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[00:00:22] >> Welcome to paradise. It's not only a place, but a state of mind. But this week on the PGA Tour, it's sure to be anything but relaxing.

[00:00:45] >> Goodness.

[00:00:46] >> Can you believe that?

[00:00:49] >> Irish eyes are smiling on power in Bermuda.

[00:00:52] >> For the third time in his last seven starts, Tony Finau is a winner.

[00:00:58] >> Join us as we kick off the new year in Hawaii, with the first of 17 designated events featuring the most elite fields in golf.

[00:01:10] >> To compete against the best players on some of the best golf courses, on some of the toughest conditions.

[00:01:14] >> When you see the leaderboard on Sunday, it's really a lot of the best players in the world. And it's kind of the events that guys try to peek for.

[00:01:21] >> Everyone out here is so ready to compete. They're so ready to win.

[00:01:27] >> The race to the FedEx Cup continues, and the season of champions awaits.

[00:01:32] >> There's a lot of pressure. But it's a lot of fun at the same time. I mean, those are the moments that we dreamed about being in.

[00:01:37] >> To win a FedEx Cup, you have to play well the entire year.

[00:01:40] >> How will it all play out? This is the 2023 Sentry Tournament of Champions.

[00:02:00] >> The PGA Tour is proud to bring you the season-long race for the FedEx Cup. Now, coverage of the 2023 Sentry Tournament of Champions.

[00:02:11] >> The incomparable and breathtaking scenery of Kapalua. The 25th time this tournament has been held here on the western side of the island of Maui. And here on the Plantation Course, the elevation changes are always the story. It's the land of 400 plus yard drives along the sweeping Pacific coastline. And it all adds up to one of the more magical settings in all of golf. Part of the new criteria here, the qualifications to make it into the Sentry Tournament of Champions is make it to the Tour Championship. So Morikawa, the two time major champion who did not win in 2022, taking full advantage of his ability to make it to the Tour Championship. His second at the 12th. And Collin Morikawa was just getting rolling on the back nine. Ireland's Seamus Power, his second time here at the Sentry Tournament of Champions, into the field with his win in Bermuda last fall, his third at the 15th. A birdie there to quickly get it to 6-under. Scott Stallings made the Tour Championship for the first time in his career last season. That was his ticket to Kapalua. His tee shot at the short par-4 14, 283 yards. Sets up an eagle for Stallings to quickly get it to 5-under. We said Morikawa is just getting started. Another birdie here at the 13th. He birdied 10, 11, 12, four in a row as Morikawa was soaring up the leaderboard and taking advantage of making it to the Tour Championship and getting to the field.

[00:03:44] >> Same with Theegala. Saw hit Theegala just a matter of time, it appears before he finally wins on the PGA Tour. Birdie at the 10th falls. And then there's Canadian Mackenzie Hughes into the field, his second at the short par 4 16th, just 79 yards left. He went out in 4-under 32. And Hughes with his second there, sets up a birdie to get to 7-under. But Morikawa feeling it. Another one for five in a row at the 14th. He's birdied every hole so far on the back nine.

[00:04:21] >> Scheffler from the back edge of the green, Woody.

[00:04:23] >> So him pitch to here. This is right to left the whole way.

[00:04:27] >> Yeah, how about that?

[00:04:29] >> Oh, yeah, no doubt about it.

[00:04:33] >> Now, Kim second at the 6th.

[00:04:38] >> First time here for Tom Kim.

[00:04:41] >> There's a lot of young.

[00:04:42] >> Oh, wow.

[00:04:43] >> Wow.

[00:04:45] >> Welcome to Maui, Tom Kim.

[00:04:49] >> What a shot. I was about to say there's a lot of good young players that can hit the ball, but can they chip and putt like Tom Kim? Not many. No chipping or putting here at number 6. This is the first --

[00:05:00] >> You got that on camera?

[00:05:02] >> Oh, yeah, it's on cam.

[00:05:03] >> Typical Tom Kim fashion. Did you get that? We got it, Tom. This from 116 yards again.

[00:05:09] >> Well, that's the sound of golf if you heard that. Nice.

[00:05:16][ Applause ]

[00:05:20] >> To 13.

[00:05:22] >> It's 13th green, one of the most severe on the Plantation Course. Henley from below the hole.

[00:05:29] >> No problem for Russell.

[00:05:31] >> Good shot.

[00:05:32] >> Nice.

[00:05:32] >> Here's Rahm at the 8th, par 383 yards.

[00:05:43] >> He's been on fire with the putter, Jon Rahm from the 20-foot range. See if he can get one in there and have another chance in here. That's a little better than that. That was just a moment ago. Here's the birdie attempt from about 4.5 feet. Not much break.

[00:06:00] >> In the hole.

[00:06:02] >> Jon Rahm to minus 5. I love his chances this week.

[00:06:11] >> This is Matsuyama at 18 for birdie. Boy, did he have a good second now, five birdies. Comes home at 5-under to cap off that 67.

[00:06:23] >> This is Rahm to try to get the 6-under. He was out in 5-under 31. That matched J.J. Spaun for the low front nine of the day. And he gets things going with his first home of the back nine with a birdie to get to 6-under. Fitzpatrick down 92. But this shot is probably --

[00:06:48] >> One and five -- we like one and --

[00:06:51] >> Nine and five. I'd say low.

