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[00:00:29] >> The PGA Tour is proud to bring you a season-long race for the FedExCup. Now, coverage of the 2024 Valspar Championship.

[00:00:39] >> And welcome you to the final Thursday of the Florida swing. Terrific field, gorgeous weather, just a mile from St. Joseph Sound, and beyond that, the Gulf of Mexico. The Copperhead Course is a player favorite amongst tour pros. It's rare that a golf course in a sunshine state has natural elevation changes, but the Copperhead Course offers an 80-foot difference from top to bottom. Throw in the thick rough and fast greens, and it has the makings of a stern test. Here are some highlights from Justin Thomas at the 8th. Justin, kind of rolling along. Didn't play great last week. Missed the cut at the Players. He started on 10. Look at that shot at the 8th. He would go on to birdie there. He also birdied the 9th, shot a 3-under-par 68. How about Brendon Todd? Look at this tee shot, par-3 15th. Two hundred sixteen yards today. And Brendon was dialed in early in this first round. Good birdie for Todd. He would finish with a 4-under-par 67. How about Keith Mitchell? No cashmere today. Too warm. But his second at the 16th was a beauty. At one point, Keith got it to 6-under par. He ended up with a 4-under-par 67. Made a birdie there at 16 after that second shot. Adam Svensson, we talked about that 5-under 66. Here's one of the ways he got there. A beauty at 16 with his second shot. One of his birdies on the card. Again, 5-under 66, setting the pace as we speak. Aaron Baddeley, we saw him on 18. But how about earlier with his third at the 5th? Doesn't get any better than this. Holes it out.

[00:02:28][ Applause ] To the 3rd.

[00:02:35] >> Spieth. Looks like he had a decent lie there. Just straight face, chop, and roll out. And what else would you expect from him? Back here at the 6th, Xander Schauffele looking over his birdie putt.

[00:02:50] >> Good look here, Curt. Back up the hill, moving a little left to right. A week like last week for him, I mean, it takes so much out of you. What were some of your keys coming back from an energy draining week that maybe didn't turn out right?

[00:03:02] >> I think just keep telling yourself how well you're playing and you have a chance to win that very next week. If you're capable of almost winning the Players, you're certainly capable of winning here this week. Been playing consistent golf all season. Oh, with some speed. Great birdie there for Schauffele.

[00:03:24][ Applause ]

[00:03:31] >> Ryan Fox is trying to get back to even par at 9.

[00:03:34] >> Well, you can see, coming from behind these holes, that green will run out.

[00:03:38][ Applause ]

[00:03:43] >> At the 7th, here's Nick Taylor, right side of the fairway.

[00:03:48] >> Just got to get it on the back part of the green here. Beautiful strike there. See if he dialed in the number. And he did. Whoa, almost dialed in a deuce.

[00:04:01] >> Taylor would make birdie.

[00:04:03][ Applause ]

[00:04:07] >> This is Akshay Bhatia's third shot. Whoa.

[00:04:16][ Applause ]

[00:04:24] >> Thorbjorn Olesen, he drove it in the water here at 12. So now, this is his third at the par 4.

[00:04:30] >> Steve, you can drive in the water two ways here. You can hit way right or you can hit through the fairway.

[00:04:34] >> He would save par. Aaron Rai for birdie at the 11th. And Rai gets back to even far.

[00:05:00] >> Maverick McNealy has this for birdie. Played really well last week at the Players Championship. Top 10 there. From long range, Mav McNealy. And the short game, the putting. He's healthy again.

[00:05:17] >> Detry from just off the green at 13. That goes.

[00:05:22] >> This is at the 3rd. Carl Yuan, who is on fire right now, trying to make his fourth birdie in the row. Down the hill. Yes. Yuan to 5-under par and a share of that lead.

[00:05:42] >> This is Chandler Phillips putting for birdie at 17.

[00:05:49] >> There's a long way here. This is probably a little bit of a mishit to be that far back. It's a full club short. Leaving the flagstick in.

[00:05:59][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:06:06] >> Olesen is on the tee.

[00:06:09] >> Set out to the left. Players having so much success here. Just bleeding that ball back into that hole location. And another one make it.

[00:06:21] >> Olesen would make birdie.

[00:06:23] >> Here's Zach Johnson from just off the green at 12.

[00:06:27] >> We've seen him rolling some long putts through his career.

[00:06:30] >> Like that.

[00:06:30] >> Kind of like that.

[00:06:32] >> Man.

[00:06:36] >> Nick Taylor, he's on the other side of the hole. He's putting down the hill now.

[00:06:39] >> Yeah. He would desperately trade this 16-footer to be on the opposite side, where he'd have an uphill right to lefter instead of a slick downhill left to righter. He's got to feed this one in.

[00:06:52] >> Yeah, that's a great word, Arron. He does have to feed this in. It will have some late turn when it loses its momentum.

[00:07:06] >> Look at that. Beautiful.

