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[00:00:20] >> The season comes down to this.

[00:00:24] >> Lucas Glover goes back to back. Viktor Hovland at his absolute best.

[00:00:32] >> The FedEx Cup trophy waits its champion as the world's best have their eyes set on the prize. Who will etch their name in history?

[00:00:41] >> On the biggest day of his career.

[00:00:43] >> FedEx cup champion Patrick Cantlay.

[00:00:47] >> It is Rory McIlroy that wins a third FedEx Cup title.

[00:00:54] >> Thirty enter East Lake with the same goal. But in the end, there can only be one.

[00:01:00] >> The PGA Tour's crowning achievement awaits a worthy winner.

[00:01:05] >> This is the 2023 Tour Championship.

[00:01:23] >> The PGA Tour is proud to bring you the season-long race for the FedEx Cup. Now, coverage of the 2023 Tour Championship.

[00:01:36] >> FedEx Cup Finale from historic East Lake in Atlanta deep into August, brings heat under the chin. High heat, mid 90s this afternoon, 100 by Saturday, and an index well above triple digits. Call it sweat equity. Biggest prize in professional golf will have been hard earned. Seventeenth season for these FedEx Cup playoffs, 20th straight year at East Lake. Golf course that was redesigned about a century ago. Will undergo a renovation at the conclusion of play. Not just dripping sweat at East Lake, but history. This was Bobby Jones's boyhood club. He took his first swings here. So many of his trophies on display in the clubhouse. Fifth year using the starting strokes format. Scottie Scheffler beginning at 10-under par with a 2 shot lead on Viktor Hovland. Lowest score after 72 holes, including the bonus strokes, wins the Tour Championship and the FedEx Cup. You look at page two, there's Fitzpatrick, 6 shots back, Morikawa in the group, a touchdown behind. And Jordan Spieth, good start, 2-under in the early going. And all the way down, you see Grillo and Nick Taylor.

[00:02:59] >> Collin Morikawa.

[00:03:00] >> Thank you, Rich. He's at the 6th hole, the par 5. Two par 5s here at East Lake, one on the front, one on the back.

[00:03:08] >> And easily knocks it on there. And two going up the hill. What a shot this is.

[00:03:14] >> He would make eagle.

[00:03:16] >> To 9. Easy.

[00:03:24] >> If you want to go on the DLS too, throw Jordan's wrist injury earlier in the year as well. Hey, if you're a golfer, you get hurt, right?

[00:03:34] >> Here's the Tournament format. Players are awarded starting strokes based on the FedEx Cup standings entering the week. It's a reward for having played so well throughout the season. The Tournament winner also wins the FedEx Cup, unlike, say, 2018, when Tiger won the Tournament, Justin Rose won the FedEx Cup. They wanted to eliminate any confusion. And the total purse, $75 million. And then, the winner walking out with 18 million. Scheffler could have a $40 million season.

[00:04:08] >> The guy who was the last man in the field here, Sepp Straka.

[00:04:12] >> Yeah. There you go, Sepp. That's how you get to 2-under par real quick.

[00:04:23][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:04:29] >> To 7.

[00:04:30] >> Keegan Bradley.

[00:04:38] >> Birdies lost two holes for Bradley.

[00:04:41] >> He would make that for birdie.

[00:04:44] >> Clark's third shot to this par 5. With his short game, this should be no trouble. And it isn't.

[00:04:58] >> Other side of the golf course, the 17th hole, Jason Day. This hole location on the right in a bowl. And right about there.

[00:05:11] >> What a shot.

[00:05:19] >> Now, Morikawa hold this for course record time 60.

[00:05:31] >> He tried to hit it so hard.

[00:05:33] >> That was a beauty.

[00:05:34] >> That was such a good shot.

[00:05:36] >> That's another birdie for Morikawa.

[00:05:43] >> To 14.

[00:05:45] >> Rickie hit it way right off the tee. All he could do is just sort of punch out.

[00:05:52] >> Come back. Oh, go ahead and do that, Rick. Wow. It's a nice 3.

[00:06:02] >> Excuse me.

[00:06:10] >> McIlroy, his second shot at 10.

[00:06:13] >> Hit a little stinger driver out there, has just 117 left. Back up the hill, this is a good looking iron shot here.

[00:06:21] >> Was it ever? That took a look.

[00:06:24] >> And Curt, just to clarify, he woke up Tuesday and the back was bothering him. And then, it locked up when he went to try to work things out in the gym. And that's always nice when you don't need the putter. Now, to the 10th.

