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[00:00:20] >> The party in the desert is back.

[00:00:23] >> Pebble beaches, argyle sweaters, and crashing wave. This is a six-inch stilettos and rock concert noise.

[00:00:30] >> From cheers to jeers. This is an atmosphere unlike any other.

[00:00:35] >> You may notice the volume has been cranked up just a little bit today on the crazies around full force.

[00:00:48] >> Ted Scott and Scottie Scheffler figured it out.

[00:00:50] >> This week, TPC Scottsdale is sure to be rocking as Phoenix prepares to host the double feature with the big game fast approaching.

[00:01:00] >> And this is where golf sounds like football.

[00:01:02] >> You better embrace it, because if you fight the noise here, you're going to be in an awfully big trouble.

[00:01:09] >> Welcome to the greatest show on grass at the WM Phoenix Open.

[00:01:24] >> The PGA Tour is proud to bring you the season-long race for the FedEx Cup. Now, coverage of the 2023 WM Phoenix Open.

[00:01:36] >> It is the center of the American sports universe this week. This area here in Arizona, a football game taking place on Sunday. In the next four days, more than 700,000 people will make their way out to TPC Scottsdale, an event that's been around since the 1930s, been right here since 1987. Sunshine, blue skies, not 70 degrees, but earlier today, we had a frost delay of about an hour and 45 minutes. And the winds have been up. Ten to 20 miles per hour gusting up to 25 miles per hour. They don't care out there at 16 in Coliseum. IT's packed once again as they watch the action.

[00:02:20] >> Finau taking a look at this birdie try.

[00:02:22] >> Yeah, not much going on here. It's uphill but it's actually down grain. So a little quicker than they normally think it is.

[00:02:35] >> Tony.

[00:02:38] >> Yeah. In the hole.

[00:02:40] >> Sweet.

[00:02:41][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:02:48] >> This is at the 4th. Matthew Fitzpatrick has this for birdie to try to get back to level.

[00:02:54] >> Get there.

[00:02:54] >> Come on.

[00:02:55] >> Dig. Yeah. Great putt. To 9.

[00:03:03] >> Two off the lead, Charley Hoffman. You're on a sponsors exemption, so trying to make full use of that.

[00:03:13] >> Look like it was going to be short, didn't it.

[00:03:16] >> Just kept going.

[00:03:17] >> Still going.

[00:03:17] >> Got there.

[00:03:18] >> Yeah. Wow.

[00:03:21][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:03:30] >> Sungjae Im coming off eagle at 15. Could be the fifth birdie at 16 today.

[00:03:49] >> Im would make birdie.

[00:03:49] >> Bring it back to the 7th, the second for Finau.

[00:03:57] >> Was shocked to see that his ball actually missed the green. But he's got eyes on hole on this one, Frank.

[00:04:07] >> Yeah.

[00:04:08] >> Do it big time.

[00:04:09] >> Good call, my man.

[00:04:11][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:04:17] >> Ahead on the other side of the golf course, this is in 17, Nick Taylor just short of the green here. What a shot off that tight lie. Boy, that it's some kind of action right there. Showing off a little bit. We go back up to 9th.

[00:04:36] >> Third for Rory.

[00:04:37] >> He missed it on the proper side. Coming right up the hill. Not a hard pitch shot. Might have to sit down though.

[00:04:52] >> Oh, he did.

[00:04:52] >> To 16.

[00:04:53] >> Kevin Kisner's turn.

[00:05:04] >> So close.

[00:05:05] >> That that second hop right over it.

[00:05:11] >> Here at 17, Nick Taylor for birdie. And back to back birdies. That's his sixth birdie on the back nine. Boy has he caught fire.

[00:05:29] >> Kisner took a look with the tee shot at 16. We got eight birdies now at 16.

[00:05:39] >> Eight is enough.

[00:05:44] >> To the 4th now, Keegan Bradley.

[00:05:51] >> Off to a really good start. That hole location just over the bunker. Boy, this is nice looking.

[00:05:56] >> No, I guess. What a shot. That definitely had a chance.

[00:06:03] >> Oh my goodness, I'm thirsty.

[00:06:06] >> Bradley moves to 3-under.

[00:06:13] >> Back at 5, 14 feet away, Scheffler.

[00:06:21] >> Last year, he made six putts over 20 feet. Big difference.

[00:06:28] >> Sixteen-under, the winning score he posted last year. To 6.

[00:06:31] >> Justin Thomas on the way for birdie. Good stroke, good read.

[00:06:36][ Cheering and Applause ] Pretty good 3 from over there, Curt.

[00:06:42] >> Sure was. That distance control out of that rock was really good.

[00:06:47] >> Back to 5.

