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[00:00:40] >> And we think this is going to be a great new event on the golf calendar. Some of the greatest who've ever played this game have gathered for a worldwide team competition. Three different teams of six players, a team from the United States, a European team, an international team, and they'll all be playing together on a venue that should provide great drama, the Concession Club in Bradenton, Florida. And everybody is excited to see how this whole new event is going to go. The scoring is a little different, maybe a little unfamiliar. We're going to walk you through it as we go today and throughout the rest of this competition. Should be really exciting today and Friday. In the morning, we will have three six-ball groupings, and then in the afternoon, three modified alternate shot groupings with the same groupings carrying over from morning to afternoon. Friday, same thing. Saturday is the Pro-Am day. The competition will resume on Sunday with 12 singles groupings, where you'll have one player from each of the three teams competing in those groupings on Sunday. And what are we going to look at today? Dave Flemming, Andy north, great to have you with us. Today in Group 1, in the morning, we'll see that USA, International and European team kick us off.

[00:02:00] >> Well, I think what we're going to see here is tons of major champions, hall of fame players, players who've won on every tour all around the world. It's going to be a wonderful, wonderful experience. Guys, you recognize from their success in the Ryder Cup and the President's Cup, Colin Montgomerie, Darren Clarke, Steve Stricker, who's just dominated the Champions Tour this year, had an unbelievable year.

[00:02:21] >> His year was the second to none. Three major wins, six wins overall. Basically was number one in every statistical category there was. He just dominated. But this is going to be really fun to see how these teams match up. Ernie and K.J. have played a ton of golf together. And then, Group 3, again, you've got great players. You got to look at Langer and what he's done. Forty-six champion wins. He's dominated this tour for the last, you know, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12 years, whatever it's been. It's been an amazing run for him.

[00:02:55] >> Vijay, only player to keep it short of the hole here.

[00:02:59] >> VJ.

[00:03:00] >> First birdie.

[00:03:02] >> Yeah. First birdie of the championship.

[00:03:06] >> Yeah. Those can be huge in this format. And Jerry Kelly.

[00:03:15] >> Interesting play here. But I don't disagree with it, especially with your teammate in the penalty area. Look at this. How to stay out? And he --

[00:03:27][ Applause ]

[00:03:32] >> All right. Up ahead, Steve Stricker.

[00:03:34] >> That one's from 70 yards. And Andy, there's nobody better.

[00:03:42] >> Absolutely.

[00:03:46] >> Colin Montgomerie, our first look at the 6th hole.

[00:03:48] >> Yeah. Wind coming a little in his face. Good number for him. Pretty easy pin placement today. There we go.

[00:03:59] >> Great shot.

[00:04:06] >> This is actually slightly back downhill, but the next one doesn't matter. And I think that makes this putt exponentially easier.

[00:04:13] >> Yeah.

[00:04:13] >> Because Billy's already in.

[00:04:14] >> Yeah. You can put it with a little bit more speed, maybe just outside the hole instead of 2 or 3 inches, and leaking it down there. It would make this game much fairer. People talk about the big hole. They should take one of those little small ones that they -- you see in putting greens. And he has to use those. Exactly.

[00:04:37] >> Shouldn't do much, I wouldn't think, Suzy.

[00:04:40] >> No. This should be not an issue at all.

[00:04:47] >> Good birdie.

[00:04:47] >> Good birdie. Should be 1.5, 1.5. Zippo. You don't like to get those zeros.

[00:04:56] >> Yeah. That international pairing made a par, comes away with nothing.

[00:05:00] >> Yeah. Monty and Darren Clarke are playing great.

[00:05:04] >> I think under there's a little backstop. It's a little back into the breeze. I think he can hit it 8 feet past the hole. Spin it right back to it.

[00:05:21] >> We'll go that way with it if you want. Just land it short and skip it in there.

[00:05:24] >> That was the easiest under of all time.

[00:05:27] >> He's got to take it way left. And now, it starts going to the right. Right in the middle.

[00:05:35][ Applause ]

[00:05:40] >> This is for birdie. And that's 1.5 points for the Americans and 1.5 points for the Europeans.

[00:05:47] >> Yeah. That international pairing of K.J. Choi and Ernie Els is struggling right now.

[00:05:55] >> Justin Leonard from the fairway at 6 with Billy Kratzert.

[00:05:58] >> And that was a perfectly flighted shot right there. Wedge shot. Maybe that'll be his first birdie.

[00:06:12] >> There we go.

[00:06:13] >> Good birdie.

[00:06:17] >> That's more like the Retief we know.

[00:06:24] >> This is a great opportunity to get a birdie and get moving forward.

[00:06:39] >> OK.

[00:06:39] >> All right.

[00:06:41] >> That essentially is a difference of a point for the USA Team. One and a half, 1.5, zero is how that hole breaks out, walking off that green.

[00:06:52] >> This is an eagle try for Darren Clarke at the par 5.

[00:06:56] >> Boy, he'd really like to see this go in. It's going to take a three to win this hole. Playing downwind. He want to have it. That's much better than the last two holes for Darren Clarke.

[00:07:09] >> Same guy.

[00:07:10] >> Wow.

[00:07:11] >> Two twenty-nine and he's actually the first to play into this green. All six players have a good look. This is a good look.

[00:07:22] >> What a beautiful shot. This back slope, the ball should come back down. Here comes. Here comes. Come on. Come on. All right. This can be really close. Great shot.

[00:07:41] >> Now, our first look at the finishing hole. Excellent finishing hole, the 9th, par 4, Colin Montgomerie.