[00:06:36] >> And Rahm.

[00:06:40] >> Right around 100 yards. Perfect lie. Players cannot see the putting surface. Just a sand wedge and another one that's all over it.

[00:06:51] >> Might have a chance.

[00:06:55] >> Yeah, great shot. So Rahm had to pitch out, but he'll be able to tap in for par.

[00:07:03] >> To 18.

[00:07:04] >> And third shot for Tony Finau.

[00:07:13] >> Wow. Big zone.

[00:07:16] >> Let me look at it here, Frank.

[00:07:22] >> Yeah, that's not his shot. I'm trying to go back to almost the 9th hole is the last really solid iron shot. He came up short on 11. His tee shot in the rough on 12. Thirteen, he got a good one out of the rough. Hit it left again on the previous hole. So, as Arron said, left, left, and left.

[00:07:41] >> Yeah.

[00:07:43] >> For a cutter, big problems.

[00:07:49] >> So the angle here, if he's going to get it close, he has to take on that shoulder that sticks out on that left edge.

[00:07:55] >> He can't -- And he can't have more than four or five paces to work with Curt.

[00:08:07] >> He's got to get down.

[00:08:11] >> Plenty of spin on it. But he'll have that for a bogey here at the 15th. Up by 1. Double bogey putt.

[00:08:25] >> There's a little bit of movement in this one. This is a lot of slope on the left-hand side of this green, Curt. So he's not going to take anything for granted.

[00:08:34] >> Arron, both of these putts far from guineas.

[00:08:37] >> Oh, no, absolutely. Especially, like I said, especially where this hole is located, there's quite a bit of slope around it.

[00:08:57] >> Wow.

[00:08:58] >> The third three putt today.

[00:09:00] >> Guys, I got to think that there's fatigue -- there's some fatigue going on. Third week in a row playing in these temperatures.

[00:09:09] >> Feels great. No better time, I guess, in our Tour Championship than show up and start playing some golf. But just really, I think, for the next three days to just have that control of the golf ball, keep hitting it pin high, giving myself chances. I mean, I looked at J.J., I think we're either 12 or 13 holes, and we joked thinking that we haven't hit this many shots pin high, you know, in four rounds in a full tournament for a while. So it's been nice to just kind of see that, kind of see the irons do what I want and just keep it up really.

[00:09:41] >> A 61 for Collin Morikawa bolts him into a share of the lead. Scheffler's disastrous triple leaves him 1 shot back. The second round is next.

[00:09:56] >> It is the final leg of a long haul that began last September. Forty-six events to get here to East Lake in sweltering Atlanta.

[00:10:07] >> Only 30 players qualifying, all with a chance to walk out with the biggest prize on tour. Wild first round with a FedEx Cup front runner Scottie Scheffler giving up his 2 shot lead, disaster here at the par-3 15th. Triple bogey. And yet again, we were treated with 61, this time by Collin Morikawa as he vaulted from 9-back to a tie for the lead. Go ahead, Collin, and do that. Deadlock with the guy who did it last Sunday in Chicago, and that's Viktor Hovland. And as well, Keegan Bradley looking for another memorable moment in Atlantis, where he won the 2011 PGA Championship. Meanwhile, Rory McIlroy battled through back issues to keep his hopes of a FedEx Cup repeat alive. This one is now wide open.

[00:10:59] >> Ahead at the 6, this is Tony Finau. Good drive and only 193 up this hill. Plays about 15 yards uphill this second.

[00:11:14] >> Hole location just over the bunker on the right today.

[00:11:19] >> Oh, man, he got over that bunker by about a yard. What a shot.

[00:11:24] >> Finau would tap that in for eagle.

[00:11:28] >> Scheffler at the 1st.

[00:11:31] >> Ranked 30 out of 30 players in putting yesterday. Well, that was the opposite of a nervous start.

[00:11:39][ Applause ]

[00:11:46] >> This is at the par-5 6th, third for Rory.

[00:11:50] >> Plenty of green. He should get plenty of rollout here once it lands on the green. It's going to break right hard.

[00:12:06] >> Yeah, that's a bunker shot where he went up on the green and looked at that as if he was hitting a 40-foot putt.

[00:12:12] >> That would be a birdie for McIlroy.

[00:12:15] >> At 11, Max Homa going up the slope for birdie. And just does creep over the front edge. Good putt there for Homa.

[00:12:36] >> Hovland.