[00:06:52] >> We like the one and five shot, yeah.

[00:06:53] >> Yeah.

[00:06:54] >> And as you hear his caddie, Billy Foster, saying playing 105. I think it's at least that. He's off an upslope and it's into the wind, so.

[00:07:03] >> He's a real strong grip player. He likes to drill those wedges nice and low. And of course, with that little bit of uphill here, Woody, I think that's a good shot for him. Try to skip it low and skip it up there short of the hole. Skip it up there to the hole.

[00:07:18] >> Yeah. I think even if he hits that kind of shot, it's going to stop pretty quickly just because he is on an upslope and it's into the wind. But I know exactly what you're saying. You don't want some kind of floater here. You'd rather drive it.

[00:07:27] >> Yeah, he's going to drill this.

[00:07:31] >> Good contact. Just a hair right, asking for it to bite.

[00:07:35] >> Here it comes. What a terrific shot.

[00:07:38] >> Fitzpatrick would finish that off.

[00:07:47] >> Viktor Hovland for a birdie trying to get to minus 4. Oh, and he does. Dead center. That thing was motoring.

[00:07:54] >> Wasn't it, though?

[00:07:55] >> Yeah. He had a little work left, but he doesn't now. Excuse me. That got him to minus 5.

[00:08:00] >> Spieth chipping to save par at the 16th.

[00:08:10] >> Yeah, yeah.

[00:08:12] >> A lot of what they're talking about there is --

[00:08:14] >> Yeah.

[00:08:15] >> -- is the lie itself, reading the lie and trying to figure out what kind of shot he can play. And it looks like he's going to have to play of a flop here.

[00:08:21] >> I like that. Sitting down, he can play like a bunker shot. Oh god.

[00:08:26] >> How about this?

[00:08:28] >> Oh my god.

[00:08:30] >> Oh my god, this guy.

[00:08:34] >> Well, I'll tell you, I've seen that a thousand times. I've seen it a thousand times.

[00:08:39] >> Spieth doing Spieth things, right? Jeez.

[00:08:41] >> What a 4.

[00:08:44] >> Go in, go in.

[00:08:49][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:08:55] >> Tom Kim, first look at the Plantation Course, birdie finish and a fine round of 8-under.

[00:09:03] >> That's --

[00:09:03] >> That's puts him in that tie for third.

[00:09:05] >> Really impressive. I can't say enough about his short game at such a tender age.

[00:09:11] >> Tom Kim made the most of his walk around Kapalua.

[00:09:14] >> It was nice. Yeah, sorry, a little slow. But, you know, I turned it around, and definitely a good way to start the year. Six, I hit a 53. It was just a really good number. I think I had a 107 to 109. It's a great yardage. Joe said just slightly left of the hole. Wanted to go right at it. It was like literally an inch away from the hole left, so it was good call from Joe.

[00:09:39] >> Collin Morikawa is tied for the Round 1 lead with a 64, thanks in part to his newly honed putting stroke that dropped him nine birdies and zero bogeys. Round 2 is next.

[00:09:54] >> It's the dawn of a new era on the PGA Tour. And what better place to stage the first designated event than right here at Kapalua, the first of 17 of those in 2023 that will feature the Tour's very best players. Seventeen of the Top 20 in the world are here, with the winners from last year, as well as those who made it to the Tour Championship. It's a well-earned ticket to paradise, and the spectacular Plantation Course hosting the New Year tradition for the 25th time. The field is taking aim again today on this Friday, including the 2016 Champion here, Jordan Spieth. This was his second shot, par-5 5th from 190 yards. Flirting with the albatross, tapping eagle for Spieth to quickly get it to 8-under. Scottie Scheffler, he's the second ranked player in the world. He has a chance to become the new number one and surpass Rory McIlroy this week. Gets more shots like that, he'll do that. He birdied two of the first three, including that second at the third. No one has made a bigger move than Luke List, his second at the short par-4 14th. One of seven birdies through 15 holes today for Luke List, who has got himself all the way up to 9-under par. And that is where Tom Kim is as well. Kim, where the birdie at the second, the 20-year-old from South Korea, and his very first trip to Hawaii is delivering. And so is Collin Morikawa. He was a part of that three-way tie for the lead at 9-under. His first hole completed just a few moments ago. A birdie for Morikawa at the first to take the outright lead at 10-under. So they are on the move.

[00:11:45] >> Over at the 8th.

[00:11:46] >> Jordan Spieth has a good chance for a two here. A little bit of a slower putt. Beautiful west stroke. He feels so comfortable on these greens, always has. Back to 7.

[00:12:00] >> And Scheffler for his birdie.

[00:12:03] >> Putting from a great spot on this green, 15 feet, not a ton of break to it. It should go a little right at the end.

[00:12:09] >> Like that. Just about that much. Good putt. Well played hole.

[00:12:18] >> Here's Morikawa now at 4, trying to make a very valuable 2. Spaun has already missed his attempt. Morikawa does not.

[00:12:27] >> For eagle at the 15th. He's been stuck on even par. One birdie, one bogey, all the rest pars. And Cantlay from long range. Buries it to get to 5-under.

