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[00:00:20] >> He's the season-long victor.

[00:00:24] >> Even with a FedEx Cup champion crowned, there's plenty to play for this fall, a PGA tour card. This week, we're in wine country, a place just as rich in golf history as its grapevines.

[00:00:37] >> First one to 15-under in the clubhouse. This one's for Mac.

[00:00:43] >> I am not sure that I believe what I just saw here.

[00:00:49] >> Back to back wins at Silverado for Max Homa.

[00:00:55] >> Whose story will age like a fine wine in Napa. Find out in the Fortinet Championship.

[00:01:12] >> The PGA Tour proudly presents the FedEx Cup fall. Now, coverage of the 2023 Fortinet Championship.

[00:01:25] >> Tenth year here at Silverado Resort, beautiful area of California. Just about 50 miles from San Francisco, 60 miles from Sacramento, the rolling hills of California wine country in Napa Valley. Beautiful layout here. Beautiful day, too. Blue skies, sunshine, temperatures maybe into the low 80s. So, the FedEx Cup Fall gets underway here at Silverado. Some of the highlights from earlier today. S.H. Kim, the 24-year-old from South Korea, this is 2nd at 14, Smylie.

[00:02:01] >> Yeah. This pin is just on that front right part of the green, spinning it back off of that slope and giving it a chance.

[00:02:09] >> And does. Eagle to get it to 6-under. You got 3-par fives coming in a reroute. We'll talk about that this year. The old 11 par 3 is now 17.

[00:02:19] >> Yeah. This is a tough hole location. You saw this putt. It went left and then back to the right. When you got it going, putts like that fall in.

[00:02:28] >> Really good day for S.H. Kim, but not as good as Lucas Herbert. Had it to 4-under at this point. Went out in 2-under birdie's at 10, 12. This on the way at 13.

[00:02:38] >> Yeah. This pin's a pretty easy hole location if you can find the fairway as Lucas did. That's a kick in.

[00:02:44] >> And just really got hot at this part on the back nine. This had 14.

[00:02:50] >> Putter got hot. The last 10 holes, all one putts.

[00:02:55] >> So 12, 13, 14, made birdies at 15, 16. This at 17 to get it to 9-under.

[00:03:02] >> Yeah, another opportunity. A very difficult putt to make. And he read this absolutely perfectly.

[00:03:08] >> Nine-under 63 for the man who won in Bermuda, has one win on the PGA Tour. How about Justin Thomas now the start parched until he got to the 6th?

[00:03:17] >> Yeah, simple round so far to start. But this was the one that got him going right from the get go on 6.

[00:03:23] >> Par at 7. Had another chance at the 8th to get it to 2-under.

[00:03:27] >> Yeah. This is your classic feeder, right to left putt, exactly where you want to be putting from.

[00:03:33] >> Get in, get in.

[00:03:35] >> Yeah.

[00:03:37] >> Seventy-first in the FedEx Cup race. Just missed the playoffs, as you know, and will play in the Ryder Cup at the Captain's Pick. So this at 9. Saw that play from just off the green. Couldn't make the putt. So it'll drop a shot there At the 9th, 1-under.

[00:03:53] >> So here's what's possible on that finishing stretch. Kramer Hickok this at 15 is third, the par 5.

[00:04:03] >> I'm sensing something.

[00:04:05][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:04:12] >> One of the major champions in the field this week, Geoff Ogilvy.

[00:04:15] >> Like 200 yards today here at the 11th. Pin up top on that left side, and it is so hard to get it up there.

[00:04:26] >> Ogilvy would make par.

[00:04:29] >> Now, we're here at 17 with Kevin Streelman.

[00:04:34] >> It's hard to even find the golf ball hidden between the shadows here off the green.

[00:04:38] >> And now, it just hides permanently. Goes down for a birdie two for Kevin.

[00:04:44] >> Sixteen par 4, Zac Blair. Started his day at the 10th just to get it to 5-under. Greens rolling just about twelve on the Stimpmeter.

[00:05:00] >> And pure. How about that run since the 12th?

[00:05:02] >> All right. Back over at 8. Vince Whaley, the 28-year-old out of Georgia Tech, his second from 138.

[00:05:11] >> Hole location tucked on that left side. You cannot miss left of this whole location.

[00:05:17] >> He didn't.

[00:05:19] >> Fourth year out on tour. Oh, nearly.

[00:05:22] >> Whaley would make birdie.

[00:05:25] >> This is Ben Taylor at the 3rd just off the green.

[00:05:29] >> My college teammate at LSU.

[00:05:33] >> Go Tigers.

[00:05:34] >> I saw him do this a lot. He makes a lot of putts.

[00:05:40] >> He can roll that golf ball.

[00:05:45] >> Bring it back out to Sahith Theegala.

[00:05:48] >> Squarely in the fairway, Roger.

