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[00:00:28] >> The PGA Tour is proud to bring you the season-long race for the FedExCup. Now, a coverage of the 2024 Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

[00:00:40] >> From the heart of the Crescent City in Downtown New Orleans, this week's PGA Tour stop 15 miles southwest in the suburb of Avondale, TPC Louisiana. Pete Dye design, opened 20 years ago, has played host of the Zurich Classic dating back to 2005. And this week, basically a dream week, weather wise. What you want to see this time of year? Dry, sunny, temperatures in the low to mid-80s, meaning we're getting a firm and fast golf course for this opening round of the Zurich Classic of New Orleans. We have 80 teams. So 160 players in total teeing it up in the 72-hole stroke play event. First and third rounds, that's four ball, otherwise known as best ball. The second and final rounds, foursomes, aka alternate shot. Top 33 teams and ties making the cut.

[00:01:30] >> Joel Dahmen now just over this green. Did he again? Oh, no.

[00:01:39] >> Oh my.

[00:01:40] >> Back to nine. It's Gotterup's turn.

[00:01:47] >> Well, with Austin Eckroat as his partner in good position. This is a 9-iron as well for Gotterup. A much better line. Very aggressive, Johnson.

[00:01:58] >> And that is the beauty of best ball right there.

[00:02:01] >> Gotterup would make bird.

[00:02:05] >> Drop back to Alex Fitzpatrick. Oh, gets that to drop for eagle.

[00:02:12][ Applause ]

[00:02:21] >> Take a look at this. Eric Cole, the reigning PGA Tour Rookie of the Year, on the par 3. And how about this? Drops for his first hole in one on the PGA Tour. The best part is their reaction. He grabs the putter. They said that's got to be pretty good, right?

[00:02:48][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:02:57] >> Cruise up to the 18th. Ryan Palmer and Zach Johnson teaming up.

[00:03:01] >> Down the hill, but back into the wind. Really chases out.

[00:03:06] >> Johnson bottoms it out for eagle.

[00:03:17] >> Now, Hadwin's second shot at 10.

[00:03:27] >> How about that shot from Adam Hadwin at the 10th?

[00:03:32] >> Hadwin would tap that in. And now, Nicolai Hojgaard for birdie.

[00:03:36] >> Good job there.

[00:03:38][ Applause ]

[00:03:42] >> Matt Wallace on the tee at the par-3 3rd. And Wallace would make birdie.

[00:04:01][ Applause ]

[00:04:08] >> McIlroy, huge tee shot. Just an 8-iron left. This one starting right, drawing towards the flag. Looks pretty good.

[00:04:22] >> Wow. What a shot from McIlroy. A couple of feet.

[00:04:28] >> Hey, Shane, don't worry about it. I'll go ahead and kick that in. You can pick that ball up.

[00:04:37] >> Yeah, like I held it up into the window there.

[00:04:41] >> That's the birdie for McIlroy.

[00:04:43] >> To 13 again.

[00:04:45] >> All right, Eckroat now.

[00:04:48] >> But the club face wide open.

[00:04:55] >> Oh, nearly jars it.

[00:04:57][ Applause ]

[00:05:02] >> All right. Matt Fitzpatrick now. This to get to 4-under.

[00:05:11] >> Oh, brothers, nice.

[00:05:14] >> Nice putt there.

[00:05:24] >> Back to 14.

[00:05:26] >> Colt, would you have gone longer UNLV or Tulane?

[00:05:30] >> Oh, good one. I'd probably have more money if I'd have went to Tulane. I guess you can gamble at both of them, though.

[00:05:39] >> Both cities have a lot of what I like.

[00:05:40] >> You say they got to be on your short list of favor tour stops for what you can do outside the ropes.

[00:05:49] >> All right, let's get back to business here, George. Let's See if Shane Lowry can knock this in. Not a whole lot of movement in this one. And right around 10 feet.

[00:06:00] >> Lowry to push it to 10-under. Stay hot.

[00:06:04][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:06:14] >> Alex Fitzpatrick going for a hooked wedge at the 13th, playing his second shot. He will cap that off with a birdie.

[00:06:29][ Applause ]

[00:06:37] >> Back at the 9th. David Skinns, Callum Tarren.

[00:06:42] >> He's had himself some good weeks here lately. The Cognizant Classic at his best career finish.

