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[00:00:28] >> The PGA Tour is proud to bring you the season-long race for the FedExCup. Now, coverage of the 2024 Barracuda Championship.

[00:00:41] >> Welcome to paradise. This week on the PGA Tour, not too far from nearby Lake Tahoe, we're in Truckee, California, and it's the opening round of the Barracuda Championship. You couldn't ask for a better afternoon here in the mountains.

[00:00:56] >> Early highlights from this morning wave. On the 16th, Patrick Fishburn for birdie.

[00:01:01] >> Par 3, playing 171 yards. That's a great spot to putt from there from the right-hand side of the hole.

[00:01:08] >> Fishburn moving to plus-10. On the same hole, Kelly Kraft rolling it.

[00:01:12] >> Very similar. From. The right hand side as well, coming down the slope. Not much turn at all. Greens are in absolutely perfect condition.

[00:01:19] >> Kraft to plus-15, back one hole. On the 15th, Sam Ryder for birdie.

[00:01:25] >> Yeah, this par 5, very gettable. Straight back up the hill for Ryder.

[00:01:29] >> Ryder, plus-14, playing well out of that morning wave. Kelly Kraft closing out his day on the 18th.

[00:01:35] >> Par 4 that plays back uphill, dogleg from right to left.

[00:01:43] >> How good is that? Using the back of the slope.

[00:01:46] >> Well executed there.

[00:01:47] >> To inside 5 feet, Kraft would birdie. He posted plus-17, one of the best performances we saw early. Jake Knapp, how about his start? Eagle the 1st, and then birdies the 2md. Plus-7 through two holes. That'll get your attention in this afternoon. We're going to see a lot of Jake Knapp in our broadcast window. Ben Silverman, one hole to go. He is plus-19, currently in the lead by two over Kelly Kraft. Sam Ryder, solo third, was plus-14. Patrick Fishburn playing well. How about Nick Dunlap, winner earlier this season, plus-12, as we are seeing guys light it up so far?

[00:02:23] >> Picking up with Jake Knapp on the 6th green for birdie.

[00:02:28] >> He looks to get that par exactly right. This looks great, guys.

[00:02:36] >> Oh, let him in.

[00:02:37] >> Oh, my. He gets out with this thing. Given his power off the tee, this guy can make a big time run.

[00:02:49] >> Thirty-four-year-old Austrian Lukas Nemecz, making his second start at the Barracuda Championship, plays over on the DP World Tour.

[00:02:57] >> Ball was just above his feet, trying to fit into that back. Oh, my goodness. Are you kidding me? This is a bad break here. There's a ridge there. This has got potential to come off the putting surface. Oh, my goodness.

[00:03:10] >> Talk about rattling the stick. Another look.

[00:03:13] >> He's back in there going, I got this one in close. Not today.

[00:03:17] >> Nemecz with two putt for par.

[00:03:19] >> Back to the 8th, Knapp.

[00:03:21] >> This is 6-iron in hand, straight downwind. Oh, boy, this looks good right here.

[00:03:29] >> Big hop to get to this back hole location.

[00:03:32] >> Man, that is fantastic. Just tap in range there for Knapp.

[00:03:37] >> To one of the hot rounds on the course, S.H. Kim. Just saw him birdie the 17th, already is stacked up ten points. That's just his first nine holes.

[00:03:46] >> Hundred and twenty-two yards, back up the hill. Same players kind of use that slope. And, wow, what a play there.

[00:03:53] >> He is feeling it right now.

[00:03:54] >> Kim with the par after a short birdie miss.

[00:03:57] >> Michael Thorbjornsen. This is 9th hole. Zero points today.

[00:04:02] >> A terrific tee shot, 115 yards, back up the hill. Can just see about half the flagstick. Trying to use some of that slope. It's going to come off. This is amazing.

[00:04:13] >> Oh, here we go.

[00:04:15] >> We got it?

[00:04:16] >> He would convert to get himself into positive points. Back over to Knapp in trouble at 14.

[00:04:22] >> Yeah, he's got to go for broke here. There's no reason not to. That's a pretty good shot right here.

[00:04:28] >> Are you kidding me?

[00:04:30] >> That's ridiculous.