[00:07:07] >> Channeling his late Sunday birdie efforts.

[00:07:13] >> Forty-five-year-old Kevin Streelman fires an opening 64 to take the solo lead. Canadian Adam Svensson, 66, leads him just two back and tied for third. Round 2 is next.

[00:07:29] >> And what a difference a day makes. Gone is the sunshine and light breeze. In its place, A howling wind gusting upwards of 40 miles per hour. Birdies will be difficult to come by this afternoon. Let's go back in time today, a little bit earlier with some highlights. Lucas Glover. It's a great day to be an awesome ball striker, and we know how well Lucas does that part of the game. But when this part heats up, he can move up the leaderboard. A birdie at 4, 2-under today. He's right there on the first page of the leaderboard. Peter Malnati, easiest hole in the golf course. Here's his third at the 1st. Look how cool that shot is. The long flying bunker shot. He would make a birdie at one did Peter. K.H. Lee. At one point, he was 5-under on the day. Action part to a birdie putt like this. At 15, K.H. Lee gave one back. He ended up 4-under on the day, 4-under total for the week. Kevin Streelman, what a beautiful round yesterday. Seven-under 64, he was leading after Day 1. He had made two bogeys at this point when he reached the 18th, yet to make a birdie. But from 149 yards to 5 feet, he set himself up for a chance at his first birdie of the day. And it came at his last hole. And Kevin got it back to 6-under par. Another man on the move, Chandler Phillips. How about an eagle from 35 feet on the 14th? And Chandler making his presence felt here in the second round of the Valspar. He was only one back at that point. Justin Thomas, just getting things started. He birdied the 1st. And then, at 2, here's his second from the rough. And it is a beauty. Check this out. Rolls up, nicely cozies up next to the hole. He would start birdie, birdie.

[00:09:23] >> At the fourth, John Wood, you're with Sungjae Im.

[00:09:26] >> Yeah. Came up just short, but a perfect lie here. Not a difficult bunker shot at all. Plenty of green to work with. It's going to break hard left once it's down. Got a lot of ball there.

[00:09:44][ Applause ]

[00:09:49] >> At the 12th, the third shot for Adam Svensson.

[00:09:52] >> Try and get this just to trundle out.

[00:09:55] >> It's beautifully done.

[00:10:04] >> Harry Hall from just off the green at 16.

[00:10:16] >> Back at 16 as Harry Hall holes it from off the green.

[00:10:27] >> Seamus Power at 15 for birdie.

[00:10:29] >> Yeah. Coming from all the way across the green, hole cutting that front left section today.

[00:10:34][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:10:40] >> To 17.

[00:10:42] >> Par 3, up the hill, Davis Riley.

[00:10:46] >> University of Alabama product. You can see that nice tight little draw on it.

[00:10:53] >> Well done.

[00:10:53] >> This might have a chance.

[00:10:58] >> Riley would make birdie.

[00:11:07] >> John, here's Justin Thomas.

[00:11:08] >> And he would have got a bit of a read off Sam Burn's chip there. It's an awkward speed putt. It's left to right the whole way, but it's downhill initially, then it kind of bottoms out into a little saddle. And then, the last part of the putt is uphill. So it can be a tough speed read here.

[00:11:23] >> That's a good call, John. And that last putt seems like it wants to turn a little bit harder at the end toward the front of the green, which would be the JT's right.

[00:11:36] >> Oh, baby. Justin Thomas is hot.

[00:11:40] >> This is at 13. Chris Gotterup underneath the hole. This will be a slow putt. Just enough. And a good birdie there for Chris Gotterup, the rookie.

[00:12:00] >> Cameron Young amongst the crowd at 8. He's playing his second.

[00:12:13] >> Come on down. Come on down. Come on down.

[00:12:16] >> He stays at 5-under par. Now, Keith Mitchell's second at 6. Mitchell moves to 5-under.

[00:12:33] >> Here's Cink for eagle to get within one at the 1st.

[00:12:36] >> A couple big shots to get to this point.

[00:12:40] >> Oh, yeah. Steps it in.

[00:12:42] >> He gave it the early walk. Didn't quite get what the picture was going to get there.

[00:12:49] >> At the 9th, Mackenzie Hughes hitting his third.

[00:12:54] >> On that thick rough right behind him, Notah. He got it clean, though.

[00:13:00] >> Clean and in.

[00:13:10] >> Ricky Castillo.

[00:13:12] >> University of Florida product. Played on the Walker Cup a few years ago. Expecting high. A lot of high hopes for him.

[00:13:20] >> That's how you do it.

[00:13:24] >> That's how you meet your expectations. Just jarred from long distance. What a shot from Ricky.

[00:13:38] >> Thirteen. Now, Sepp Straka flighting down his tee shot.

[00:13:42] >> That looked like it took a look.

[00:13:44] >> Straka would make and get back to even par.

[00:13:51] >> It looked like he put it on a little clump, like up in the air, Notah. I think he has to go high with this. I don't think he can spin it.