[00:06:48] >> Tom Kim coming right at us for birdie.

[00:06:59][ Applause ]

[00:07:04] >> And we got Stewart. Come on now, Kevin Durant in KD Jersey.

[00:07:08] >> Trying to win them over.

[00:07:09] >> Well, yeah. Is it going to work?

[00:07:14] >> The new jersey.

[00:07:14] >> Well, from New Jersey. Kind of.

[00:07:17] >> That big trade.

[00:07:22] >> So he automatically. What do you think, Curt? In this area, high hopes, championship hopes?

[00:07:35] >> I think so.

[00:07:36] >> All right, 16, Si Woo Kim. Sneaky funny guy, Si Woo. Sneaky good.

[00:07:45] >> Kim would finish his round with a 1-over 72. Sitting near the top after Round 1 is Canadian Nick Taylor.

[00:08:01] >> I drove it really well from the start of the round. And like I said, the front, I feel like it's a tougher now. You don't probably have as many chances as the back. And you know, to kind of see some putts go in on 10 and 11 was nice. And was lucky to make a nice, relatively easy birdie with a nice chip on 13. So, I just wanted to keep it going as I knew I was swinging nice and hit a bunch of greens. You know, to make kind of birdies on 60, 70 to cap it off was nice.

[00:08:31] >> After Round 1 or the first full field designated event, Jason Day sits alone at the top. But Canadians Nick Taylor and Adam Hadwin are within one shot. The second round is next.

[00:08:43] >> That is the setting at 16. Nearly 20,000 people on hand, even more energy earlier today, louder. And that does build. Throughout the week, three tiers. As close to a basketball arena football stadium is going to get playing on the PGA Tour. And that par 3, 158, the yardage today. They're ready for the 12th ace maybe this afternoon. We get a sense we might see something special out there today. But fans are everywhere. Jon Rahm shot 68 in the opening round, and then midway, through really starting to get hot here in the second round. This at 15 from the bunker. Something like that. Frank.

[00:09:23] >> As beautiful now, at 16 is what they come to watch. So eagle at 15. Can you do much better? Nearly. That kicks forward, might have gone down.

[00:09:40] >> Still waiting on that 12th ace at 16. Made the turn at 6-under at this point.

[00:09:51] >> Book it.

[00:09:53] >> Go back to back. To 8-under, that's where he is right now sharing the lead. Dahmen third on the way at 5. I've got a feeling.

[00:10:09][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:10:15] >> So a long putt on the way for Rahm to par.

[00:10:19] >> Forty feet for his --

[00:10:20] >> No, he did not make that routine.

[00:10:26] >> It's one of those days.

[00:10:29] >> This for eagle at the 3rd.

[00:10:36] >> Almost going to stop on top of that hill. Is this any good? Oh, there they go.

[00:10:42] >> Here we go again. Get some momentum going here again.

[00:10:47] >> Jump back up to 16, Webb Simpson for birdie.

[00:10:52] >> He won three years ago, beat Tony Finau in the playoffs. Won two times that year. And, yeah, there you go.

[00:11:01][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:11:07] >> Important too with that number at 1-over.

[00:11:13] >> At the 6, Scottie Scheffler.

[00:11:15] >> After some deliberation and some wind changes, they finally figured out a club. This from 117. This looks really good, if it's the number, Curt.

[00:11:24] >> That's the number.

[00:11:25] >> Scheffler would make that moving to 9-under.

[00:11:30] >> And Rahm tap in at the 9th.

[00:11:34] >> How about that little scrambling session he did the last three holes?

[00:11:38] >> Yeah, that was pretty impressive. You're right. Close to 66.

[00:11:50] >> Meanwhile, Homa for birdie.

[00:11:51] >> Made one similar to this length back on 7. See if he can end his day with a big one.

[00:12:00] >> Did it again.

[00:12:01] >> Get the people going.

[00:12:02] >> Take you up to the 10th, par 4, 434 today, Nick Taylor, the shadow. Got a feeling, Frank.

[00:12:11] >> It's getting better.

[00:12:13] >> Got a feeling, Frank.

[00:12:14] >> It's getting better.

[00:12:16] >> You knew it.

[00:12:16] >> Hello.

[00:12:21] >> Sungjae Im, we'll see. Can we get another one going in here, Frank?

[00:12:24] >> You're getting greedy now, Terry. Two-thirty 30 footers, 40 footers going. Chip ins going.

[00:12:30] >> Come on now. Let's go. Go on.

[00:12:34] >> It's tracking. Yeah.

[00:12:35] >> Go on.

[00:12:37] >> That kind of hurt right now. It's a bunch of thing. Yeah.

[00:12:44] >> Let's do that.

[00:12:45] >> I like it. Right now, it's not much up there.