[00:07:48] >> Yeah. Colin's been hitting his irons beautifully the last few holes. This is from 174.

[00:07:53] >> Another great one. Almost made it.

[00:07:56] >> All right. Now, back to 8.

[00:07:59] >> K.J. has not made anything yet today. Right to left.

[00:08:08] >> There we go. Eagle.

[00:08:13] >> Birdie putt at 9 for Colin Montgomerie.

[00:08:17] >> He's just stuck at the last three holes. Made one, missed one from the same distance this downhill. So a little quick.

[00:08:26] >> Well done.

[00:08:28] >> Great birdie. Two points, Team Europe there. What a great morning session for them.

[00:08:37] >> Now, birdie for Stephen Ames.

[00:08:38] >> Yeah. This one going up the hill. And Andy talked about the slope to the right of the hole. This is going to move a significant amount to his left right there.

[00:08:50] >> Wow.

[00:08:51] >> What a way to finish --

[00:08:52] >> Look at that.

[00:08:53] >> -- this off.

[00:08:53] >> Well, you should have got a pretty good read from Ames. The speed, the line. Really good for this nine holes.

[00:09:15] >> Just walk that in.

[00:09:16] >> I'm just going to walk that one in. Can I just walk that one in?

[00:09:22] >> Here's the birdie putt of the 9th for Bernhard.

[00:09:24] >> Yeah. And you see that little grain going downhill. Boy, he just barely got that rolling, Andy.

[00:09:31] >> So, Jerry Kelly makes that great par save. They get zero points.

[00:09:35] >> Nothing. Two birdies at the 9th. One and a half, 1.5, zero to finish that third grouping. Those are the overall standings through the morning. Europe, USA, and then the International Team, one, two, three. Now, we go back to the first hole. Suzy Whaley with the first grouping playing the modified alternate shot.

[00:10:05] >> Yeah. He had hit David's ball out of the bunker. Just spectacular.

[00:10:10] >> All right. Back to 2.

[00:10:14] >> Swinger from right to left for Billy.

[00:10:17] >> Got it.

[00:10:18] >> All right.

[00:10:19] >> All right. So now, back at the 1st, birdie putt for David Toms.

[00:10:25] >> All right. Back we go to the 3rd.

[00:10:38] >> He's done that a few times over the years.

[00:10:45] >> K.J. Choi.

[00:10:47] >> Just into that rough and --

[00:10:50] >> He was able to get plenty of spins.

[00:10:54] >> This is it.

[00:10:54] >> Wasn't he?

[00:10:55] >> I thought he made it.

[00:10:56] >> I thought that was coming back. Once it started coming back, it sure looked like it might go in.

[00:11:01] >> Yeah. You can put that putter head cover back on, K.J.

[00:11:04] >> At seven, Vijay Singh. Drifting.

[00:11:11] >> Two in a row.

[00:11:12] >> Right into the hole.

[00:11:13] >> Attaway, Vij.

[00:11:16] >> Ernie Els at the par-5 8th, eagle putt.

[00:11:20] >> Just a little right to left up the hill. They made eagle here and got 2 points earlier. And that's for 2 points also.

[00:11:32][ Applause ]

[00:11:36] >> It went down. And Andy North, final thoughts. First day of the first ever World Champions Cup.

[00:11:45] >> Well, I think going into tomorrow, we've seen that if you can get 10 points or more, that's going to really put your team in a good position. We had no idea when the day started. So I'm looking forward to another great day and some quality golf.

[00:11:57] >> And indeed, this very tough and beautiful golf course is the host site for the first ever World Champions Cup, Concession Golf Club in Bradenton. It's a gorgeous place and not an easy golf course. Just a perfect setup for an event like this. We got short par 4s and tough par 3s. Eagles on par 5. Some great golf yesterday. And at the end of two different sessions, six ball in the morning and then modified alternate shot in the afternoon, look at the total score. So tightly bunched. Europe came out with a half point advantage over the United States. And the International Team, a nice late rally in the afternoon. And they are right in the mix as well with 51.5 team points after the first of three days of competition. And things went so well across the board that the captains decided to run it back here on Day 2. So the groupings are exactly the same, Toms, Quigley, Alker, Goosen, Montgomerie, Clarke will be the first group of the morning today. Out first off Tee number 1 is Stricker, Andrade, Choi, and Els, and Jimenez and Karlsson will be Group 8, the second group of this morning session on Friday. Kelly, Leonard, Singh, Ames, and Langer, and Cejka, the final grouping. At the par-3 2nd, Jimenez.

[00:13:21] >> Yeah, he had a good look. Robert Karlsson finished out a 5 footer right on his line. So he should have a good idea of this going in. Yes.

[00:13:29] >> Great start for Miguel.

[00:13:31] >> Up ahead to the par-3 2nd.

[00:13:35] >> Got to like that play right there. Look at this. Hello.

[00:13:40] >> Brett Quigley for birdie.

[00:13:42] >> You can pick your 4 footer up, David. I didn't need you this hole.

[00:13:51] >> When you play the type of bunkers, the sand here is very much like the sand you see at the Masters that it's beautiful to play out of, but it's hard to put a lot of spin on the ball.

[00:14:04] >> Ames throw this well up into the air to get it to stop.

[00:14:06] >> Oh, yes. What a shot.

[00:14:09] >> How about that instead?

[00:14:11] >> How about that?

[00:14:14] >> Now, Justin Leonard.

[00:14:15] >> He needs to make this one, get in with a birdie.

[00:14:20] >> Little right to left. Jerry has a similar length putt.

[00:14:24] >> That was very good there.

