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[00:00:28] >> The PGA Tour is proud to bring you the season long race for the FedEx Cup. Now, coverage of the 2024 Sentry.

[00:00:38] >> And this year, this tournament is indeed so different. Just less than five months ago, just 10 miles south of here in the historic town of Lahaina, the deadliest wildfire in the United States in more than a century occurred. The emotional and economic toll just about impossible to put in perspective. And that will be felt for years to come. It'll also be felt, especially this week at this tournament, where the players and everybody else involved in this tournament hopes to have a positive impact on the entire area, which has been suffering. Well, we mentioned Morikawa. And again, that six shot lead actually through at the turn in the final round last year, coming undone as Jon Rahm ended up winning it. But Morikawa getting it back on track this year. Eagle at the 9th. He was out in 4-under-32. Xander Schauffele, a part of how he fashioned his opening round of 66. Here he is at the 12th, playing the slope beautifully, Curt.

[00:01:43] >> You're going to see that here at Kapalua. Sometimes these players have to play away from the hole, use the slope to get the ball close. That was very well done.

[00:01:50] >> Seventh straight start here for Xander. He won this tournament back in 2019. And we just saw the 14th hole. This was Xander taking a big lash at it. Again, it's just 290 yards getting the hop.

[00:02:02] >> Lack of wind made that shot much easier. Usually, the wind is in off the left and tougher tee shot. But today, not so much.

[00:02:09] >> Got it down to two there for a birdie. Also birdied the 18th to get that 66. And this was Morikawa at the 14th hole.

[00:02:15] >> That is a really good shot right here. Ball below his feet. Not the easiest bunker shot, but he judged it beautifully.

[00:02:21] >> He also birdied 18th. And so, Morikawa got in with his 65. Luke List going high and soft.

[00:02:29] >> Out of the heavy stuff.

[00:02:32] >> Beauty.

[00:02:33] >> And that ended up producing a birdie for Luke List, who is now 6-under through 16 holes. As you take a look at the leaderboard, Morikawa, after letting it get away last year, rebound in the opener in 2024. Villegas continuing to play well. Here's Schauffele in with a 66 in the Open Champion from Hoylake, Brian Harman.

[00:02:52] >> To the 8th. How about another highlight delivered by Max Homa earlier on this par 3?

[00:03:00] >> The lack of wind is certainly helping these guys choose the right club. And this, oh, took a look.

[00:03:10] >> So Homa with a near ace. And how about checking in with what Grillo produced earlier?

[00:03:17] >> Loves to play a little draw. This started it to the right and ended up right at it.

[00:03:22] >> It's going to go in. It's going to --

[00:03:26][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:03:31] >> Here's Straka for birdie.

[00:03:34] >> To post 6-under. And he does. Solid round for Sepp Straka.

[00:03:45] >> Here's Nick Taylor now.

[00:03:47] >> Boy, these guys -- Look at that. Nick Taylor holds it out for eagle. How about that shot? That is not an easy shot. That is well below the level of the green off of a grainy lie. Another look here.

[00:04:03] >> Seems like it's about the same length as that putty made to win the Canadian Open, which is just fantasy like.

[00:04:13] >> Spieth makes a turn here at the 10th. Ninety-seven yards left. Up the hill.

[00:04:19] >> Off that side hill lie trying to work it in from right to left and use the slope.

[00:04:24] >> Kind of like that.

[00:04:26] >> Again and again.

[00:04:28] >> That's got a chance to go in.

[00:04:31] >> He would knock that in.

[00:04:33] >> All right. What does Aberg have left here, Woody?

[00:04:36] >> Two eighteen front, 258 total. Helping right to left win. And he has launched this way up in the air off a downslope. That is amazing right there.

[00:04:45] >> Wow. He flew it deeper into the green than we've seen anybody so far today.

[00:04:49] >> This is going to be really, really close.

[00:04:51] >> That is a significant downslope. And he just threw it straight up in the air.

[00:04:54] >> Boy, having length and being able to hit it that high is a huge advantage. This is a beautiful golf swing right here. Not a lot of moving parts. He generates tremendous power with ease. It doesn't look like he's trying hard to hit it a long way.

[00:05:18] >> Aberg with two putt for birdie.

[00:05:21] >> Now, Theegala from close range at 13 to move it to 7-under. And this would be for four in a row for Sahith. No problem. Can somebody pass the 8-unders? Morikawa and Villegas now just one back as Theegala after his seventh birdie in the first 13 holes.

[00:05:44] >> Back at 13 for Hovland, Smylie.

[00:05:46] >> He's actually been rolling it nice today. Making plenty of putts outside at 10 feet. And this one here, just a little right to left.

[00:05:59] >> Oh, man, it finally fell. Looked like it might hover on the edge and not drop. But that's back to back birdies for Hovland to get it to 5-under. Another look. For a second, it looked like it might stay out there. That's when you know things are kind of going your way, Curt, right?

[00:06:20] >> Absolutely.

[00:06:22] >> Jason Day trying to make a move on the way home. After a 334-yard drive, this was his second shot. Ball slightly below his feet from the rough.