[00:12:50] >> Almost dead calm.

[00:12:52] >> I agree with Teddy. One-fifty-nine.

[00:13:06] >> That's just a hard 9-iron. Falling right on it.

[00:13:10] >> Wow.

[00:13:10] >> It is.

[00:13:10] >> Right on it.

[00:13:12] >> That is another birdie for Scheffler.

[00:13:20] >> Now, McIlroy's second into the par-5 3rd.

[00:13:29] >> Third longest drive of the day.

[00:13:34] >> Can't sit in here.

[00:13:36] >> Right.

[00:13:36] >> He would go on to make birdie.

[00:13:42][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:13:49] >> To 9.

[00:13:50] >> Nice approach for Viktor Hovland, this to pay it off now.

[00:13:53] >> Down the hill, a little left to right here. This could go a long way for tomorrow.

[00:14:09] >> Oh, yeah, that last little bit.

[00:14:14][ Cheering and Applause ] Almost gave up on it, Frank.

[00:14:25] >> The ball walks right.

[00:14:30] >> Into the hole.

[00:14:31] >> Yup.

[00:14:31] >> Heck of a birdie from that left rough, Frank.

[00:14:38] >> You're not wrong, Arron.

[00:14:40] >> Excelled at the President's Cut, the galleries tend to like these. It's loud.

[00:14:48] >> Sixty-six.

[00:14:50] >> All right. So you got two for two on this green here at the 9th. Can they go three for three, Scheffler?

[00:14:55] >> Well, this one's obviously the easiest. It's only about, gosh, I can't even -- not even look 4 feet to me. I like the odds, Terry.

[00:15:06] >> Yeah.

[00:15:06] >> I like the odds.

[00:15:20] >> Tell me more.

[00:15:21] >> Brilliant round. Bogey free.

[00:15:25][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:15:34] >> Wyndham Clark for birdie at 7.

[00:15:42] >> In the hole.

[00:15:43] >> Yeah, baby.

[00:15:47] >> Oh, yeah.

[00:15:51] >> It's that green today.

[00:15:55] >> Four.

[00:15:55] >> McIlroy from off the green.

[00:15:57] >> Downhill really fast, right to left.

[00:15:59] >> Get in.

[00:16:00] >> Did he read it correctly? Yes, he did.

[00:16:05][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:16:12] >> Sixteen.

[00:16:14] >> All right. Troy Merritt from off the green. This has kind of been the story today.

[00:16:19] >> Closest. Billy Horschel hit into a couple of feet.

[00:16:23] >> Listen. And watch.

[00:16:31][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:16:39] >> Back here at 6, and McIlroy suck in another one, Arron.

[00:16:44] >> Yeah. And this one, he's gone all over the place kind of looking at this one. This is another one of those visually kind of deceptive ones on these greens that you can get every once in a while around here. I've got it just on the top right, Curt. Not too far outside the right edge I wouldn't think.

[00:17:09] >> Come on.

[00:17:10] >> Yeah, gets another one, 4-under.

[00:17:13][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:17:23] >> Back here at 6, Finau.

[00:17:25] >> In the hole.

[00:17:26] >> Tough shot out of this fairway bunker.

[00:17:29] >> This also headed a little left.

[00:17:31] >> Say bounce.

[00:17:31] >> Close.

[00:17:32] >> OK.

[00:17:32] >> These guys know something I don't know.

[00:17:36] >> Close to it. What a shot.

[00:17:38] >> Finau would make birdie from there.

[00:17:45] >> Jordan Spieth hits the second shot.

[00:17:47] >> Well, this is on a very similar line as the other two. Let's see if it gets the same kind of break.

[00:17:52] >> This might go in.

[00:17:57] >> No way.

[00:18:01] >> Lengthy putt, 16, Sungjae Im.

[00:18:03] >> Have you ever seen a long one go down for a little while, Terry?

[00:18:07][ Cheering ]

[00:18:14] >> Neither have they.

[00:18:16][ Cheering ]

[00:18:21] >> How about another one? Nick Taylor.

[00:18:24] >> To get one of those drop shots back. Same line, same result.

[00:18:32][ Cheering ]

[00:18:41] >> Now, Hideki's turn at 11.

[00:18:45] >> Down the hill. Kind of a quick one.

[00:18:49] >> In the hole.

[00:18:50] >> Get there. Yes.

[00:18:53] >> Yeah. Hideki.

[00:18:56][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:19:01] >> Gallery wants to see a birdie from McIlroy. Haven't seen one of the while.