[00:04:31] >> Wow.

[00:04:33] >> Knapp would finish the up and down to escape with just a bogey.

[00:04:37] >> Rico Hoey in that playoff last week at the ISCO Championship. Minus-3 points today, struggling.

[00:04:45] >> That's very good there.

[00:04:50] >> Right side, Buckley.

[00:04:51] >> I think it's there.

[00:04:55] >> Another good looking shot here. Now, that will use the backstop.

[00:04:57] >> Flagging it.

[00:04:59] >> Buckley would go on to make par, finishing with 7 points on the day. Our leaders after 18 holes, the Canadian, Ben Silverman on top with 19 points, followed by Kelly Kraft, Nate Lashley, Sam Ryder, and S.H. Kim. Round 2 is next.

[00:05:21] >> From Truckee, California, it's live second round coverage of the Barracuda Championship. We're over at Tahoe Mountain Club, 36-hole facility, the sister course, Gray's Crossing, designed by our friend and colleague, Peter Jacobsen. And the tournament course, Old Greenwood, a 2004 Jack Nicklaus design. Taking a look at the highlights from the morning wave. On the 13th, Justin Suh.

[00:05:48] >> Part 3, second shot, plays back up the slope. There is a little backstop behind this flag today. That's how you get it done.

[00:05:57] >> Good as that by Suh, the 5-pointer for eagle. He made a charge today. With 17 points on the round, Mac Meissner on a 16 for birdie.

[00:06:06] >> Yeah. Par 3 playing 155 yards. And that is down there. Hole location on that front left. We'll see a lot of birdies here.

[00:06:13] >> Gets him to 20 points. At the 8th, the approach for S.H. Kim.

[00:06:19] >> Coming to that left-hand rough with the hole location on the right-hand side. Difficult. Not for him.

[00:06:27] >> would birdie there at the 9th, making the turn. S.H. Kim on that first page of the leaderboard. Taylor Pendrith.

[00:06:33] >> At the par-5 3rd, coming out of that first cut over the top of the pine trees. Great look there for eagle, George.

[00:06:42] >> Now, a two putt for birdie. Walk off that third green with two points. J.J. Spaun lighting it up at the 11th.

[00:06:49] >> Coming out of that collection area after a really, really poor approach.

[00:06:56] >> Spaun with birdie, 12 points Day 1, 13 points Day 2. He has 25 going into the weekend. Mac Meissner to top him for birdie.

[00:07:05] >> Back down the hill, bullseye.

[00:07:07] >> Meissner out in front, and he's the pacesetter currently.

[00:07:14] >> Making our way out to the 7th green, where Henrik Norlander has a look for eagle.

[00:07:19] >> Norlander gets that to drop. Why wouldn't he?

[00:07:23] >> Back at the 7th, second for Dunlop.

[00:07:29] >> Yeah. I think it helps a little bit that he's on a slight up slope so he can put some air under this one. Oh, that's nice. That's well done right there.

[00:07:36] >> What a touch there. And you see how the green kind of runs away from that back edge, that was really difficult shot.

[00:07:44] >> The 15th, Daan Huizing. And what a Day 1 he had. Minus-3 points, just couldn't get anything going.

[00:07:52] >> From way downtown, this would be 5 points.

[00:07:55] >> He had birdies on 11, 12, and 13. There you go. Then an eagle on 15. You total that up, that's 11 points in a 5-hole stretch. Birdie attempt on the 7th, Dunlap.

[00:08:13] >> And again, in this format, it's OK to make a bogey as long as you follow with a birdie. I mean, just to keep climbing the leaderboard. Now, this putt, good news for him as it looks like it goes left and the lake is to the left. So if there's any effect, you got to push it out there a little further. And it looks like he's got it out there far enough right. Just match the speed with it. Yup.

[00:08:38] >> Ramey, second at the 17th.

[00:08:41] >> Get in.

[00:08:42] >> Get it.

[00:08:43] >> Look what he found. That's 5 points.

[00:08:47] >> Well, we are seeing some fireworks this afternoon.

[00:08:50] >> Wow.

[00:08:51] >> No time for Kieffer.

