> You didn't even say it, Curt. We set you out perfectly.

[00:12:29] >> You knew what I was thinking. You knew what I was thinking.

[00:12:32] >> OK.

[00:12:32] >> He called it before.

[00:12:33] >> Back here at the 9th. Sahith Theegala out of the bunker. And Beau Hossler has mosey on over to this group.

[00:12:39] >> And this is -- even though it's short-sighted, he's got phenomenal hands. And there you go.

[00:12:49] >> In the hole.

[00:12:50] >> Back to the 9th, Byeong Hun An just off the green, trying to get this up and in for birdie. Or one better, Curt. Where were you?

[00:12:57] >> He hit it so quick, I didn't have a chance.

[00:12:59] >> Come on, Ben, we got a game going today. It's a Friday. Here in Napa, eagle for on. Just 3 off the lead. What a pitch shot there.

[00:13:08] >> Back over to 11, Harris English. A very, very similar look to what we've seen all day from players, Curt. Safe place to miss it.

[00:13:18] >> Yeah, over to the left there. I don't blame them. You cannot miss right today. How about this putt? That's not the easiest putt to read either. Actually, once it gets on top there, the last 10 feet, it starts to break left, which is towards the back of the green.

[00:13:39] >> Over at the 11th, Sahith Theegala needs to get to 9-under par. Just one more dimple potentially, Curt.

[00:13:55] >> Wow.

[00:13:55] >> Up at 18, Emiliano Grillo, this for birdie.

[00:14:04] >> A guy who played well late in the season, this last season. Probably came in here with some confidence, you know, as the past champion as well.

[00:14:16] >> Go over to the 7th, great opening round from Greyson Sigg that he spent the two-week offseason on the couch, and, oh, by the way, I got married. I like how he dropped it in as the second nugget. Trying to drop this one in. Just over the edge, Curt.

[00:14:33] >> Wow. It looked like it's -- for a second, it was going to wiggle back to the left at the end and go in.

[00:14:39] >> Sixteen, moment ago, Kramer Hickok, this for eagle.

[00:14:44] >> Was there a cutline?

[00:14:45] >> Yeah, right at 2-under. Wow.

[00:14:49] >> Right there.

[00:14:49] >> There you go.

[00:14:52] >> So from outside the inside right now. They're going in the wrong direction until that moment. Yeah. That's the number 69 players now, 2-under better.

[00:15:07] >> Go to the 15th. Just a moment ago, Streb up the hill, 2-over, but --

[00:15:12] >> Oh, you know what's coming Curt. You know what's coming.

[00:15:14] >> Yes.

[00:15:15] >> Oh, yes, it is.

[00:15:19] >> What is it about this place? This guy hole it from everywhere around here.

[00:15:24] >> Kramer Hickok here at the 17th. Saw that 3 at the 16. See if you can make a late run. There you -- wow.

[00:15:35] >> Got his mind right when he made that eagle at 16, didn't he?

[00:15:42] >> Eleven.

[00:15:43] >> Matti Schmid has this for a birdie. This to get to minus-5. Just 24 years old, and a ton of talent. We'll talk about someone that is looking to make that European Ryder Cup team next year.

[00:16:00] >> To 16, and Hideki Matsuyama's third.

[00:16:03] >> Yeah, 95 yards just hung on to the fairway here so he can spin it from this tight lie.

[00:16:15] >> That little bit of breeze in will help stop this too.

[00:16:17] >> Yes, it will. Sound a little clunky.

[00:16:28] >> Apparently not too clunky. And it works.

[00:16:37] >> Back to 16. And Hideki needs a birdie.

[00:16:42] >> Yeah, underneath the hole here, so he's putting up and it should move a little bit to his left. I got a feeling this one is going to go in.

[00:16:52] >> Call it. All right.

[00:16:53] >> Yeah. This is one of those putts that looks pretty inviting.

[00:17:06] >> Oh, yeah,

[00:17:08] >> It makes me one for one.

[00:17:10] >> Roge, now, fist pump. We were watching here. No celebration? You were right.

[00:17:16] >> So Matsuyama to 2-underwrite on the number. Potentially very big putt there to make it to tomorrow. To 16.

[00:17:27] >> I'm staying a little right of it. Let's see if I can --

[00:17:31] >> Gives you a little more room?

[00:17:32] >> Yeah.