[00:06:32] >> Well, he was really aggressive off the tee. That is down the right side. This catches a slope and goes back the other way could get close. What a great shot out of the rough. Straight uphill. Look at this.

[00:06:50] >> So, from short range for eagle to jump to 6-under, just two back. That's how you carve up 15. Wow.

[00:07:06] >> Here's Im now. Looks like a downhill putt, but it's an uphill putt. And he somehow got it in the right corner. So here he goes again.

[00:07:19] >> It'll be six in a row.

[00:07:21] >> Yes, it will. For the man who made 26 cuts and 31 starts last year on tour with his first official career win at the Fortinet, his family and his parents, who dreamt of that moment for so long, Curt, finally broke through. It was quite the scene. And the family celebration. How about this? Second player to birdie holes 10 through 15 in a single round at this tournament since '99. Tie for the lead at the last. Sungjae Im, who is also a part of an Olympic Team for South Korea, shoots 65 in the opening round here.

[00:08:04] >> Just cruises around out there.

[00:08:06] >> Yeah.

[00:08:06] >> Plays great golf, has a smile on each face the majority of the time.

[00:08:10] >> So it's four. Tied at the top at 8-under.

[00:08:14] >> They're going to play for a little release. Let's see if he lands it on top.

[00:08:21] >> Came out nice and high. Wind catching it. Should be the number.

[00:08:27] >> Oh, god.

[00:08:28] >> Really good. Man, landed just over the top of that ridge.

[00:08:32] >> Spieth would knock that in.

[00:08:35] >> Chance for Jason Day to move into that tie at the top at 8-under.

[00:08:39] >> Don't get it outside the right. We've seen this putt today. It's basically a straight putt. Yeah. Good read.

[00:08:49] >> And a solid day for Day. Theegala's third.

[00:08:54] >> Good lie. Probably not able to spin this. Too much downwind and landing on a downslope. Seemed really cut at that. Trying to spin it.

[00:09:02] >> Boy, that was a thing of beauty, the way he sliced underneath that. Try to put the brakes on it.

[00:09:12] >> So Theegala has a chance to get to 9-under, break out of the five-way tie for the lead at the top. Theegala now a chance to break out of it. Well done by Sahith Theegala. Only blemish came at the 16th. That came after six straight birdies. Adds up to a 64, 9-under.

[00:09:38] >> Sahith Theegala's 64 pushes him to the solo lead at the Sentry. Collin Morikawa sits one back. Round 2 is next.

[00:09:55] >> The breathtaking views remind us all of how special this island is. But what all of us have appreciated even more, especially this week, is the sense of community here. No more on display than in the last five months, ever since the deadly wildfire struck the island centered mostly around Lahaina, the historic town just 10 miles down the coast from us. So as the PGA Tour season begins anew, all of our thoughts continue to be with all of those who continue to come back from the devastating fires last August 8th. The 2024 season opener here. It does feel right, the Sentry, and Tyrrell Hatton feeling great out there today with a 62. Again, one off the course record 61. Sungjae Im continuing to play well. And with the winds continuing to be down, the course continues to be gettable. Just as Tyrrell Hatton finishing up a short while ago, playing for the first time here, his third shot at the par-5 18th. It is a hot group. Matt Fitzpatrick shooting 64, his fellow Englishmen. And Fitzpatrick's caddie, Billy Foster, giving the early call as it lands for an eagle finish for Hatton and a round of 62 that is just one off the course record.

[00:11:18][ Applause ]

[00:11:24] >> To 14th teem Viktor Hovland, 2-under for the round. That one looks to be right toward the center of the green. And in fact, it is.

[00:11:36][ Applause ]

[00:11:44] >> As we go back to 14.

[00:11:45] >> All right, Scheffler from the bunker, John.

[00:11:47] >> Yes. Spieth has already played, left it short on the fringe. Scott had him marked that ball. So the good news here, it's on the upslope. And like you said, on this angle, he's got some green to work with. So this is doable.

[00:12:02] >> Beautiful shot.

[00:12:06] >> So Scheffler will get himself to 14-under par. Take a look at this strike.

[00:12:16] >> Viktor Hovland putting for a two at this par 4 from across the back of the green. Going to break to his left. A little slow.

[00:12:28] >> Pretty good effort, though. Nice safe birdie for Viktor.

[00:12:33] >> This is Sepp Straka over at the 10th for birdie.

[00:12:41] >> Sepp getting more consistent all the time.

[00:12:44] >> Fifteen and the third for Scheffler, Woody.

[00:12:47] >> Yeah. Saw him play that fairway medal. Kind of popped it up from that rough. He had a good lie, and kind of went underneath it a little bit. But it's actually a good thing. If he'd have gotten that farther on the line he's on, very little green to work with. As it is, he can chip this right up the hill. Kind of an awkward yardage to get. That's why you see Ted Scott walking all the way to the hole. Sixty-two yards.

[00:13:13] >> Sixty-four. It's a little up.

[00:13:16] >> Yeah, that's right.

[00:13:19] >> Be aggressive with this one long.

[00:13:20] >> Absolutely. Yeah.

[00:13:21] >> Sure.