[00:12:37] >> Boy, he caught a good lie here, didn't he, Colt?

[00:12:39] >> He did. I agree with you. I think this is much better than being down in the greenside bunker. With it being on the upslope, he can get it to land really soft, much like he did on the last hole.

[00:12:50] >> Talked a lot about his short game and how much better it's gotten. But he's -- you can even tell he's starting to get confidence in it. He gained strokes yesterday. One of the leaders in the field yesterday strokes gained around the green.

[00:13:08] >> Just -- How about it?

[00:13:10] >> Oh, boy.

[00:13:11] >> I mean, Curt, it's turned him into a complete player.

[00:13:13] >> It really has. And you can just see like he can't wait to get to the golf course and play around a golf now. He is an all-around player.

[00:13:25][ Applause ]

[00:13:31] >> Scottie Scheffler came in a hole position. He lost that lead yesterday, but he is right there at a chance to get back into a share.

[00:13:39] >> A slippery one. Just got to get it going.

[00:13:46] >> And he does get it to go.

[00:13:49][ Applause ]

[00:13:56] >> Now, back at 8.

[00:13:57] >> Chance to take the lead.

[00:13:59] >> Up the hill, right to left, about a cup out.

[00:14:03] >> Yes, sir.

[00:14:04][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:14:13] >> At the 12th, 97 yards for Scottie Scheffler.

[00:14:16] >> Frank, you said just one birdie here so far today. I think we're going to add to that total in this group. This from 97 yards. Oh, yes, sir.

[00:14:29] >> Bradley's birdie try at 11.

[00:14:31] >> This would be another incredible par.

[00:14:41] >> Yes. What a putt. He stays bogey free.

[00:14:47] >> Nice putt, buddy.

[00:14:50] >> Thanks.

[00:14:54] >> Yeah, chance for the second birdie at 12 today.

[00:14:58] >> He's got the longer putt of the two, but definitely much easier. Straight up the hill.

[00:15:02] >> Buries it.

[00:15:04][ Applause ]

[00:15:11] >>Viktor Hovland, birdie putt at the 12th.

[00:15:14] >> This is where strokes gain can be deceiving because this is a nasty 5-footer.

[00:15:18] >> Well, you nailed it, Colt. They both made birdie.

[00:15:20] >> Going to head to 16. This is Tom Kim.

[00:15:26] >> Uphill. Trying to fly back. Another player that's made a triple, was back at the 4th hole, and a friendly kick O's and one.

[00:15:42] >> Tom Kim moves to 6-under.

[00:15:48] >> Back to Morikawa.

[00:15:52] >> Get his lead all on his, Arron.

[00:15:56] >> This is a --

[00:16:03] >> OK. That one, he used it. Got it to drop.

[00:16:13] >> Scheffler now, birdie putt at 14.

[00:16:20] >> That goes in though.

[00:16:21] >> And there's Scottie Scheffler rolling the rock today.

[00:16:34] >> Viktor. Just over 15 feet. Moving a little bit to his right.

[00:16:41] >> Yeah.

[00:16:42] >> It's a tweet show all of a sudden.

[00:16:51] >> Now, Keegan for birdie. Could use one. Gets it.

[00:17:03] >> And Hovland has it figured out. What's he got, Colt?

[00:17:06] >> Just 121. And you mentioned 10 of 13 fairways. One of those miss was with an iron, and the other one was in the first cut with driver. So he's really only missed one fairway with the driver.

[00:17:15] >> Yeah. Leading the field at this point in strokes gained off the tee.

[00:17:19] >> That's sand wedge just covering it up.

[00:17:21] >> Right at it.

[00:17:33] >> This should break left.

[00:17:36] >> Looks like he knew what he was doing.

[00:17:37] >> Yes, he did.

[00:17:43] >> Just over 10 feet. Going to move a little to his left. Another great opportunity.

[00:17:49] >> Already 4-under on the back nine. And make that 5-under. If he birdies that 18th hole, he'll shoot 29 on the back.

[00:18:07] >> How about that start to the championship, Frank?

[00:18:10] >> Yeah, 61, 64 beats his best by five shots for 36 holes. Great plan.

[00:18:22] >> Hovland, 64, maintains his tie at the top with Collin Morikawa. Scheffler drops another shot off the lead and is 2-back. Round 3 is next.