[00:06:50] >> Beauty.

[00:06:51] >> Skinns ends his day with a birdie. The big pairings show out. McIlroy and Lowry are tied at the top at 11-under. Will they follow it up in foursomes? Round 2 is next.

[00:07:12] >> And what a beautiful backdrop we have. Off in the distance, the Crescent City in all its glory as New Orleans is playing host to the 75th edition of this event. And how about the week here in the bayou? Jazz fest already underway. NBA playoffs with Pelicans at home this weekend, and we have 80 teams of two on the PGA Tour fighting to see the weekend in a pressure packed Friday afternoon at TPC Louisiana. It's going to be a fun watch with the guys feeling some heat to be among the low 33 teams and ties. Let's take our first look at today's leaderboard. Thirteen-under currently the number. A couple teams are in the clubhouse after 36. Rory McIlroy and Shane Lowry co-leaders. And let's take a look at it just for the viewers at home to get you up to speed changing each day. First and third rounds, we had four ball, best ball. Guys and teams can really go low. Then for the second round and final round, it's foursomes, otherwise known as alternate shot. Remember, partners must alternate tee shots on odd and even holes.

[00:08:23] >> And this is a very difficult shot to get this ball close to him. The ball is sitting down this Bermuda rough. It's got to go over that front of that bunker there. If he lands that over the bunker, it's straight downhill. I think he's got to land this ball just in the fringe here to try to kill some of the pace.

[00:08:41] >> Yeah, ball is sitting down so it's hard to judge it when it will come out.

[00:08:45] >> It's coming in high and soft. You kidding me?

[00:08:51] >> Excellent. So good.

[00:08:53] >> Easy. That is fantastic. He had just a small area to try to land that ball and he hit his spot.

[00:08:59][ Applause ]

[00:09:04] >> Patrick Cantlay for birdie at 8.

[00:09:12] >> Yup. No problem there. It was a putt that meant something, and he makes it.

[00:09:18] >> And now, Theegala.

[00:09:26][ Applause ]

[00:09:28] >> They move to 7-under.

[00:09:33] >> Fourteen.

[00:09:35] >> For birdie and a share, Novak.

[00:09:38] >> Down the hill. Got a little speed to this.

[00:09:45] >> How about this roll? Finds the bottom of the cup.

[00:09:51] >> All right, Beck.

[00:09:54] >> Third shot at the 11th for Zalatoris.

[00:09:57] >> And pitching back into the wind.

[00:10:01] >> That should help this shot, I would think.

[00:10:03] >> Yeah, it's going to be able to flight it down and get some spin. It is flighted down. This like actually looks very good.

[00:10:09] >> It should spin. Excellent play.

[00:10:12][ Applause ]

[00:10:16] >> All right. Xander's third here at 11.

[00:10:19] >> Yeah. Off the upslope here. This shot is very simple. Doesn't have to contend with that bunker. Straightforward pitch.

[00:10:26] >> That was crisp, that sound.

[00:10:30] >> Excellent shot.

[00:10:32][ Applause ]

[00:10:48] >> All right, Theegala now.

[00:10:49] >> That's for birdie.

[00:10:49] >> All right, solid. Got away with a tee shot, walk off with a birdie. Gets into -- Get them to 8-under par, five shots back.

[00:11:07] >> And not much in this putt here. I love the technique that Xander played his third into here. Now, Patrick just kind of trying to pay this off, keep it inside the hole.

[00:11:28] >> All right, birdie for Cantlay. Imagine that, one shot back.

[00:11:31] >> This team is solid.

[00:11:37] >> We move ahead with this group to the 13th green.

[00:11:41] >> Will Zalatoris, obviously a lengthy putt for birdie. Just trying to judge that speed. I think that's the toughest part too, Billy Ray. I mean, for aggressive putters, weak putters, it's right here. If you leave your partner a 3 or 4 or 5 footer, it's just a different stress than you would have if it was yourself.

[00:12:00] >> Yeah, there's -- That goes to that point, though, an alternate shot. And Johnson touched on at the top of the show. You still got to play your game. You really can't be concerned where you leave your partner.

[00:12:11] >> That's the hard part, though.

[00:12:13] >> It is. I think, Johnson, I think that's the hardest thing. You have to kind of play your game. That's what the challenges is. Some of the times we've listened, "Hey, I'm going to try to get him in a certain yardage." I thought even putting was a challenge.