[00:12:44] >> That drive here at 12 for Scheffler was his longest drive of his career.

[00:12:50] >> And there have now been 22 drives of 400 yards or longer already this week, Curt. He just added to it.

[00:12:59] >> Oh, yeah. Just enough momentum to get there. Back to 9.

[00:13:09] >> Just earlier from a lot closer, Spaun's third.

[00:13:13] >> Same thing. Just thrilled that he hit the stick.

[00:13:15] >> Yes, he did. Sounded like it.

[00:13:17] >> Yup.

[00:13:21] >> Now up at the green with Spaun.

[00:13:22] >> Back over here at 9, Spaun grinding over this birdie attempt.

[00:13:29] >> That beautiful pitch, it's a short putt, but it's definitely got some movement. And there's a big slope on the right side of these greens. Definitely right to left. I'd say it's at least to the right edge. It depends on speed. Again, his putt takes it, break out of if you want to.

[00:13:44] >> Yeah, well done, Spaun. This is Spieth at 15 from 236.

[00:14:02] >> Holes cut over there on the left-hand side of this green and he hit a draw right at it.

[00:14:07] >> Spieth would drop that in for Eagle, moving him to 12-under.

[00:14:15] >> Birdie putt on the way for Morikawa to tap.

[00:14:18] >> Yeah, buddy, how about that?

[00:14:21] >> How about that? Up and down from where he was. He was way back there. Still turns it into a birdie, three, his fifth of the day.

[00:14:30] >> This is the 15th. It's Patrick coming through the fringe for eagle.

[00:14:34] >> Yes.

[00:14:35] >> Boom.

[00:14:35] >> All right.

[00:14:37] >> All righty, then.

[00:14:38] >> That's great.

[00:14:46] >> Over at 13. It shouldn't be too bad for Morikawa, is it John?

[00:14:49] >> No. Good lie. Went in there with two clubs. I believe this is his sand wedge because it's so uphill and into the wind. Rather than take L wedge and try and hit it really hard, he's just going with the sand wedge and play a normal shot here.

[00:15:05] >> Missed the last two greens in regulation. He wanted it to go. Maybe hit it just a hair heavy. That's why it released just a little bit toward the hole up the hill and turned out really nice.

[00:15:18] >> That's a par save for Morikawa. Now, Rahm, second at 14 from just short of the green.

[00:15:31] >> Massive t shot. It all comes down to delicate touch.

[00:15:36] >> Oh, man. It had a chance to go down. Hit directly in the center of the stick.

[00:15:41] >> Rahm would knock that in for a birdie.

[00:15:44] >> You check it out as it.

[00:15:47] >> Yeah. It was sitting a little low, so I was like to make sure I get it hard in case it doesn't come and check.

[00:15:55] >> And Matsuyama at 18 for a finishing birdie. This would be two in a row to close it out, get to 10-under. Wanted to come back. Not quite. So a 3-under round of 70.

[00:16:14][ Applause ] Tom Kim is next, Smylie.

[00:16:22] >> Yeah. And I've watched Tom a little bit yesterday. He had some really good shots on par 5s with this 3-wood. Would not surprise me to see him kind of hit one just short of the green there and get that thing trickling all the way back to that pen. But he's hitting it really well this week, Zinger.

[00:16:38] >> Yes, he is. And he's just a little dynamo, this guy. Look at the trunk on him. There's so much power there. They've called him Tom the Tank. When he first came out, I thought it was because of his body, but it was because of the cartoon.

[00:16:52] >> Thomas the Tank Engine.

[00:16:54] >> Yeah, Thomas the Tank Engine. He is built like a tank.

[00:16:56] >> He was aggressive. This needs to get up.

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

[00:17:01] >> And Tom Kim doing his thing here at the 18th. A great look at eagle will be for Kim to get to 13-under. He has a little flair for the moment, the last hole.

[00:17:18] >> He sure does. He crushed that and he --

[00:17:21] >> Just cleared it. Smylie was wondering if it was going to have enough and just did. And it was just exactly how you would draw it up.

[00:17:27] >> Yeah. He had about a 5-foot circle to land that thing in. Minus 8 on the par 5s this week, which leads the field, Dan, and a chance to go 10-under on the par 5s if he were to hole this next one. Look at him staring that thing down.

[00:17:42] >> He knew it was close. Didn't have a lot of cushion to get over, but it did.

[00:17:46] >> Up to the green.

[00:17:49] >> Now, just a little left for the two putt birdie for Mr. Kim. And he's hanging around. Twelve-under, 4-back.

[00:18:05] >> Reigning US Open Champion, Matt Fitzpatrick, started his front nine off slow, with two bogeys and one birdie. But it flipped at the turn, adding three birdies and an eagle at the 15th. He would finish Round 2 with a 4-under 69 to keep pace with the star studded group at Kapalua. That includes major winners, Scottie Scheffler, Jordan Spieth, and Jon Rahm. Collin Morikawa still holds the lead after a Round 2 66. But PGA Tour Player of the Year, Scottie Scheffler is just two shots back. A two-way tie for third or better vaults Scheffler back to number one in the world. The Third Round is next.