[00:13:22] >> There's four behind it, and even if you're on the back fringe, you got a 12-footer. So it's perfect.

[00:13:26] >> Sixty-four hole?

[00:13:27] >> Yes.

[00:13:27] >> Good last bit of information there from Ted about even if he's long, he's got 12 feet up the hill. It kind of takes away any fear Scott might have of hitting it just over this green and allows him to be very aggressive with this shot.

[00:13:39] >> Makes it an easy decision to go upstairs and not try to drive it in low and skip it back there too.

[00:13:50] >> This looks real good.

[00:13:51] >> Yeah.

[00:13:52] >> Time and time again, Scheffler delivering those short feel shots as well. Check out the spin on this one.

[00:14:03] >> He flew it just to the top of that little plateau back there and it was chewing away.

[00:14:13] >> Short range. Sungjae Im to grab a spot of the 15-under club. I mentioned this guy has played this golf course so well. That's a 66 for Sungjae. Ties Hatton and Todd at the moment.

[00:14:37] >> Saw him play that beautiful wedge. Perfect distance, pin high, lots of spin. Curt, I always felt like coming over here was these greens are tough to read. It's not a tough hitting week. You got wide fairways, big greens. A lot of greens are hit. But making putts here, you've got that big mountain to deal with. You've got grain and you've got these greens built against the hill. They're tough to read here.

[00:15:00] >> Yeah. There's definitely some local knowledge. And if you look at his stats on the right, ridiculous tee to green, I mean. But you saw the putting stat, 161. Obviously, we've talked a lot about that. If he improves to the point that we saw the first three rounds at Hero, which he went on to win, he didn't putt great the last day, he was so good the first three rounds. If he keeps improving, this is going to be a monster year because the ball striking still right there.

[00:15:26] >> Yeah. He connected with Kenyan just right around the Ryder Cup, right?

[00:15:30] >> Yeah, I think -- I believe that's right.

[00:15:31] >> And so, this has just taken off. And look at this card. He had that early bogey at the 2nd. And Hideki Matsuyama for birdie.

[00:15:47] >> Interesting to see what kind of year Hideki can put together. It's always been about staying injury free with him, right? Jordan Spieth back at 16.

[00:15:56] >> Fifty-two yards, and truly one of the special players from distances like this. Taking low with some cut spin.

[00:16:09] >> Just saw that technique. Just cut the legs right out of it.

[00:16:14] >> Up to the green.

[00:16:21] >> See if he can pay off that beautiful shot --

[00:16:23] >> Yeah.

[00:16:23] >> -- he does. So Spieth moving up the board to 12-under.

[00:16:27] >> Birdie number five.

[00:16:30] >> Over to 10, Mackenzie Hughes for another birdie. I thought he missed it.

[00:16:38] >> I thought that was it. A little late break helped him there.

[00:16:47] >> Back at the 14th tee, this is Lee Hodges. Five-under par on his round today. You can tell by the way he is looking that he likes this one. Just scoots by the bunker there on the corner and rolls right on by the hole.

[00:17:07] >> He would two putt for birdie.

[00:17:11] >> Tee at 18. There's the speed slot that Jordan Spieth has an eye on you would think. That gives you the ultimate slope use coming down this par 5.

[00:17:23] >> Yeah, different breeze today. Had that nice right to left wind to ride it down that hill. Today, it's left to right, but this is on a good line.

[00:17:28] >> You really want to hit something that doesn't have a lot of spin. And you -- Then you'll get the max rollout once that ball lands down there.

[00:17:38] >> It's a 667-yard par 5 today. On the card, it can go as much as 677. But again, so many 400 plus yard drives. So Spieth's ball still in motion. And the first time I believe we've tracked live with a drone in a double box picture. Upper left if comes to a rest. And now, Scheffler goes.

[00:18:02] >> Trying to chase that one down. This is up the center. He's not going to catch the speed slot. We'll see if it stays in the fairway.

[00:18:10] >> He's getting some good tumble, though.

[00:18:25] >> To 12th.

[00:18:26] >> Denny McCarthy, yup, for birdie here at the 12th. The guy can roll it.

[00:18:30] >> Yes, he can. Ball striking is getting better and better all the time as well. But that is still the strength of his game.

[00:18:38] >> And just seems a matter of time before he finally puts it together for a win. Came really close at the Memorial last year with a runner up finish.

[00:18:48] >> Beautiful view down the 18th fairway. And it's Jordan Spieth's turn, Woody.

[00:18:52] >> Two sixty-six left for Spieth. Found a little flat spot, which is great for this shot. That is his three hybrid. Starting him right of the green and cutting. Not thrilled with it, but it's not going to be bad there.

[00:19:10] >> Never too bad over there on the right.

[00:19:15] >> Scheffler trying to cozy this down to 18, unlike yesterday when it got by a little bit and he ended up parring the hole.

[00:19:21] >> Yeah, he missed about a 6-footer yesterday for birdie. This is on a really good line.

[00:19:26] >> Really good line.

[00:19:27] >> There's no missing that.

[00:19:32] >> No, we'll give him that. So a birdie finish for Scheffler to become the first to get to 16-under at the Sentry this year.