[00:14:28] >> Very good. That looked like a really good stroke.

[00:14:33] >> Attaway, partner.

[00:14:35] >> Out to the 6th fairway, Jerry Kelly for the USA Team.

[00:14:39] >> One thirty, right back into the breeze. Really hard to get yourself to hit it hard enough to get it to the hole, and hole's back into the breeze with a short iron.

[00:14:53] >> John, we've seen so many shots come up exactly there. You throw it into that ridge and it stops dead.

[00:14:59] >> We jump ahead. And K.J. Choi at, Suzy, what Billy Kratzert was describing as a hole that's playing pretty tough right now.

[00:15:07] >> Yeah, really tough. Especially where K.J. left it way back. He's got 190 and has to land it over the top side of that bunker to a pin that's 28 back, five off the left.

[00:15:19] >> Good shot.

[00:15:19] >> You know, really good shot from there.

[00:15:21] >> It's going to go towards the hole.

[00:15:22] >> Yeah, that's terrific.

[00:15:26] >> Back to 6, Jerry Kelly's birdie putt.

[00:15:28] >> Well, he should have learned an awful lot from Bernhard's putt.

[00:15:34] >> Actually, I think he could just learn an awful lot from that guy. See if he learned enough.

[00:15:42] >> Give it to me.

[00:15:43] >> Look at that.

[00:15:44] >> Oh, yeah, look at that. I was just about to say he's figured out these greens. He and Miguel probably, as well as anybody, so far this week. His speed's been really, really good from distance. And this would go a long way of picking their spirits up. It's basically just straight down the hill.

[00:16:21] >> He did it.

[00:16:23] >> He did it.

[00:16:24] >> What a putt.

[00:16:28] >> Two pointer.

[00:16:29] >> All right. So now, back out to the 7th, Jerry Kelly.

[00:16:36] >> That's from 178 back left flag.

[00:16:41] >> It's right at it.

[00:16:42] >> Wow.

[00:16:42] >> Yes.

[00:16:42] >> We can't see the result in the fairway.

[00:16:44] >> Great 2 feet.

[00:16:45] >> John, that was just fantastic.

[00:16:48] >> All right. Now, out to the par-5 8th, Billy Andrade with Suzy.

[00:16:54] >> Yeah, downwind. Really flirted with the water here. One ninety-one flagstick. Looks like a beautiful shot. Going really close to the flag.

[00:17:03] >> This has got a chance.

[00:17:07] >> Wow, what a shot. Little tap in eagle for USA.

[00:17:12] >> Now, Jerry Kelly with his -- to finish his birdie. So this would be a point and a half, and a point and a half, and then zero for Europe.

[00:17:27] >> So Jerry Kelly starting to play better and better as his day has gone on. The smiles are out.

[00:17:34] >> Back to back birdies for Jerry.

[00:17:35] >> All right. Back to 8th, Stephen Ames. John, was he in some trouble off the tee?

[00:17:41] >> Yeah, drove it into the right trees, played out sideways. And this 8-iron is right at it.

[00:17:50] >> Excellent.

[00:17:51] >> Maybe that's the way to play the hole.

[00:17:53] >> If you're not Billy Andrade, maybe so.

[00:17:56] >> Can't give any putts today, but I'd give Billy this one. What a second shot.

[00:18:13] >> God, he's putted well.

[00:18:14] >> He's not just made putts, they've gone right in the middle of the hole.

[00:18:17] >> All right. Now, Stephen Ames.

[00:18:23] >> Well, this is a very good part of Stephen Ames' game right here.

[00:18:31] >> About 70 yards downwind with a 60 degree wedge off a tight lie. He should be able to spin it as much as he wants to.

[00:18:42] >> Right that much.

[00:18:46] >> Absolutely perfectly played.

[00:18:50] >> Now, ahead at the short par 4, an eagle putt for David Toms.

[00:18:54] >> In fact, I have three of them David.

[00:18:56] >> Wow.

[00:18:56] >> Every team putting for eagle. In fact, four of the six shots landed on the green.

[00:19:02] >> Look at this, we got one.

[00:19:03] >> There's the first eagle.

[00:19:06] >> What a two.

[00:19:07][ Applause ]

[00:19:12] >> It's a great hole.

[00:19:13] >> It's an amazing shot. He played that. It wasn't in the bunker, but it was in that low area to the right of the green, just to get it 10, 12 feet from the hole.

[00:19:23] >> And remember, his tee shot this morning was so close to being great.

[00:19:29] >> Yeah. This is interesting. It's a 3-metal that he really can hit hard. He hit it a long way. I don't know if he hit it soft enough to keep it on this green.

[00:19:41] >> Snuck well over to the left side of the tee box. Wind is almost identical to this morning. Behind them, a little to the left.

[00:19:50] >> Just going to keep going.

[00:19:54] >> My guess, just to guess, is that's the ball they'll play.

[00:19:59] >> I would guarantee it as Billy's a good bunker player.

[00:20:03] >> Yeah, that's not horrible. You're back past the hole, putting back up the hill. Very makeable.

[00:20:13] >> All right, one more birdie try at 2.

[00:20:17] >> Well, the Europeans in this grouping did not have a 2-point hole in the morning. This would be their first of the day.

[00:20:25] >> They need this desperately.

[00:20:35] >> They got it.

[00:20:36] >> There we go.

[00:20:37] >> Take a deep breath. OK. Things are better.

[00:20:41] >> It's a left to right to the --

[00:20:44] >> Yeah. Bill, we've talked about it, that if you can't get it on this green, would you better off laying it 50, 60 yards short where you can control a nice length wedge shot in here? I'm not so sure. That's not the best play than bailing out in the left low area.