[00:19:04] >> Yeah. There's been a kind of a momentum stall for sure. I thought -- The one on 10, I thought for sure that was the one he was going to get to get keep kind of get that momentum back since he hasn't made one since 6. With the par 5 coming up, that he could easily reach into and, well, potentially. They might have one more hole after that. They might get through 14. But this would go a long way into recreating that momentum he had early on.

[00:19:37] >> Keep it above that coin.

[00:19:40] >> In the hole.

[00:19:41] >> Get in there.

[00:19:42] >> In the hole.

[00:19:43] >> One more roll. Yeah.

[00:19:44] >> McIlroy would finish his second round with a 67. One shot better on the day is Jon Rahm.

[00:19:53] >> Yeah. I mean, I play really good. So I hit a lot of great tee shots out there today. And a lot of good iron shots like you just said didn't end up in great spots, right? I mean, I think 7, 8, 9 is a clear example of it. None of those was bad. And all of them were off the green and I needed to get up and down to get the round going, right? But the wind was shifting, right? And when it shifts from east to east northeast, or you know, northeast, it's just more different on the compass. But when it comes to our shots, it's a difference between a shot being possibly into the wind to downwind. It can happen and you get a wrong gust. And then -- and the green, they were a little bit softer today in some spots, you know, except 3 and 12 that were absolute car paths. So, it's funny, Adam told me, you want to do anything after the round? I said absolutely not. I'm making a lot of great swings out there. And I'm going to remember that.

[00:20:41][ Cheering ]

[00:20:53] >> After round two, Scottie Scheffler holds the lead with Canadian Adam Hadwin at 10-under. Rahm is just 2-back of the lead heading in to Round 3.

[00:21:17] >> It is just something to behold. You just cannot describe it unless you have a chance to sit back and absorb it all. Whether in person or whether you're at home, you know it's building year by year, and it's never ever been more than a fevered pitch than it is on Super Bowl weekend in the Valley of the Sun. And it started before 7:00 o'clock this morning. And again, thousands were lined up waiting for the gates to open. The first who in fact arrived was shortly after 1:00 o'clock in the morning, and then off they ran to get pole position down at 16. It's truly a day when golf take center stage for tens of thousands on site, and millions around the world.

[00:22:31] >> To 2.

[00:22:33] >> And defending champion Scottie Scheffler.

[00:22:41] >> Ian, if you had to take a poll, how many people do you think would realize that this guy is number 2 in the World?

[00:22:48] >> Yeah, interesting. He's not as well-known as say Jon Rahm or Rory McIlroy. But boy, the way he played last year after his first victory here, amazing.

[00:22:59] >> Quiet, confident. Just always there.

[00:23:04] >> How about this one? And it's a birdie for Scheffler at the 2nd.

[00:23:14] >> Sixteen.

[00:23:14] >> Chesson Hadley from about 18 feet. We have not seen a birdie here yet today, Colt.

[00:23:20] >> It's time to take the lid off, Amanda. Let's get this party started.

[00:23:23] >> In the hole.

[00:23:26] >> Give it to him, Chesson.

[00:23:26] >> Go to 4.

[00:23:27] >> And Rickie Fowler who came back from an even par start Round 1, 5-under 66 Round 2, and he's walking one in for a birdie.

[00:23:44][ Cheering and Applause ] Back to 16.

[00:23:50] >> Jim, hundreds of thousands of people, but 20,000 of them are here right now waiting to see if they're going to boo or cheer Sam Burns.

[00:23:59] >> Oh, move right. Yes, sir. I'm going to have to say though, apparently he didn't get the green out memo. Come on, Sam.

[00:24:07] >> And we're back here at 3rd hole. Jon Rahm is not backing down.

[00:24:12] >> Tough to back down when you only have 8-iron in your hand.

[00:24:15] >> I saw the 208 yards first though. I feel the applause. It landed soft. Is that possible?

[00:24:24] >> Lt's go to 5.

[00:24:30] >> Rickie Fowler for birdie.

[00:24:31] >> In the hole.

[00:24:33] >> Yeah.

[00:24:35] >> Fantastic there.

[00:24:37] >> Rahm for birdie.

[00:24:49] >> If you're going to pick a weakness in his game, and there aren't many, it's this distance, this little section just inside 10 feet.

[00:24:56][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:25:02] >> Let's go to 5.

[00:25:04] >> And Xander Schauffele second.

[00:25:06] >> Just a brush with gap wedge, and this looks beautiful.

[00:25:11] >> Excellent shot for Xander.

[00:25:14] >> Back to Scottie.

[00:25:17] >> Beautiful, beautiful.

[00:25:21] >> There you go.

[00:25:22] >> Just nuts how this game works out. He makes the bomb 50 further, then misses from about three, and then rolls that in.

[00:25:32] >> Here's Xander.

[00:25:38] >> Could this be three straight for Xander? Yes, sir.