[00:18:58] >> Some vistas you see and exactly where it is. That's the unmistakable look of Kapalua, the west side of Maui. And you talk about memorable golf courses. The Plantation Course is the PGA Tour's ultimate thrill ride. The land of 400 plus yard drives where gigantic elevation changes and golf balls rolling seemingly forever. To 13.

[00:19:24] >> Max Homa for a birdie here. This is the most difficult green on the golf course, I think. Very slow putt here for Max. Got a little left hand break right in the middle. No problem.

[00:19:37][ Applause ]

[00:19:45] >> This is at the 12th. Sungjae Im has a good look at birdie. Gets it to go. Working his way up the leaderboard.

[00:19:56] >> Out to the 5th, that beautiful hillside green complex. And Scottie Scheffler, the first eagle attempt here, Woody.

[00:20:05] >> Yes. I'm sure lot of guys have hit this putt in practice rounds. It's about where you want to put the ball every time on this right in the middle. This is downhill moving to his right. It's got some speed to it. Accentuated by the fact that it's straight down wind, which is definitely going to affect the speed.

[00:20:19] >> Mentioned that Scheffler could ascend to the number one position again. He's in that spot right now. Two-way tie for third or better, and Scheffler is back number one. Eagle on the way.

[00:20:31][ Applause ]

[00:20:38] >> OK. Over at 8, Luke List made a par back at the 7th after driving it all the way down the hill. See if he can maybe make a birdie here then at 8. Eight is playing 204 today. Hole location in the back left corner, and you want to carry it long and right. And that is using the slope.

[00:20:58] >> That's a birdie for List.

[00:21:02] >> Up ahead, this is Justin Thomas in the light rough at 16. Become one of the great short iron wedge players out here.

[00:21:12] >> That's a birdie.

[00:21:13] >> The best rounds on the golf course, this guy right here, Max Homa. Another look for birdie at the 16th. Made four in a row. Make it five in a row. What a rally home he's got going today.

[00:21:28] >> Nine-under par for the round. Wow.

[00:21:33] >> K.H. Lee now.

[00:21:35] >> Kind of going quietly along over at 13 for a birdie, and makes another one. So all of a sudden with his fifth birdie of the day. He's gotten to minus-14.

[00:21:48] >> Well, this guy operating pretty nicely. Max Homa has a chance to turn in the round of the championship here. He's got this second from 240, staring down the hill at the 18th. Nine-under through the first 17.

[00:22:03] >> Well, a three is a real possibility if he can just get this right. Wide open, right to the green, just one of the most inviting targets in the game.

[00:22:12] >> Here it comes. Max Homa has delivered and an eagle opportunity there.

[00:22:24] >> This is at the 16th. Sungjae Im for birdie. Players really taking advantage of this hole. That hole location, very accessible today. And that is three in a row for him. A great scorecard today.

[00:22:37] >> Max Homa can fire a 62, which would match his career low round on tour if this eagle lands at the 18th. But two putt birdie there, 63. Still the best round of the championship turned in by Max Homa, who went out in 32, came home in 31. What a day.

[00:23:04] >> Over to 9.

[00:23:04] >> And Scheffler from a little closer, Woody. Going to change clubs here with Ted.

[00:23:08] >> I would call this an eagle chip. Legitimate chance. Great lie, on the upslope, won't have any issues with that false front. He can carry it over that and just run it from there.

[00:23:18] >> He needs something special to happen, I think, at this point. Kind of letting Morikawa get out of sight. There's is a long way to go yet. That's a hard course to catch up.

[00:23:29] >> Got to stay aggressive into the wind, uphill, into the green on these shots.

[00:23:37] >> Yeah. That shot just kind of skipped it through there. That is some great touch. Great skill exhibited there by Scheffler. So now, Morikawa for his birdie.

[00:23:50] >> Watch what he does with his left hand here. He'll have both his palms faced for just a split second like that. That's all new. It's really squared up his left shoulder. See if he can possibly drain another. Good line.

[00:24:04] >> Oh, man. Guys turned into Ben Crenshaw here. Back to the Scheffler shot at the 9th. It was so good. But upon further review as it skipped across the green, it actually --

[00:24:21] >> Did it hit the collar?

[00:24:22] >> It might have gone in had it not hit Morikawa's mark. I mean, it just struck it right in the middle of it.

[00:24:33] >> Tom Kim over on the tee at 11. Hundred and sixty yards down the hill. One of the most beautiful backdrops in all of golf.

[00:24:42] >> Oh, boy. Kim had intentions.

[00:24:48] >> Back to 10 for the birdie attempt.

[00:24:54] >> Had a great look at 8, birdied 9, another great look here at 10. And he's got to start making some of these to get back into this.

[00:25:06] >> And that's a start.

[00:25:07] >> Sure is.

[00:25:08][ Applause ]

[00:25:13] >> A couple of holes ahead. This is Hideki Matsuyama. He had a little three quarter sand wedge to here, and he makes it count. A lot of birdies being made.

[00:25:29] >> This is at the 12. Forty yards to the hole, Matthew Fitzpatrick. He's going to use the slope of the lay of the land there to get this close. It is a terrific bunker shot. Almost hold it.

[00:25:43] >> Birdie for Fitzpatrick.

[00:25:45] >> To 17.