[00:12:27] >> Yeah, I mean, there -- I think the only way to get that ball close would have been to bounce it in, but maybe Will didn't want it there. And you can't let somebody's opinion dictate your decision.

[00:12:41] >> And as we saw yesterday, the guys that laid up tended to make more birdies than going for it. But I'm wrong on that, because he made that. So just as I made that comment, he makes it to prove me wrong.

[00:12:51] >> Well, Jim, I think that was all part of the strategy there.

[00:12:55] >> Exactly.

[00:12:56] >> He said, I'm going to -- Theegala said, I'm just going to give him a putt at it. Well, guess what?

[00:13:00] >> He did.

[00:13:00] >> He gave him a putt.

[00:13:01] >> Kind of like you said, Cantlay couldn't get it to the green and two on 11, and he technically couldn't, so.

[00:13:06] >> Yeah.

[00:13:08] >> Let's take another look at that. That'll get him just inside that cut line. But what a great speed on this. Great read, too. That's been a misread putt, but the speed is nearly perfect. Nothing but center cut.

[00:13:21][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:13:37] >> Let's go to 18.

[00:13:40] >> But Jason Dufner, this is his fourth of the par 5.

[00:13:44] >> Off a little upslope. This is doable. Playing with Kevin Chappell.

[00:13:57] >> Buckets.

[00:13:57] >> Even par 72 there at 7-under. One shot outside the cut line, which is currently at 8, but keeps bouncing between 8 and 9-under par.

[00:14:05] >> Seems like Theegala and Zalatoris are just making a move on every hole now.

[00:14:15] >> All right, Thomas Detry over at 17. They bailed it out to the right. Lofts it up nicely. It's into the bank.

[00:14:24] >> Say it ain't so. Get out of here.

[00:14:28] >> It's so. He did. Birdie. That's the fourth of the day on the hole. That's the way you play it. That's why they mapped it out.

[00:14:39] >> What a ridiculous two.

[00:14:41] >> Got to get a hug from your partner, MacIntyre. There you go.

[00:14:54] >> Fourteen, Conners for birdie.

[00:14:56] >> Oh, Canada.

[00:14:57] >> Hadn't seen much out of them all day. And then, now look, one shot back of the lead.

[00:15:09] >> Billy Ray, Couple crucial shots here on 18.

[00:15:12] >> Yeah, very crucial shot here for Xander Schauffele. This is their fifth here, the home hole. He has a little issue, too, where he wants to land the ball. There's a couple sprinkler heads right where he'd like to land it. So he's going to have to navigate around those sprinkler heads.

[00:15:41] >> No way. He's been a magician today on the greens. An absolute magician, Billy Ray.

[00:15:55] >> On the 14th, 31-year-old Victor Perez.

[00:16:00] >> Lots of interesting pairings. Daniel Berger and then the Frenchman, Victor Perez. Kind of reminds me of the --

[00:16:06] >> Oh, no, he didn't.

[00:16:09] >> The Keith Mitchell, Sungjae Im pairing last year.

[00:16:13] >> They're right on that cut line at 9-under.

[00:16:22] >> Brice Garnett, a winner earlier this season, teaming up with Sepp Straka. They're right on the number at 8-under. They got one more birdie. Yup. Nine, they'll be safe.

[00:16:31] >> Little breathing room. I believe that put them to make the 8-unders right at T33. So, one more group gets to 9, it's going to move the whole thing.

[00:16:42] >> Defending champions Nick Hardy, Davis, Riley. They want it to stay at 8-under because this is to get them there.

[00:16:50] >> They jump up to 8. They'll sign for 70 today.

[00:17:00] >> The scores fizzle out in foursomes with the lead just two shots better. And now, a bunch at the top with four groups tied for the lead. The third round is next.

[00:17:18] >> They are looking for birdies on the bayou. Here we are in beautiful New Orleans, Louisiana, on a gorgeous day. And we are at TPC Louisiana, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary. The Pete Dye design opened in 2004, and it's the seventh straight time the Zurich Classic of New Orleans features team play, the only team event on the PGA Tour schedule.