[00:25:41] >> We're at the 9th, Hatton.

[00:25:54] >>Tricky hole location here, Jim. Just a few steps over that putt bunker on the front.

[00:26:00] >> Wow.

[00:26:01] >> Yeah.

[00:26:01] >> That's some shot.

[00:26:02] >> Sure is.

[00:26:03] >> Hatton would make that for birdie.

[00:26:05] >> We go to 16.

[00:26:08] >> One of these young talents, Colt, T2 last week at Pebble, Brandon Wu.

[00:26:11] >> Yeah. Coming off his best career finish. He's taking it right at it. Look at you, Brandon Wu.

[00:26:21] >> That is a birdie for Wu.

[00:26:23] >>Sam, how are you?

[00:26:25] >> Good. How are you?

[00:26:26] >> Good. Hey, I just wanted to ask you, you got Joe Scarborough on the bag, and he actually won here with Rickie. He's been around here so many times. Give us an understanding of how having a good caddie on the bag can really help you.

[00:26:37] >> It's -- I mean, especially for me, like it's kind of my first year on tour. So, to have someone like him with all the experience in major championships and the golf courses that I haven't played, and he's -- like he's seen it all, like it takes off the pressure of the practice rounds. I can just kind of trust him and just kind of go about my thing. And it's amazing. Obviously, it saves you a lot of shots per week and almost, if you think about it for the whole year.

[00:27:06] >> That's too much. That's landing like 5 to 10 on the ring.

[00:27:16] >> And if it's short, it's fine.

[00:27:18] >> Yeah. I mean I was on mid-five to almost hard six. But like five is -- like a good five is landing on. There's at least 10 and a half up there. It's down after right. So what are you going with?

[00:27:31] >> Well, it started at the 5th?

[00:27:32] >> Yeah. What are you going with number wise? Two -- it's 217 in front. I like landing 212, 215.

[00:27:43] >> It's down where I think it's extra for my shot.

[00:27:45] >> Yeah. I would say 200 shot, so.

[00:27:52] >> Just knock it off the right, correct?

[00:27:57] >> Yes correct.

[00:27:57] >> Short is fine.

[00:27:58] >> Short is fine.

[00:28:22] >> Going to work his way back.

[00:28:24] >> That is just how they dialed it up.

[00:28:29] >> Tom Kim would go on to two putt for birdie.

[00:28:32][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:28:41] >> Xander Schauffele.

[00:28:43] >> Perfect drive and love which to hear, putting straight back into the slope.

[00:28:48] >> And want to putt.

[00:28:51] >> And want to pump in for Schauffele.

[00:29:00] >> Max Homa, who, I'm telling you, he is just a world class player. I'm going out on a limb, two years from now, he will be up there at number 1 in the World.

[00:29:12] >> That's from 12 feet for birdie.

[00:29:14] >> Do it, Max Homa.

[00:29:17][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:29:24] >> Fourteen.

[00:29:26] >> And Scottie second from the right side.

[00:29:30] >> Two-eleven, a decent lie. About 3 yards uphill and the sand not helping, Ian.

[00:29:39] >> Right on line.

[00:29:41][ Cheering ]

[00:29:46] >> Now, up at the green.

[00:29:48] >> OK, long putt here for Jon Rahm. Center of the green at 14 to get within 1. Yes, sir.

[00:30:01] >> Jon Rahm.

[00:30:03] >> Let's go.

[00:30:03] >> You can't hold him down. Almost eagle birdie at 13, 14. But at least he's picked up too just at a time when Scheffler was making a mess of the 13th.

[00:30:18] >> It's going to be an exciting day tomorrow. The way this is playing out, we could have Scheffler and Schauffele and Rahm all in that final group, three of the Top 6 in the World, two of them with a chance to get to one. And that's a birdie for Scheffler here at 14.

[00:30:34][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:30:38] >> Over to 15.

[00:30:40] >> Were they coming or going?

[00:30:42] >> I think it was, Colt.

[00:30:46] >> Here's Spieth. Wizard with the wedge.

[00:30:50] >> Spieth would finish that off for birdie.

[00:30:53] >> At 18, Rickie Fowler.

[00:30:57] >> Hasn't made a birdie on the second nine. Huge tee shot down here.

[00:31:08] >> Got a chance now. Oh, yes. Chance for an eagle it was.

[00:31:15] >> Now, up at the green with Fowler.

[00:31:19] >> There you go. Stirs them up. Inches away. Spectacular finish to the round.

[00:31:29] >> Listen, there's a lot of things on the line here. And this is a tough cut. He hasn't even hit his shot yet and he was getting booed.

[00:31:48] >> Well they've been here for a while.