[00:08:56] >> It was interesting watching Kieffer on the range. You see he gets a quite a high left elbow. Sorry, left arm. So it sets up the draw. Then he goes static. Then he kind of goes old fashioned, gets a lower body trigger. Watch this. From 290, slow.

[00:09:15] >> Yeah, he gave that a big hit there, Gary.

[00:09:18] >> Oh, what a shot that is. Oh, it's going to get on the top level. What a shot from 290.

[00:09:22] >> This is spectacular.

[00:09:26] >> That for eagle and 5 points. Well, where's the smile? That's probably going to be the shot of the day.

[00:09:34] >> Switch up the nines. On the 9th green, Joel Dahmen for birdie.

[00:09:37] >> Yeah. This putt, he's given this clean room out to the left. Should have enough pace. He's on the move early. I'm telling you, he did not think he made that putt.

[00:09:47] >> No. But maybe he was sly like a fox and he knew before you knew.

[00:09:53] >> Wait for someone in this afternoon wave to really get in the flow and string some holes together. Maybe it starts right here with Kieffer.

[00:09:59] >> Two and a half, about 3.5 feet left for eagle. It really was. I was looking at it from the side view. It came out so low, but it just never left the flag.

[00:10:09] >> Yeah, this is huge here, Gary, because right now, he is on the current cut line. This could get him with 5 points here, up to 15 and well inside the cut line.

[00:10:19] >> It's a round flipper.

[00:10:20] >> Yup. This 18th hole, playing the easiest hole in the golf course today. There you go.

[00:10:26] >> Walks in the eagle putt. That's 5 points. Now, with 15, he goes from T65 to T35.

[00:10:31] >> Back on the 15th. What shot do you think Ryder's going to play here?

[00:10:38] >> I love this, going old school. Tripp and I talked about this yesterday. This probably an 8-iron, maybe 9-iron. Had that toe up there, trying to chase it all the way back there. I love that play.

[00:10:51] >> That'd be a birdie putt for Ryder on the 15th.

[00:10:55] >> Over to 12 tee, let's listen in to Alex Fitzpatrick on the par 3.

[00:10:59] >> Yeah, I don't --

[00:10:59] >> You got 8-iron, that's 216.

[00:11:02] >> Yeah.

[00:11:07] >> Just straight off left now.

[00:11:10] >> Helps out.

[00:11:11] >> Yeah, correct. Finishing on it. On it, on it.

[00:11:40] >> Get close, please. Sit.

[00:11:44] >> He'll have that left for birdie.

[00:11:54] >> Ryder buried the 15th.

[00:11:55] >> That was a nice up and down. I love that third shot in which he played their old school.

[00:12:00] >> Second birdie in the second round for Ryder. Jump two to the 12th. What's the break going to be for Fitzpatrick?

[00:12:08] >> Well, not much, really. This putt reads pretty straight. I mean, putting towards Lake Tahoe. So that makes -- it should be straight.

[00:12:17] >> Straight into the bottom of the cup.

[00:12:18] >> There we go. That gets within right on the cutline right now.

[00:12:25] >> Kieffer found that cross bunker short of the 17th.

[00:12:28] >> So that awkward 45-yard shot here, George, there's a ridge that comes in, I know, 25 feet short of this flag. He's got to pitch it right on the top of that, and then he'll get that little bounce forwards, and then everything runs down towards the hole from here.

[00:12:42] >> Such an uncomfortable length.

[00:12:44] >> Yeah, it is.

[00:12:53] >> Here's the second.

[00:12:53] >> I tell you what, he's played that delightfully. So he pitched it into the bank and took a little spin off, actually, and kind of almost fatted it out there, didn't he, Billy Ray, just to get a little run?

[00:13:07] >> That is impressive skill there.

[00:13:14] >> Knappe.

[00:13:16] >> Decent line on the rough, bringing in way up in the air. Oh, look at the control there. Nicely done.

[00:13:21] >> He's got to just pepper in the pin on the 18th.

[00:13:28] >> Kieffer on the 17th.

[00:13:29] >> Just coming off that slope to the left.

[00:13:32] >> Oh, it's been a nice few holes, isn't it, for Mr. Kieffer?