[00:18:41] >> Hot and humid, all kinds of excitement though. Not being wilted at all by this summer heat as we have the final 30 qualifiers on hand here in Atlanta at historic East Lake, and vying for that season-long recognition as the absolute best to win the FedEx Cup. And it's a leaderboard meritorious. An event like this, when you look at that first page, just pick a name. You know the history. Morikawa and Hovland, they just started at number 1. Scheffler is in third alone starting the weekend.

[00:19:28] >> Rickie Fowler, well, let's go to him at 11.

[00:19:33] >> Down there in one of these very deep bunkers, front of the par 3. He wouldn't have been able to see that, but he certainly knows the result.

[00:19:42][ Applause ]

[00:19:47] >> Yeah, good chance for a birdie here for Keegan Bradley. Two wins this season.

[00:19:52] >> And finally starting to free it up, Frank.

[00:19:55][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:20:01] >> To the f4th.

[00:20:01] >> Here's Xander Schauffele.

[00:20:06] >> He hasn't missed a shot yet. Perfect drive. That's 9-iron, front right hole location. This is a peach.

[00:20:14] >> It's about 7 yards up the hill, but no problem for Xander.

[00:20:19] >> That's a birdie for Schauffele.

[00:20:22] >> Anything in this?

[00:20:25] >> I don't believe so. I think he's pretty much straight up the fall line from this angle.

[00:20:49] >> Xander ready to go.

[00:20:50] >> Sneaky long off the tee, Frank. Just 7-iron left here. Slightly helping breeze.

[00:20:56] >> Big 7-iron, 194 up steep slope.

[00:21:00] >> It is warm and the ball is traveling a long way.

[00:21:03] >> He got it clean too, Mark. Great shot. Chance for an eagle for Schauffele.

[00:21:07][ Applause ]

[00:21:12] >> Now, 10, man born and raised in Georgia, Russell Henley. Showing off at home.

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

[00:21:29] >> Over to 15.

[00:21:30] >> Tommy Fleetwood is 5-under for the day. Going to be careful here.

[00:21:37] >> Oh, yeah, you do. He made a birdie here yesterday, but from a different set of tees. This is fantastic from Fleetwood.

[00:21:46] >> Fleetwood would tap that in for birdie.

[00:21:48] >> Back to 6.

[00:21:50] >> Another chance for eagle. This time, it's Schauffele.

[00:22:01][ Applause ]

[00:22:04] >> Club face way open.

[00:22:06] >> And too far open. Cut underneath it.

[00:22:13] >> Morikawa would go on to make double. Now, Schauffele for birdie.

[00:22:21] >> Oh, yeah. Xander Schauffele, now 3-under for the day.

[00:22:25] >> Wyndham Clark at the 8th. Drove it in the fairway, second shot to here, playing alongside Rory McIlroy. And the 20-footer finds the bottom of the cup.

[00:22:46] >> The miss tends to be left. Where you're going uphill, you don't get to your left side quite as quickly.

[00:22:51] >> Can't go left here.

[00:22:52] >> You cannot.

[00:23:00] >> You can go right at it, though.

[00:23:02] >> We go up to the green.

[00:23:12] >> Yeah, really doing that much today. Hovland is starting to stretch the lead.

[00:23:21] >> Back at 7. Scottie coming up short from long range.

[00:23:29] >> And the scoreboard has him at 9 feet, 9 inches. So quite a ways short, but he definitely needs to see one go in.

[00:23:35] >> He's got to just try and free it up as much as he can. Just let it go. Stop trying to control the stroke.

[00:23:52] >> Here's the guy on top of the board. Hovland for birdie.

[00:23:55] >> This would have been a long one for him a week ago Sunday.

[00:23:59] >> Just the putt did not break before him. He plays it straight in the hole. Suddenly 4 in front.

[00:24:14] >> Now, Scheffler to save par at 8.

[00:24:21] >> He holds at 12-under.

[00:24:22] >> Eight-iron in his hand, 161 to the front, 169 to the hole. If he can hit his normal cut, he can bring it in from the left and let the ground to be a big help.

[00:24:39] >> Yeah, I don't think this is that hard a shot. Decent lie. Hole location, front right, middle of the green, little fade. All about the contact here.

[00:24:54] >> In the hole.

[00:24:56] >> It's got his attention.

[00:24:58] >> Beautifully played. Stays just up on top there. Will it feedback? Yes. Come on.

[00:25:02] >> What a golf shot this is.

[00:25:04] >> What a great shot.

[00:25:06] >> Hovland sending a message. You guys better get going if you want to keep up with me. And you were talking about the contact. Oh, yeah. Ball first.