[00:13:58] >> Yeah, that rehearsal is definitely a throw it up in the air swing.

[00:14:02] >> And I think that's the right choice here with that wind. If that wind's coming right back into, you can throw it up and will sort of just sort of drift in the air and suspend itself and come down relatively soft. Now, it's just got to measure out the carry number in his head. This is completely fill shot here.

[00:14:32] >> How's that landing spot?

[00:14:33] >> Oh, my goodness.

[00:14:35] >> Diamond right there.

[00:14:38] >> That is the --

[00:14:39][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:14:47] >> Mackenzie Hughes, 13, his second shot now.

[00:14:52] >> Lie looks okay, Curt.

[00:14:53] >> I tell you, this is impressive this afternoon.

[00:15:00] >> To eight.

[00:15:01] >> Kevin Yu.

[00:15:02] >> You can't even see the golf ball.

[00:15:06] >> It's very manageable from here, Steve. He's got to get it out and should run down that slope to the hole.

[00:15:12] >> Manageable?

[00:15:13] >> Manageable.

[00:15:15] >> Good.

[00:15:16][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:15:22] >> Streelman comes back to the field with a second round 72, but is still tied for the lead with four others, including Canada's Mackenzie Hughes. The third round is next.

[00:15:33] >> It's a longtime favorite of virtually every player out here on the PGA Tour. It gives everybody a chance to use every club in the bag. It's one of the more beautiful golf courses you'll see anywhere, not just in the State of Florida. A lot of guys say it's their favorite golf course in the Sunshine State. And sooner or later, you got to deal with a Snake Pit, right? Holes 16, 17, and 18. Sixteen, the par 4, playing the toughest of all the holes here on the Copperhead Course. Well, we've seen some hole outs, some dramatic things happen, which usually do so on this Copperhead Course. This was earlier. Eric Cole's third shot at the par-5 14th. One of the better par 5s on Tour. And Clark shortens it considerably with an eagle that lands there. Cameron Young got into the act with his second at the par-4 7th. Still looking for his first win on Tour. He gets a little more of these.

[00:16:41] >> Yeah, there you go. Get up.

[00:16:42] >> He won't need the putter. So Cameron Young adding to the highlight reel. And then, there is Stewart Cink, his second here at the par-4 3rd from 179 yards. He's been going back and forth from the PGA Tour Champions. He was in contention just a short time ago out there on the 50 plus tour. A birdie there for Cink. Then, he hit it way right at the par-5 3rd, or 5th, I should say. He's in the 9th fairway here. He's coming back over to the green, and he's putting himself up in birdie range there. So he sprayed it way right. Still had a chance to get it to eight under. And that's one of the craziest birdies you'll ever see. So Stewart Cink at 8-under par. Tied with the PGA Tour rookie, Chandler Phillips, in a big spot on a weekend. His second at the 6th. Phillips beginning the day after a pair of 68s, tied for that lead on a jampacked leaderboard. Then, the very next hole, he made that birdie at the 6th, comes to the 7th and just delivers another beauty. He's calm and cool. Doesn't seem like it's the first big spot for him in the PGA Tour spotlight, but he has been performing well.

[00:18:08] >> Let's head up to 12.

[00:18:09] >> The 3rd for Adam Svensson. Just in front of the green.

[00:18:13] >> Out of that first cut, going to get a little bit of run out on this. And run on in.

[00:18:17] >> To 12 again.

[00:18:17] >> And Cameron Young from the collar for birdie.

[00:18:23] >> Yeah. Starting to see some signs of life in his game. Exceptional from tee to green. This is the club that needs to click in.

[00:18:30] >> Absolutely, Notah. He had so many good looks at the Players Championship and just wasn't able to capitalize. But he's got it rolling today at the Valspar Championship.

[00:18:49] >> Chandler Phillips has that narrow one shot lead. Delicate third here.

[00:18:53] >> But he can be aggressive. It's uphill lie, into the wind, and pretty soft green. You saw that.

[00:19:02] >> Phillips would save par.

[00:19:06] >> Kevin Streelman.

[00:19:08] >> This might break a little bit to his right. He just got to see Cink's. What a putt.

[00:19:13] >> Seven-under par. That's where he was after Day 1 with that 64 on Thursday. Streelman to within one.

[00:19:21] >> Mackenzie Hughes with a close look to tie Phillips.

[00:19:25] >> Yeah. This one just going to go a little to his left and right down in the center.

[00:19:30][ Applause ]

[00:19:35] >> So Phillips is next.

[00:19:37] >> Yeah. You really have to take long out of play here, Dan. There's nothing good that happens here long at 10 to this flag.

[00:19:44] >> Dead red right here, Arron. He can go right after this, basically straight downwind.

[00:19:48] >> One hundred percent. Don't let the winds kind of shifting down here fool you. Trust it and hit it.

[00:20:00] >> Another precision iron delivered by Phillips.