[00:17:34] >> It's going way up to third.

[00:17:36] >> Yeah.

[00:17:37] >> Yeah.

[00:17:40] >> Theegala's third, Aaron.

[00:17:42] >> Yeah, coming across this bunker to a downslope all the way to the flag actually sloping downward. And it's a real dry lie sitting down. I don't think he's going to be able to spin this. He's got to basically bring this out of the sky, stop it with trajectory.

[00:17:57] >> Nice.

[00:18:01] >> Right on that downslope.

[00:18:04] >> Oh, yeah.

[00:18:05] >> That's --

[00:18:05] >> That's beautiful.

[00:18:06] >> So good. Brilliant.

[00:18:08] >> Man.

[00:18:10] >> He knows it.

[00:18:13] >> Third for Hideki at 18.

[00:18:15] >> Bad angle from the rough, 95 yards trying to stop this. He's hit it to the moon.

[00:18:22] >> And --

[00:18:23] >> Wow.

[00:18:24] >> -- landing.

[00:18:24] >> Only way he could do it.

[00:18:25] >> Yeah. Had to stop that with elevation on that shot.

[00:18:30] >> Boy he went down after that, didn't he?

[00:18:31] >> He sure did.

[00:18:34] >> Now, up at the green.

[00:18:35] >> He's had the ball out of position, but still a chance to get out birdie.

[00:18:48] >> Like that. That's a good putt. Nice way to end the day for Hideki.

[00:18:53] >> Back on tour since the 2017, 18 season, Zecheng Dou shooting a second round 67 to make the cut.

[00:19:02] >> Everything went all right. Missed a couple putts here and there. But this is just one of the courses. You got to keep yourself having a second shot into the green. I've done that really well. Even the drivers that went left state OK. And I still got a shot into all the pin locations. And, yeah, very consistent I'd say.

[00:19:25] >> Homa is 67, volts him into a tie for the lead after 36 holes with former Masters Champion, Danny Willett, who fired a blazing 64. Round 3 is next.

[00:19:44] >> A beautiful day here in Napa, just about an hour from San Francisco. Miller mansion, the centerpiece of the property right on the edge of the property, and a golf course that has been around since the mid-1950s. And Johnny Miller redid it back in 2011. 2014 is when they came here for the first time for this event. Overall, the 16th edition of the Fortinet Championship. So blue skies and sunshine. It's really comfortable. It's a great day to this point. 16 here, Curt, Adam Svensson a moment ago, his third at the par 5.

[00:20:19] >> Boy, out of that dirt lie there. Oh, what a shot from there. How about that?

[00:20:25] >> That's really well judged,

[00:20:28] >> And long putt here for Sahith Theegala.

[00:20:39] >> Go, go, go.

[00:20:40] >> Go, go, go, go.

[00:20:42] >> Go.

[00:20:42] >> Great shot.

[00:20:51] >> And that would almost anything give you a fraction of help. But I don't know.

[00:20:55] >> Just playing straight line to that.

[00:20:59] >> Quite the space to come to us.

[00:21:01] >> Yeah, I know. Like the T552. There's --

[00:21:02] >> Well, what's your number on the line?

[00:21:04] >> I can get on the 5.

[00:21:05] >> Yeah.

[00:21:06] >> I think where -- it depends on what kind of flight you wanted.

[00:21:09] >> I've got 5280. You want it to spin. We need one more like the 56 number to give you the room than sort of packed.

[00:21:18] >> Yeah. No, I just think, just take off.

[00:21:21] >> Having you bang on that here.

[00:21:23] >> Plenty of room around this to turn left and right there, coming down straight at it.

[00:21:26] >> OK.

[00:21:27] >> Show me again nice and clear.

[00:21:31] >> Well, the whole trick to this shot is --

[00:21:33] >> Distance control. You want to pitch it just on the front of the green, try to keep it underneath the hole if you can because there's so much slope from back to front. But if you landed just short, it's going to come back quite a ways away from the green.

[00:21:46] >> Trying to factor in the uphill as well. Plays about 9 yards uphill as well from this yardage.

[00:22:02] >> Looks like it might be a little deep.

[00:22:04] >> It's coming back though, and it has some momentum here. This could get pretty good.

[00:22:12] >> Go up to the 15th, James Hahn on the tee here at this par 3.