[00:19:42] >> And now, Hovland ready to go.

[00:19:48] >> Can't get a much better teach than that. Just see how long this putt is. But all he's got to do is hit it about 12 feet right now, get it to that slope.

[00:20:09] >> Another good one. Has a chance. Hovland buries it.

[00:20:16][ Applause ]

[00:20:26] >> Threesome trying to play this 18th at 4-under.

[00:20:29] >> Yeah. He's putting the grind on this one. He really wants to finish his day with a birdie here. And a very positive by knocking this right in the back of the hole.

[00:20:46] >> It's about as good as it gets for a threesome, even at the easy 18th. Couple of birdies. The eagle by Hovland. The net star studded group will head to the weekend in good shape. Scheffler, 16-under. Spieth 13-under. Hovland, 14-under.

[00:21:07] >> Scottie Scheffler jumps to the solo lead in Round 2. One shot better than Englishman Tyrrell Hatton, who carded a 62. Round 3 is next.

[00:21:23] >> Well, there is no denying the great beauty of this island of Maui, but it has been a much different feel to this week at Kapalua. Just five months ago, the deadliest wildfire in the US in more than 100 years took at least 100 lives, displaced countless families. It was unknown if this tournament would even be held. But through determination, the perseverance of everybody involved in this tournament, including great support from the players, it is indeed back to kick off this 2024 season. To the 5th. And Tyrell Hatton, who was one off the course record yesterday with a 62, been a bit of a different story today, but rolls that one in.

[00:22:11][ Applause ] Eric Cole, he's over at 14.

[00:22:20] >> He hit this ball 186 yards off the tee. So, has chosen to play this hole a little bit differently.

[00:22:27] >> Has a funnel right there. There it goes. Should get in the leather.

[00:22:33] >> Cole would make birdie moving to 14-under.

[00:22:37] >> Over at the 13th, we've got Tony Finau from long range for birdie.

[00:22:43] >> Hole location today on that upper tier on the right there for these players. Should turn in right. up.

[00:22:51] >> Tony started making them late yesterday. I think he's found a little something with the flagstick.

[00:22:58] >> Schauffele's second at the par-4 12th.

[00:23:07][ Applause ]

[00:23:10] >> He moves to 15-under for the tournament.

[00:23:19] >> Par-5 15th, Si Woo Kim has this for eagle.

[00:23:24] >> Just to kind of get back in the game, feel like you got a chance, five back.

[00:23:29] >> Told Si Woo this morning that we shouted out his walkout song at the President's Cup. He loved that.

[00:23:35] >> Here's Brian Harman, who day to day and week to week plays really good golf. And especially here at the Plantation Course. For birdie at 11. So that is well done. Nice two there.

[00:23:52] >> Cam Davis for birdie at 18. He'll move to 2-under.

[00:24:13] >> Fourteen, here's Xander Schauffele, 16-under. He's gotten within two of the lead.

[00:24:17] >> Here he comes.

[00:24:20] >> Here he comes is right. So Xander Schauffele on a roll here. And it wouldn't be the first time that he has done it here at the Plantation Course. He loves this place.

[00:24:35] >> Scheffler at 10 for birdie.

[00:24:42] >> Did he hit it?

[00:24:43] >> Yeah, he did.

[00:24:44] >> Yes, he did.

[00:24:46] >> Here he comes.

[00:24:47] >> Back to back birdies.

[00:24:56] >> Theegala is at 13 for birdie.

[00:25:00] >> Had to have gotten a good read off Jordan's.

[00:25:03] >> That's for two in a row. Just finding the edge. Sahith.

[00:25:07] >> Theegala. Theegala. Theegala.

[00:25:11] >> And he's got his fan club out there.

[00:25:14] >> This just on the edge. Using the slope to perfection.

[00:25:19] >> Good thing it was dying speed.

[00:25:20] >> And now, Bhatia for birdie. Boy, they're coming in from everywhere now.

[00:25:28] >> Tell you what, that -- this might end up being one of the great changes of putters that we've seen in a while as well.

[00:25:34] >> That ball is rolling so good.

[00:25:36] >> It is.

[00:25:36] >> Yup.

[00:25:37] >> Lucas Glover comes to mind.

[00:25:38] >> Over at the 13th. An with a left to right bid for birdie. Looking good. And he jumps into that big tie for second at 18-under. Brendon Todd for his birdie at the 12th.

[00:26:04] >> Should go a little left. There you go.

[00:26:08] >> You've seen that stroke a few times through the years, Kis.

[00:26:10] >> He can do it. When he gets hot, je thinks he can make it from everywhere.

[00:26:19] >> Over to 15 with Spieth's third shot. Fifty-two yards. He would convert and moves to 18-under.

[00:26:40] >> Third for Cantlay at the par-5 18th.

[00:26:43] >> Boy, he's got it in a great spot. Just onto the green. It's going to break left.

[00:26:48] >> Sounded good.

[00:26:49] >> Looking at it.

[00:26:53] >> Easy birdie finish for Cantlay, who has risen up the board just like Schauffele has. Cantlay will get it to 17-under. Schauffele should get it to 19-under.