[00:25:16] >> Number 1 off the tee. Number 2, tee to green. Number 5, fairways hit. Number 4 in driving distance. Every part of his game, Trevor, is firing on all eight cylinders.

[00:25:27] >> Now, Schauffele. A little bit of a break, perhaps, Mark, judging by the lie. I know there's trees in front.

[00:25:36] >> Well, you saw that sprinkler off to his right. Got relief from that. Now, clean lie. Just got to hoist it over those trees.

[00:25:43] >> No chance of getting it where the holes cut, though, back right.

[00:25:46] >> That's lob wedge. Decent contact.

[00:25:49] >> You were saying?

[00:25:49] >> I take it back.

[00:25:52] >> What a shot.

[00:25:55] >> You were saying?

[00:26:05] >> In the hole.

[00:26:06] >> Snapped at the end.

[00:26:09] >> It sure did.

[00:26:10] >> Back at 10.

[00:26:15] >> Saw the miracle, second shot of Xander. He piles that in. What a great 3.

[00:26:23][ Applause ]

[00:26:31] >> That's a gap wedge. Seven degrees cooler than when we suspended play.

[00:26:39] >> OK. Stays on the front.

[00:26:43] >> Up to the green.

[00:26:46] >> To make it a 5 shot lead.

[00:26:48] >> Has to be off the hole by a good cup.

[00:26:50] >> And good chances at 10 and 11. Didn't fall then. This one does.

[00:26:56] >> That's a dagger.

[00:27:02] >> Eighteen.

[00:27:02] >> And Lucas has this for birdie. And for a round of 1-under par-69. Oh, man. A little victory lap for the recent two-time winner.

[00:27:17][ Applause ]

[00:27:24] >> Now, if it's top of the hour here, it's actually 1:00 o'clock in the morning in Oslo. How's that watching that birdie machine?

[00:27:38] >> That's a good Sunday morning start.

[00:27:43] >> Here's in there, 20-under. Fifteen.

[00:27:50] >> And it's Keegan.

[00:27:52] >> Did not get the best visual from Scottie Scheffler. This a 5-iron on the way.

[00:27:56] >> And this could get the party started.

[00:28:00] >> Oh, you're not kidding. The second best shot of the day at the 15th, only bettered by Tommy Fleetwood.

[00:28:11] >> Hovland playing his third at 14.

[00:28:12] >> He had to really chop underneath that from very thick rough. Getting it on the surface would be good.

[00:28:30] >> Twelve feet here at 16 for Xander.

[00:28:33] >> Jon Rahm's likely to be an interested onlooker.

[00:28:36] >> Maybe a 2 shot swing. Cool.

[00:28:38] >> Big 3.

[00:28:40][ Applause ]

[00:28:47] >> Let's go to 15.

[00:28:49] >> Keegan for a third straight two on this demanding hole. Come on now.

[00:28:55] >> That's some stellar work.

[00:28:58][ Applause ]

[00:29:06] >> Fourteen.

[00:29:08] >> This guy's had no trouble at all with the putt over the last couple of weeks.

[00:29:12] >> Just banging those short ones in.

[00:29:15] >> We stay with the final pairing.

[00:29:17] >> Fifteen.

[00:29:18] >> All right, our leader by 5, looking for land.

[00:29:23] >> Six-iron on the way. I don't think he could knock this past the hole.

[00:29:27] >> How about the danger side?

[00:29:28] >> Whoa.

[00:29:29] >> My goodness.

[00:29:31] >> Getting better. Made a birdie here yesterday.

[00:29:37] >> Now, up at the green.

[00:29:40] >> We all grew up loving little twilight golf, didn't we, Dottie?

[00:29:44] >> Dad, we've got time for three more.

[00:29:46] >> Yeah, the best.

[00:29:47] >> Yeah.

[00:29:49] >> I think just a little right to left here, Dottie.

[00:29:51] >> Yes. And it is uphill. Ever -- Yeah, just a touch. Answer.

[00:30:02] >> It didn't take it long to get that shot back.

[00:30:04][ Applause ]

[00:30:09] >> Give away one at the 14th and right back with a two at the 15th.

[00:30:13] >> Yeah.

[00:30:16] >> At 18 for par.

[00:30:18] >> He would have loved to have gotten to 15.

[00:30:21] >> Exactly. A massive opportunity missed.

[00:30:24][ Applause ]

[00:30:33] >> Gorgeous shot of Downtown Atlanta, the capital city of State of Georgia.