[00:13:38] >> That's nice up and down there, Gary. Wow.

[00:13:40] >> Catching fire on this back nine.

[00:13:47] >> Another birdie putt.

[00:13:48] >> Knappe.

[00:13:48] >> Well, it has been fun just watching Knappe. Just you hit some incredible shots and then just a real sloppy one. So, see if he can take advantage here and give himself a little bit of wiggle room.

[00:14:01] >> Got to take care of this cut, and then start to move forward. Get a little bit of breathing space. Dead straight putt.

[00:14:09] >> Well, currently one point out of the current cut line. Not anymore. You'll get 13, one above the cut line.

[00:14:18] >> Flips the script. He's T52.

[00:14:21] >> Mark Hubbard on the 14th. Grew up in Colorado, lives in the Woodlands, Texas now. And, you know, a big motivator for him as he gets that to drop. BMW Championship back in --

[00:14:32] >> Yup.

[00:14:32] >> -- Colorado this year, Castle Pines.

[00:14:34] >> Yup. That's a great venue to come back to.

[00:14:37] >> Over to the last, and Maximilian Kieffer. Wedge in hand from the fairway.

[00:14:42] >> So I think you've got to land this at least pin high. The wind is downwind, though, and these balls will still spin these greens. Maybe pitch it just 5 feet short, let it hop, and then spin back. Likes to play the draw. So when the left flag should be looking good, but not overly happy with that. I don't know why. Look at this.

[00:15:08] >> To your point, using that backstop to his advantage.

[00:15:13] >> Let's see if Fitzpatrick can get the emotions going in the right direction with a birdie here on 14.

[00:15:17] >> Yeah, this one's fast, too. I think this one's on the right edge. Speed looks great.

[00:15:24] >> Cash.

[00:15:26] >> Great read there, Tripp. I mean, that was center cut. Matching up the line and the pace there.

[00:15:34] >> Here is Schmid at the 16th.

[00:15:37] >> From 55 yards, trying to gauge the wind as well. Now, helping a little bit from left to right. Good shot there for Matti.

[00:15:47] >> Kieffer on the 17th. Birdie putt.

[00:15:49] >> Just got to keep the whole hand going here, don't you? Pin high shot. He had a really hot last hour. Keep this thing going, and then kind of just pull yourself up there. I mean, this is an exciting opportunity, isn't it, for Max to get this one opportunity out here? He's in control of his swing. Should be very straight.

[00:16:12] >> Back to back birdies.

[00:16:17] >> And Kieffer, center cut. How about this run? Eagle on 15, birdie on 17, birdie on 18. That's 9 points the last four holes.

[00:16:27] >> He's on a heater.

[00:16:30] >> Matti Schmid searching for two on the card at 16. Schmid plays on the PGA Tour, but during his DP World Tour time, was the Sir Henry Cotton Rookie of the Year Award winner. And there's a two for Schmid, 2 points.

[00:16:52] >> Yeah, I like the little pump of the fist there for Matti Schmid.

[00:16:57] >> Thirty-six holes in the books, Mac Meissner leads the way in Truckee with 26 points. J.J. Spaun trailing by just one, and Taylor Pendrith, Chan Kim, and Sean O'Hair close behind. Round 3 is next.

[00:17:15] >> The views are stunning. Eagle Falls, it's one of the best hikes in the area, overlooking Emerald Bay. You can find that on the southwestern shore of Lake Tahoe. It is must see. And the Barracuda Championship is a unique event. Played at 6000 feet elevation, it's the only PGA Tour stop to use Stableford scoring points, which rewards aggressive play. Taking a look at those highlights. Twenty-year-old South African Casey Jarvis on fire today at the 11th.

[00:17:48] >> Taking advantage of the easiest hole in the golf course. That's his third there at the par 5.

[00:17:55] >> What touch.

[00:17:56] >> Great touch.

[00:17:56] >> He would birdie, move to 31 points, one of the hot rounds going. Mac Meissner had the lead going into the weekend for birdie at 2.

[00:18:03] >> Left in a perfect position back up the hill. He'll get 2 points there.

[00:18:08] >> Moves him to 28th. The PGA Tour rookie flexing at the par-5 3rd.