[00:05:50] >> Yeah, aggressive play off the tees. Left him just 63 yards to the hole. There is a little bit of a backstop behind the hole that can help contain it. That's pretty well done.

[00:06:00] >> Yes, it was. It was a birdie upcoming for Sahith Theegala in his home state of California.

[00:06:08] >> Theegala would make birdie. Thomas first to go here at 14.

[00:06:13] >> Got to be very careful with your spin here. If you spin it off the front of this green, it's going to go for a while. He slided the ball down. Good looking here. This should catch. Yeah, beautiful.

[00:06:29] >> J.T. would make birdie.

[00:06:38] >> Theegala, he is in, and he's also in at 13.

[00:06:46] >> Mackenzie Hughes for birdie.

[00:06:55] >> And he moves to 1-under.

[00:06:57] >> Theegala now in the fairway with his second at 14.

[00:07:09] >> It's up a little bit higher. And it should spin.

[00:07:15] >> Oh, yeah. It'll be a touchy putt behind that hole, but very well judged.

[00:07:21] >> Theegala would make birdie from there. Harry Higgs for birdie now. He takes it to 3-under. Theegala now to move to 3-under par.

[00:07:52] >> Looking for four in a row.

[00:07:54] >> Confidently down there.

[00:07:56] >> There you go.

[00:07:58] >> What a run, 11, 12, 13, 14, Sahith Theegala.

[00:08:02] >> That gallery out there aloud this afternoon here in the opening round for him. Nick Hardy for his par. And he'll remain 1-over par.

[00:08:29] >> Now, for the bunker, Akshay.

[00:08:31] >> Yeah. Nice. Nice, nice, nice.

[00:08:34] >> Yeah.

[00:08:35][ Applause ]

[00:08:41] >> Here at 5.

[00:08:42] >> Five-under on the round. Opportunity to get it to 6, uphill left to right.

[00:08:54] >> OK. Pours in another one.

[00:09:01] >> Yeah. The in part of the up and in from the bunker for Akshay, Roger.

[00:09:04] >> Yeah, just inside the right. Perfect.

[00:09:06] >> Looks like he's starting to get a little bit more comfortable with that new broomstick. First time in his bag here this week.

[00:09:17] >> Here Harry Hall underneath that Hogan hat.

[00:09:20] >> A little to the left,

[00:09:23] >> It's a lot of H's there, by the way.

[00:09:26] >> Oh, boy, did he do it?

[00:09:29] >> Sixty-six for Harry Hall.

[00:09:30] >> Man, that is a strong finish. Nine is not playing easy. Austin Cook trying to finish with a birdie. Par 5 to finish, second easiest hole on the golf course today.

[00:09:45] >> There you go. Forty-fifth birdie we've seen at the 18th.

[00:09:57] >> Theegala for birdie.

[00:10:01] >> Sahith with now five birdies over six hole stretch.

[00:10:07] >> Chez Reavie for birdie at the 8th.

[00:10:13] >> We've seen so many people make putts on this hole. And there's another.

[00:10:19] >> Twenty-eight birdies at the 8th hole today.

[00:10:24] >> At the 8th, the second for Richy Werenski at 1-over.

[00:10:31] >> Typically only plays a draw. Loves the right to left. So this front left hole location should look good to his eye.

[00:10:38] >> This looks really good to his eye.

[00:10:40] >> This looks great.

[00:10:42] >> Nice.

[00:10:44] >> This looks perfect. Werenski.

[00:10:50] >> Eric Cole standing over this birdie putt at the 15th.

[00:10:57] >> There you go.

[00:10:58] >> Yup. Manage the par 3s and 4s, take advantage of the par 5s. It's a great recipe here.

[00:11:06] >> Sixteen, Doug Ghim looking at a birdie try.

[00:11:13] >> So he's number 118.

[00:11:14] >> Good putt.

[00:11:16] >> Going to make a move a little bit with that, but right in that range where you really got to work hard to stay in the Top 125, earn your card for next year.

[00:11:28] >> Lucas Herbert opens with 63, a two shot lead for the Australian looking for win number 2 of his career. The second round is next.

[00:11:45] >> The North Course, which has been around since the 1950s. Miller Mansion here has been around since about 1870, waiting for the concerts tonight and tomorrow night. But golf is first. This, of course, a different format for the fall now. The FedEx Cup Fall with the Top 50, they're all good. They're into the signature events. If you made the playoffs, Top 70, you're exempt into full field events and the Players in 2024. A lot of players here, though, right on that bubble trying to get into the next 10. Fifty-one to 60 getting the signature events, AT&T, Pebble Beach, and the Genesis, and of course, just trying to earn your card. Those outside the Top 100 trying to stay right there, maybe make a move into the Top 125. Terry Gannon, Kaufman, Woody, some of the highlights earlier today. Justin Thomas here, solid round, 3-under. Started on the back nine first.