[00:30:43] >> Now, in this fading light, can he put a good read on this? I guess this is a good time to be using aim point, Dottie.

[00:30:53] >> Stole my words.

[00:30:54] >> He doesn't need his eyes. He's using his feet.

[00:30:56] >> Yeah.

[00:31:04] >> This for a 7 shot lead.

[00:31:06] >> And it's from 7 feet.

[00:31:12] >> I can tell you, it's not as light out here as the shots you're seeing make it seem.

[00:31:27] >> Don't plan for much break.

[00:31:34] >> Damn. As good as this round has been, there have been other opportunities on this side.

[00:31:41] >> Last three holes.

[00:31:42] >> Ten and 11, 16, 17, and 18. This could have been another one of those crazy low back nine scores. It's going to match though. This goes in, it's going to match the largest 54-hole lead on the tour of this year.

[00:32:07] >> Six.

[00:32:08] >> It will be going into Sunday. And he'll go for win number 6 tomorrow.

[00:32:17] >> Impressive performance, though. And it started the day in a tie for the lead, now got this big cushion.

[00:32:25] >> One birdie round it is for Morikawa. Both he and Scheffler manage only one circle today. He shoots 73. They'll be out with Keegan in the next to last pairing. It'll be Hovland and Schauffele. Last out.

[00:32:53] >> Viktor Hovland keeps his hot play going with a 66, and now a 6 shot lead. Can he hold off the field for the Tour Championship? The final round is next.

[00:33:06] >> Impossible. It's a word we hear too often. A word that stops us from pushing ourselves to the limit and chasing greatness.

[00:33:26] >> The moment just got bigger.

[00:33:29] >> Are you serious?

[00:33:30] >> But not them.

[00:33:30] >> That's a big one.

[00:33:30] >> Because impossible is what they play for.

[00:33:40] >> And it's the final day here in steamy Atlanta. The heat index, over 100. However, that's not the headline here. It's all about Viktor Hovland trying to hunt down this end of the season event that rewards those who've had stellar play all throughout the season. To get to Atlanta, the Tour went through 44 regular tour events, two playoff events, and now, only the Top 30 made it here to the Tour Championship. And Viktor Hovland has this 54-hole lead of 6, in pursuit of career win number 6. And trying to go back to back after his victory last Sunday at Olympia Fields.

[00:34:38] >> Now, in the first tee from Oslo, Norway, please welcome Viktor Hovland.

[00:34:43][ Applause ]

[00:34:49] >> Well, these two have been grouped together the last two years .on Thursday and Friday of the Masters. And most recently, they drew one another's company in the opening rounds of the US Open.

[00:35:05] >> At Course LA Country Club, where Xander shot an opening round 62. Viktor was an eyewitness to that.

[00:35:14] >> This first top playing is the hardest hole on the golf course right now.

[00:35:20] >> So much because it's a fairway that's hard to find.

[00:35:27] >> He found it, and a lot of other fairways yesterday, gentlemen. And that would be one to start the day.

[00:35:41] >> Let's go to the 4th. Schenk already 3-under through his first three.

[00:35:46] >> Can he keep it going here?

[00:35:51] >> Why not? Why not?

[00:35:53] >> There he is.

[00:35:54][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:36:01] >> Here's his second at the first.

[00:36:03] >> Twenty yards closer for Viktor. Pitching wedge plays 8 yards uphill, 142 covers that bunker.

[00:36:11] >> Yeah.

[00:36:13] >> He played it off that right side. Didn't get the generous hop like Xander did.

[00:36:18] >> Now, up at the green.

[00:36:26] >> And a length of putt that he has been phenomenal with over the last two weeks.

[00:36:36] >> Get in.

[00:36:37] >> Get in. Yeah.

[00:36:39] >> Well, dead center, Viktor Hovland, no letting up.

[00:36:53] >> Somebody's phone going off there at the first green, but no bother for Xander. He has the answer.

[00:37:00] >> Great job, Hov. Come on, brother.

[00:37:02] >> After a weather delay, we pick up Hovland on the green at 2.

[00:37:09] >> As we restart, the temperature has fallen 7 degrees.

[00:37:13] >> Putting green, we watched him five or six times. He missed on the high side every time. Here he is for par. We're back in action.

[00:37:22] >> Oh, man. Unwavering.

[00:37:26] >> Wow.

[00:37:27] >> In everything he does.

[00:37:28] >> Schauffele's second at the 3rd.

[00:37:40] >> Down.

[00:37:41] >> That'll lead to birdie.