[00:18:14] >> Approach that plays back downhill. That hole's position just on that front right. Man, what an incredible shot to bring in that high and that soft. And he'd have a great look for eagle.

[00:18:26] >> Which he would go on to make. That's 5 points, pushing him to 33. Casey Jarvis for two more points to grab a share of the lead at 14.

[00:18:34] >> Yeah, just drips in. That's a difficult hole, the 14th, playing 485 yards today.

[00:18:39] >> And here's where we stand right now. Meissner with 33 points, tied with Jarvis, who plays over on the DP World Tour. They are the co-leaders. Marcus Armitage also putting together a nice round with 14 points today. He's solo third.

[00:18:53] >> Out of the 9th. Just a reminder, the Modified Stableford scoring format, you get 5 points for an eagle, 2 points for a birdie, negative 1 for bogey, negative 3 for double bogey or worse. Vince Whaley using that slope. Well done.

[00:19:09] >> Whaley would settle for par.

[00:19:14] >> Marcus Armitage in that stretch of 15 through 18, his second to the very gettable short par-4 17th.

[00:19:21] >> It is gettable today. It's 352 total, 342 to the front part of the green.

[00:19:30] >> Meissner, who's facing his share of issues here on the bunker at the 6th.

[00:19:35] >> Only guy -- You know, this shot gives amateurs fits. But pros, this is the -- this is just a stock standard bunker shot. Only issue is possibly his left foot stance. But these are the ones you -- if you -- as a pro, you're going to have a good chance of this going in.

[00:19:54] >> He would save par.

[00:20:01] >> Spaun for birdie.

[00:20:09] >> That's got some speed.

[00:20:23] >> Given this one a lot of attention.

[00:20:29] >> Well done by Meissner. Hasn't made a bogey since Thursday's opening round. We're going to hop all the way up to the 17th green. Birdie putt for Armitage.

[00:20:51] >> It's coming just across this little area. It'll move a little bit. Just first back to the left and straighten up. Just catches that left edge. Nice read there.

[00:21:04] >> Trips it in. His third birdie his last five holes. He's up to 33 points. Three now, tied with the lead.

[00:21:19] >> Current status doesn't look great for J.J. Spaun.

[00:21:22] >> You know, the lie is OK. He can get a club on the ball. The problem is with the brush above it is going to affect the swing. So he -- I mean, if takes a swing at it. Yeah, and that was smart. Go get a practice swing, see. And it's just that what the bush is going to do to it coming down. Again, like I said, the lie is fine. And it's worth taking the shot here because, you know, you're not going to make worse than double bogey. I mean, that's the worst you can do. So, if he can get this forward, then he can save par.

[00:21:54] >> You think he's thinking trying to make bogey somehow?

[00:22:04] >> That was pretty animated by his caddie there.

[00:22:06] >> Mark Carens.

[00:22:06] >> Yeah, because then you're going to miss and just, you know, but you got to stay on top of it and just your worst case scenario is going in here.

[00:22:16] >> I think he's thinking par, Bully Ray. Oh, my. He's just hit -- touch them all. He got it so clean. Well, he's going to have a hard time making par now.

[00:22:26] >> I'm so surprise, Tripp, that ball came out that far from that lie.

[00:22:31] >> First time we're taking a look at the closing hole today. Just 124 in for Armitage.

[00:22:36] >> And coming out of that first cut, that hole's position, that back left today, there is some slope right there that help feed the ball back toward the hole. And he is using that backstop.

[00:22:47] >> Two more points. It could be right on that number you were saying, Billy Ray.

[00:22:51] >> S.H. Kim to save par.

[00:22:54] >> It's going to be slow coming up the hill, moving back to his left. Just enough there. Didn't move that much actually.

[00:23:09] >> Curls that in.

[00:23:11] >> Yeah, certainly a lot stake this week for a number of these players.

[00:23:18] >> Armitage, one of 50 DP World Tour players in the field at the Barracuda Championship.

[00:23:23] >> Green's running right at 12 on the Stimpmeter. Perfect holing pace for these players.

[00:23:37] >> It is par 5. Rico Hoey here in 2. This is his third. Remember, if he makes this, that would be 5 points, he grab the outright lead.