[00:12:34] >> Yeah. And this is 17 here. This is a difficult hole location. And he went right at it.

[00:12:40] >> Make that to get it to 4-under, went out in 2-under 35. Made the turn eventually. This for birdie at the 8th. Get the putter hot late.

[00:12:47] >> Yeah. He pushed this drive way up there. He used that longer driver today. Gave himself an opportunity today and he took advantage of it.

[00:12:53] >> You like what you've seen from him the last day and a half.

[00:12:55] >> Absolutely. He looks really good. He hit some balls after the round. Wasn't happy with the way he was hitting his driver. But today, he only missed one green.

[00:13:01] >> Sixty-seven today, J.T.'s got it to 8-under two weeks out from the Ryder Cup. Sahith Theegala, we watched him yesterday. Also started on the back, 3-under 34 going out. And then, this lengthy one at the 2nd.

[00:13:14] >> He only have less than 10 birdies on this hole today. Made 119 feet of putts in the second round.

[00:13:20] >> Looking for first win out here in the PGA Tour from the bunker is third at the par 5.

[00:13:24] >> This guy's a magician around the greens.

[00:13:31] >> Guess so.

[00:13:31] >> Large boisterous gallery as well following him from 101. Bit of trouble at 6.

[00:13:37] >> Yeah.

[00:13:37] >> For a moment.

[00:13:38] >> It's just a hole later from a magician from the woods as well. This is a tight little hole location back here. He made it look easy.

[00:13:44] >> It's a great shot. Man, tap in to get it to 11-under par. And then, the finish up, his final hole was the 9th. This to get it to 12-under.

[00:13:56] >> Yeah, strokes gain around the greens first, and putting as well, he was third. So he's definitely really sharp around the greens this week.

[00:14:03] >> Sixty-eight, 64 first two days. He's got the lead. This afternoon, we're going to watch the two-time defending champ, he loves it here, Max Homa.

[00:14:11] >> You can see those eyes going up and down the flagstick.

[00:14:17] >> So birdie there after birdie at 3, got it to 4-under. Closed out the opening nine holes from 124 tonight.

[00:14:26] >> Yeah. Right in the middle of the fairway. This hole is cut very close to the left side of this green. Tried to turn one in there. Will only usually hit the fade, but right there, a little draw right in front of the hole.

[00:14:40] >> Martin Laird on the tee here at the par-3 17th. Used to be the 11th hole.

[00:14:46] >> That's from 181, Terry, 174 covers, and absolutely gorgeous looking.

[00:14:53] >> Right at it. Beauty. Arron Oberholser out there with those three today, Martin Laird, Andrew Landry, and Lucas Herbert, who had the overnight lead. Played great yesterday. See if he can back it up today. Theegala did, 64 after his 68 yesterday. Eric Cole, obviously great year. And 66, he's just two off the lead.

[00:15:18] >> Kim now.

[00:15:30] >> OK.

[00:15:31][ Applause ]

[00:15:38] >> Herbert made the turn. He was in the bunker, remember, at 18, and now, in the bunker at 1.

[00:15:46] >> And this hole location is cut on that right side. His ball striking really wasn't that great yesterday. Had 22 putts, which is a career low.

[00:15:58] >> Yeah, great shot.

[00:15:59] >> Yeah, well done.

[00:15:59] >> Yeah. He took a pretty big swing at that. That was a great sound.

[00:16:10] >> It's just hard and two to get the ball on the green to keep it there, Smylie.

[00:16:14] >> Especially how firm this place can get.

[00:16:29] >> Great putt. Well read. Good looking stroke.

[00:16:37] >> Max Homa.

[00:16:38] >> Yup.

[00:16:40] >> This will be a low checker. I think they should land short of the hole and kind of sneak up on it.

[00:16:48] >> Roger, do you think he's thinking about that chunk he had on 10 from a similar distance?

[00:16:52] >> Well, I don't think so. I hope not.

[00:16:55] >> Didn't look -- like it any more.

[00:17:02] >> Forget those.

[00:17:03] >> Now, up to the green.

[00:17:13] >> OK. First one to go there, one for one.

[00:17:20] >> Yeah. Ideal leave underneath the hole, putting uphill add it, slight right to left. Perfect.

[00:17:30] >> Make it look easy, Smylie.

[00:17:31] >> Absolutely.

[00:17:32] >> Fred Biondi, the amateur NCAA Division 1 Champ, Individual and Team Champ, University of Florida. Turned pro in May, played some Korn Ferry Tour events. First one as pro here on the PGA Tour. Excellent shot there.

[00:17:52] >> Max Homa at 14. It does play uphill, about 9 yards. So it'll play longer than its distance. A little bit of breeze off the right. I don't think it's hurting the players at all.

[00:18:22] >> It's funny, yesterday's round, Max Homa couldn't get anything going as far as breaks. And today's, back to back good breaks. Let's see if he takes advantage of it.