[00:17:47] >> The PGA Tour is in New Orleans, and so is Rory McIlroy in the final pairing with his teammate Shane Lowry today. Xander Schauffele and Patrick Cantlay won this team event two years ago, and they are in the mix again. Here on the fifth hole, Schauffele with a beauty. But the story right now is the team of Patrick Fishburn and Zac Blair. Fishburn, a PGA Tour rookie nearly with an ace at the par-3 14th.

[00:18:31] >> And let's get right out to the action at 15. Today is the best ball day here in Round 3. And this is Fishburn for birdie. Another one, Trevor.

[00:18:43] >> These guys are on fire today. Just look at that.

[00:18:51] >> Here's a little bit more on the format. The first and third rounds are four ball, which is best ball. And that is the featured format here today. Second and final rounds, foursomes, which is alternate shots. So for four ball today, players must play their own ball. And then, the team takes the best individual score on each hole. Forty teams made the cut at 8-under par. The par-3 9th hole, and this is Rory McIlroy. And Dottie Pepper is with this grouping today. And Dottie, it's been a slow start for McIlroy and Lowry.

[00:19:26] >> It has, in fact. Did make birdie at 7. Two putt birdie there, did not take advantage of the short par-4 8th. Six-iron now in Rory's hand. Breeze hurting a little, mostly to the left.

[00:19:43] >> This left hole location can use that wind to swoop it in.

[00:19:47] >> The ground will help, too.

[00:19:52] >> Just like that.

[00:19:52] >> And that's a beauty.

[00:19:53][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:19:59] >> Now up to the green with McIlroy.

[00:20:05] >> Well, they are trying to do that too. They're also getting quite the treat with alligators that are marching all over this lake.

[00:20:11] >> It seems to be a theme every year here. We've seen a number this week.

[00:20:21] >> All right. This is a putt with very little in it. Uphill the entire way. I believe if it goes anywhere, it goes to the right, but inside the hole.

[00:20:33] >> Cutting back into the wind as well.

[00:20:35] >> Yup.

[00:20:37] >> And a birdie for McIlroy.

[00:20:41][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:20:50] >> To 18.

[00:20:53] >> And C.T. Pan playing alongside Kevin Yu. And a good day for this duo. A 62.

[00:21:08] >> Schauffele for birdie at 13.

[00:21:21][ Cheering and Applause ] The team adds one. Now, Taylor's birdie try at 13. They move to 19-under.

[00:21:41] >> Course is looking good. I love his shot from behind 14, looking back down par 3. Today playing 203.

[00:22:08] >> Good to see Adam had one in fine shape after being crashed tackled at the Canadian Open last year. Took him a while to get over that.

[00:22:20] >> Lovely shot.

[00:22:23] >> He would miss the putt and they would settle for par.

[00:22:26] >> Let's go to 16.

[00:22:29] >> Max Greyserman, his second shot. Finished just two back in Houston. Got a month ago his first Top 10 because he had a lot of good shots. Just like that one. Excellent.

[00:22:43] >> They move to 20-under.

[00:22:45] >> Back to eleven.

[00:22:46] >> Dave Lipsky for birdie here at the par 5. Just in the fringe. Popular spot.

[00:22:51] >> That drove it in trouble. Just had to pitch out. Played a very long third to here.

[00:23:03] >> Yeah, beautiful birdie. That's what they need to see. Some more putts going in.

[00:23:10] >> Eleven.

[00:23:11] >> At 11 with Rory. And he makes it.

[00:23:14][ Applause ]

[00:23:21] >> As we go up to 15, and here's Nick Taylor.

[00:23:26] >> Taylor and Hadwin finished second a year ago.

[00:23:30] >> Everything calling for the draw. Up sloping lie, wind out of the right, left hole location.

[00:23:37] >> Well done.

[00:23:43] >> And second shot for Norlander.

[00:23:46] >> Found the rough, but a perfect lie. Wind blowing pretty hard left or right. And that's a really good shot from there.

[00:23:52] >> Excellent call, that's for sure.

[00:23:54][ Applause ]

[00:23:59] >> We take you to 15. Nick Taylor for birdie.

[00:24:06] >> Well done.

[00:24:07][ Applause ]

[00:24:13] >> Let's go to 16.

[00:24:15] >> Luke List is in close, but Norlander is going to putt.

[00:24:17] >> Luke List is just a foot away, Frank. But Henrik's going to go ahead and steal his thunder.

[00:24:21] >> No, that's not nice.