[00:20:05] >> Chandler would make birdie.

[00:20:08] >> The 12th, the third for Keith Mitchell.

[00:20:11] >> Interesting. Using a lot of loft here. Typically see players trying to bump it up there.

[00:20:15] >> There you go.

[00:20:17] >> But obviously felt it. These guys are here for a reason.

[00:20:25] >> Mackenzie Hughes is bunkered to the right.

[00:20:28] >> That's a good spot to play from. Plenty of green to work with. Straight downwind. So, should release a little bit for him.

[00:20:37] >> All things go here.

[00:20:40] >> Yup.

[00:20:40] >> Expect that.

[00:20:41] >> One of the best players in the world.

[00:20:45] >> Now, Hughes for birdie.

[00:20:52] >> Good up and in from the bunker for Mackenzie. And he now is at 9-under par.

[00:20:56] >> And at 14, Keith Mitchell's third.

[00:21:01] >> It's coming from just in front. Tightly mown aprons. Got to have some nice shallow contact. Get a little bit of check on it. That's textbook. Right underneath the hole.

[00:21:11] >> Mitchell moves to 6-under.

[00:21:13] >> Ryo Hisatsune now with his second at the 18th. Trying to hang on to red figures here.

[00:21:20] >> That's right. The most difficult thing here is hitting that fairway, because then you can attack the hole, Dan.

[00:21:32] >> And back to 15.

[00:21:33] >> Where Seamus Power is lining up this birdie putt.

[00:21:38] >> Straight across the green here. Not much by the hole.

[00:21:41] >> Looks good. Looks really good. And he's there. Eight-under par.

[00:21:49] >> Keith Mitchell for birdie. Mitchell has turned it on after some earlier bogeys on the front nine. And if Keith Mitchell can get the putter heated up, he's going to continue to be a factor.

[00:22:01] >> But amazingly, it was the chip in at 12 that got him back into that mode after a couple of short misses with the flat stick.

[00:22:09] >> We stay with Mitchell on the 17th tee.

[00:22:21] >> That's left for birdie. Now, up to the green. And Mitchell joins the lead.

[00:22:38][ Applause ]

[00:22:45] >> Mackenzie Hughes set up with his second at 16.

[00:22:47] >> He hit to the widest section of the fairway, but the penalty is, or not the penalty, the challenge is he's got 191-yard second shot. Does a nice job to find the green, but still a long way away from the hole.

[00:23:02] >> Now up to the green with Mackenzie Hughes for birdie in the solo lead.

[00:23:08] >> Coming at it from just outside 40 feet. Just caught the very edge of the green. Going to work to his right.

[00:23:19] >> Wow. Hughes buries it to jump out of the pack at 9-under. This from 41 feet. Still not a lot of birdies today. This just the 8th to drop, but the longest one to go for Mac Hughes.

[00:23:38][ Cheering and Applause ] At 18, Keith Mitchell trying to bring it home here. Can he add one more to his back nine birdie total?

[00:23:50] >> Go in attack mode here from the fairway. He's eyeing this thing. Well, something in it that went in his eye.

[00:23:56] >> From 151 yards.

[00:23:59] >> Oh my goodness.

[00:24:03] >> Keith Mitchell does better than a birdie. He didn't even see it. Look at that finish. Twenty-nine coming home, 12-under on the back nine alone this week. And when you haven't won in 5 years and you keep banging on the door and you see something like this, Notah, drop, you say to yourself, just maybe it's my time again.

[00:24:33] >> In the weeks you win, you get a good break, you hit a brilliant shot, things just happen to go your way. Made back to back bogeys at the 5th and the 6th hole, fell to 3-under, five shots back, and climbs his way back into the solo lead.

[00:24:46] >> I'll tell you what it is, it's the happy hour boost from last week at the Players Championship with Smylie and Kis. He was really good on the air with those guys. Just showed another side of him. He's always one of the more entertaining guys out here.

[00:25:01] >> He knows he doesn't need the putter, right? Like --

[00:25:04] >> Fix the ball mark.

[00:25:06] >> Five putts in the last seven holes for the guy they call Cashmere Keith. He was smooth as silk coming home today.

[00:25:18] >> Well, just so much credit goes to him, Dan. He did not give up on himself. Had a couple short misses with the putter early.

[00:25:25] >> Four birdies and a closing eagle at 18. And taking advantage of a brilliant drive here.

[00:25:34] >> Got something in his eye you said.

[00:25:36] >> Short iron. Never saw this go in.

[00:25:38] >> He heard this, though. Wow, I think we did something special. Really special.

[00:25:45][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:25:49] >> And Mackenzie Hughes trying to get in at 9-under, but this 18th has been a struggle.

[00:25:55] >> Tough two putt here, too. Big right to left swinger, and there's no speed until the very end. It's actually uphill out of that low area initially. And then, once it starts making its turn, it'll pick up some speed. So a tough read.