[00:18:34] >> That's wonderful.

[00:18:37] >> Gorgeous. Kelly Kraft from in front of the green at 12.

[00:18:48] >> Had a great round yesterday, shooting 66. Bit of an up and over putt. It can get fast.

[00:18:55] >> Wow.

[00:19:00] >> Well, I can tell you, if it starts to lightning out of a clear blue sky, I'm standing right next to Homa, because it won't --

[00:19:07] >> Exactly. Exactly.

[00:19:08] >> These are going his way. This one should slide a little to his right.

[00:19:20] >> Nothing to it.

[00:19:21] >> Wow.

[00:19:22] >> Always looked like a 3.

[00:19:25] >> Three-time champ, baby. Let's go. Kevin Yu, the 25-year-old out of Arizona State. And from Taiwan, competes for Chinese Taipei. Did he read it right? Did he get it there?

[00:19:54] >> Yeah, both. Hold that putter.

[00:20:02] >> Martin Laird now on the tee at 7. We heard a fancy.

[00:20:12] >> Laird would make birdie from there.

[00:20:17] >> Patton Kizzire coming off bogey at the 5th.

[00:20:19] >> Yeah, it was a tough three putt for Patton. Got a good angle here to this back left hole location. And this is on a nice line.

[00:20:28] >> Coming out of the rough. He can really scoot something back there. Oh, man.

[00:20:33] >> Hello.

[00:20:35] >> Brilliant.

[00:20:36] >> Back down to 17.

[00:20:42] >> Beautiful look across that lake, Roger, onto the ground, where you are. And Max Homa has a birdie putt upcoming.

[00:20:48] >> Has to come up upslope here, will cross a ridge.

[00:20:53] >> Is it going to get there?

[00:20:57] >> Yes, it will.

[00:20:58] >> It does. What a putt. Max Homa has done some spectacular things today.

[00:21:07][ Applause ]

[00:21:12] >> The 6th, S.H. Kim, his second.

[00:21:16] >> And if you don't think it, he has it on a string right now.

[00:21:21] >> Oh, look at this.

[00:21:25] >> Both players would tap in for birdie.

[00:21:31] >> Kevin Kisner is grinding to make his way to the weekend. Here he is at 17.

[00:21:36] >> Look at that.

[00:21:39] >> Well, that'll help. Well, you talked about his mentality. Get back to that bulldog that we know that he is.

[00:21:50] >> I'll tell you what, this would be a heck of a par. I mean, he was in jail over there to the right.

[00:22:02] >> Oh, what a confident stroke that was.

[00:22:04] >> Take you back out to the play at nine.

[00:22:09] >> You mentioned the weekend, Terry. Andrew Landry, big spot here. Needs it. And gets it.

[00:22:20] >> Look at that.

[00:22:21] >> How's that?

[00:22:23] >> Card of a champion.

[00:22:24] >> Never give up.

[00:22:25] >> Card of a champion.

[00:22:26] >> Never.

[00:22:26] >> Those aren't easy holes either.

[00:22:29] >> Theegala, 64, powers him into a tie for the lead with S.H. Kim. Rookie Eric Cole is just two shots back heading into Round 3.

[00:22:48] >> Right in the middle of wine country, beautiful part of Northern California, Silverado Resort, the North Course, which has been around since the mid-1950s. PGA Tour played here for many years, and then returned in 2014. So this is the 10th time that the Fortinet Championship is being held right here. Why not make your way out to the golf course today? Beautiful day, and more people out here over the weekend than we've seen so far. And it does kick off the FedEx Cup Fall. New format this year. If you haven't been watching, Top 50, they've already earned their place for next year for 2024, all the signature events. If you made the playoffs this year, you get into all the full field events in the Players next season. For those playing right now, 51 to 60, that's the next 10, you'll get into those signature events, AT&T, Pebble Beach, and the Genesis Invitational. Take you back, check out some of the highlights. And this is how the day started. At the 2md hole, the par 3, Thomas, who got it to 8-under for the weekend.

[00:23:50] >> You can see how high he just hit that iron way up into the air to this front right hole location, fading it just perfectly.

[00:23:56] >> Sixty0nine, 67 first two days for J.T. So, Max Homa, though, the story early on. Started with a birdie at 1. This is approach at the 4th.

[00:24:08] >> Yeah, through the first seven holes, he hit four shots inside of 10 feet. Just continues to give himself opportunities to make birdies out here.

[00:24:16] >> Make that to get it to double figures, 10-under par. But that was just the start.

[00:24:21] >> At four straight, and this one at the 5th. Par 5, his third from the bunker.

[00:24:26] >> A little short sighted on the upslope. Just perfect technique. Keeps it underneath the hole for an easy birdie.

[00:24:34] >> Just come to expect it if you're in the gallery out here watching him play this golf course looking for his seventh win overall. Looking here to get it to 12-under.