[00:22:19] >> Kind of scary little hole location here, Shane. That at water is definitely in play. Move it in the front porch. Boy, that is ideal right there.

[00:22:29] >> I could hit it that much closer than there.

[00:22:33] >> Willett for birdie at the 8th.

[00:22:43] >> Let's see if he can get it into red numbers here for the round. There would go.

[00:22:56] >> Just be great from that range, Curt.

[00:22:57] >> He's been really good. He is perfect right now. Forty-eight feet this week. He is now nine of nine. And that's pretty impressive.

[00:23:10] >> Martin for birdie at 11.

[00:23:20][ Cheering ]

[00:23:30] >> Justin Lower trying to get this up and in at the 9th.

[00:23:33] >> That was from a perfect lie.

[00:23:35] >> Are you kidding me? This guy's out of his mind.

[00:23:38][ Applause ]

[00:23:46] >> Out to 11.

[00:23:47] >> And Sahith Theegala here at the par 3. Needs something good to happen, 1-over on his round. Oh, does this qualify?

[00:24:02] >> Yes, that would be something good.

[00:24:04] >> Another look at it. He's got this back off his back foot. So definitely playing something low into the side of that hill. The tough part, you know, he's anticipating that that rough is going to snag the ball. So he gives it a little extra, and then it doesn't, skip through. Like Roger was saying, what's the condition of the turf? Well, it was pretty firm on the side of that hill, you know? And it's hard to predict. So, really a tough situation there for him.

[00:24:28] >> Yeah. His short game has been really good hear the last couple of years. So this will test it a little bit.

[00:24:37] >> That's going to jump ball forward. Oh, he's making a mess out of this.

[00:24:44] >> We'll go to the 17. Just a moment ago, Zac Blair, and Curt, prepare yourself, prepare yourself. Potentially the softest hands in all of golf belong to that man right there, ZB back and healthy playing solid golf. And Lower on the tee at 11.

[00:25:03] >> This one a little right might have to go just a tad.

[00:25:10] >> Oh my goodness.

[00:25:13][ Applause ]

[00:25:17] >> Here, Beau Hossler was begging this ball to go. It went. See if it can drop.

[00:25:22] >> Well, any two is a good two. That's a good two.

[00:25:27] >> Stressful for a moment, but a great birdie. And he is very much in this.

[00:25:31] >> To the 13th, Matt Kuchar.

[00:25:40] >> It's interesting. This is the most difficult hole on the golf course today, Shane. And I think a lot of it is because of that hole location. It's hard to see here, but there's a very dramatic drop off on the left side of that green. And I think a lot of players have been playing well away from that.

[00:25:57] >> Great tee shot here from Kuchar, 158 left. And you see that stat and said all but one green today.

[00:26:02] >> Back into the wind. Might see something flighted down just a little.

[00:26:20] >> That is an excellent.

[00:26:22] >> One of those where I'm not sure, Curt. You could walk up and place it in a better spot on this difficult par 4.

[00:26:29] >> I would say he hit the exact shot they talked about.

[00:26:33] >> Now, up to the green.

[00:26:35] >> And there's the toughest hole on the golf course today. Matt Kuchar for a rare birdie at 13. Oh, and buckets for sure. What a 3.

[00:26:49] >> Back to 15 and Hahn.

[00:26:51] >> This is pitching wedge. This is a good looking shot.

[00:26:57] >> And only going to get better here. What a shot from Hahn.

[00:27:03] >> Oh, baby, keep coming. Keep coming.

[00:27:05] >> Far off there.

[00:27:07] >> So the miss from Homa, and now dealing with this for his third at 14.

[00:27:12] >> And the difficulty here is the green runs away from him a little bit, landing on the front part of the green coming out of this bunker. But should have I think just enough room that you can play this shot.

[00:27:25] >> The lie looks pretty darn good down in the bottom.

[00:27:27] >> Yeah, yeah.

[00:27:37][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:27:43] >> In search of a birdie, Danny Willett at 14.

[00:27:47] >> Yeah. Well thought out and well executed second, then leaves him in uphill headed here, so. But he can take around that.

[00:28:07] >> In the hole.

[00:28:10] >> Yeah, it is. Just the second birdie of the day. Last one was back at the 8th hole.