[00:25:46] >> Hideki Matsuyama for a birdie up here on the top of the hill. Got a little bit of fade to it at the hole. His hips going to block the hole, but I will tell you, went in five in a row. Over at 13 green, here's Matt Fitzpatrick for a birdie. At 15 feet down the hill, quick putt. Quickly in.

[00:26:11] >> Well, the life changing US Open for Matt Fitzpatrick, who gets to do a lot of great things. In fact, back home in England, the day after Christmas, he took the US Open trophy to a game at Sheffield United, the local football club he's supported his entire life. The Blades, as they're called, are currently second in the championship.

[00:26:28] >> Matsuyama trying to finish off a great day. Five straight birdies as he plays this last. Exactly with a beautiful touch at the last.

[00:26:43] >> Another birdie for Matsuyama. He stands 15-under for the tournament.

[00:26:51] >> Fourteen, and J.J. Spaun with a big putt here.

[00:26:53] >> Yes. And this group needs to see a birdie go in. They just been stuck in neutral ever since the middle of the front nine really. So I know J.J. is definitely looking to make a three, but maybe that'll motivate Jordan to make some birdies on the stretch as well.

[00:27:08] >> J.J. hits no doubters when he makes them.

[00:27:10] >> Kind of like that.

[00:27:11] >> Kind of like that.

[00:27:13][ Applause ]

[00:27:20] >> Tom Kim for Eagle at 15.

[00:27:23] >> Two terrific shots to get to this point. And there's another.

[00:27:27] >> No doubt down about it. Slam dunk. And now, Tom Kim, this run has put him all the way into a tie for second. Go back to 14 for Morikawa in his second shot. Just about hole high up here. So not a bad position.

[00:27:43] >> No. And I think it's a good kind of lie for this shot he wants to play. It's not sitting up where you might go underneath it, and it's not all the way down where he got to go down and get it.

[00:27:51] >> Watch how --

[00:27:51] >> He's just kind of sitting nice but open face and just kind of play a long bunker shot.

[00:27:54] >> That's what he's doing. You can tell in his practice swing, he's trying to hold the face open. And the danger here is just going long. You have to get the right speed here. Easy to hit this over. It's nice technique.

[00:28:07] >> Beautiful.

[00:28:07] >> Nice technique.

[00:28:08] >> Beautiful.

[00:28:08] >> That's what he's striving for off the tight lies, that stroke right there.

[00:28:14] >> Morikawa gets to 21-under. Now, Fitzpatrick second at the 16th. He would finish that off for birdie.

[00:28:32] >> Morikawa second at the 15th.

[00:28:34] >> Off the left with a little bit in it.

[00:28:36] >> More on the left.

[00:28:36] >> Yeah.

[00:28:53] >> Starting at the left edge of the green, cutting towards the center.

[00:28:57] >> Look good the whole way.

[00:29:00] >> Sure did.

[00:29:02] >> That would be a two putt birdie for Morikawa.

[00:29:04] >> Let's go back to 16.

[00:29:06] >> J.J. Spaun, good drive.

[00:29:07] >> This is a low, really grainy area of the fairway. Just 89 yards. Oh, beauty.

[00:29:19] >> Spaun gets to 17-under.

[00:29:22] >> Listen in here, Morikawa for a second.

[00:29:27] >> Just basically cross on the angle you're at now.

[00:29:36] >> Seventy-three yards for Morikawa.

[00:29:37] >> It's a real grainy area. Every once in a while, we've seen some players catch it a little heavy and come up short.

[00:29:53] >> Driving in low as well. This looks really good.

[00:29:55] >> Yeah, I'll say.

[00:29:57] >> Another birdie for Morikawa.

[00:30:02] >> Fitzpatrick, short range for birdie to finish off his third round. And this for a nice seven-under day. Sixty-six for Fitzpatrick. Sixty-six, 69, 66. He made a bunch of birdies five coming home in the last seven holes. And playing alongside Tom Kim for his birdie. And Kim pushes it 17-under, 5-under for the 20-year-old, his first trip to Hawaii. Another look at that hole location. Spieth getting ready.

[00:30:47] >> Only about 222 yards here for Jordan. And this is going to be a 6-iron. Only 211 to the front. You can land it short, a little bit of hook, and kind of a low trajectory that will chase down there.

[00:31:03] >> Definitely starting low.

[00:31:06] >> Give it a twirl. I think he loves it.

[00:31:08] >> Yes.

[00:31:08] >> And good reason to love it. He's getting about 20 feet for eagle. And boy, Spieth is in need of that. He has been a little bit of everything today. Mostly not great. Had some bad breaks. But he just clipped this nicely, Zing.

[00:31:29] >> Sure did. And the key to this was to get it over there to the right far enough that when it kicked left, it kicked more at the target.

[00:31:41] >> J.J. Spaun with his third. This is a tough one.

[00:31:43] >> Well, it may not be that hard if he can land it on the green. And he can. And it's actually much simpler than I thought. I thought he might have to bump it through the collar there, but not at all.

[00:31:54] >> Yeah.

[00:31:54] >> Almost a little too good.

[00:31:56] >> Now, this would be typical from your pal Spieth, Smylie, to just kind of roll this out on a day that really didn't go his way the whole day.

[00:32:04] >> You're exactly right, Dan. I mean, he just kind of struggled hitting it pin high today, whether that was being on the right or wrong side of a gust. But, you know, overall, I think he's swinging it great. But I tell you what, making an eagle to finish the round makes things a whole lot better.