[00:24:42] >> Yeah. For the most part, he's been splitting the fairways. Not the best wedge shot, but able to take advantage with that putt.

[00:24:48] >> And just feeling it right now.

[00:24:50] >> How about Justin Thomas though? This to get it to 11.

[00:24:54] >> Pretty much from that exact same angle. Not playing with Max today, but great read by J.T.

[00:25:01] >> So that's where Thomas stands at 11-under. But the leader right now, S.H. Kim, who's played great, could have been even better yesterday.

[00:25:07] >> Absolutely. Just struggled a little bit with the speed of the greens. That's a nice putt there for him at 5. Takes the outright lead.

[00:25:14] >> Twenty-four-year old from South Korea, the rookie out here on the PGA Tour looking to break through with a victory. And right now, it's got up to 13-under, Homa there. Sahith Theegala at 12-under, shared the lead overnight with S.H. Kim.

[00:25:33] >> Matt Kuchar has put himself in the mix. Take a look at where he's aiming here, Smylie. Way to the right.

[00:25:38] >> We saw him do this a couple of times yesterday and was able to make these putts. No way.

[00:25:46][ Applause ]

[00:25:52] >> Sam Ryder at 8-under from 149. So we just checked that 51st through 60. He's 62. So he's right outside the bubble there.

[00:26:03] >> Pin all the way in the back.

[00:26:06][ Applause ]

[00:26:12] >> Still showing a little to right now. Awesome.

[00:26:17] >> The hole measures a little over 400 yards. He went off the tee with an iron and has just 110 left. Little downwind. But again, a small area back there. You got to be precise with your distance here to get it close.

[00:26:32] >> Rodge, how much wind is up today?

[00:26:33] >> There's a little bit more today. I'd say 10 to 15, somewhere in there.

[00:26:40] >> That's challenging with how small this little area can be.

[00:26:45] >> This borderline is on a sucker pin.

[00:26:48] >> I've seen a lot of bad things happen. Players trying to get it close here, but you can do it.

[00:26:52] >> I think he was --

[00:26:54] >> Utilizing a little slope there. That'll work.

[00:26:57] >> Spun out of the rough.

[00:26:59] >> That sure did. Took that one hop in the ,rough came back. Cam Davis now. Trying to match it. One of six players who are inside the Top 50 in the FedEx Cup race. So then, nothing to worry about. Status secured. Oh, he did match it.

[00:27:21][ Applause ]

[00:27:31] >> On the go. Kim from the bunker at 8.

[00:27:35] >> Beautiful.

[00:27:35] >> How good was that technique?

[00:27:41] >> Theegala now.

[00:27:42] >> Little uphiller here from about 8, 9 feet. Should break left. No problems.

[00:27:48][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:27:55] >> Thomas, 250.

[00:27:57] >> He's got that 5-wood out. Anytime, you can tell he's got that white shaft. You're able to tell that looks like he's setting up for a cut. So good with this club.

[00:28:26] >> Yes.

[00:28:27] >> Oh, yeah,

[00:28:28] >> Does get there on the surface at the par-5 12th.

[00:28:31] >> He's got to be thinking about making this one, Terry. Just short of the green. Nothing to worry about. Just landed about a foot on.

[00:28:44] >> Oh, nearly. You almost called it, Smylie.

[00:28:48] >> Man.

[00:28:55] >> All right.

[00:28:57] >> Back at 15. Let's check in on Callum Tarren now, just short of the green of this par 5.

[00:29:16] >> That one races home. His fifth birdie of the day, and Callum has suddenly thrust himself to just 1-back.

[00:29:22][ Applause ] Now, let's see what kind of touch the 45-year-old has, Smylie.

[00:29:30] >> Does he fly it on the green or try to bump it into the hill?

[00:29:36] >> Kuchar. Now, Sahith Theegala just inside that red line, Roger.

[00:29:49] >> Yeah. He just avoided the penalty area, but now has 110 yards. Has an overhanging oak tree yet. There is an opening between the right green side bunker and the one immediately in front of the green. He's going to have to try to hit it low and bounce it through that.

[00:30:04] >> And trying to play a little --

[00:30:05] >> Now, he's done just that. I'm telling you what. That is brilliant.

[00:30:11] >> Now, up to the green.

[00:30:23] >> Left hand break. Yes, sir.

[00:30:27][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:30:38] >> Justin Thomas in the bunker at 15, Arron.

[00:30:41] >> Great lie in the bunker here.

[00:30:49] >> And he jars it from the bunker. So Justin Thomas, a little low five for bones, races up to 14-under par. Eric Cole is within one. Here he is sitting on the green at 15. Trying to grab a share of the lead.

[00:31:08] >> After that bad break hitting off the backside of that bunker. So smooth.

[00:31:16][ Applause ]

[00:31:21] >> This is Sahith Theegala.