[00:31:50] >> Yeah, they don't care anymore, Trevor. They're just trying to get it in.

[00:31:59] >> Let it all hang out.

[00:32:20] >> That's right.

[00:32:21] >> They're dancing on the tables in anticipation to this shot.

[00:32:25] >> Come on Hadwin.

[00:32:26] >> Lash out at glory on Saturday on the 16th hole.

[00:32:39] >> Spinning left. Come on. Keep rolling, baby. Are you kidding me? The best shot of the day on the last shot of the day.

[00:32:46] >> That's as close to a walk off as we were going to get without it actually happening. Unbelievable from Adam Hadwin. These fans better apologize to him, by the way, for booing him when he stepped off. Clearly made the right choice for him.

[00:32:53] >> Well, guess what, Amanda? They're throwing their beer. And it was bound to happen.

[00:32:55] >> It was. Did you volunteer to be part of the cleanup?

[00:32:56] >> Absolutely not.

[00:32:56] >> Trevor, can you believe the best shot of the day was the last one?

[00:32:58] >> I mean, how cool is that the way it's worked out? Oh, we got a stray bottle coming in. Imagine if Jon Rahm finds a way to back that shot up and then make this putt. Then, this place is going to go crazy.

[00:33:03] >> Well, you know, Jim made a bold prediction in Windham Park making an ace. I'm going to say Jon Rahm is going to make this putt. He loves left to right putts.

[00:33:07] >> He does.

[00:33:07] >> We saw what he did to US Open at Torrey Pines. He is not scared to make a long left to righter.

[00:33:10] >> Just outside of 40 feet. This goes in, you better get your umbrella, Colt.

[00:33:30] >> Come on, Jon. Give it to the people. You ain't stopping. You ain't stopping.

[00:33:41] >> He did it.

[00:33:42] >> Come on, Jon Rahm.

[00:33:46] >> He did it. Colt knows.

[00:33:48] >> Jim.

[00:33:48] >> Nostradamus over here. You called it.

[00:33:49] >> Jim, give it to me. Come on.

[00:33:50] >> That is just an awesome call.

[00:33:54] >> Rahm and Hadwin match birdies at 16, while Scheffler makes par.

[00:34:03] >> Up to 18.

[00:34:05] >> And Jason Day trying to finish with a birdie.

[00:34:08] >> In the hole.

[00:34:10] >> And he will indeed.

[00:34:19] >> Just a moment for him to go ahead and make this part, open up that little bit of cushion, get to the two shot lead.

[00:34:28] >> Little bit of bad luck at the 13th with his drive. Just rolling in under the cactus and having an unplayable lie, making six there. Otherwise, a good solid day. And that's what champions do.

[00:34:48] >> Scheffler and Rahm would both par 18. It is a two shot lead for Scheffler, looking to go back to back at the WM Phoenix Open. But Jon Rahm and Nick Taylor will look to close the gap and pull out a win of their own. The final round is next.

[00:35:10] >> Pressure makes pros. Better makes better. Always has. Always will.

[00:35:49] >> Oh, what a day to be alive in the Grand Canyon State. Got a couple of big events. Super events, you could say, that are going to take place just 30 miles apart. The WM Phoenix Open where, again, tens of thousands have come out, hundreds of thousands yesterday, but they are here to see some great golf with some of the best players in the world jockeying for the title year. This marks the 50 year anniversary of the first time the Thunderbirds, the great organization, foundation, and bedrock of this tournament decided to take on the challenge of hosting a PGA Tour event on the same weekend as Super Bowl Sunday. First did at 1973.

[00:36:34] >> What a day in the desert lands of Scottsdale, Arizona. A couple of the game's biggest titans. Scottie Schaeffer jockeying for World number 1. He'll have it with a win. But that too applies to Jon Rahm, a victory. And he ascends to the first position in the world of golf with a prestigious title on the line at the WM Phoenix Open. This just a short while ago, Rickie Fowler at the 7th.

[00:37:02][ Cheering ] His PGA Tour ace.

[00:37:18] >> Just take a look at this leaderboard. It's Scheffler by one over Rahm and Nick Taylor. And then, Jason Day at 12-under par with a birdie, birdie, birdie start. It's all coming up. A shootout in the desert.

[00:37:36] >> Scheffler's was played the whole 1-under par through the first three rounds.

[00:37:47] >> He had a very good look here for birdie yesterday. Now, with a 9-iron in his hand. He doesn't like to move that golf ball to the left as much like Rahm do.

[00:38:05] >> I think a lighter game. Yeah, it's perfect right now.

[00:38:12] >> Talking about the wind.

[00:38:13] >> Yup.