[00:24:22] >> One of the exposed greens. Many exposed greens here at TPC Louisiana. Like an old push up green, really. Pete Dye golf course, co-designed by Steve Elkington and Kelly Gibson.

[00:24:45] >> My goodness, has Kelly Gibson done some wonderful things for kids around here.

[00:24:49] >> Yeah, I'm glad you mentioned that, Dottie. Certainly has. He's a good player too in his day.

[00:24:53] >> Very. Big heart, feeding a lot of people.

[00:25:06] >> Good three from McIlroy. They're trying to clean things up after the full stop.

[00:25:12][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:25:19] >> Hubbard playing his second shot into 15.

[00:25:35] >> He would miss the putt and they stay at 20-under.

[00:25:42] >> Patrick Cantlay playing his second at 17. He would save par.

[00:25:57] >> The 15th, Rory McIlroy set to hit his second.

[00:26:01] >> This drive was 47 yards longer than that of Aaron Rai.

[00:26:08] >> Short club in.

[00:26:13] >> Pitching wedge. Six yards long of it to mess with.

[00:26:18] >> Wow, what a shot.

[00:26:20] >> That's exactly what you would want. Take advantage of a massive tee shot down the par 4. A near 500-yard par 4 driver wedge.

[00:26:34] >> They would settle for par, though. Now, we move ahead with this group to the 16th green.

[00:26:41] >> Rory putting for birdie.

[00:26:43] >> First break now going left. It finishes getting on the inside of that shoulder and going to the right. I think you need to give this a little extra going into the wind, too. It's still up there.

[00:27:04] >> They make it three on up the tee. All right. There's four S's and four I's in Mississippi. Those I's eyes there, they just made three here at 16. They did the hard way. Maybe they're still in it.

[00:27:24] >> Just when his partner had made bogey. He hasn't made any of the short ones. And he nails it just at the right time. Now, he can birdie the last or maybe birdie, birdie. Really be more in contention tomorrow.

[00:27:43][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:27:47] >> Thompson and Novak in the first round played the par 5s in 5-under par, and they have a chance to add to their par 5 total here. But Thompson backs off. That wind continues to gust.

[00:28:08] >> What's your big key when you're putting in a wind like this?

[00:28:11] >> You know, I would widen my stance just a touch. Good putt there. And then, I would lean a little more into my front side.

[00:28:27] >> And now, McIlroy preparing to hit his third.

[00:28:30] >> Yeah. This is a really everyday sort of bunker shot. Gets it up and down. Just a little better than six out of 10 times for the season. Good lie.

[00:28:45] >> Good contact there. And a great shot by McIlroy.

[00:28:53] >> He really has turned it on. Around the turn, birdies at 9, 10, 11, 13, 16, and 18 on his own ball.

[00:29:01] >> They really didn't want to get up early tomorrow.

[00:29:04] >> Shane's saying, thanks, parts. Thanks for finding your game the last couple hours.

[00:29:15] >> So they will be in the penultimate pairing tomorrow. McIlroy and Lowry just two shots off the lead.

[00:29:26] >> A valiant effort down the stretch from McIlroy sets them up with a chance to track down leaders Blair and Fishburn. Which duel will take home the title in New Orleans? The final round is next.

[00:29:47] >> It's a whirlwind getting here, a lifelong pursuit pieced together with dedication and will. Turning adversity into advantage. Knowing opportunity will come knocking. Because nothing is given. Everything is earned.

[00:30:20] >> We are back on the bayou in what's been a banner week for New Orleans. Thousands in town for the annual jazz fest. And just outside the city, we've had record crowds here at TPC Louisiana. This Pete Dye design opened 20 years ago, and it's the only team event on the PGA Tour schedule. The windy weekend continues. Gusts up to 25 miles per hour today, and the format is back to the Round 2 format of foursomes, or more commonly known as alternate shots.

[00:30:59] >> Now, back at 18. And it'll be Ramey trying to finish off the birdie. Both Ramey and Trainer have each won once in their PGA Tour careers. Trainer, the 2019 Puerto Rico Open, and Ramey, two years ago at the Corales Puntacana Championship. And there's the birdie. And what a round for Ramey and Trainer, a 63 that ties the alternate shot record. And as Trevor said, they can get in the clubhouse. Hope it becomes a really windy afternoon. Tight now in at 25-under par.