[00:31:24] >> And he's going to have to play some kind of flop shot. But Smylie got it right, on a bit of an upslope and got grass under the ball. So he can do it. Landed a little harder than he wanted though, and it's going to get on by at 5 feet.

[00:31:35][ Applause ]

[00:31:51] >> Nice butt.

[00:31:51] >> It's birdie number 4 today for Theegala. And he is at 16-under par, leading away by one shot.

[00:32:04] >> Seventeenth tee with S.H. Kim.

[00:32:20] >> Oh, that's good.

[00:32:22] >> Oh, man.

[00:32:29] >> Back here. Lots of green to work with. This is a perfect little like 8-iron or 7-iron play if you feel very comfortable with it, which it looks like Justin's got something with a little less loft. So this is going to be almost like a putting stroke. Just get it on the green and get it rolling like a putt.

[00:32:57] >> Sensational.

[00:33:00] >> Thomas finishes his round with a birdie.

[00:33:06] >> Sahith Theegala already has that one shot lead, and now he's trying for his fourth birdie on his backside.

[00:33:11] >> Yeah, got a little unlucky. It just landed short of the green and killed its forward momentum. This one uphill now. Yes, indeed.

[00:33:20] >> Yup, 17-under par now for Theegala, who stretches his lead out to two.

[00:33:28] >> This putting performance he's put on has been remarkable.

[00:33:31] >> After watching Sahith make that birdie putt, he's 3-back. He knows he needs to make this the play. Keep up with how well Theegala is playing.

[00:33:47] >> All right. If you're going to birdie, I'm going to birdie, too. S.H. Kim gets back to 15-under.

[00:33:57] >> Theegala breaks away from the tie at the top. He now holds a two shot lead over Justin Thomas, Cam Davis, and S.H. Kim. Can he hold on to complete his first PGA Tour victory? The final round is next.

[00:34:17] >> The FedEx Cup Fall is here. Seven weeks of fierce competition.

[00:34:23] >> He did it.

[00:34:30] >> This is when opportunities are unlocked. Watch big names and names that will be big. Watch history unfold during the FedEx Cup Fall.

[00:34:46] >> The rolling hills of California wine country, Silverado Resort, which has been around since the 1860s. PGA Tour was here playing the 1960s through 1980, and then returned back in 2014.

[00:35:06] >> Just about 50 miles from San Francisco, it's been all Sahith Theegala. Terry Gannon, Smylie Kaufman with you. How about the start for the 25-year-old from Chino Hills, California trying to win for the first time on Tour?

[00:35:18] >> Middle of the fairway, only 94 yards, hit his number. Absolute perfect at the 1st.

[00:35:24] >> He knew there'd be pressure being in this situation as the leader going into the final round. No nerves right out of the gate. Just walks it in, making it look easy at the 1st to get it to 18-under. Not done yet, though, here at 4. His second from 53 yards.

[00:35:44] >> I mean, he hit driver off this tee and pushed it way up there. This pin just in the back of the green. Just a nice handy shot there from Sahith.

[00:35:54] >> Stuck it on the dime. So that --

[00:35:56] >> For another birdie. He was 31st in the FedEx Cup race this season. So just missed making it to the Tour Championship. But secure for next year on a signature events. And right now, this would be his biggest day yet in his career on the PGA Tour. And a moment ago, in the bunker at the 5th, the par 5, watch this. Nearly. Eric Cole had a great season, one of those closest pursuers here. Beautiful approach at the 8. This to get it to 16-under. Break out of that pack.

[00:36:35] >> Yeah. Who's going to be the guy to make a run at Sahith today?

[00:36:38] >> Could be Eric Cole. Could be this man right here. Sixty-eight, 66,68 first three days, 2-under and four off the lead. So, Sahith Theegala, is this the day when he becomes a winner on the PGA Tour? You've had a number of guys break through and win here at this event throughout the year. And this could be the time for him.

[00:37:05] >> Cam Davis, another missed green for the Australian. Here's his bunker play at the par 3.

[00:37:11] >> Plenty of green to work with. Just blasting one out there. Oh my goodness.

[00:37:17] >> How's that?

[00:37:18] >> Davis would save par.

[00:37:19] >> Now, Eric Cole. He's trying to remain 3-back just off the green at the 9th for par.

[00:37:27] >> In the hole.

[00:37:28] >> Oh, that's huge. That is absolutely huge.

[00:37:33][ Applause ]

[00:37:38] >> You got back -- little backstop.

[00:37:42] >> Always looking for stuff left up here, because it will always be up the hill.

[00:38:20] >> We've got Sahith at 105 to the hole, 98 to the front. Just seven paces to work with. So he's looking at front edge yardage here. He wants to land this ball just on the green. Should take a hop before it stops.

[00:38:34] >> We'll spend back. Oh, boy. How about this?