[00:27:10] >> There's a chance, but it's a slim one to save par, Woody, at 15.

[00:27:13] >> Yeah. And this is one of those ones. The slope says left to right, the wind is directly right to left. So it's going to fight itself and you got to really pick out a happy medium.

[00:27:21] >> I think it's difficult to judge that fringe coming out of there, too. How much does it kick it one way and then the green --

[00:27:27] >> I think he got it.

[00:27:29] >> Buries it.

[00:27:30] >> And there, again, not much expression change for the robotic Chris Kirk. Pulled off an amazing par at 15 to remain tied for the lead. Hovland over at 16 with his third trying to save par.

[00:27:52] >> Oh, man. That's how it's done.

[00:27:54] >> A year ago, I don't think he was capable of hitting that shot right there.

[00:27:59] >> Hovland would tap that in and save his par.

[00:28:05] >> And Kevin, you talk about there's wolves in golf tournaments. You said that earlier in the day. Scottie Scheffler, only 2-under on his round, but making a birdie here. He's only one back, knowing that he still has his best stuff potentially for tomorrow.

[00:28:17] >> Yeah. Standing on the, you know, the 9th green, having to make a 10-footer to shoot even par on the front, you know, I think he'd be happy to be. Right here, shoot 3-under, and feel like he rided the ship, and still right there at 19-under. I mean, he's dead in the ball game.

[00:28:51][ Applause ]

[00:28:54] >> Fired up after that miss.

[00:28:56] >> Yeah. That's 34 putts today by Scheffler. Just that one last stinging way to end it. That's no fun. You don't really see him get too animated beyond that, but he's frustrated.

[00:29:11] >> That's about as frustrated as I've seen him in the last year.

[00:29:17] >> The star studded field in Hawaii is led by Chris Kirk heading into the final round. Who will claim the maiden event of 2024. The final round is next.

[00:29:28] >> The calendar flips, and PGA Tour golf returns, that means one thing, Hawaii.

[00:29:35] >> When we grow up, we grow up imagining playing against the best players in the world.

[00:29:47] >> It's one of the most special places we get to go in the entire world.

[00:29:52] >> The 2024 FedEx Cup Season begins at the PGA Tour's opening drive.

[00:30:02] >> And today, we wrap up an emotional week here at Kapalua, just five months from the devastating fires down in Lahaina, as this community continues to recover. Everyone here, including all 59 players in the field, hoping that this tournament provided a positive impact in those efforts, which will continue in the years to come.

[00:30:24] >> As we check out the leaderboard, there's Kirk with that latest birdie there at the 5th. Twenty-three-under par, but look at everybody behind him. Some of the best players in the world in the largest field in the history of this tournament. We've got Jordan Spieth still on the hunt there. Just three back. And World number 1, Scottie Scheffler for birdie.

[00:30:50] >> Look out. Look out if he starts making a few putts.

[00:30:57] >> Now, out to the 6 with the leader, Chris Kirk.

[00:30:59] >> Folks, you see that gentleman right in the back center of the green, the slope is just to the right of him as you view it here.

[00:31:10] >> Way back. In his stance, I don't think he caught that completely like he wanted to, but it's going to run out. Didn't take the high route.

[00:31:25] >> Over to 8.

[00:31:27] >> Scheffler, who is on a comeback after an early bogey, but now on a birdie run.

[00:31:33] >> There's a backstop behind the hole location, and as well as back behind it to the right. He may try to get it all the way back there.

[00:31:40] >> Here it comes.

[00:31:47][ Applause ]

[00:31:54] >> Kirk for birdie at 6.

[00:31:59] >> Here he goes.

[00:32:00] >> In the middle.

[00:32:01][ Applause ]

[00:32:09] >> And now, Scheffler for four in a row.

[00:32:16] >> Oh, got to have those on Sunday.

[00:32:19] >> Back over at the 7th. Got Jordan Spieth for birdie.

[00:32:24] >> He's actually had a really good week, putting the ball coming into this last round here. He led the field in feet of putts made for the week.

[00:32:33] >> Continues with that theme.

[00:32:40] >> To 9.

[00:32:41] >> J.T. Poston with a third shot from the left hand side of the fairway. Gives him a pretty good angle at this front right.

[00:32:50] >> Oh, no.

[00:32:51] >> Wow. It was in, it was out, it was in.

[00:32:55] >> That went down.

[00:32:56] >> It went out.

[00:32:57] >> That had to be so much spin on that golf ball that it hit the bottom of the cup and ricocheted back out. I mean, it went dead center and came back out.

[00:33:06] >> Popped up like a lottery ping pong ball.

[00:33:09] >> Wow.

[00:33:09] >> Looks like when you're --

[00:33:10] >> Still had spin.

[00:33:10] >> -- throwing balls in the holes on the putting green trying to make them stay.

[00:33:17] >> The leader, Kirk.

[00:33:21] >> One fifty-one total off the downslope. Hit a bushel full of good wedges yesterday, so he's got to be licking his chops here. Plays about 12 yards downhill. Hardly a breeze at all.