[00:31:49] >> So if you've been with us throughout the week here in New Orleans, the first and third rounds feature the best ball format. The second round and today's final round is alternate shots. So partners must alternate strokes and tee shots.

[00:32:09] >> Let's go out to 6.

[00:32:10] >> A par putt now for Blair. That's going to hurt, that's for sure. He's actually an excellent course designer now, even though he's only 33. It's normally a career you look for when you've hung up the golf clubs.

[00:32:39] >> Now, Rory McIlroy for birdie. A chance to take the team to 21-under.

[00:32:48] >> Trevor, they got to make this one if they want to have a chance.

[00:32:51] >> Oh, yeah. He's been painting the edges so far today.

[00:32:58] >> Had to have it. And he's got it. So a birdie at 7 for McIlroy and Lowry.

[00:33:10] >> All Utah team of Patrick Fishburn and Zac Blair, and it will be Fishburn to hit the second.

[00:33:20] >> That is a downhill lie with what he calls his X-iron. Doesn't even really know what the loft is, but it's in the vicinity of a 2-iron. This guy can move it.

[00:33:34] >> Sure can. He told me this club will fly 255 in the air.

[00:33:41] >> He's got 243 front, Trevor.

[00:33:45] >> Nice looking line.

[00:33:46] >> Got his attention. Oh, yeah. What a shot there. Patrick Fishburn.

[00:33:54][ Applause ]

[00:34:00] >> To number 10.

[00:34:01] >> Now, Greyserman to get to 23-under. Nice little shootout going here.

[00:34:19] >> Well, only one eagle at the 7th hole today. But Blair has this one to take the lead.

[00:34:28] >> And that frightening speed, there's not a lot of break. Just off the left side. Oh, that was a pull.

[00:34:35] >> And crushed it.

[00:34:37] >> Yeah.

[00:34:37] >> Got interesting. He lifted that putter head up quite a long way in the backstroke there.

[00:34:43] >> Now, Fishburn can make birdie. Back to a share of the lead.

[00:34:58][ Applause ]

[00:35:06] >> Just left it in a perfect spot.

[00:35:08] >> And you mentioned he's got great hands. And how about this, Ian?

[00:35:13] >> Spectacular shot from Lowry.

[00:35:20] >> They would make birdie. Now, to the 9th tee with Brehm.

[00:35:28] >> OK. Full commitment?

[00:35:31] >> Yeah.

[00:35:31] >> All right.

[00:35:51] >> Go, go, go.

[00:35:58] >> They would make that and move to 22-under.

[00:36:05] >> Just 66 yards and a beautiful angle. It's a shot that will hit and release.

[00:36:14] >> Beautiful shot. Just the tap in left.

[00:36:21] >> Rory's first trip to New Orleans, and he's loving it.

[00:36:23] >> Yeah, crowds have been enjoying having him here. They were telling us on the range, they were at dinner at one of the famous restaurants last night. Got a standing ovation when they left.

[00:36:32] >> And there's the pars save for Lowry. Frank did too, but they were just excited he was leaving.

[00:36:38] >> That's true.

[00:36:42] >> Good chance now for Max Greyserman to get one closer.

[00:36:46] >> Not too much break downhill.

[00:36:50] >> Oh, wow, they're filling it up. Great birdie there at the 11th.

[00:36:58] >> Let's go to 10.

[00:37:00] >> He's going to air this one out, driver, despite the format, so a little bit of risk.

[00:37:06] >> Well, when you drive it like him, Frank, why not?

[00:37:11] >> Splatter some bunkers down the right side, Colt, that have to be avoided.

[00:37:15] >> And there's a little pop bunker at 360, which is scary to say that's in play.

[00:37:24] >> Yesterday, got it right up pretty much green side.

[00:37:28] >> This is headed towards those right bunkers. I think it has enough to cover, though.

[00:37:33] >> Oh, yeah, and some more. Wow.

[00:37:35] >> Wouldn't you like to drive it like that just for one day?

[00:37:46] >> Dottie, how would you compare the wind from yesterday to today?

[00:37:52] >> Same direction, maybe a little lighter, but still some gusts. That's 6-iron on the way.

[00:38:01] >> Careful.

[00:38:02] >> For Zac.

[00:38:03] >> Oh, boy. Wow.

[00:38:04] >> That is wet.