[00:28:19] >> Potentially, just momentarily, this for birdie for Byeong Hun An to take the lead at 13-under. Great tee shot. And pours that right dead center. What role. First birdie of his back nine, Byeong Hun An.

[00:28:36] >> So this left at 14 for par for Max.

[00:28:40] >> Yeah. Just probably knocked this in, got two par 5s yet coming in.

[00:28:52] >> Putter has not been great today, Curt.

[00:28:56] >> Yeah. No it hasn't. And really, that's probably the biggest mistake I've seen him make this week, that second shot there with a wedge in his hands. You know, you can't put it in that bunker and have a simple up and down. He had a great bunker shot, but.

[00:29:15] >> Now, we move ahead to the 15th tee.

[00:29:19] >> Roge, important for Max Homa to make a good swing here.

[00:29:22] >> Yeah. You know, the putter has let him down, yeah. Starting in about the 8th hole. Perhaps the shot at the last, now needs to regroup a little bit.

[00:29:34] >> I'm sure the former --

[00:29:36] >> The same putt going something there, length.

[00:29:39] >> Trails his former college teammate by 2.

[00:29:43] >> Yeah, this isn't the left to the hole to center the green. OK.

[00:29:51] >> Just what he needed. And we'll go back to the 15th. Max Homa needs something positive to happen on the greens. And right when he needed it. Pours that right in, just his second birdie of the day.

[00:30:12] >> Sixteen, and Kuchar for birdie.

[00:30:19] >> A little turn, right in the middle.

[00:30:27] >> Let's go to the 18th, Theegala.

[00:30:37] >> Starting to see some putts drop. Kuchar at 16, Theegala at the 17th after Homa makes the one at 15. Who said this closing stretch was tough?

[00:30:53] >> Kuchar to finish with a birdie.

[00:30:59] >> Couple birdies late for Kuchar.

[00:31:00] >> Quietly got right back --

[00:31:03] >> Yeah.

[00:31:03] >> -- in the hunt, didn't he?

[00:31:08] >> Here's the third for Lower at 18.

[00:31:10] >> Needs some speed, kind of like a mini bunker shot.

[00:31:12] >> Well, he has made a few of those.

[00:31:16] >> And that really from that lie was pretty well done as well.

[00:31:23] >> Justin Lower with a putt to take the lead all by himself. There you go, to 13-under.

[00:31:35][ Applause ]

[00:31:41] >> Willett second into the par-5 18.

[00:31:43] >> I would say, hair off your left when it gets up there.

[00:31:49] >> I see clear enough picture again.

[00:31:57] >> Online with a flagstick, Curt. He's got 221 to the front edge. On iron out from a clean lie.

[00:32:06] >> I liked the front edge somewhere. It is a little bit of a narrow opening there in the front. But somewhere around that front edge and just left to the flag.

[00:32:24] >> This is pulled over toward the left side of the green.

[00:32:28] >> Landed on the green, Roger. It's going to run just off the back there.

[00:32:34] >> This would certainly take away a little bit of the frustration he's probably feeling.

[00:32:41] >> Get in the hole.

[00:32:43][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:32:59] >> So it's an even pull around to 72 for Max Homa. Here it is. Walked it in.

[00:33:37] >> First round leader Justin Lower holds a slim 54-hole lead over Max Homa and Danny Willett. Lower looking for his first tour win in his 29th start. The final round is next.

[00:33:59] >> Twenty-four pros from around the world, split between two teams each indivisible, competing for one cup with the world watching. Golf has no language or border, but it has a future. And it starts this September at Quail Hollow Club.

[00:34:26] >> Beautiful area. Gets so used to blue skies and sunshine, seems odd to have cloud cover here at Silverado Golf Course that's been around since the mid-1950s. Moved to tee times up to play three some split tees today and preferred lies as well. Surrounding vineyards here. Gray skies up above today though. Out at the 8th, the last group, Justin Lower, this is fourth, drove it right behind a tree, had to play out, ended up here short of the green. So Lower one shot off the lead scrambling here.

[00:34:57] >> Yeah, his third pitch about all high, spun back off the front of the green and down the hill. And that's a lovely play right there.

[00:35:08] >> And now, Willett left with this for birdie.

[00:35:13] >> Really some pretty big hooks off the tee certainly finishing yesterday at 16 and 18, got good brakes, hit one here, then hits the trees left, and it could have easily gone out of bounds, instead kicks back into the middle of the fairway. And now, has this short one for birdie. Pretty fortunate.