[00:21:00] >> I'm leaning more and more that way. In fact, what did Clarke say? He says the best thing I can do is hit it in the fairway bunker. So I have to lay that.

[00:21:10] >> Exactly.

[00:21:10] >> See if Monty can get one to drop.

[00:21:23] >> There you go. All right, Monty. There you go

[00:21:26] >> I didn't forget how to play this game.

[00:21:28] >> Great reaction.

[00:21:28] >> So Stricker from the front bunker.

[00:21:31] >> Trying to keep it on that left side of that -- no.

[00:21:33] >> Unbelievable shot.

[00:21:34] >> There we.

[00:21:35] >> Absolutely.

[00:21:35] >> Wow, what a great shot.

[00:21:36] >> If I told you that there was a good chance you could have missed the green from there, he had it landed right along that top of that ridge. If it's 3 inches to the right, it runs off the green where he was this morning. He's the best.

[00:22:01] >> That's why you choose the best bunker player in the world.

[00:22:03] >> He's the best.

[00:22:05] >> Amazing.

[00:22:07] >> Billy's just, yeah, that was OK.

[00:22:09] >> Can I do the fist bump for you?

[00:22:13] >> Here's Langer on the tee.

[00:22:14] >> A little bit downwind. That is a driver way up in the air.

[00:22:20] >> Oh, it landed perfectly and fairly soft. This is stiff.

[00:22:26] >> Chance to be --

[00:22:27] >> Look at this shot.

[00:22:30] >> Wow.

[00:22:30] >> Wow, attaway. Five feet.

[00:22:35] >> OK. So back at the third, International Team.

[00:22:39] >> They're in trouble here. This is a birdie putt.

[00:22:44] >> He made it.

[00:22:46] >> They just snuck out of trouble.

[00:22:49] >> Stephen Ames is rolling his ball. He's got these greens figured out.

[00:22:54] >> Well, the other two teams both have makeable eagle putts. That could be all for nothing.

[00:23:03] >> It could be.

[00:23:03] >> Yeah. Or it could have just --

[00:23:04] >> But it was worth the smiles.

[00:23:06] >> And you couldn't put it in a better spot. Just straight back up the hill.

[00:23:10] >> A little tee shot for Bernhard.

[00:23:14] >> This would be for their second consecutive 2-point hole after having none this morning.

[00:23:22] >> They got it.

[00:23:24] >> A birdie for half a point.

[00:23:32] >> Tough game.

[00:23:32] >> Eagle for two.

[00:23:35] >> Excellent golf. That's what I love about that hole. We've talked about it since yesterday morning. You can make a mess of it. You can make an eagle.

[00:23:44] >> All right. We'll stay here for David Toms.

[00:23:56] >> Well, for years and years, he has a professional career. He's been more than just efficient with this shot. He's been really damn good.

[00:24:06] >> There you go. Good call.

[00:24:08] >> All right. We'll get back to that Quigley birdie putt. Here's Justin Leonard's birdie at 4.

[00:24:14] >> And that had very little movement in it.

[00:24:17] >> All right, quickly back to 6. Here's the birdie try.

[00:24:19] >> I'm going to call this a makeup hut.

[00:24:25] >> Yeah, he just missed one on previous hole.

[00:24:26] >> Yeah. You missed the short one on the par 3, but you make one here.

[00:24:29] >> You know --

[00:24:30] >> Grab you a couple points.

[00:24:31] >> Yeah.

[00:24:32] >> That is. That's a 2-pointer.

[00:24:34] >> Back spins that we see a lot of players get.

[00:24:38] >> Well, Steven Alker, that's a good wedge right there. He birdied this hole earlier today. And that's going to give Retief a pretty good look for birdie as well.

[00:24:48] >> All right. Now, the par-3 5th, Billy Andrade's birdie putt.

[00:24:52] >> Yeah. Beautiful shot by Steve Stricker, leaving them here. This should fall a little to their left.

[00:24:58] >> You don't see birdies in that hole in the best ball portion, let alone on the alternate shot.

[00:25:10] >> They needed that.

[00:25:11] >> Yeah.

[00:25:11] >> USA. USA. USA.

[00:25:15] >> Alright. Back for Retief Goosen's birdie putt at 7.

[00:25:22] >> Alker had one maybe 5 feet longer than this. Same line.

[00:25:27] >> Just have to hit your mark.

[00:25:39] >> He hit it.

[00:25:39] >> Snuck in the left-hand corner as it was breaking that direction.

[00:25:47] >> That's a 2-point birdie.

[00:25:51] >> Those two continue to play really good golf. Two-point putt as John McGinnis said. Competition get tighter and tighter. K.J. Choi.

[00:26:04] >> He's got that favorite club in hand that Andy and I think he's stellar with.

[00:26:07] >> There you go.

[00:26:08] >> No surprise it.

[00:26:08] >> Love it. What a wonderful play. Carried it up far enough.

[00:26:17] >> That's exactly --

[00:26:18] >> Terrific shot.

[00:26:18] >> -- what you were asking these players to do.

[00:26:21] >> All right. At the 7th, Vijay Singh for birdie.

[00:26:26] >> And a 2-point putt.

[00:26:29] >> Looking good. Got it.

[00:26:30] >> Yeah. Amazing how that rolled through the fringe so nicely. Yeah, just found one.

[00:26:36] >> All right. Second shot at the par-4 9th for Colin Montgomerie.

[00:26:40] >> You know, 168 yards, perfect angle, perfect flagstick for him. And this is a high quality shot as well.