[00:33:34] >> Should be able to be pretty aggressive with this. Maybe just 3 or 4 or 5 yards short of the hole.

[00:33:45] >> You love continuing to hit shots like that when you have a lead and you're playing well and you're two shots. Just makes the whole field be easier. You start missing greens and it starts to be a struggle. It's no fun. Stressful.

[00:33:56] >> Shift over to the 8th for Spieth. Looking for another birdie.

[00:34:00] >> Little subtle ridge between him and the hole. It's going to be slow.

[00:34:04] >> There we go. He's got that long range thing figured out, doesn't he, Kis?

[00:34:08] >> Yeah.

[00:34:08] >> Just keep it outside of 3 feet, Jordan.

[00:34:12] >> Thirteen, Eric Cole coming off five straight birdies. That for six in a row for Cole.

[00:34:20] >> In the lower right of your screen, you have Chris Kirk putting for a birdie at the 7th green. This is Theegala for an eagle at 9. And that is beautifully judged, distance wise. Tap in birdie there. And Kirk drips it in the front edge at 7.

[00:34:45] >> Out at the 9th.

[00:34:47] >> Really important shot here for Jordan Spieth. Two thirty-seven, is this --

[00:34:52] >> On a good line rough.

[00:34:53] >> Yeah.

[00:34:53] >> And look, it's perfect.

[00:34:55] >> And it'll come down pretty soft.

[00:34:59] >> Spieth with two putt for birdie from there.

[00:35:03] >> Let's check in with Sungjae Im here who is on a record chase of birdies.

[00:35:10] >> Pouring them right in the middle one after another.

[00:35:18] >> This is Scheffler over at the 10th.

[00:35:21] >> Got some right -- left to right break in it. Needs to see one go in.

[00:35:25] >> That's going in.

[00:35:26] >> And he's going to get it.

[00:35:29] >> Watch out. Typically, on this golf course, we talk about holes 14 through 18, where they really go deep. But today, with no wind, every hole is a chance to make birdie.

[00:35:40] >> Five birdies in the last six for Scheffler. I was leaving the golf course yesterday. He was headed right back over to the practice tee to kind of groove his swing for this final round. Chase Spieth right there in a tie for second with Michael Greller.

[00:35:55] >> Got to 10 paces out of it.

[00:35:58] >> Yeah.

[00:36:00] >> Yeah, correct.

[00:36:00] >> Higher pass.

[00:36:01] >> Yeah. You have a good hole on one of those?

[00:36:06] >> I mean, I don't think it's even that hard. He's playing five short of the number, isn't it?

[00:36:12] >> Yeah. I think it's -- Just maybe three short. It's hard to believe there's that much help.

[00:36:18] >> OK.

[00:36:21] >> There's a guy coming off of three straight birdies making the turn, Jordan Spieth. This is absolutely a green light situation for this flat stick.

[00:36:32] >> Never have to guess what him and Greller are thinking. They'll just tell you. The way he's been putting. Good chance.

[00:36:45] >> There's nine holes to play. Were you a scoreboard watcher, and was it different if you were leading or behind, or at what point did you really start checking things out?

[00:36:53] >> I started of watching from the get go. I want to know where I am the whole time. And I remember Tiger Woods telling me a long time ago, how could you not want to know where you are? So I try to do whatever the best player I've ever seen do. And I think this is a huge putt for Chris Kirk. This is a hole that he had four on his mind before he even got to the golf course today. And he's hit two decent shots and left himself with a difficult putt that everybody's missed to the right of the hole. So see if he can get enough break and enough speed on it to pour it in the middle.

[00:37:20] >> He's got to be thinking he's in the gauntlet back in Athens.

[00:37:23] >> No doubt.

[00:37:23] >> This is to stay tied with Kisner right here. Just like that, he never missed one against me, either.

[00:37:37] >> Who knows? He might have been thinking that right about. This is for a dollar from Kis.

[00:37:43] >> Spieth now trailing by three. Chance to get it back to a two shot deficit with Kirk.

[00:37:48] >> Big putt here. He's been making them. Want to keep that momentum going, though. He's a momentum guy, too.

[00:38:01] >> I'm not too sure he thought it was going in.

[00:38:03] >> Yeah. He was just looking at it like that might miss to the right. But that's four in a row for Spieth to keep the chase alive on Kirk.

[00:38:21] >> To 11.

[00:38:22] >> Final instructions from Michael Greller for Jordan Spieth. He's played this hole a lot of times. He'll have a good feel for the distance. Five-under on his round today. And he hung it out just a little bit.

[00:38:51] >> Back at 15, Im for the record.

[00:38:58] >> Step aside Calcavecchia, Gow, and Jon Rahm. There is 33 birdies on the week. Best ever.

[00:39:12] >> Over at 11, Jordan Spieth for a two. He's birdied five of the last seven.

[00:39:18] >> How about six of eight?

[00:39:20] >> Oh, boy.

[00:39:20] >> Come on. What a putt.

[00:39:22] >> He's feeling.

[00:39:22] >> And he's --

[00:39:23] >> He's feeling it.

[00:39:31] >> Chris Kirk shot here.