[00:35:45] >> So, started the day trailing by 1, and now builds that lead. Up at the 15th, 2013 Champion Jimmie Walker. First of his six wins on the PGA Tour coming right here.

[00:36:04] >> Oh my goodness, how good was that?

[00:36:07] >> This is a must for Byeong Hun An if he's going to make a charge at this thing.

[00:36:13] >> Not his best with that second after the huge tee shot, able to get it in for his 4.

[00:36:20] >> To 11 to that front right. It's a few more to carry that bunker.

[00:36:26] >> Wait a second.

[00:36:27] >> Yup. Yup.

[00:36:28] >> Whatever that is on the right,--

[00:36:30] >> You don't really need to fade it. I mean, you got the wind out of the left. You don't have to fade it. You just take the ball right, make you a good swing.

[00:36:35] >> It is my normal call right now?

[00:36:36] >> Yup, exactly.

[00:36:38] >> Your miss here, Curt, would be better long than short.

[00:36:43] >> Yeah. I mean, unless you got on the upslope of that bunker. That bunker shot, it doesn't leave you a whole lot of room. And it looks like, Roge, he's going to aim just left out there. They're going to just let the wind sort of be their friend here. He's not even going to try to hit a cut, just a straight ball at that left side it sounded like to me. Let the wind drift it.

[00:37:15] >> That's just what he's done. He wants the wind to move it. It's kind of holding.

[00:37:18] >> Man, was that --

[00:37:19] >> Oh, it's pretty.

[00:37:20] >> Boy, as --

[00:37:21] >> Pretty birdie shot.

[00:37:22] >> Long iron that high, landed it pretty softly on the green there. That was really well done.

[00:37:29] >> Kuchar beyond the green here at 10.

[00:37:32] >> Plenty of green to work with here.

[00:37:34] >> Coming out of the rough should tumble pretty good.

[00:37:43] >> How well just was that, Curt?

[00:37:44] >> Yeah. To the 9th and Lower. Outside look for birdie.

[00:37:51] >> And should have picked up some information off the putt of Max Homa. Pretty similar kind of putt.

[00:37:59] >> Interesting to see what his speed is like after seeing Homa knocked it by 5 feet.

[00:38:18] >> Just starting to drizzle lightly.

[00:38:21] >> That's it.

[00:38:22] >> That's good.

[00:38:22] >> In the hole. Very nice.

[00:38:24] >> Yeah, great roll. What a birdie.

[00:38:28] >> Not his best second, smart third, and leaning on that putter.

[00:38:34] >> Willett for par.

[00:38:54] >> Danny Willett going to quickly want to forget this 9th hole. Double a day ago, three putt bogey, here in this final round.

[00:39:05] >> Rickie Fowler, this to get it to 9-under. Seen some good signs from him this week.

[00:39:11] >> Said this yesterday. This is kind of, for me, this is how he needs to piece together and get that confidence back.

[00:39:20] >> Back to the 9th, Roger, important putt here for Max Homa.

[00:39:25] >> It is. I don't see this doing much. That's a good stroke.

[00:39:37] >> Big tee shot, second right over the top of the flagstick, and two putts for Max Homa to 13-under within one of the lead. Max Homa made his PGA Tour debut here at the Fortinet Championship, now a four time PGA Tour winner.

[00:39:59] >> He's got 161. He's drawn in good lie in this left bunker and has a great angle. The biggest concern now is the moisture, the potential for a fire.

[00:40:10] >> Playing a little cut in your boy. This is pretty if the number is right.

[00:40:14] >> And it is. Excellent shot. In fact, check but there's only been one other player closest to -- closer to the hall today than that.

[00:40:24] >> Up at the green now.

[00:40:26] >> Back at the 10th, this final group. Justin Lower eyeing this for birdie.

[00:40:33] >> To put this on the high left part of the green. So putting downhill into a bit of a valley with a little bottom out about 12 feet short of a hole. And then, maybe at the very end, start creeping back slightly uphill.

[00:40:50] >> I like the way he's played though. He has had a great week obviously to be in contention here and have a chance to win. But his best finish ever was tied for 8th. One Top 10 in his career. This is pretty impressive.

[00:41:06] >> Bottom out of the putt there, starts to creep back up.

[00:41:15] >> Get there this.