[00:26:07] >> Yeah, he's got to come out of that little weird low point in that green that causes so many problems for players, Wood, depending on the hole location. But it really messes with your mind on the speed.

[00:26:19] >> Yeah, Notah. It's not till about the last 10ft that it goes downhill and it really straightens out.

[00:26:27] >> So double boxes down below right for birdie is Phillips on the collar. So it'll be a par for Chandler at 17. And he'll stay at 8-under.

[00:26:43] >> A par putt now for Hughes.

[00:26:53] >> Well, it's a good looking putt. Can he save it?

[00:26:58] >> Looked good a long way, Woody. In fact, he thought, oh, till it just stayed up.

[00:27:13] >> Similar look, just not as big of right to left break. He's just going over that hump and straight down.

[00:27:31] >> This has got some pace.

[00:27:33] >> Oh, that's how you do it. Malnati breaks the par streak. Gets up in there to a tie for third. What a finish from Malnati.

[00:27:50] >> You know, anybody within four or five shots headed into tomorrow can come out with a big round and just know that they have a chance.

[00:27:56] >> We've got the two outliers with 66s today, Lee Hodges and Keith Mitchell.

[00:28:04] >> An unbelievable close to Keith Mitchell's Round 3 cushions him with a two shot lead. He looks to close out his second career PGA Tour win. The final round is next.

[00:28:17] >> If they didn't have the skill, they wouldn't be here, in the thick of the greatest golf on earth. But who has the grit? What it's going to take week in and out to scratch their way to the top of a field of anomalies? The stakes are higher, the play always better, the risk always real. And no one is getting what they want, only what they've earned.

[00:28:51] >> Just a mile from the western shore of Florida sits the Innisbrook Resort and its four golf courses. The crown jewel is the Copperhead. The PGA Tour has been coming here since 2000. And the players have all raved that it's in the best condition they've ever seen. It is championship Sunday at the Valspar. And there is the 54-hole leader by two, the only man double digits under par thanks to that 29 yesterday late on the back nine, his 170th career PGA Tour start. And Keith Mitchell took a two shot lead into Sunday's final round, where we have some highlights from earlier today. Scott Stallings making a nice move. Birdied 1, birdied 2. He pared 3, and then he made another one there at the 4th. Scott Stallings is suddenly just three shots back. How about Lucas Glover? Earlier in the week, he told us it's his favorite golf course on the PGA Tour, and there is some evidence of why he loves it. Loves these greens. Rolled that one in for birdie at the 5th to get the 6-under. Matt Kuchar, the ageless one. He's been coming here forever. Look at what he did at 15 from off the green. Kuchar holes it out, and the fans give him all that love that he's been hearing forever seemingly on the PGA Tour.

[00:30:15] >> Biondi, a Florida gator, the rough at 9.

[00:30:19] >> It is straight downhill from back there, but it doesn't matter if you hole it.

[00:30:24][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:30:29] >> Always something to play for. These guys have a lot of pride, like Xander Schauffele. You're not going to win this week, but you want to play it out.

[00:30:34] >> What's he made now? This is what, either 42 or 43.

[00:30:38] >> There we go.

[00:30:39] >> Great putt. He's got the longest made cut streak going on the PGA Tour right now.

[00:30:49] >> This is only the 12th start in the career of Chandler Phillips. What a start this would be if he can somehow make this for eagle to climb within one.

[00:31:00] >> What a confidence builder and a momentum builder for him. Did he hit it?

[00:31:12] >> Yes, he did. What a start for Chandler Phillips. And look out for the youngster.

[00:31:17] >> Poured it right in the middle. Cameron Champ from the fairway at the 2nd.

[00:31:26] >> There's a draw that these guys are looking for. Just right of it. No, it kept coming.

[00:31:34] >> Champ would knock that in.

[00:31:37] >> Carl Yuan at the par-5 5th, hitting his third.

[00:31:42] >> Two good shots down to here. Pretty straightforward pitch shot here. He's got plenty of green to work with.

[00:31:49] >> We're going to see another one go in? Yes, we are. They're holing them out from everywhere here at Innisbrook today.

[00:32:02] >> And Chez Reavie, who's making a move today, playing some really nice golf. This for birdie.

[00:32:11] >> How about it?

[00:32:13] >> Chez Reavie to 6-under par.

[00:32:21] >> We go to the second hole in Mitchell.

[00:32:23] >> Pretty much a right to left. No herd in this right now. He's gone down to a fairway medal here. And this is low and left again, guys.

[00:32:37] >> Just trying to chip a 3-wood down there, but not producing his cut right now. He may get away with it again. The lie is going to be good. It just depends on whether he's got trees.

[00:32:52] >> Robby Shelton is at this par 5, hitting his second.

[00:32:54] >> It's going to be more reachable today for these players if they drive it in the fairway. Little helping breeze at 14.

[00:33:01] >> And that is what just happened.

[00:33:04] >> Oh, yes.

[00:33:04] >> How about that? From 258 yards away.