[00:38:09] >> The one place you can't miss here at 9. And Dottie mentioned earlier they switched up who was going to tee off on which holes for today. Has not worked out for him on 9. Take a look. Generally plays a pretty low flighted draw. He's got that wind out to the right. Swing looks pretty solid. Hit it right out of the middle, but just overcooked on that right to left wind.

[00:38:47] >> To 10.

[00:38:56] >> Frank, they got to make birdie after that tee shot. Just a little over 6 feet. Not a whole lot of movement. If anything, going to go a little bit to his right.

[00:39:07] >> Send the cup.

[00:39:08] >> Here they come. And they got 11 to par 5.

[00:39:19] >> Nine.

[00:39:20] >> And the big putt for Zac Blair.

[00:39:27] >> So his tee shot into the water and not able to save bogey. So a double bogey for Blair and Fishburn. And now, Ramey and Trainer go back to the top at 25-under.

[00:39:42] >> This is Rory for birdie. Made a good one at 10. Can he make another one?

[00:39:47] >> Moving from his left to right. That is large, Ian.

[00:39:51] >> That was huge. Frank, you still on?

[00:39:52] >> Big putt here. Can he take advantage?

[00:40:00] >> Yeah. Two sets of eyes on the reed. This group has been warned about getting too much space between themselves and the group ahead. So we need to pick it up just a touch, see how they react to that.

[00:40:13] >> Do they look a little bit slow, Dottie? Taking a lot of time talking too much maybe?

[00:40:16] >> No. I think it was the penalty drop back at 9 that got them a little out of position. They can catch up, though.

[00:40:23] >> Been playing together for a lot of years, since junior high school. But the lines, obviously, this is his ball. Likes those lines. And he's lined it well. Beautifully done. Both groups making four there.

[00:40:45] >> Let's go out to 13.

[00:40:47] >> See what Brehm can do.

[00:40:49] >> Well, Frank, when they were designing this, they probably didn't plan on it being drivable, but some of these guys can get there. Three hundred and fifty yards to the front, and this is torched and drawing right towards the flags.

[00:41:00] >> Long carry over the final bunker.

[00:41:02] >> Oh, it carried. How about that?

[00:41:07] >> What a shot. I mean, I don't know what you give for effort. But your execution, A plus.

[00:41:21] >> Yeah, par putt.

[00:41:22] >> I mean, that was really unlucky, Frank. Didn't have that divot, but that was just a really poor shot by Rory.

[00:41:31] >> Needs to make amends here.

[00:41:39] >> Right down full.

[00:41:47] >> To twelve.

[00:41:47] >> All right, we saw Blair not able to make bogey back at the 9th. Trying to save par here at 12.

[00:41:56] >> Watch the backstroke. Picks it up steeply. Good putt.

[00:42:01] >> Well done.

[00:42:05] >> Ryan Brehm will be first to putt here, just off the edge.

[00:42:08] >> This one is speedy, Ian. Straight downhill the entire way.

[00:42:14] >> Oh, he's walking after it.

[00:42:16] >> Walking after it indeed. A little fist bump there for Ryan Brehm. And they move to 24-under. They're still in this movie.

[00:42:29] >> Lowry from the fairway bunker on 16.

[00:42:37] >> That really nice. Looks good.

[00:42:40] >> Get at the right distance. Very makeable.

[00:42:45] >> Now at 15, Blair has this putt for birdie.

[00:42:50] >> Can he deliver on a promise?

[00:42:59] >> No.

[00:43:08] >> His first time here. Some of these can't use memory with some of these putts. Down breeze as well.

[00:43:27] >> How about it, Frank?

[00:43:33] >> What a three. Made a big putt on this very green yesterday.

[00:43:40] >> What a great read it was. Had quite a bit of turn from the left.

[00:43:45] >> It was all set up by the tee shot.

[00:43:48] >> Yeah, he sure does like this 16th green. We got two nice fist pumps following this weekend.

[00:44:02] >> Has made nothing all day. Now is the time.

[00:44:05] >> Could be a four-way tie.

[00:44:13] >> Oh, just ran out of speed.

[00:44:15] >> To the right again.

[00:44:16] >> We move ahead to 18 with this group. They're only one shot back.

[00:44:25] >> The good news is he can smash it, but he has 291. So he's going to have to get every bit of it. You know, Trevor, if he can get in that front bunker, that'd be pretty good.