[00:39:34] >> One-sixty-two. Playing about 150 downhill. This is 8-iron.

[00:39:40] >> Be the right number. I would say it is, Chris.

[00:39:43] >> I'm going to give him that one.

[00:39:45] >> Wow.

[00:39:45] >> What a shot.

[00:39:46] >> Kirk would make that moving to 27-under.

[00:39:49] >> Over to 14.

[00:39:50] >> Jordan Spieth, second shot at the par 4.

[00:39:52] >> Was sitting down a little bit of a hole mark. A very nice shot.

[00:39:57] >> Yeah.

[00:40:02] >> Up to the green with Spieth.

[00:40:07] >> Over to 14. Here's Spieth now, Smylie, for a three.

[00:40:10] >> And Harris English just made upon a very similar line. Actually rolled just on the other side of his coin. So he knows exactly what it does.

[00:40:18] >> OK, he's hanging in there. That was a great up and down. A must up and down.

[00:40:24] >> But he is still looking up that leaderboard at Chris Kirk.

[00:40:29] >> Theegala is next. And this to tie Kirk at the top at 27-under.

[00:40:36] >> This for his fourth birdie in the last five holes.

[00:40:55] >> Yes.

[00:40:55] >> Watch it right in.

[00:40:59] >> Theegala. Theegala.

[00:41:02] >> To 15, Spieth's second out of a tough line.

[00:41:06] >> I'd rather be long than short here, if he can manage that.

[00:41:10] >> This is so hot.

[00:41:11] >> He's got the long putt, Kirk. Now, he wants him to chill.

[00:41:16] >> Yeah. That's even a little longer than I.

[00:41:18] >> That's going to be a hard shot to judge, man.

[00:41:20] >> It is. Yeah.

[00:41:23] >> Chris Kirk's second shot here. Looks pretty straightforward, but there's any chance of nerves it would be one like this.

[00:41:32] >> That's that grain. They're trying to play it off their back foot. You see the huge divot and he thought it was going to skip up off of that little bit of a false front.

[00:41:40] >> Kirk would make par.

[00:41:43] >> This is this tough up and down try for Spieth at 15 for a birdie.

[00:41:48] >> And went on that downslope there, right at the top of this ridge, but went a little bit too far right.

[00:41:52] >> I don't think it's going to work out.

[00:41:55] >> There, it catches it.

[00:41:57] >> Considering --

[00:41:57] >> Great shot.

[00:41:59] >> -- the difficulty of that shot, he's going to be pretty proud of that one.

[00:42:02] >> That's going to put Spieth at 27-under and make it a three-way.

[00:42:06] >> Spieth would make that for birdie.

[00:42:10] >> Sungjae Im, one more crack at birdie on a record setting day for him. And he gets it. Another one adds to the record breaking total of birdies, 34 and all this week, the most ever in a 72 event.

[00:42:28] >> Theegala's second at 16.

[00:42:32] >> Got so much momentum right now. Three birdies in a row coming into this shot right here. And it appears that he's going to make four in a row. He has a lot of momentum on his side right now.

[00:42:45] >> Good look at that. Grainy lies on the upslope there. That's why you're seeing they're holding that left side through there. They're not letting that flip through.

[00:42:54] >> Now, up to the green.

[00:42:55] >> And now, Theegala for birdie. And he's got the lead by himself with another one that falls for Theegala. Big tee shot for Jordan Spieth. One back.

[00:43:16] >> Watching it. But concerned because of the bunker it was headed to. And we understand from Smylie, who's out there, that it's underneath the lip and not a good situation at all.

[00:43:31] >> Wow. You could tell by his reaction he doesn't know it's underneath the lip. But you could tell that was the last place he wanted to hit it.

[00:43:38] >> Those bunkers sprinkled out there at 16.

[00:43:42] >> Spieth on the bunker.

[00:43:45] >> He's going to -- Interesting reaction here when he sees where this ball is. Oh my goodness.

[00:43:50] >> Look at that. I mean, it is just dead.

[00:43:53] >> You better get away, Smylie.

[00:44:01] >> Well, you just saw it. Fighting, fighting, fighting all day, and that happens. And now, he'll be hoping for some -- his magic that we've seen through the years to try to get it up and down there to stay at 27-under. Here's Kirk now at 15. Got himself a good lie down there.

[00:44:26] >> A fantastic lie. Just 169 left the hole. It was obviously very uphill, so probably playing closer to low 180s. There is some help there, but you really, on a shot like this, you're going to go that you're so elevated to the green, you don't get a lot of help because the ball never gets above the green.

[00:44:43] >> And looking at the leaderboard, Woody, it looks like a three horse race at this point. So that kind of takes some pressure off of Kirk in the last group. He knows who he has to beat coming in.

[00:44:51] >> Yeah. And always this is a good looking line. Just left the flagstick. I always think when you're looking back and you're chasing somebody and see they don't birdie a birdie hole, gives you a little boost of adrenaline.

[00:45:01] >> What a shot by Kirk.

[00:45:02] >> Yeah.

[00:45:08] >> Spieth trying to scramble for a par here at 16.