[00:26:48] >> Yeah.

[00:26:49] >> Yes, it was.

[00:26:51] >> Can't tell from here, Andy. I don't know how close it is, but it certainly looked good.

[00:26:58] >> All right. So now at 8, Ernie Els.

[00:27:01] >> Yeah. This is to take 2 points. This is for three for eagle, assuming Billy and Steve make theirs. They spent a long time looking at this. And K.J. believes that the left side of the hole is a little lower, so he's playing it to work to the left. Quick downhill.

[00:27:21] >> K.J.'s utility club in there was just a fabulous shot to get it this close. And an eagle.

[00:27:28] >> Yeah.

[00:27:29][ Cheering and Applause ] Great teamwork on that hole.

[00:27:40] >> OK. The par-5 8th, last grouping here. Jerry Kelly.

[00:27:44] >> And I'd like to point out to the young golfers at home, this is called a pitch and run. This is what the old guys do.

[00:27:53] >> All right, back to 8.

[00:27:55][ Applause ]

[00:28:01] >> So, John, that was a birdie, correct.

[00:28:13] >> Langer's birdie putt. Good looking putt. And it's in.

[00:28:19] >> Right away to finish. That really helps the European side. They really saved their bacon this afternoon.

[00:28:29] >> They did.

[00:28:30] >> See how tightly bunched it is. After two full days of team competition, the International Team, 111.5, USA 111. And after that 2-pointer, Europe's Team, 101.5.

[00:28:43] >> What a day by the International Team. They went from last to first today. It's going to be a wild Sunday.

[00:28:52] >> After two great days of competition, the first ever World Champions Cup. Here we are, the final day. It's the singles competitions. And this cup is in the balance.

[00:29:05] >> These Florida golf courses, it depends what direction the grain is running, where the ball needs to land. If you land it short of that ridge, it's into the grain, it's going to stop. You land it over the ridge, it lands not only in the downslope, but also the down grain. So it's really hard to hit one of those shots that hits that one bounce and stop stead.

[00:29:22] >> Yeah, exactly. I don't care where you drive it today, you're not going to be able to see the bottom of the flagstick from here. He's trying to take it high, trying to put a maximum amount of spin.

[00:29:36] >> And it just releases down past the hole. We're going to see that all day.

[00:29:43] >> So now, Jerry Kelly.

[00:29:48] >> Well, this is the part of the game that helps him stay in really nice hotels and travel conveniently. Great wedge player. This is just 112 yards.

[00:30:04] >> And usually, those wedges are out of the fairway, which even helps more. Beautiful distance control. He played for that first big skip.

[00:30:17] >> The first green for Steven Alker.

[00:30:18] >> Well, straight up the hill.

[00:30:24] >> Got it.

[00:30:25] >> Look at that. What a way to get the day started.

[00:30:28] >> Birdie putt for Jerry Kelly at 1.

[00:30:30] >> This is a 2-pointer under the watchful eye of his mama.

[00:30:34] >> There we go.

[00:30:36] >> Mrs. Kelly's pleased.

[00:30:37] >> OK.

[00:30:40] >> Langer, 46 champions wins.

[00:30:44] >> There are a lot of really, really good players who played out here a lot of years that don't have 46 Top 10 finishes.

[00:30:52] >> Representing Team International.

[00:30:55] >> Suzy, I think Ernie Els is first to go.

[00:30:58] >> Yeah. He had a really tricky pitch shot from that right-hand side because it sloped so severely after the hole. He hit a good shot but just couldn't stop it. This is where it came to rest. He's got the longest of the three for birdie. This will move to his right.

[00:31:18] >> Each one of the captains had to pick a player if there was a playoff. Steve Stricker was -- would represent the United States Team. Langer would represent Europe. And Ernie Els, captain, Els picked himself.

[00:31:34] >> Love it.

[00:31:34] >> I love that.

[00:31:35] >> What a great birdie putt, too.

[00:31:37] >> Pouring it in there, Ern.

[00:31:38] >> If there's going to be somebody that's to shoulder all that pressure, I'm not going to put that on somebody else. It's going to be me. He's back to the 1st, Bernhard.

[00:31:46] >> Got to land it a good 20 feet short of the hole. Or throw it in there and stop it like nobody stopped it.

[00:32:04] >> Vijay Singh, nicely done at the 2nd.

[00:32:08] >> Not many twos at the second hole.

[00:32:12] >> Winner winner chicken dinner.

[00:32:15] >> Here's Bernhard for birdie.

[00:32:17] >> Yeah. What a nice start. Couple of birdies, point and a half.

[00:32:23] >> Europe needs a lot more of that.

[00:32:25] >> Yeah.

[00:32:25] >> They're starting to fall behind a little bit.

[00:32:26] >> Jerry Kelly now at the par 5 for birdie.

[00:32:34] >> This is most likely for a point. Ames has a tap in. Darren Clarke just has a couple of feet left. So after laying up, this is for his birdie.

[00:32:45] >> Wow.

[00:32:45] >> And how about that?

[00:32:47] >> He has made a huge amount of key putts. That just got him a point for sure.

[00:32:56] >> All right. To the par-5 4th, Justin Leonard.

[00:32:59] >> Yeah. From just 52 yards to carry the top of the knoll.

[00:33:06] >> Wow.

[00:33:06] >> Steve Stricker.

[00:33:07] >> And Dave, this for 2 points.

[00:33:10] >> So a little misstep.

[00:33:13] >> Yeah. This would be a nice birdie after --

[00:33:17] >> Yeah.