[00:44:31] >> Yeah, he had a beauty in here with a long iron yesterday. He's aimed right. Needs to turn.

[00:44:38] >> He's barking at it.

[00:44:42] >> Oh, yes. What a shot. Will it stay on?

[00:44:45] >> Wow, that was smoked.

[00:44:52] >> Seventeen.

[00:44:53] >> Big open face lob wedge. He has to try and get it up high with as much spin as possible.

[00:44:58] >> Upstairs, landed on the downslope.

[00:45:00] >> Oh, no.

[00:45:02] >> No.

[00:45:03] >> They would make double bogey ending their chances.

[00:45:08] >> Now, Lowry. Just 218 left, 201 covers. But this is pulled.

[00:45:24] >> To McIlroy's third shot.

[00:45:27] >> He's not opening up much, and they're pretty small rehearsals, so he might be going with a bump.

[00:45:31] >> Look at the crowd behind him.

[00:45:33] >> Yeah. He's got it pushed back in the stance. Flying it.

[00:45:40] >> Checks so good.

[00:45:41] >> What a shot.

[00:45:42][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:45:53] >> Brehm has won once on tour. Hubbard winless in his PGA Tour career. Can they find some magic here at 18? Oh, he thought he had it.

[00:46:16] >> And now, after a long wait, Lowry to get to 25-under.

[00:46:27] >> Definitely inside the hole, Trevor. I mean, the wind is just gusting so hard right now.

[00:46:32] >> That Irish flag blowing in the wind as this Irish team for birdie. Yes.

[00:46:42][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:47:00] >> McIlroy and Lowry against Ramey and Trainer. And the first playoff hole will be alternate shot on the par-5 18th.

[00:47:10][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:47:19] >> Over 3 hours since he's last hit a shot.

[00:47:40] >> Down the left side.

[00:47:42] >> Not sure if that dove into one of the bunkers or not.

[00:47:46] >> No. It's short and sitting up nicely.

[00:47:48] >> OK.

[00:47:48] >> OK.

[00:47:55] >> McIlroy would like a carbon copy of his tee shot on the 72nd hole.

[00:48:01] >> So with Shane Lowry. He walked by me because I didn't know what to do from up there. Having just 218 in regulation.

[00:48:23] >> Oh, this is mishit, Trevor. The wind is pushing it back, though. Yeah, looked like a little bit of a heel strike. The one hand came off.

[00:48:54] >> Oh, boy.

[00:48:55] >> That's left and going more left.

[00:48:57] >> Wow. And that's going to be a crazy angle to the hole location today. Yeah, going to take a little time to get relief as well.

[00:49:11] >> Well, and here's the thing. It is 5:08. So 2 hours and 59 minutes.

[00:49:16] >> It's an uncomfortable shot when you drove the ball with water down the right and wind out of the right. What we've got here, Colt?

[00:49:22] >> Two fifty-six front, going with 3-wood.

[00:49:25] >> Trevor, his last two full swings haven't been very good.

[00:49:28] >> Yeah. One right, one left. But this looks pretty good.

[00:49:34] >> He's walking after it.

[00:49:35] >> And it catches the bunker, but it's OK there.

[00:49:40] >> Awkward, awkward. Rory may be standing with one or both feet out of the bunker there.

[00:49:45] >> Bunker.

[00:49:46] >> There's a bunker?

[00:49:46] >> Well, I thought that was --

[00:49:48] >> OK. That's good. It's a good lead. It's a really good lead.

[00:49:53] >> So, from front to back for him, this piece of green, he's aiming at about 14 yards.

[00:50:08] >> Chunked it, Trevor.

[00:50:10] >> Way too short.

[00:50:21] >> He's won 24 times in his PGA Tour career.

[00:50:36][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:50:40] >> OK, it is up on top.

[00:50:41] >> Ramey for birdie from off the green.

[00:51:09][ Applause ] Now Lowry for birdie and the win.

[00:51:24] >> Oh, wow.

[00:51:30][ Applause ]

[00:51:48] >> To force another playoff hole.

[00:51:58] >> Missed it. And it's an Irish party in New Orleans. McIlroy and Lowry win the Zurich Classic. It's a milestone win for McIlroy, the 25th of his PGA Tour career.

[00:52:33] >> This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of the Zurich Classic of New Orleans from TPC Louisiana in Avondale, Louisiana.