[00:38:14] >> Wind is changing direction to be more out of the south as the day goes on. We have to keep an eye on that. We're getting into that time of the day. Very high start right at Rahm's ball.

[00:38:37] >> Right next to the cup. Just inside of Taylor.

[00:38:42] >> Back to 9.

[00:38:45] >> And now Taylor, was Scheffler just inside of -- on the same line. He could momentarily tie the lead.

[00:38:55] >> This is not outside the hole.

[00:39:01] >> It's in the hole. That's 31.

[00:39:06] >> Back to 9.

[00:39:09] >> In the hole.

[00:39:10] >> In the hole.

[00:39:10] >> And Scheffler right on top of it. To go ahead and reclaim it.

[00:39:16] >> We stay with this group to the 10th.

[00:39:19] >> Now, the best tee shot was Nick Taylor.

[00:39:23] >> Gust of wind. You got it.

[00:39:28] >> Ninety-nine yards over that bunker. One-thirteen to hole, lob wedge.

[00:39:37] >> How ambitious does he get? Does that any -- Does that work?

[00:39:57] >> Back at 10.

[00:39:58] >> Studying golf, built theories, like this isn't good spectator mounts. Rahm has a lot of local support here.

[00:40:16] >> Same as Spieth.

[00:40:24] >> Now, for the co-lead, that is the closest approach, Dottie, that we've seen here at 10 today.

[00:40:32] >> Given the length and the situation, it's -- you'd never even think about giving the hole away.

[00:40:39] >> Stroke at 9 looks so good. Putter head stand, low to the ground, great tempo to it. Once again.

[00:40:45] >> Go through. I mentioned it was a lot more than anything in the world, little shout out to Colt Knost. Colt beat them in the quarters when Colt won his US Am at Olympic.

[00:41:01] >> It was a quick one, Frank.

[00:41:02] >> That's right.

[00:41:08] >> How much did Colt pay you to say that?

[00:41:09] >> Well, he owes me a lot.

[00:41:26] >> So comfortably. Two tied at 16-under. And there's a little bit of breathing room.

[00:41:38] >> Back at the 17th, the first look at this beautiful par 4. Max Homa on the tee.

[00:41:43] >> Will you call for an official, please?

[00:41:47] >> And that looks really, really good for Max.

[00:41:50] >> Will you call for an official.

[00:41:52] >> Love this hole. Short par 4. And everyone can have a go. That is sensational.

[00:42:01] >> Homa would make birdie.

[00:42:02] >> Tyrrell Hatton.

[00:42:05] >> Has this for birdie. We saw a lot of trouble yesterday.

[00:42:07] >> Been a little bit of a struggle so far today, Ian. Well, that'll put a smile on his face.

[00:42:12] >>Yeah, especially there. That feels like an eagle. Just the second birdie of the day here.

[00:42:16] >> And we're at 14.

[00:42:20] >> Justin Thomas here hitting his second at the difficult 14th. Essential to get it in the fairway here at 14. This is one of the tough ones coming in. Nicely done from 170.

[00:42:33] >> Eleven.

[00:42:35] >> This is one part of Scottie's game that he just doesn't get as much credit for. I think drives some great iron are great, but those little chips, he's just exquisite.

[00:42:49] >> Scheffler would save power.

[00:42:50] >> Now, Justin Thomas, he's got something going here. He birdied 10. He's birdied 13. This to get to 11-under.

[00:43:03] >> And Justin Thomas could get something special going.

[00:43:05] >> We're back at 11.

[00:43:06] >> And this putt from outside 15 feet for par for Jon.

[00:43:11] >> We are getting into that neighborhood where you start to say I've got to have this.

[00:43:17] >> Well, he's said before many times and proved it that he likes left to right putts.

[00:43:21] >> He's missed a couple today. But not that one. That was huge.

[00:43:33] >> Let's move ahead to 15. And not only is it long, but it's got a lot of break.

[00:43:37] >> Sure does. It's catching a ridge here that's going to throw it left. And now, here it starts going downhill. Pretty good there.

[00:43:52] >> Yeah, sneaking back a little bit.

[00:43:56] >> Thomas would make birdie.

[00:43:57] >> I think it's a little too early to just say it's a two horse race.

[00:44:03] >> Only one Canadian born player has ever won this tournament. And that was back in 1968, George Knudson, who won eight times on tour, had a runner up finish at the Masters in 1969. The late George Knudson who was the envy of so many players with a gorgeous swing. Look at this putt right here. For the lead. Let's go to 13.

[00:44:29] >> Now, fell off a birdie.

[00:44:29] >> He's been swinging this putter with great rhythm. This one up the hill and pretty straight.

[00:44:33] >> Does it get to the house? Yeah, it does.

[00:44:38][ Cheering and Applause ] Now, Spieth.