[00:33:17] >> -- getting zero points in the last hole with that bogey.

[00:33:20] >> Yeah. And how many times have you seen him miss inside 10 feet? Twice in a row.

[00:33:30] >> That sounds like the announcer curse to me.

[00:33:33] >> Really?

[00:33:34] >> Yes.

[00:33:35] >> You're going to go with that?

[00:33:36] >> No, because he's going to make this.

[00:33:37] >> You can't curse that stroke.

[00:33:40] >> Yeah. I mean, you can't put the heebie-jeebie on that stroke.

[00:33:45] >> Yeah. So even with a zero through six holes, Steve Stricker's put 8 points --

[00:33:49] >> Yeah.

[00:33:50] >> -- on the board.

[00:33:50] >> If you can average over a point a hole in this format, you're going to be just fine.

[00:33:57] >> All right. Justin Leonard's birdie putt at the par 5.

[00:33:59] >> Yeah. After the beautiful pitch shot, this would at least get him a point and a half. Robert Karlsson just made par from the front bunker. Ernie just has a tap in for his birdie. So, most likely 1.5, 1.5.

[00:34:15] >> And another zero for the Team -- Europeans.

[00:34:19] >> Starting to really fall behind.

[00:34:30] >> Now, on the tee at 5. What a shot.

[00:34:34] >> Get in.

[00:34:35] >> Oh, man. Alex Cejka almost aced it.

[00:34:41] >> David Toms, birdie putt at the 4th.

[00:34:44] >> Super quick coming down the hill. Super dead center.

[00:34:48] >> Wow.

[00:34:49] >> Attaway, David.

[00:34:53] >> In that group, after a near ace --

[00:34:58] >> Yeah.

[00:34:58] >> -- Cejka gets 2 points with the birdie.

[00:35:00] >> Right over the edge of the hole thereat 5.

[00:35:01] >> Yeah, I did see that. That was a great shot.

[00:35:06] >> Oh, yeah, the last guy to putt on every hole, you know.

[00:35:09] >> It affects everybody.

[00:35:10] >> So it affects everybody, for sure.

[00:35:13] >> After the great drive, Steven Alker on the par 5.

[00:35:15] >> And he has the 5-iron that Zing was talking about, so.

[00:35:19] >> Yup.

[00:35:20] >> Montgomerie hit a heck of a shot from outside 240. He's got inside 20 feet for eagle. Strick had to lay up out of the bunker. This has some promise.

[00:35:31] >> And it's a whole location today the players can get to. Yesterday in that right corner over that ridge, there's no chance to get it close.

[00:35:39] >> After laying up out of the bunker, here's Steve Stricker's third.

[00:35:42] >> Yeah. And now, you're looking at two guys up there putting for eagle. So you got to come up with a good one. And it looks good.

[00:35:53] >> Hit the pin a couple of holes ago.

[00:35:55] >> Yeah, I heard that.

[00:35:58] >> Tom's birdie putt at 6.

[00:36:02] >> Yeah.

[00:36:02] >> David Tom's another big make. And I think that's going to be good for 2 points.

[00:36:09] >> Robert Karlsson in the fairway at 7. He's the third of the three to hit their second shots.

[00:36:14] >> Yeah, 107 to this flagstick. Look for this to be slightly left of the flag, right of it or just beyond it. It will take off the back.

[00:36:25] >> That's the shot you'd expect most of the players trying to play right there.

[00:36:27] >> No kidding. Yeah. That's a good shot. That's a beautifully flat putt, too, Andy.

[00:36:35] >> Steve Stricker has his birdie putt now.

[00:36:39] >> Well, needs to make this to pretty much secure 1 point all the way around. He would maintain that point and a half lead in his group.

[00:36:49] >> OK.

[00:36:49] >> Yeah. He never stops surprising I guess. That's just a great up and in. And he had to have it. And he did it.

[00:37:05] >> I think he was the perfect player for Furyk to send out in the first group.

[00:37:19] >> We think that's good.

[00:37:21] >> Hundred percent sure.

[00:37:23] >> But we think that's pretty good.

[00:37:25] >> Yeah. This is --

[00:37:26] >> You know --

[00:37:27] >> It's complicated format, but it works.

[00:37:29] >> It's just that type of situation that kind of takes the air out of the other players. I mean, all of a sudden, you know, you think you're going to gain something on Stricker and it doesn't.

[00:37:43] >> So, now we saw the approach shot for Robert Karlsson. This would be for a point and a half to share with Els.

[00:37:49] >> Got it.

[00:37:49] >> Yes.

[00:37:54] >> Wow. It's like a mini tournament win right there.

[00:37:56] >> It is.

[00:37:57] >> That's what match play is all about. You know, the finality of that putt.

[00:38:01] >> Seventh, Ernie Els' birdie putt.

[00:38:04] >> Fairly flat coming across this direction. Speed shouldn't be an issue. Ernie is holing it --

[00:38:14] >> Ernie.

[00:38:14] >> -- from everywhere.

[00:38:18] >> Beautiful.

[00:38:18] >> Goosen, the only birdie putt left. All right. Made it.

[00:38:25] >> Billy Andrade, his second shot at the 7th.

[00:38:29] >> Yeah, this is that awkward hole location, sort of in the right front corner. Oh, best shot we've seen all day on that hole. Terrific play, Billy.

[00:38:37] >> All right. Now, we go to the par-5 8th. And David Toms has an eagle putt.

[00:38:46] >> He's got 9 points on board.

[00:38:47] >> He's very, very quietly gone along with 9. The other two players have birdie opportunities. So this is a 2-pointer right here. This would be huge for USA.