[00:41:17] >> Oh, baby.

[00:41:17] >> Back to back nine and 10 to get it to 14-under par.

[00:41:23] >> Byeong Hun An just off the green.

[00:41:25] >> Tricky little double breaker coming off the shoulder here.

[00:41:30] >> That is such a great read, Curt.

[00:41:34][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:41:42] >> This one should also move a bit to his left. Great look, missed one about this length at 8th.

[00:41:52] >> To open up too on the first hole. Had one similar to this that just left out

[00:41:59] >> He needs to see one go in. He needs to build some confidence with his club.

[00:42:15] >> Yes, sir.

[00:42:16] >> Impressive group.

[00:42:17] >> Game on. Nobody's going away right now.

[00:42:22] >> Over at 14, two time winner Nick Taylor. I feel a Byrum prediction coming on. What do you think?

[00:42:27] >> I think he's going to make it.

[00:42:31] >> Way to go.

[00:42:31] >> You keep calling these things.

[00:42:32] >> Way to go, Nick. Way to go, Nick.

[00:42:36] >> Second birdie of the day, one bogey, 8-under for Nick.

[00:42:44] >> Back at 11, and Max Homa to tie the lead.

[00:42:47] >> He's had two looks at the pace of this green coming up the slope.

[00:42:55] >> A good looking putt.

[00:42:56] >> And the putter has woke up to Max Homa. Three straight and the defending champion joining Willett, 15-under.

[00:43:09] >> Back at 9. Taylor Montgomery, great final round, 7-under. This for 64.

[00:43:21] >> Come on.

[00:43:21] >> Why the heck not? What a round of Taylor Montgomery.

[00:43:25] >> I said he could putt.

[00:43:32] >> Up at the 15th, Nick Taylor to get to 9-under. Nice roll. Good week going.

[00:43:46] >> Seventeen. Brendon Todd.

[00:43:59] >> Oh, that looks dancing.

[00:44:02] >> He would tap that in.

[00:44:04] >> Here at 14, Sahith Theegala at 8-under.

[00:44:09] >> Just one of those hole locations that, you know, we're talking about some of the really good hole location. This is back left tough one.

[00:44:14] >> Get in, get in, get in, get in.

[00:44:15] >> Except for Sahith.

[00:44:21] >> Got it back to even power.

[00:44:24] >> Back to the 13th, Justin Lower.

[00:44:28] >> Just doesn't have very much green to work with. I don't think he can land it on the green and get it to stop near the hole. I think he's going to land it in the fringe out. That kills a little of it.

[00:44:37] >> Oh my mistakes. Compounding right now for Lower, short miss at the last.

[00:44:42] >> That ball plugged too. It didn't move out of its pitch mark.

[00:44:46] >> Lower would save bogey.

[00:44:48] >> Take your time.

[00:44:49] >> Kuchar, let's see if he can make us look smart with his bunker shot.

[00:44:53] >> Oh my god.

[00:44:57] >> OK, he did. Thanks, Matt.

[00:44:59] >> I haven't seen an eagle at 16 yet. Rickie Fowler a chance.

[00:45:09] >> We've been one on the golf course today.

[00:45:12] >> Oh, make that two.

[00:45:14] >> Roge, you better get ready. He's going to go right to the tree and try to play a big hook.

[00:45:22] >> Wow. I don't like it. I thought he'd go out dead left to the fairway and play an iron in for his third. This got hook a lot.

[00:45:37] >> He is swinging a huge hook. Watch this one. How good is that?

[00:45:42] >> Oh my gosh. Come on now.

[00:45:43] >> What a shot.

[00:45:45] >> Wow.

[00:45:46] >> I mean that was almost a trick shot to get him to do that.

[00:45:49] >> Yes.

[00:45:49] >> That takes a lot of guts to try to pull that off.

[00:45:52] >> From the fairway bunker to here, this his third now.

[00:45:56] >> And he's going to play this kind of like a bunker shot, Curt. It's going to be can be a big swing, open face, or trying to get it to land softly, trying to slip the wedge under the ball. Get it up quickly and see if he can get it to snuggle up. It's a delicate little shot.

[00:46:17] >> Yeah. That face open.

[00:46:21] >> That is textbook.

[00:46:21] >> Oh, yeah, absolutely.

[00:46:23] >> Textbook. And almost in.