[00:44:50] >> All right. Well, he promised me he was going to go on a run. It's time to get it going.

[00:44:54] >> Good.

[00:44:55] >> Starting to run out of holes, Frank.

[00:44:56] >> He's going to look at the hole this time.

[00:45:00] >> I haven't seen him do it yet this week.

[00:45:02] >> Didn't need to. So just a second birdie.

[00:45:10][ Applause ]

[00:45:17] >> Nick Taylor's putt on the ground may have helped a bit for the second half of this.

[00:45:37] >> In the hole. In the hole.

[00:45:39] >> Go, go.

[00:45:40] >> Come on, let it in.

[00:45:46] >> Big hole to putt.

[00:45:47] >> Hear me up. You got --

[00:45:53] >> And Scheffler is very close to making a 3.

[00:45:57][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:46:06] >> What did I say? He's going to get to 17. Check that. He's going to get to 18 here at the 13th hole.

[00:46:13] >> Hear me up. You got it.

[00:46:15] >> Steady.

[00:46:18] >> Yeah. He's seen those gone before. Last year, he made six putts here over 20 feet.

[00:46:24][ Applause ]

[00:46:37] >> That is an up and down to be proud of. He just will not go away.

[00:46:48] >> Second shot for Hatton.

[00:46:53] >> Is that a 5-wood from 235 and it hadn't left the flagstick? Look at this.

[00:47:01] >> You're not kidding. Muscles lit up there about 9 feet away for eagle.

[00:47:07] >> Sungjae Im, he birdied the first two days. Par yesterday.

[00:47:14] >> In the hole.

[00:47:17] >> Just under 40 feet. Whoa, maybe we should call him Sunday Im.

[00:47:21] >> He said he's actually been to one NFL game and it was actually in Philadelphia.

[00:47:32] >> What a three.

[00:47:33] >> A three.

[00:47:35][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:47:40] >> A three-way battle if he can do something like we saw with Hatton, not getting their close.

[00:47:46] >> Four-iron in his hand. That is right and going where it needs to go.

[00:48:10] >> Shocking. Rahm would save par of the drop area.

[00:48:14] >> Well, Colt, I know you're down there. Adam Hadwin had a good shot yesterday.

[00:48:20] >> Yes, he did. What a wait in the day yesterday. And this one looks terrific. Come on, Hadwin.

[00:48:26] >> And that's what the noise was about.

[00:48:30] >> Hadwin makes another birdie at 16.

[00:48:35] >> It's one that I think you -- your feel, your imagination is that you fly the sand as far as you want the ball to land.

[00:48:44] >> Nice visual.

[00:48:49] >> Scheffler and Taylor would match pars. We move ahead to 16 with the final group.

[00:48:56] >> Can't see the bottom of the flag stick.

[00:48:59] >> He made a miracle three there.

[00:49:02] >> And then inside 10 feet is good.

[00:49:04] >> In the hole.

[00:49:04] >> Second bounce gotten right on the seam and a kicked forward instead of grabbing. A little bit of light here for Nick Taylor.

[00:49:18] >> Well done.

[00:49:19] >> Scheffler can absolutely use this crowd to his advantage right now. If he goes ahead, he has the honor because he's furthest away and makes this putt. And he really can give a nice reaction and get this crowd pumped up.

[00:49:37] >> Hasn't won since the Masters. But hasn't forgotten how to do it.

[00:49:52][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:49:52] >> Mammoth three.

[00:50:02] >> One more look.

[00:50:03] >> It was never missing. Right in the heart. It's about as much emotion as you will see out of Scottie Scheffler.

[00:50:27] >> First drop shot of the day for the Canadian.

[00:50:32] >> We move ahead to Scheffler's second at 17.

[00:50:35] >> Can't be too aggressive with this one with water on the other side. The thought, 5 to 10 feet short was a very good shot. Look right.

[00:50:48] >> Nick's about 16 feet. Must make. That close. Let's see how far down this ball gets. Oh, come on. Makes this, he can play 18 any way he wants.

[00:51:19] >> That's a birdie for Scheffler, who's marching to the last hole and looks like defending in style.

[00:51:36] >> Now, to 18 with the final group.

[00:51:51] >> This goes in 64, by the way. Not too shabby.

[00:52:00] >> As always, really good with the speed.

[00:52:02] >> His wife Meredith ran out onto this green last year as they celebrated their first victory.

[00:52:13] >> Scottie with a chance.

[00:52:18] >> Number 1 in the World. Nice to be serenaded chanting your name as you'd have nothing but a tap in left.

[00:52:36] >> This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of the WM Phoenix Open from TPC Scottsdale Stadium Course in Scottsdale, Arizona.