[00:45:13] >> He's still in it. He knows he gets this up and down. He's got a chance.

[00:45:17] >> Man, it took a look at the hole. So there is the chance comes back a little bit.

[00:45:22] >> Up to the green.

[00:45:23] >> This is just the type of putt, Dan, that you just have to find a way to will it into the bottom.

[00:45:33] >> First bogey comes at a costly time. Now, two back as Spieth's got two holes left. Try to make it up.

[00:45:42] >> Kirk for eagle at 15.

[00:45:57] >> That's when you ask your player what he likes and you say, "Yup, you got it, boss."

[00:46:06] >> Hitting some weak putts here coming in. Kind of missing them short and right, which is, you know, get a little heat on you. And that's kind of what happens with the flat stick.

[00:46:21] >> Kis, I've had this putt before. I've tried to make it go to the right, but I think it has a little bit of left tendency here. There's just a slight ridge to his right. That's just going to want to hold it a little bit to keep it from turning a little bit to the right.

[00:46:35] >> Well, if you watched his pitch roll by, he got a perfect line. I think he was more disgusted with his contact than paying attention to the ball rolling. He looked like he played the pitch to go to the right, and it didn't move much. I think it's pretty straight, Smylie. But I agree with you. You wanted to go right. I just don't think it does.

[00:46:52] >> Slow is the key.

[00:46:53] >> He's playing it dead straight. Poured it in.

[00:46:56] >> It's the kind of putt that, who knows, could end up being a part of his second PGA Tour victory.

[00:47:07] >> Playing this in the back foot. Going to hit a little stab skipper in there.

[00:47:21] >> That's really good.

[00:47:22] >> Spieth stays at 26-under.

[00:47:26] >> All he's trying to do is get it to creep over that ridge you see about 10 paces on at the shadow of the flag. And that should be about the perfect break.

[00:47:53] >> He had the speed right. It just didn't break as much as he thought.

[00:47:57][ Applause ]

[00:48:01] >> Up to the green.

[00:48:06] >> Theegala. Ten and a half feet from taking the lead with Kirk behind him at that same number at the moment.

[00:48:12] >> He's going quickly. He feels good about the read.

[00:48:14] >> I like it. Right on the left edge, Kis.

[00:48:16] >> Knock it in the back.

[00:48:21] >> Oh, man.

[00:48:26] >> I think he hit it right where he wanted to, Smylie. Just maybe not enough speed.

[00:48:29] >> Sixty-three nonetheless for Sahith Theegala.

[00:48:36] >> Big shot now for Chris Kirk.

[00:48:40] >> Stood back here for a while, looking at treetops, looking at clouds, because it was just going every single direction. You just got to commit to what you're feeling right now.

[00:48:48] >> Always felt like the distance control from further back in this fairway over this canyon was so hard to judge. The wind can knock it down or carry it.

[00:48:56] >> That was a really good strike. Just right of the flagstick, if it's the right number. How about this?

[00:49:04] >> What a shot.

[00:49:05] >> How about it?

[00:49:08] >> Maybe the winning shot, huh?

[00:49:10] >> I think you --

[00:49:10] >> Best shot of the day at absolutely the most critical moment to hit it. That was a 5-iron, folks, into this difficult hole location. Landed in a beautiful spot. Distance control was impeccable. If he goes on to win this championship, he'll look back and say, that's what won it for me right there.

[00:49:37] >> So let's see if Spieth can make it a little more interesting. Undone by that bogey.

[00:49:52] >> Bad break.

[00:49:53] >> At the 16th, a bad break.

[00:49:55] >> Terrible break, that ball plugging --

[00:49:57] >> I mean, it --

[00:49:57] >> -- under the lip.

[00:49:57] >> -- wasn't enough to just get in the bunker. Just buried under the lip.

[00:50:01][ Applause ]

[00:50:14] >> Wow, what a three. And how it changes the dynamic of that final hole for Chris Kirk.

[00:50:24] >> Chris Kirk strolling down at his pace to his upcoming third shot.

[00:50:30] >> I mean, I can light it up five shorter, so it's fine.

[00:50:39] >> Yes.

[00:50:41] >> But --

[00:50:41] >> Good.

[00:50:41] >> Yup.

[00:50:59] >> Almost wonder with the wind direction back kind of into his face now, Woody. If he'll just fly it a little further onto the green, we'll see. He should be able to put plenty of spin on it from almost 70 yards.

[00:51:09] >> I would agree.

[00:51:26] >> Right where you want it. Uphill putt.

[00:51:27] >> Little two putts from there will do it.

[00:51:32][ Applause ]

[00:51:46] >> Knock it in, dog wins my debut in the booth. Let's go.

[00:51:50] >> Could you script it any better?

[00:51:51] >> No, sir.

[00:52:08] >> Cozies that one up.

[00:52:11] >> And the stage is clear for Chris Kirk.

[00:52:17] >> Back in Maui for the first time since 2016 and back in the PGA Tour winners circle.

[00:52:28] >> What an awesome round of golf.

[00:52:36] >> This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of the Sentry from the Plantation Course at Kapalua, Maui, Hawaii.