[00:39:04] >> He's made a bunch of these type putts.

[00:39:08] >> Yeah. And that made another one.

[00:39:15] >> Another one.

[00:39:17] >> All right, David.

[00:39:17] >> An eagle three on the par 5 for 2 points --

[00:39:20] >> That gets him to --

[00:39:21] >> -- for the United States.

[00:39:22] >> Gets him to 11 points with a tough par 4, finishing at 9.

[00:39:26] >> Best shot of the day at 7, Billy Andrade to try to cash in for 2 points, the birdie.

[00:39:32] >> He could really use this. Get to 6.5 that away.

[00:39:44] >> Vijay Singh, a two putt -- 2 point birdie putt for him at the par 5.

[00:39:49] >> Yeah,

[00:39:49] >> Pours it in.

[00:39:50] >> Team International, they just keep putting the pressure on.

[00:39:52] >> He finishes with 8.5 points. Bernhard wins that group with 9.5. And you look up in the upper right corner, Andy, as we get ready for the final session of the week. The World Champions Cup is on the line. One sixty-seven and a half, 165.5, 153.

[00:40:08] >> It's going to be a great afternoon. It's going to be a lot of fun. And --

[00:40:13] >> The afternoon session is just about to start. The final day singles play at the inaugural World Champions cup. What a team competition we have lined up for the afternoon at the Concession. So Colin Montgomerie from the middle of the fairway.

[00:40:30] >> Yeah. He's got about 20 to the hole, but the strength of the wind. Well, Monty's trying to take it upstairs as well, but it's going to be a big first leap.

[00:40:39] >> He puts so much spin on that. That's amazing. He could stop that like that downwind.

[00:40:44] >> It's a heck of a shot, Andy.

[00:40:47] >> And that's just about a rake in birdie.

[00:40:50] >> Birdie. Here's Ernie Els back at number 1.

[00:41:03] >> Wants it to get down. It did.

[00:41:05] >> Wow.

[00:41:05] >> I cannot believe how well a couple of these guys have been able to spin ball. They've carried it deep enough into the green that it's a little flatter. Now, Monty for a 2-pointer.

[00:41:25] >> He can certainly flip the start. Good start for Monty and Team Europe.

[00:41:35] >> For birdie and 2 points for Ernie Els.

[00:41:37] >> He has been clutch today. Made more putts today than he did the first two days total.

[00:41:48] >> Great start. Let's go to the tee at the par-3 2nd, Alex Cejka.

[00:41:55] >> Cejka, Choi, and Leonard each got a point on the first hole.

[00:42:00] >> Oh, what a shot. Best shot of the day.

[00:42:02] >> Whoa.

[00:42:03] >> What a shot. He almost made hole in one on the 5th.

[00:42:09] >> Second to last group, Billy Andrade for USA, from the fairway of 1.

[00:42:16] >> Can he control the spin enough to get it close? Yes, he can.

[00:42:20] >> What a shot. OK. Back to 3. Good opportunity after that miss by Stephen Ames for Jerry Kelly and for Darren Clarke.

[00:42:30] >> Well, and I think if you're the Americans, when one of the international players leaves the door open, you have to take advantage. Try to narrow that gap. Yeah.

[00:42:43] >> I mean, this could be a 2-pointer or a point and a half.

[00:42:48] >> There's no comfort on this third green from 5 and 6 feet. I can tell you that we're completely exposed.

[00:42:57] >> It helps to have a little jabby stroke, doesn't it?

[00:43:00] >> Boy, that's -- You know, he has absolutely perfected that stroke over the last 4 or 5 years.

[00:43:06] >> All right. Billy Andrade, chance for a birdie at the 1st.

[00:43:16] >> Terrific start for Billy.

[00:43:19] >> At the par-3 2nd, birdie putt for K.J. Choi.

[00:43:24] >> Up over the hill, down the hill, going to the right. Yes.

[00:43:28] >> Wow.

[00:43:29] >> He has been just dynamite.

[00:43:31] >> Here's Cejka's birdie putt after his terrific tee shot. Only good enough to share the points with K.J. Choi.

[00:43:40] >> To the third, Robert Karlsson. His second shot came up well short off the tee.

[00:43:47] >> We know a player like Robert, he's going at this with an iron. And, you know, being short of this green is probably the place you want to be.

[00:43:59] >> Birdie putt, Brett Quigley.

[00:44:00] >> Yeah. There you go. That was beautiful.

[00:44:10] >> K.J. Choi, birdie putt at the 3rd.

[00:44:18] >> Has anyone been any better than he has?

[00:44:29] >> I don't think so.

[00:44:31] >> All right.

[00:44:31] >> Yeah. Attaway, Justin.

[00:44:32] >> That's his birdie.

[00:44:34] >> Good birdie.

[00:44:35] >> The distance control that I've seen from him in this competition has been so spot on. It wouldn't surprise me if he takes this pretty much to the 1 yard short of the flagstick.

[00:44:50] >> Yeah. We've got a great camera angle behind it. This shot may not -- the ball may not leave the camera frame here. That's the kind of height I would think he's going to try to take it about tree height.

[00:45:06] >> Totally.

[00:45:07] >> With a bunch of spin. I'm going to give you over under on 6 feet, Bill.

[00:45:14] >> I'm going to take the under.

[00:45:24] >> A little higher maybe.

[00:45:27] >> Oh, it's fun a little bit.

[00:45:28] >> Yeah. I mean, he carried it more towards to the back of the green. But three good shots. I mean, this is a whole location that's hard.