[00:46:25] >> He thought he made it. Boy, that was beautiful.

[00:46:30] >> Yeah, Max.

[00:46:34] >> But Willett, what a shot to set this up.

[00:46:40] >> Roger, I know that didn't even cross your mind trying to do that.

[00:46:42] >> No, no, I mean, he was even at the right trees over by a fence out of bounds trying to hit this hook.

[00:46:57] >> Did he hit it?

[00:46:58] >> Did he hit it? Yes he did. That's one of the better threes I've ever seen.

[00:47:02] >> And that could be the shot of the week.

[00:47:07] >> Haley, a moment ago, lengthy birdie try at 16.

[00:47:11] >> He's been having a really tough day today. And this should brighten up his day a little bit.

[00:47:17] >> In the hole, my baby.

[00:47:18] >> In the hole.

[00:47:19][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:47:23] >> That's the look of it's been a while.

[00:47:27] >> The final group is now at the 16th. Homa trying to go for the green in 2.

[00:47:31] >> Come on, show me something.

[00:47:34] >> Yeah, he can get there in 2. He's got 255 to the front, 275 to the hole. Didn't have a great angle of getting it near the hole and all, but I think he'll try to hit something and bounce it up maybe, get it up onto that left side of the green, give himself at least maybe some kind of putted eagle if he can. This is going to go too far right. He --

[00:47:59] >> In that bunker.

[00:48:00] >> He wanted to get in that bunker if he can.

[00:48:01] >> I can't tell but close.

[00:48:07] >> After the bunker shot, Homa has this for birdie.

[00:48:11] >> Put him back up to hill now, and he'd love to hole this one. Should move ever smooth like to the right.

[00:48:18] >> In the hole.

[00:48:21] >> In the hole.

[00:48:22] >> Just didn't have it.

[00:48:26] >> First year on the PGA Tour, Harrison Endycott, the 26-year-old from Australia.

[00:48:36] >> Back here at the 17th, Danny Willett up the hill for birdie.

[00:48:40] >> Really slow wet greens. He gets us inside of a couple feet, it's a fantastic putt.

[00:49:08] >> Get there, get there.

[00:49:09] >> And that was in the right lane there.

[00:49:16] >> Now, Willett with a putt to save par and keep his one shot lead.

[00:49:37] >> Yeah.

[00:49:38] >> Ice cold for Danny Willett. Could head to the 18th tee with a one shot lead.

[00:49:44] >> In the fairway at 18, Homa again trying to go for the green in 2.

[00:49:51] >> I think he's got to be trying to get it over there in front of that bunker on the right, don't you think?

[00:49:59] >> Yeah, he's probably looking at that front right corner of the green here. You definitely don't want to miss left over there and short sight himself. It's going to make the up and down that much more difficult. Been riding this club all week. This 3-wood gas been great.

[00:50:17] >> Not bad.

[00:50:19] >> Well, he started it on line with the flag. Maybe a little left of it even.

[00:50:26] >> Hopped into the bunker.

[00:50:30] >> Willett's third shot, trying to put this one away.

[00:50:37] >> He'll be in that much closer to the green. I don't think he can rip it back as Lower just did. But he can't throw this certainly, I would think, to the hole.

[00:50:46] >> Yeah. With the softer conditions, no, he can still go right at it.

[00:51:03] >> Got to be a lot of wedges, should take one hop and stop. Very nice. Brilliant.

[00:51:09] >> How about that shot?

[00:51:10] >> He has to carry it all the way to the green probably. Twenty yards or so to get to the green. It's tough bunker shot. It won't get there. He's on a bit of an upslope here too, which is going to help slightly, but need some very good fortune right now.

[00:51:50] >> Get in the hole.

[00:51:50] >> Oh my good ness.

[00:51:56] >> Can you believe that?

[00:51:56] >> Danny Willett can't believe it.

[00:51:58] >> Oh my goodness.

[00:52:00][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:52:10] >> Three feet, 7 inches for the win.

[00:52:13] >> Wow, he's not done yet.

[00:52:19] >> Not done yet at all.

[00:52:24] >> Willett to force a playoff.

[00:52:31] >> And I am not sure that I believe what I just saw here.

[00:52:33] >> I don't.

[00:52:35] >> It is Max Homa who defends and wins the opener of the PGA Tour season here in Napa.