[00:38:41] >> Theegala would make birdie. Now, we move to the 9th green with the final group.

[00:38:52] >> You got to pay attention to them all, Steve. You know, don't go out of your routines. Keep paying attention. Giving 100% effort to every shot all the way to the finish.

[00:39:05] >> All right. That's a 3-under front nine. And think about this as he makes the turn, this week, 13 birdies on the back nine, just one bogey. Arron, how big is this? Two-back if this goes down for Eric Cole.

[00:39:27] >> It's a huge putt, but at the same time, it's a tricky putt. It's downhill left to right. And if you give it too much speed or too much line on the left-hand side, I think you're going to miss it.

[00:39:48] >> Oh, man, that was gross. Awkward putt lust like you were talking like, Arron. Just never got committed to it.

[00:39:58] >> All right, eagle try, Thomas now.

[00:40:03] >> You'd see that hole, how slanted is towards the back of the green. Do you read it right?

[00:40:07] >> Yes.

[00:40:09][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:40:15] >> More than anybody else since 2015 gets it to 14-under.

[00:40:24] >> Final round of the Fortinet Championship. It was all Sahith Theegala. Still is. He's got a three shot lead, 19-under, but not exactly feeling comfortable yet. Trying to close out what would be his first win on the PGA Tour. Second shot coming up here at the par-5 12th.

[00:40:41] >> Yeah. How's that left -- front left bowl today? Not the end of the world, right.

[00:40:47] >> It's not the end of the world. Yeah.

[00:40:49] >> OK. Cool.

[00:40:51] >> I mean, for me, it's like you could also like chase a 3-iron.

[00:40:56] >> I know. I kind of like this just because I just like chasing a 3-iron to make the margin a little smaller.

[00:41:04] >> Well, not really, because it's not going to land.

[00:41:06] >> Well, I'm saying just like, worry about landing it too far right and being stuck short right. And then if I like smoke one at the flag, who knows how far left that's going to get going?

[00:41:15] >> Yeah. Because the reason --

[00:41:16] >> I don't mind like hitting it up in the air and if I hit it out right. At least it's like past everything.

[00:41:22] >> That's a good point. Yeah.

[00:41:24] >> Because my target is really pretty close to the edge of the bunker with this club.

[00:41:30] >> For sure. You're giving it 1:00 o'clock again.

[00:41:36] >> 1:00 o'clock.

[00:41:37] >> Yeah.

[00:41:37] >> I like right at the edge of that, just inside the edge of that bunker.

[00:41:45] >> Commit to that.

[00:41:45] >> I think this will stop if it lands on. I agree.

[00:41:47] >>> Do Sahith has a 265 to the front, 280 to the hole. Pretty good breeze coming against and a little bit off the right. You heard him say from 1:00 o'clock. Now, there is a creek to the left. You don't want this ball turning hard left or it could find plenty of trouble, a penalty area.

[00:42:11] >> Comes up short, but that's just the shot that he described.

[00:42:20] >> Roger, based on where his golf ball is sitting, Cam Davis, it looks like it's still -- he'd be still standing on the cart pass. So has he actually taken that relief yet?

[00:42:28] >> Well, he had an official on the spot. He may -- No, he's elected not to move. I wonder if he would have taken it.

[00:42:35] >> They were pointing where he -- Yes. He had to go right. And then, it has three, then it would affect it, yes.

[00:42:47] >> Now he's examining whether he wants to move it to the right, but he's still standing on the path. So you can't do that. You have to take complete relief. OK. A low pitch into an uphill bank to try to kill the speed of the shot. Let's see how well he can judge it from here.

[00:43:14] >> How about that? How about that?

[00:43:15] >> You got to be kidding me.

[00:43:18][ Cheering and Applause ] You have got to be joking.

[00:43:35][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:43:43] >> One gets past that crown green, then starts to run away. Still have some speed. Wow.

[00:43:53] >> You thought for a moment it was back to back.

[00:44:01] >> Got to hit it firm to hold the line. Yes, sir.

[00:44:04] >> Ten-under on the par 5 this week. That is the reason -- , one of many reasons of why we see Theegala on top of the leaderboard.

[00:44:17][ Cheering ]

[00:44:23] >> That hand is going to be sore by the end of the day, all the high fives.

[00:44:27] >> And Cole left with this for par.

[00:44:34] >> Same line as Matt Kuchar putted on. So he knows what it does.

[00:44:39] >> That's the second push in a row from inside of 6 feet.

[00:44:42] >> Theegala playing his third at 13.

[00:44:45] >> I'm going with Murli.

[00:44:47] >> It's harder to watch than to play sometimes.

[00:44:52] >> Exactly right.

[00:44:55] >> Yeah. Here you go.

[00:44:58] >> Control the distance. What a pitch. Beautiful.

[00:45:01] >> That is so good. His scrambling this week has just been superb.

[00:45:06] >> Back on the green at 13 with Cam Davis putting for birdie.