[00:33:07] >> Wow.

[00:33:09] >> Since 1983, that is the 139th double eagle on the PGA Tour.

[00:33:15] >> Wow.

[00:33:22] >> At the 18th, Aaron Baddeley has this for birdie. Taking a look at that hole location today. Upper left.

[00:33:32] >> We'll see. Something could happen here by the end of the day.

[00:33:35] >> Oh, wouldn't he be able to sell that later today?

[00:33:38] >> They'd love to have a birdie like that.

[00:33:40][ Applause ]

[00:33:44] >> Mitchell for par at the 2md.

[00:33:49] >> No.

[00:33:57] >> Up to 8.

[00:33:58] >> Carl Yuan suddenly finds himself just too back of the lead, but he's in trouble at 8.

[00:34:03] >> And that grain is laying away from the hole, which makes it tougher sometimes. But --

[00:34:08] >> That's how you get out of trouble.

[00:34:11] >> How many hole outs are we going to see today?

[00:34:13] >> Carl jars another one.

[00:34:17] >> Lucas Glover is on the tee, Steve. Two-under on the day, 6-under for the tournament. Trying to get another one close to this back right hole location. Oh, man.

[00:34:30] >> Glover would settle for par.

[00:34:34] >> Peter Malnati is already on the green at 6. Mackenzie Hughes is now hitting his third.

[00:34:40] >> That wind from the left, he likes to draw it. Let's see if he can -- Yeah. This might go in.

[00:34:49] >> We saw another hole out.

[00:34:53] >> Hughes would make birdie. And we move ahead to the 6th.

[00:34:56] >> Mackenzie Hughes, well right off of the tee. Had to battle his way out of trouble and still not out of the woods yet.

[00:35:12] >> That helps.

[00:35:14][ Applause ]

[00:35:20] >> And Keith Mitchell is on the tee at the 6th, the 446-yard par 4. And, Woody, you're right there.

[00:35:28] >> Yeah. Back into a pretty stiff breeze right now. Little left right will help him cut it around that corner, but really can't cut the corner like you could when it was downwind earlier in the week. And this is down the left side. This is going to miss left again, guys.

[00:35:49] >> That has been the problem miss for Keith Mitchell today. Way left on the first tee. And he hits it left again. At the opening hole, he went out near the -- where the cars were parked. He was able to save par. And then, he gets to the second hole, ended up with a bogey there after another driveway left.

[00:36:11] >> Just the --

[00:36:12] >> And then, after that, he got to the third hole, and he did the same thing. And here at the fifth hole, more problems to the left. Xander Schauffele getting in the clubhouse at 8-under par with the best round of the day.

[00:36:37][ Applause ]

[00:36:44] >> Yeah. The way he's going to be pitching it out is well to the right of the green. So I think you don't think he has any issue there. But like I said, you don't want three pitch outs in the first six holes of your championship round.

[00:37:03] >> Mitchell played his third shot to here. This is to save par.

[00:37:07] >> Although he's leading, he's made only one putt over 10 feet all week. And that one from 19 feet comes up just a little short. And that is going to mean that Mackenzie Hughes at the moment is the sole leader of the Valspar Championship. This is the third shot for Carl Yuan, who's had a couple of hole outs earlier in his round today.

[00:37:29] >> And Dan, this is the tough place to attack this hole location. He's off a little bit of a downslope coming out of the heavy stuff, so has to try and get some air under this if he can, and land it just on the green.

[00:37:40] >> Or have another hole out. It's crazy stuff by Yuan today.

[00:37:50] >> Dan, that's his second hole out today. Holed out from behind the green at 8. Third hole out, excuse me. Holed out from behind the green at 8 for only the second birdie on that hole.

[00:38:02] >> Now, back at the 8th, Mackenzie Hughes had a nice tee shot in here.

[00:38:05] >> Yes, I'll make a long putt to close out his round on 16 yesterday. This one coming up the hill just to his left.

[00:38:12] >> And that looks good. So after went through about an hour of play with seemingly everybody kind of coming unglued, Mackenzie Hughes holes a long birdie putt at 8 to regain the lead by himself.

[00:38:27] >> As we head to the 10th, Phillips for birdie. And he's not going anywhere.

[00:38:35] >> Definitely not out of it.

[00:38:42] >> Well, he absolutely has to make this. Can't afford to drop two shots right now.

[00:38:47] >> If anything, there's a little bit of left break in this. But from this range, he should be able to play edge, maybe even inside. Let's see.

[00:38:59] >> Yup. Nice putt. Nice save there.

[00:39:15] >> I've got him at 83 yards, Brad. And I'll tell you, he got lucky bouncing out of that first cut, or that, I should say, the primary cut. I don't think you want to go ahead and get real greedy with this flagstick here.

[00:39:27] >> No.

[00:39:27] >> If you're in between, like a good wedge number for you, it's okay to come up a little short and just try to put it up that tier, make your five, and get out of here.