[00:45:37] >> Now, Bernhard Langer at the 4th.

[00:45:40] >> After a short drive, he left himself here for the layup. Sixty-five to cover the bunker. Dead downwind.

[00:45:45] >> That was a terrific play. It looked like he's in the back edge of a divot.

[00:45:51] >> Now, Stricker's birdie.

[00:45:53] >> Well, pretty much the same line as Montgomerie. And this morning came off a bogey and made birdie and --

[00:45:59] >> Did it again.

[00:46:00] >> -- does the same thing again this afternoon.

[00:46:01] >> Yeah. Point and a half.

[00:46:04] >> Bernhard at the 4th. Pours it in.

[00:46:09] >> Big four here and with the difficulty of getting the ball up and down for Monty and Strick. Who knows? I mean, smart play. You've got to keep it right of this flagstick because if anything's drifting a little left, it's going to do the same thing that Monty and Strick did.

[00:46:30] >> On the tee at number 5, Bernard Langer.

[00:46:33] >> One seventy-nine, wind coming at them in the space. Anything short going to come right down off the left-hand side. Got to be long, right. Beautifully done.

[00:46:44] >> What a shot.

[00:46:46] >> Put a hybrid in his hand. May as well just assume he's going to hit it stiff.

[00:46:53] >> All right. Now, Stricker's 3rd at the par 5.

[00:46:55] >> Yeah, pretty good lie. Oh, this is good.

[00:47:01][ Applause ]

[00:47:04] >> All right, Billy. Big putt here for Steven Alker.

[00:47:07] >> Well, certainly is. And he's got a decent look at it, as you and Andy said. And going up the hill, a little bit of a grain change. And you got to have the grain change going to the right when it nears the cup. This may hang to the right once it gets close to the hole.

[00:47:27] >> We've had quite a few players make putts from this direction today.

[00:47:31] >> Here's another.

[00:47:36] >> What a big putt.

[00:47:38] >> Huge.

[00:47:42] >> Wow.

[00:47:43] >> That's the difference. If you're just talking about the two contending teams, that's a point and a half difference.

[00:47:48] >> That's right.

[00:47:50] >> Just making that putt.

[00:47:53] >> All right, Billy. So now, Stricker.

[00:47:55] >> Well, pretty much straight back up the hill. Just be a little careful. But the wind has really laid down. When were out there on 3, 4, 6, 7, I mean, it was cranking. But right now, it seems to have laid down.

[00:48:21] >> This is for all teams to receive a point. You go from -- It looks like USA is going to maybe gain something and you walk off all even.

[00:48:32] >> Yeah. Think about those tee shots. Stricker --

[00:48:34] >> Yeah.

[00:48:35] >> -- great tee shot. Alker found the bunker. But they make the same score.

[00:48:39] >> And here's Bernhard Langer, his birdie putt.

[00:48:42] >> Andy, you might just see the first putt this afternoon.

[00:48:45] >> Here we go.

[00:48:46] >> From a foot and a half or 2 feet, it's a lot simpler, isn't it, Suze?

[00:48:50] >> That is for sure.

[00:48:53] >> Birdie putt, Alex Cejka. Where these are important, Andy, is it's not just USA avoiding points for the Internationals. They need to win the points.

[00:49:05] >> Exactly. That's exactly right there.

[00:49:08] >> Back to the 9th. Jerry Kelly.

[00:49:10] >> One seventy-six after bombing a drive up this right-hand side. This is a low draw. He likes it.

[00:49:19] >> As he should. Fabulous shot.

[00:49:21] >> Big time shot.

[00:49:22] >> Big time important shot for USA.

[00:49:25] >> And his wind aided to top it all off.

[00:49:28] >> Jerry Kelly's got a makeable birdie putt.

[00:49:32] >> As does Darren Clarke. And that could matter, too.

[00:49:35] >> What a good putt. Oh, he made it.

[00:49:37] >> He made it.

[00:49:37] >> Oh, my. What a play when he needed it. He hasn't made a putt at all the last five or six holes, and then he rolls it in the last hole when it's so important.

[00:49:50] >> Huge.

[00:49:54] >> Talk about sticking a stake in Jerry's heart.

[00:50:00] >> This is as easy a putt as you'd have on this green. Uphill, moving right to left.

[00:50:16] >> Come on.

[00:50:16] >> Made it.

[00:50:17] >> He pointed at Stephen Ames who was smiling back at him.

[00:50:29] >> That's huge. That's fun to see.

[00:50:31] >> What a great finish for that group.

[00:50:33] >> So he didn't gain any points, but, boy, he didn't lose any. It looked like that might be the case.

[00:50:45] >> That was incredible. The United States wins the first World Champions Cup. And that's the putt that makes it official. Wow.

[00:51:05] >> It really didn't see it coming even a few minutes ago.

[00:51:08] >> When David is back on up the 7th tee, it looked like USA was in a lot of trouble. And the last three groups did what they had to do. Got a little bit of help.

[00:51:23] >> What a finish. The first ever World Champions Cup.

[00:51:27][ Cheering ] The World Champions Cup has come to an end in Bradenton, Florida. Could not possibly have been closer. In the end, the United States with a 221 point to 219 point victory. Billy Andrade's 11 points, USA needed all of them. Really, really fun to be with you, Andy.

[00:52:03] >> David, this has been a blast. Can't wait to do this in a year from now.

[00:52:07] >> Neither can I. This turned out to be a heck of a debut event. So long here from Florida, where the first ever World Champions Cup is now in the books. Came down to the final hole, came down to the final point, and Team USA comes away with a win.