[00:45:14] >> Coming off an eagle as well.

[00:45:18] >> Trying to make a late surge.

[00:45:19] >> For Kim, this to get within 3.

[00:45:35] >> Good job.

[00:45:36] >> Yeah.

[00:45:36] >> One-ten, 115.

[00:45:38] >> Right, the 14.

[00:45:39] >> Just commit to that. Yeah.

[00:45:40] >> I'm going to go 110. I'm just going to trust a little jump.

[00:45:44] >> Awesome.

[00:45:45] >> I like how he's thinking. He's got 122. He's got plenty of green to work with. If he flights it down a little bit, he can land it short of the ridge and run the ball back there. Nackley lie, this looks like a Nackley ball flight. This should scoot some.

[00:46:05] >> Oh, this is really good, Rodge.

[00:46:12] >> Arron, it might not have looked pretty to you, but he's got a decent look at birdie here.

[00:46:17] >> No, this is a great look at birdie. But --

[00:46:19] >> Yeah.

[00:46:20] >> -- they've all been must make since 11. Oh my goodness.

[00:46:27] >> I think it's a pretty good look at birdie myself.

[00:46:32] >> Smylie, I don't know about you, but I'm watching his dad.

[00:46:35] >> I am as well.

[00:46:39] >> Keep it here.

[00:46:45] >> What a great call, Rodge.

[00:46:47][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:46:54] >> You know, I'm just wondering, the call to the restaurant and eventually saying, Theegala party of 35, your table is ready for the celebration. Somewhere in Napa tonight, there's going to be a big party, if he can hold on.

[00:47:07] >> Davis.

[00:47:11][ Applause ]

[00:47:14] >> That's pretty impressive, those two.

[00:47:15] >> Absolutely. What great birdies from both of those guys.

[00:47:22] >> Kim now playing the 15th with his third shot at the par 5, Arron.

[00:47:26] >> Yeah. Pretty simple little pitch shot here just coming up and over this ridge, a little right to left.

[00:47:30] >> That was so good.

[00:47:34] >> That's a birdie for Kim. Now, we move to Theegala's second at 15.

[00:47:47] >> Man, how good is that? Firmest green on the golf course, not going to hold, but it's exactly what he was trying to do.

[00:47:55] >> After missing his birdie try, Theegala has this left to save par.

[00:48:04] >> OK. Disappointing, but a par. He'll take it. He'll also take a four shot lead to the 16th.

[00:48:13] >> At the 17th, Eric Cole, 15-under. Made a push in the middle stages of this final round, but just couldn't quite get close enough. Could have used that a little bit earlier.

[00:48:33] >> Kim for birdie at 16.

[00:48:35] >> Uphill, maybe right edge.

[00:48:42] >> One step closer. Eighteen-under trails by 3.

[00:48:46] >> I like 20.

[00:48:48] >> Great.

[00:48:49] >> Just 20 to step up.

[00:48:53] >> Perfect angle. One-twenty-nine, holes cut on 10 paces. Great chance to be aggressive here. This is dad at it.

[00:49:14] >> Absolutely brilliant.

[00:49:19] >> And Davis, first to go, Rodge.

[00:49:22] >> Yeah. And the green, you know, shrouded in shadows now. And the ball further past the hole than I thought it might be from the fairway back where he played. But this now a little downhill, and it's going to move to his right as it's losing speed.

[00:49:43] >> There you go.

[00:49:43] >> Going to do it.

[00:49:44] >> Oh my goodness.

[00:49:46][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:49:57] >> Yes, sir.

[00:49:58][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:50:06] >> Up by 4, two to play.

[00:50:12] >> I would put it short of the hole underneath. He doesn't need to do anything miraculous. You can get a little locked up if you pull it a slight bit. This is right of the hole. I think that's right where he needed to play it. That's just fine.

[00:50:30][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:50:50] >> Sahith now with this little one for par. He was born in California. His parents were born in India. His father, Murli, came to the US as a grad student in the 1980s. He was a tennis player, not a golfer. But he encouraged his son, Sahith, to play golf.

[00:51:09] >> There's no real danger here. So stand up there and give it a throttle, full throttle. Little breeze against him from the right.

[00:51:31] >> OK.

[00:51:34] >> We move to Theegala's third shot at 18.

[00:51:40] >> OK. He's got 115 left, and it is deep.

[00:51:48] >> That was a lash. Oh, wow.

[00:51:57] >> Ball's down underneath the surface of the green. And when he lands on the green, the green does work away. It's a downslope. He's going to be in love with that, but that's OK, too.

[00:52:18] >> And he's 49th in the world, played in President's Cup, solid.

[00:52:28] >> High fives about to turn to hugs and tears of joy. Sahith Theegala is a winner on the PGA Tour.

[00:52:39] >> This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of the Fortinet Championship from Napa, California.