[00:37:48] >> Russell Henley at the par-3.

[00:37:51] >> Come on, now. Another hole out for Russell Henley. Holed out at 10 yesterday. A couple of times last week I think I remember it.

[00:38:31] >> And Schauffele to get to 16-under.

[00:38:33] >> Can he creep one closer?

[00:38:34] >> He certainly can, Colt.

[00:38:41] >> We stay with the final group.

[00:38:52] >> It's what we're talking about.

[00:38:54][ Applause ]

[00:39:01] >> We're back at the 4th, Schauffele.

[00:39:06] >> And what a start for him, Trev. Has not missed a shot. But has only picked up one shot on Viktor Hovland. This is a good look moving to his left.

[00:39:17] >> And Hovland's in there close.

[00:39:19] >> Oh, yes.

[00:39:21] >> Back to back.

[00:39:22][ Applause ]

[00:39:33] >> This for birdie.

[00:39:35] >> Going left with the general slope.

[00:39:38] >> Gives up nothing. Doesn't give an inch.

[00:39:43] >> Viktor Hovland, he's 24-under with a birdie here.

[00:39:50] >> Much straighter putt. Better putt too from Jon Rahm.

[00:40:05] >> He needs to keep this ball in the air at least 118 with some spin control.

[00:40:11] >> Yeah, buddy.

[00:40:13] >> He has driven the ball like a machine leads accuracy.

[00:40:18] >> Another great shot in here.

[00:40:20][ Applause ]

[00:40:25] >> And back to 5.

[00:40:27] >> His first 4 on the card.

[00:40:29][ Applause ]

[00:40:40] >> Got to go a touch right.

[00:40:44] >> This to move to 3-under 35.

[00:40:46] >> Once again, that lie just tracking to the hole. Beautifully struck putt.

[00:41:04] >> As I said --

[00:41:05] >> Wow.

[00:41:05] >> -- it's hard to watch.

[00:41:12] >> Now, Hovland for birdie at 6.

[00:41:15] >> Few from this side here. Some have overread it. Well, didn't go in the middle. Still went in. What a great start.

[00:41:31] >> We pick up the final group at 11. Hovland with a 5 stroke lead.

[00:41:36] >> And Iain, I would say normally, you should probably not go at this whole location. But considering he's 5-back and 5 ahead of third, I think he's got to go at everything coming in.

[00:41:45] >> Yeah, I'd look for 10 to 15 feet long left. You don't want to miss right here.

[00:41:55] >> Going the other way with the ball flight this time.

[00:41:58] >> There is a slope over there he can use.

[00:41:59] >> And once again, that will be treacherous. You can see how this ball is feeding gradually down. That's just how severe the slope is here at 11.

[00:42:17] >> Should be able to work it off the tower toward the flag without big risk.

[00:42:21] >> What a shot for Hovland.

[00:42:24] >> With stand, a little firmer. So got a chance from here.

[00:42:38] >> If he hits it solid, this lie should help him generate a ton of spin.

[00:42:42] >> Comes out for solid.

[00:42:44] >> Clark would make birdie.

[00:42:49] >> Back down towards the clubhouse. That water not really in play. Eighteen feet for birdie for Xander.

[00:43:00] >> And Iain, after Viktor threw that dart here at 11, Xander and his caddie Austin walked by and just shook their head smiling. That'll make them smile.

[00:43:09] >> What a putt. They both missed short ones at 10.

[00:43:30] >> Wow.

[00:43:30] >> Wow, another near miss there. Just on the top edge. Same as back at 10.

[00:43:39] >> Schauffele, 6-under for the day. Viktor, 4-under for the round. So it's narrowed.

[00:43:46] >> Think he can go ahead and give this a full rip with a pitching wedge?

[00:43:52] >> Oh, yeah, he will be taking dead aim right here.

[00:44:04] >> Just left of it, Trevor.

[00:44:05] >> Not by much. Straight up the hill. Birdie look coming up.

[00:44:10] >> It may come back a little bit.

[00:44:12] >> Yeah.

[00:44:16] >> We're back at 12. Viktor first. They've both got birdie. Good birdie chances.

[00:44:23] >> Yeah. This should move to the left off the sideboard.

[00:44:31] >> Chance for it to be only 3 now.

[00:44:35] >> I feel the air getting a little thinner out here, Trevor.

[00:44:39] >> I'm sure you do.

[00:44:45] >> Beautiful. Just beautiful.