[00:32:17] >> Dinner tastes better, I know that much. Looking good.

[00:32:33][ Applause ]

[00:32:39] >> And if Morikawa is able to get the victory tomorrow, you would have to think how satisfying that would be, Zing. He talked about it seemingly every week in 2022, how it just didn't feel right. The shots didn't feel right. He knew he didn't have his game. It was really the first time in his career that he really fought a lot of those sensations of just not feeling right. How about I've already done? Morikawa to 24-under. Six shots clear.

[00:33:12] >> Well, now, what a putt that is. That's a real gut check. It's the 18th hole. You know, everybody's watching. He knows we're up here talking about it. And he just steps up there and buries it.

[00:33:23] >> His 10th putt hold over 10 feet this week.

[00:33:27] >> Incredible.

[00:33:28] >> Most in the field.

[00:33:29] >> Yeah, that's good for him. I mean, you know, this is just a real gutsy effort on his part.

[00:33:40] >> Morikawa finishes in a flurry, extending his lead to six over Matt Fitzpatrick. Morikawa will need to hold off multiple major winners to secure his first win of '23. The final round is next.

[00:34:02] >> Pressure makes pros. Better makes better. Always has. Always will.

[00:34:27] >> Well, the Plantation Course has delivered again. First of all, on parallel views and exciting low-scoring roller coaster golf up and down its huge elevation changes. And today, the lowest of the low will have that distinction of being crowned the champion of champions to launch themselves successfully into the new year. Collin Morikawa entered the day with a six-shot lead, which matched the biggest 54-hole lead in the 25 years this tournament has been played here. So the chase was on. And Scottie Scheffler, in the second to last group, who was a part of that three-way tie for second six back, started his day this way. Cuts the Morikawa lead just like that to five. But up on the hill behind him in the final group, Morikawa playing this first hole, which played the most difficult of all the holes yesterday from 18 feet to get the lead back up to a half dozen. That's how you start off your day. It's been that kind of week for Morikawa, who's looking for his first win since his Open Championship win a year and a half ago.

[00:35:42] >> And good afternoon, Curt. Jon Rahm, who has poured in a lot of long putts this week. He has about 23, 24 feet up the hill. His greens, probably in the best condition I've seen in all the years here at the Plantation Course, one of the main reasons why the scores are so low this week. He's eight shots behind. Boy, that is a long way. He's got pretty much birdie almost every hole.

[00:36:12] >> There's a bunch of guys already have their eye on second place I think, Rob, trying to just get in that position. And a good putt for Rahm. If Colin were to stumble, of course, they might change their goals.

[00:36:26] >> And no one happier to be here, Curt, than Will Zalatoris at this 11th, 166 yards today. The back injury which cut his 2022 season short last year, his first event back in some four and a half months. And Zalatoris.

[00:36:43] >> Zalatoris would convert that for birdie.

[00:36:46] >> Fitzpatrick for birdie. And you're right about Morikawa. Sending him a thank you note for that shot. Run right and take a look.

[00:36:54] >> Boy, it's a great putt too. Beautiful birdie putt there for Fitzpatrick. Nice start for him.

[00:36:59] >> Fifteen on doesn't --

[00:37:01] >> OK.

[00:37:01] >> Fifteen on is pin high, so that does not come back.

[00:37:06] >> OK.

[00:37:07] >> One of the pin high.

[00:37:09] >> OK.

[00:37:09] >> But we're just trying to hit it, what? Just inside the four?

[00:37:15] >> Yes.

[00:37:15] >> And I've got it mostly across that little for.

[00:37:19] >> OK.

[00:37:21] >> One seventy-five here from the right side of the ferry. Well back marked than most guys, but I think this guy is without peer in terms of controlling his distances. He is usually just dead on.

[00:37:34] >> This got to go.

[00:37:36] >> Come on.

[00:37:37] >> You're good. Chunk, you're good chunk.

[00:37:42] >> Yeah. Not bad. Amazing how good these guys are that he says it's got to go, it ends up 12 feet short, but he knew it.

[00:37:51] >> Now, up at the green.

[00:37:54] >> Collin for a three. Wow.

[00:37:56] >> And he's got his family here. So many family ties for the Morikawas here to Maui. Luke List with one of the best rounds on the golf course going for birdie at the 10th. And List, six-under through 10. He eagled the 5th as a part of this good round going. Go back to 5 in that beautiful landscape of this par 5, which might just be a par 4next year, Zing, we hear.

[00:38:31] >> Yeah. That's what Mark Rolfing is telling us. That's a big part of the discussion if you're hitting it.

[00:38:36] >> Fitzpatrick watches an eagle disappear.

[00:38:39] >> Wow. Look out for him now. He's a scary guy. He's got three major champions as Morikawa, three major champions on his heels. Pretty far back, but.

[00:38:49] >> Sungjae Im off the tee at the 8th. Hundred ninety-eight yards today.

[00:38:57] >> Yeah. The holes cut on the low level as a two-tiered green.

[00:39:01] >> And Sungjae dialing it in.

[00:39:05] >> That's a birdie for Im. Now, over to 5 for Morikawa's birdie.