[00:39:34] >> He looks like he's going to try and sit something. Flighted shot down here. Ball back a little short, follow through. Oh, he did a nice job. Got it up there almost hole high.

[00:39:48] >> This might be one of the best pars I've seen all week, if you can get this to go down. Malnati did putt his putt up the slope for birdie and missed. He'll have a short par putt.

[00:40:02] >> So after all that effort 9-under.

[00:40:06][ Applause ]

[00:40:16] >> Malnati is at the 10th.

[00:40:22] >> You can see the ball just narrowly missed a divot. That's a good break. And he took advantage with a clean lie.

[00:40:30] >> Malnati would tap that in moving to 9-under.

[00:40:32] >> To 11.

[00:40:34] >> Chandler Phillips has a chance to tie for the lead.

[00:40:38] >> Let's see if that collar bothers him a little bit with that putt. No. What an aggressive stroke there.

[00:40:45] >> Hughes with a long range try for birdie at 10. And he bounces back with a birdie.

[00:41:01][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:41:08] >> Cameron Young, bunker game here at the par-5 11th.

[00:41:12] >> Well, he's three for six out of the sand this week, getting it up and down. This is a pretty basic shot for any player. That's divine.

[00:41:22] >> Young moves to 9-under par.

[00:41:25] >> To 11.

[00:41:26] >> Malnati now with his third at the par 5.

[00:41:29] >> Well, he got a good break. He was in the pine straw there with a clear opening and just smashed a long iron there and got a good position. Should be able to get this close. Good kick.

[00:41:36] >> Yeah.

[00:41:39] >> Another birdie for Malnati. He's to 10-under.

[00:41:42] >> Dead center of the green. Nothing to shy away from here. You're going to try and stuff this thing in there.

[00:41:49] >> Didn't go after it very hard.

[00:41:52] >> Oh, yeah.

[00:41:54] >> But he is lined up for a birdie that would tie him with Hughes at 10-under.

[00:42:01] >> Similar break as the last hole, just probably twice as long.

[00:42:05] >> And this is the bugaboo, Woody. These are the putts you have to make if you want to win golf tournaments.

[00:42:15] >> And he's putted much better this week.

[00:42:23] >> For Malnati.

[00:42:26] >> Coming out of the first cut, got to be a little careful with this.

[00:42:29] >> This thing is falling out of the air. Upper left, Young for par at 13. It's a double box kind of day. And Hughes's third gets way away from him.

[00:42:51] >> And Young makes a par putt. So Cameron Young appears to have the putting blade going today.

[00:43:00] >> Phillips' second at 14.

[00:43:04] >> So this has to be an all-out 3-metal here, Curt, if he's going to get it on the fly to the green.

[00:43:09] >> We'll see. It's got to be a pretty big cut I think. He likes it.

[00:43:17] >> You're right. He's walking after it.

[00:43:19] >> Oh, man.

[00:43:20] >> Huge ball there.

[00:43:23] >> He would two putt for birdie.

[00:43:28] >> Just making sure he's not stepping in anybody's line there. It's a head scratcher. You're right in the middle of the fair, you walk off with a five.

[00:43:39] >> Malnati, easy to spot out here. He's got the bucket hat and he's got the yellow golf ball. He switched to that yellow golf ball last year because his young son, Hatcher, liked the colorful ball. And you're at the Valspar Championship. He fits right in, Malnati. This from 15 feet to take sole possession of the lead.

[00:44:03] >> And outside the right, and quick as it gets to the hole as it goes away from the player.

[00:44:20] >> And that yellow ball just went down.

[00:44:25][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:44:34] >> Mackenzie Hughes is now trailing by two.

[00:44:38] >> And this is not a flag you want to go hunting at if you -- when you're trailing.

[00:44:43] >> It's right at it, though. Maybe right of it.

[00:44:45] >> No, this is right of it, Brad.

[00:44:47] >> That water ball leads to bogey for Hughes. Now, Young at 14 playing his third.

[00:45:02] >> Young gets to 11-under.

[00:45:05][ Applause ]

[00:45:10] >> Par putt at 16.

[00:45:13] >> Huge effort here. Not a whole lot of turn in this. Up and out early. Never liked it from the start.

[00:45:25] >> Now, Cameron Young to stay at 11-under.

[00:45:29] >> Cameron Young says I'm in a much better spot. My attitude, my whole golf game, I'm ready to win.

[00:45:38][ Applause ]

[00:45:44] >> It's a two-man race. On the tee at 17, there you see what's facing Cameron Young.

[00:45:56] >> Two fifteen, back into the breeze. Got to be playing at least 225. And this is 5-iron for Cam Young. He can control his trajectory really well. I'd say better than most out here. I would think he'd want to flight this a little bit into this breeze.

[00:46:10] >> We see that graphic how much across it is. Twelve miles an hour, gusting.

[00:46:20] >> John, it's 198, not 225. I don't know if you can try to figure out the distance.