[00:44:46] >> So you're saying there's a chance?

[00:44:56] >> Birdie chance now up the hill for Wyndham Clark.

[00:45:01] >> That McIlroy birdie means he only has a 1 shot cushion over 4th.

[00:45:13] >> That helps.

[00:45:15] >> We move to the 14th, where Hovland is playing his third.

[00:45:19] >> In the past, he'd struggle with this shot.

[00:45:21] >> Oh my gosh, yes.

[00:45:22] >> It's like there's a little grain into him too.

[00:45:24] >> There should be. Yes.

[00:45:27] >> Last bogey he made was at this hole yesterday.

[00:45:29] >> It was a little chunky there, Iain.

[00:45:35] >> And back to 14.

[00:45:38] >> So much can happen on these closing holes. We're seeing that, aren't we, with double bogeys and putts for eagles?

[00:45:45] >> It's getting very interesting out here, Iain. And nothing wrong with par here at 14 today.

[00:45:51] >> Yeah, it's a par 4.5, so he'll be happy with 4.

[00:45:58] >> Well, if he makes this putt, Iain, it will be the longest putt he's made all week. It's got some left in it. It's got some uphill in it.

[00:46:05] >> Yeah, it's a tough one. Only two bogeys all week.

[00:46:12] >> Sure isn't changing his routine any. Good on that?

[00:46:25] >> What a putt for Hovland. Talk about match play. That was awesome.

[00:46:32] >> And you feel like things might be slipping the other way. Look at this putt right here. And a huge fist pump.

[00:46:40] >> That was bigger than the putt for par at 9. He gave a little fist pump at that one.

[00:46:47] >> That was huge.

[00:46:55] >> We're at 15 now.

[00:47:01] >> Viktor can channel a little bit of long distance success again. Look at how much break this has.

[00:47:09] >> Does it have the speed?

[00:47:12] >> That's a beautiful putt.

[00:47:17] >> After Hovland tapped in for par, this is Schauffele for birdie.

[00:47:35] >> Agree with you, Trevor. I don't think he was ever comfortable exactly what that was going to do.

[00:47:41] >> All the other putts with all the great birdie he's made today, he just would step up and look like there was no chance it's missing.

[00:47:56] >> But that one does. Still had an amazing season.

[00:48:00] >> It's the same club for Viktor, Frank. One-fifty-five covers the shoulder. One-fifty-seven total, up 8.

[00:48:18] >> There's a lot of sunlight in Norway this time of the year. We had no problem looking into a great shot.

[00:48:31] >> Schauffele for birdie at 16.

[00:48:41] >> Oh my goodness, Frank, right in the heart.

[00:48:46] >> Two more rolls.

[00:48:54] >> You can start the engraving if this goes in.

[00:49:09][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:49:23] >> And Wyndham Clark with a round of 65. He was 9 better than John today.

[00:49:30][ Applause ]

[00:49:38] >> One-twenty-two front, 129. Everything from the right half of the screen feeds toward the hole.

[00:49:47] >> And an absolutely delightful shot there for Hovland.

[00:49:52][ Applause ]

[00:49:58] >> And now, Xander for his birdie.

[00:50:03] >> Iain, at the end of the day, he's done everything he's needed to do.

[00:50:18] >> It's a journey. It's a lifelong journey. And Viktor's just getting started.

[00:50:29] >> Pure.

[00:50:29] >> It's in the hole.

[00:50:32] >> Another pure role for Hovland.

[00:50:34][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:50:41] >> We'll move to the final hole, Hovland playing his second with a 5 shot lead.

[00:50:49] >> Here comes Hovland, Dottie.

[00:50:50] >> That is a very high 5-iron. These boys never took their mind off the shot. We're talking about it the whole time. Schauffele was over his shot.

[00:50:59] >> Yup, and it's fed down into the bottom of the bunker. No problems there.

[00:51:08] >> Dottie, the shot for Viktor.

[00:51:09] >> Should come out a little bit low and chasing. Got a feeling he's going to put a nice little bit of whipped cream on this.

[00:51:21] >> Yeah.

[00:51:21] >> Beautiful.

[00:51:24] >> He'll have that putt for 63. Xander has his putt for 62. Oh, yeah. Put on a show, you might as well finish it with an exclamation point.

[00:51:44] >> Ties his low round of the season.

[00:52:01] >> He's the season-long victor.

[00:52:05][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:52:33] >> This concludes the PGA Tours coverage of the 2023 Tour Championship from East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta, Georgia.