[00:39:11] >> Let's go in.

[00:39:15] >> Twenty-seven-under.

[00:39:24] >> J.T. Poston off the tee at 11, 166 yard par 3 today with one of the greatest backdrops in all the golf.

[00:39:30] >> This is another one of those hole in one targets here at 11. And we've seen a couple of close calls already.

[00:39:43] >> Poston almost delivering again.

[00:39:45] >> Poston would make birdie.

[00:39:49] >> And over at the 9th, this is a birdie attempt for Sungjae Im. That was struck with authority.

[00:39:58][ Applause ] This is Justin Thomas for eagle at 15. Guy, that has had so much success in this golf course coming in. We thought J.T. would be one of those guys that would take it deep.

[00:40:17] >> Fitzpatrick for birdie at the 9th.

[00:40:28] >> Yeah. He drops it in for birdie.

[00:40:31][ Applause ] So now, Morikawa zeroing in on another birdie to take it back up to a seven shot lead.

[00:40:52] >> Hit a little too hard maybe for the line he was choosing.

[00:40:57] >> He would make that for his par.

[00:41:03] >> Homa at 13.

[00:41:06] >> Keep your eye on this shot. Here's how to lower your score, lower the stroke average. Looks like it's going to kind of be OK.

[00:41:16] >> I guess so.

[00:41:16] >> Two for Homa at 13. Players have been having all kinds of trouble with it.

[00:41:26][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:41:32] >> Beautiful drive by Jon Rahm here all the way on the up slope in the fairway at 13. Ball playing much easier today. No wind. Players are getting the ball further down off the tee and --

[00:41:48] >> Up at the green.

[00:41:50] >> There's Rahm for birdie at 13. Got it. He is 23-under and within four shots of the lead.

[00:42:01] >> Sixteen. Tom Hoge for birdie.

[00:42:05] >> Battling away for second place right now. Good stroke there. Hoge trying to finish strong, and he is. How about that card?

[00:42:13] >> He's got to let out the shaft here. He is red hot at the moment. Six-under for the day to this point.

[00:42:26] >> Within four, this could really turn out to be a great hole for Rahm if he's able to pick up a birdie or eagle. Who knows?

[00:42:37] >> It's like 15 -- 16 actually. It's still up there.

[00:42:39] >> And if that happens, Zing, it's game on. I mean, it wasn't too long ago that Morikawa enjoyed a seven shot lead. But Rahm, who finished second in this tournament last year and has had great success even previous to that, the closest to him again in that runner up spot, which he's seen enough of here in Maui.

[00:42:58] >> Watch the lower body clear out of the way here. That leads the downswing for him. It's kind of his anti-hook move.

[00:43:09] >> Zinger, this looks really good.

[00:43:11] >> Just needs to get over that first bunker.

[00:43:13] >> It does.

[00:43:14] >> Will it stay?

[00:43:15] >> It's going roll back.

[00:43:17] >> That's a --

[00:43:17] >> Almost got it up there.

[00:43:19] >> Such a good effort.

[00:43:22] >> Up to 14.

[00:43:25] >> All right. What does Rahm face here, Smylie?

[00:43:28] >> Well, he's facing an into the grain pitch shot. And a lot of times, these balls come out a little lower than you expect, which helps on the shot because he's going to try to bump it into the false front and take all that speed off and executes the right, could make it.

[00:43:42] >> John, I have a birdie here to have any shot you would think coming down the stretch. This is a birdie hole.

[00:43:48] >> We hit it right where he was looking.

[00:43:50] >> That is a beauty.

[00:43:51] >> Baby, what a shot.

[00:43:52] >> Almost curled in, Zing.

[00:43:54] >> Rahm would move to 24-under.

[00:43:56] >> Tom Kim for birdie.

[00:43:58] >> He starts his putting the dress with that touch of the right elbow. And Tom Kim rolls it in. Back to the leader at the 13th.

[00:44:13] >> All right. Collin Morikawa is watching that lead slowly shrink. Can't be a comfortable feeling. Haven't seen him do that much.

[00:44:30] >> No. But if you're not sure of yourself, that's the right thing to do. Start your routine all over again. Just be committed. That's the number one thing.

[00:44:42] >> No. It's never easy to win on the PGA Tour. Had a seven shot lead an hour or so ago.

[00:44:55] >> Over at 15, Homa for birdie to pop up at the solo third. Max on the move again. What a stretch of golf.

[00:45:12] >> Morikawa, he's birdied 14 and 15 every single day.

[00:45:19] >> Especially with Rahm putting the heat on him.

[00:45:21] >> Yeah.

[00:45:22] >> Starting up the left center, wind is really turning this to the right. It needs to get down

[00:45:26] >> Oh, it's in the worst --

[00:45:26] >> Into that bunker.

[00:45:27] >> -- possible place, Woody, into that bunker. He's got a long bunker shot with a false front.

[00:45:39] >> Yeah, point up to about 173, Dan.

[00:45:43] >> Opportunities here to get to 26. Three hundred and fifty-five yard drive, 8-iron right at the middle of the green. See if he catches that ridge.

[00:45:53] >> Here it comes. Here it comes.

[00:45:57] >> Jon Rahm with eagle ideas at the 15th.