[00:46:27] >> What a shot there.

[00:46:29] >> Sorry about that.

[00:46:33] >> This is a great break. And I want you to be here to sit, but this is the right way to do it, isn't it?

[00:46:38] >> That's right.

[00:46:39] >> OK.

[00:46:39] >> That's your point.

[00:46:41] >> OK. Thank you.

[00:46:42] >> Well, you can hear Malnati say, yeah, I recognize. Yes, this is a good break. And so, he's getting relief, which will turn out to be a lot better situation for him at the 16th.

[00:46:55] >> For birdie and the outright lead.

[00:46:59] >> Not much here, Fax. Could go a hair left when it gets to the hole.

[00:47:03] >> It hangs out right there.

[00:47:08] >> Even if he had to drop in the first cut, now he's on the fringe and can just put the putter down and take advantage.

[00:47:16] >> And again, the lie was nasty. Malnati's putt on the way. A little left coming back.

[00:47:31] >> But you want to go down with the best stuff in your bag. And this is one of the better clubs in his bag. He is great from tee to green.

[00:47:38] >> Right to left, touch of help. Three twenty past that left bunker. This is heading way left, guys.

[00:47:51] >> This didn't quite sync it up. And trusted. And that got a terrible bounce.

[00:48:02] >> Back to 16, Malnati's par.

[00:48:07] >> Takes advantage of the rules break there. Gets through the first leg OK. Seventeen we go.

[00:48:16] >> With Cameron Young in trouble, Pretty sure Malnati doesn't realize that he's tied with him at 11-under par. So he's on the tee now with an opportunity at 17.

[00:48:25] >> Yeah. Wind into off the right, Steve, which will move this ball towards the flag. Just got to give it plenty of room out there on the right.

[00:48:32] >> Narrowest part of the green here, this hole location in the front.

[00:48:35] >> Let's go.

[00:48:36] >> Gives it plenty of room to the right. Wind's moving it back right on top of the flag.

[00:48:39] >> He likes it. Yeah. His reaction was good.

[00:48:41] >> How about that?

[00:48:44] >> What a shot.

[00:48:45] >> A laser from Peter Malnati. And he will have an excellent chance to get to 12-under. Take a look at this again.

[00:48:53] >> Great sound there. Using the wind to come back just a little bit to the left.

[00:49:05] >> Got through to the right edge of the green. It's definitely going to get there.

[00:49:11] >> Boy, hit it. It wasn't like he was satisfied with it, but it holds on the green.

[00:49:18] >> Now, he has a chance to grab the lead by himself once again.

[00:49:23] >> And this has got some movement just over 6 feet from left to right. I think he's got to get this one outside on the left.

[00:49:29] >> I agree with you, Arron. On the 15, 14, he hits so soft. See if he has this a little firmer.

[00:49:38] >> And Peter Malnati is now in position to earn his second career PGA Tour victory. He's the first man to reach 12-under par.

[00:49:47] >> Young at 18 for birdie.

[00:49:53] >> Difficult speed read. It picks up a lot of speed the last 10 feet.

[00:49:58] >> This from 51 feet.

[00:50:02] >> Is that going there?

[00:50:02] >> I think it scared him.

[00:50:09] >> I think he has that 16th shot in his mind. He hit a beautiful tee shot there. He's just going to try and replicate it here.

[00:50:20] >> Try to hit a low cut. This is pulled just slightly heading towards that bunker.

[00:50:28] >> When you're the ball striker of Young's caliber, that is usually good enough in this position. This from 9 feet.

[00:50:36] >> If it doesn't go down, he comes up short again. Just those doubts and building upon what's happened up to this point in his career.

[00:50:51] >> It just gets him in the very end, doesn't it? Three putts.

[00:50:56] >> It's just a little thing here or there. Does everything else so well. Was actually performing pretty good on the greens and around the greens, which has been sort of the thorn in his side.

[00:51:09] >> Clean lie, clean look. And a two shot lead.

[00:51:19] >> It's just all about the contact, Dan. Just got to get good, solid contact.

[00:51:23] >> It's all about guts, too, Arron. Trying to dog out the win here. Comes down to this shot.

[00:51:32] >> Get in the hole.

[00:51:37] >> Oh, that is a dime right there.

[00:51:39] >> It's going to be the guy with a rumpled bucket hat and the yellow golf ball --

[00:51:43] >> He passed --

[00:51:44] >> -- that's going to win the Valspar.

[00:51:45] >> He passed all the big tests, and you know, he birdied the holes that he was supposed to birdie. He played the tough shots very well. Tee shot at 16, tee shot at 17.

[00:51:59] >> Dad chasing the dream, sticking with it, wondering if he's going to win. It was almost the finish, the kind of finish you dream of. And an unpredictable PGA Tour season. Peter Malnati enjoys his day back in the winner circle.

[00:52:37] >> This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of the Valspar Championship from Innisbrook Resort in Palm Harbor, Florida.