[00:46:02] >> Third day he's been in this bunker, Dan, and he had a terrific shot the other day from here. He's got to hit something real special.

[00:46:08] >> He got it up and down on Friday for a beautiful birdie.

[00:46:12] >> Oh my god.

[00:46:13] >> This is it.

[00:46:14] >> Look out.

[00:46:14] >> Touch them all. Home run. He could get within one.

[00:46:23] >> And who knows what Morikawa is going to make over at 14.

[00:46:26] >> Has this ever changed in a hurry?

[00:46:29] >> Smylie.

[00:46:31] >> Jon took a long look at that leaderboard. He knows he's 3-back. And with this putt from about 10 feet going to his right, but the wind is coming from the other way, which should make this put a little straighter.

[00:46:46] >> Here comes Jon Rahm, 260under win in one.

[00:46:54] >> Beautiful.

[00:46:57] >> His last bogey at Kapalua, the 17th hole in the third round last year. Remember, he had that red hot final round here last year to finish in a tie for fifth. Eighty-six consecutive holes without a bogey. And it is all gone just like that. Now, tied for the lead.

[00:47:26] >> Jon Rahm here at 16, has this putt to take a one shot lead. Big breaker to the left. Got it out there a little too far.

[00:47:42] >> So --

[00:47:42] >> This is a tough spot. I don't care who you are, how great you are at this game, Rahm -- Woody, but he's got to stick the leading edge in the ground and bounce it in there, or he's got to try to clip it.

[00:47:54] >> Forty yards. He can hit it as far as 52 and use that backstop to bring it back. But it's a very grainy lie growing back into him.

[00:48:01] >> The safest shot is ball back and make a divot and he just chunked it. I'm telling you, this is not pretty.

[00:48:08] >> Morikawa would get his second attempt on the green.

[00:48:13] >> With that whole stretch without a bogey dating back to last year, and now trying to avoid his second straight.

[00:48:23] >> Zinger, after making everything through 62 holes, he has not made a thing since the 9th.

[00:48:36] >> No bogeys in 86 holes. Two in his last two.

[00:48:40] >> Two of the easiest holes on the golf course.

[00:48:42] >> And Rahm's over at 17.

[00:48:46] >> Smylie?

[00:48:47] >> Boy, he's got no idea he's leading this golf tournament right now. And he is in a position to even stretch this lead out. He's only got 143 yards to hole, playing from a perfect spot of the fairway. We know if it lands onto that green, it will bound a little forward. Seemed fairly far right so you can get that win to move it.

[00:49:04] >> Tiny flat spot where that hole is cut. Anywhere else, it's going to slide left. This needs a left kick.

[00:49:12] >> That did nothing.

[00:49:17] >> So let's take a look at this lead change between Morikawa and Rahm. Start of the final round, Morikawa is up by 7. Rahm bogeys the first hole. So he is as many back as 9. And then, he starts chipping away. Starts making some birdies and moving up the board after that opening bogey. And then, when Morikawa bogeys 14 and 15.

[00:49:41] >> Now, back out to 17.

[00:49:43] >> The pressure is on now. He knows where he stands. So he's really got to collect himself. He realizes he's got a chance now to win this golf tournament. Is he ready? I like that shot a lot. That is a really good shot.

[00:50:03] >> Rahm would make par.

[00:50:07] >> Morikawa looking at Jon.

[00:50:08] >> Seventy-four yards. It could be an awkward yardage. He can't hit something full and spin it back. And he'd like to be closer if he wanted to hit that little skipper. So it could be an awkward yardage here for him.

[00:50:17] >> Got to take that false front out of play.

[00:50:21] >> This has got to go a hair I think.

[00:50:25] >> Got to take the false front out of play. Another mistake.

[00:50:29] >> It's falling apart now.

[00:50:30] >> After chipping it to here, Morikawa has this for par.

[00:50:34] >> Must make.

[00:50:40] >> No.

[00:50:41] >> Three bogeys in a row.

[00:50:43] >> He's got a 4-iron and he's adjusted about 217 front, Zinger.

[00:50:48] >> Couldn't hit it in a better spot, I don't think, Smylie. And this has to suit his eye. I love this hole. Blow it out there to the right a little bit. Let it bounce down there onto the green. He's got birdie on his mind.

[00:51:06] >> Boy, this is a lot more aggressive than I thought. Coming in hot.

[00:51:11] >> Oh, boy, that's going to raise.

[00:51:24] >> Back at 17.

[00:51:26] >> Up at 17, Collin Morikawa has a putt now to try and get closer to the leader. Very slow putt. Fitzpatrick, two putted for his bogey. See if he can get this one to the hole. Give it a chance. Maybe it'll just fall in. Maybe.

[00:51:53] >> Fly it halfway to the hole, ball back. Let the slope do the work.

[00:52:00] >> In the hole.

[00:52:02] >> A little too hard.

[00:52:02] >> Now, Rahm for birdie.

[00:52:14] >> The pressure is on now. Let's see if he can just end it.

[00:52:23] >> That actually put it out of reach, and he knows it.

[00:52:27] >> With Morikawa's albatross bid to tie unsuccessful, Rahm takes home the first designated event of the 2023 season. This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of the Sentry Tournament of Champions from the Plantation Course at Kapalua, Maui, Hawaii.