[00:23:43] >> And ball sitting down. Green runs away from this position. I will say, yeah, slid that under nice. It's going to run away from him just a bit. On a day where you got to be putting up positive points, anytime you put up negative, it's bad. And three to the negative is hard to make up.

[00:24:18] >> Yeah. Certainly derails you too. Bogeys, as you said, Tripp, are not that bad because you'll have a number of birdie opportunities throughout the round.

[00:24:26] >> Yeah, it's better to go bogey, birdie than par, par.

[00:24:29] >> For sure.

[00:24:30] >> No, that's right. That was not a good stroke.

[00:24:34] >> He just scoops it, double max, minus-3. Spaun tumbles from 27 to 24 outside of match play. You don't see any other week in the PGA Tour. You just scoop it.

[00:24:45] >> Yeah, that's hard to do as a player where we're forced to finish out every single putt.

[00:24:50] >> He's still struggling with that.

[00:24:51] >> He's still unfamiliar with how to --

[00:24:53] >> He wants off the 7th hole. Well, he -- Hold on. Finally. There we go.

[00:25:02] >> That's got to be frustrating.

[00:25:04] >> Just bubbling over. Hoey, par-5 11th. Can he capitalize?

[00:25:12] >> Nice bird there. Hoey to 31. Tough one to get close to.

[00:25:19] >> Yeah, but putting on the exact same line as J.J. Spaun. So no question what it does. And he definitely got the speed better.

[00:25:26] >> Oh, wiggles right.

[00:25:27] >> There you go.

[00:25:27] >> There you go.

[00:25:30] >> What a birdie by Meissner, now has 35 points. He's leading by two.

[00:25:41] >> Up on the 15th, Fishburn, with his length. Can he capitalize? Good four. He now has 30 points.

[00:25:48] >> George, that's a must throughout the week. You have got to birdie 15. It's just a must.

[00:25:54] >> Saddier for birdie at 17. He moves to 29 points.

[00:26:06][ Applause ] Hayden Buckley's second at 18. He would make birdie to gain two.

[00:26:23][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:26:30] >> Now, Schaper for birdie at 10. Twenty-seven points.

[00:26:47] >> Can Fishburn keep the birdie run going? Another chance on the 16th.

[00:26:52] >> Coming down the slope. That 16th hole location pretty tough today. Over in that portion on that right-hand side, comes downhill, it wants to turn right then straighten up at the end. You bet.

[00:27:07] >> Read perfectly by Fishburn.

[00:27:17] >> The 11th. Whaley for eagle and a share.

[00:27:27] >> J.J. Spaun out of the rough at 9. Set up well for birdie.

[00:27:51] >> What is that? Is that Northstar right there?

[00:27:55] >> We stay here with Meissner.

[00:28:07] >> What a shot.

[00:28:08] >> That leads to 2 points.

[00:28:11][ Applause ]

[00:28:19] >> Spaun for birdie here on 9.

[00:28:20] >> A similar putt to Akshay Bhatia when he won here in the playoffs. This is about the putt he made, dead straight.

[00:28:27] >> Dead center for Spaun.

[00:28:29][ Applause ]

[00:28:34] >> Rico Hoey just three putted for bogey on the 12th. Has this for birdie.

[00:28:39] >> Yeah, really short par 3 and par 4 here, 333. What a bounce back there.

[00:28:47] >> Answered by Hoey. He's tied with Whaley with 32 points. Head on 17. Fishburn.

[00:28:54] >> This to get within one.

[00:28:58] >> He is making a charge. That's his third straight birdie. Five birdies his last six holes.

[00:29:06] >> How about Neal Shipley? It's been such a good story. Low Am at the Masters, in the US Open, was T6 just last week. And this week right now, you see T50. Twenty points coming in the weekend. Only one point today.

[00:29:28][ Applause ]

[00:29:31] >> Way to go, Neal. Go.

[00:29:32] >> Spaun would like to tack on two more, see if he can go back to back.

[00:29:38] >> Yeah, got a small bit of momentum, a little bit of thunder in the background, guys. So maybe some weather heading this way. But this is beautiful right here.

[00:29:49] >> I think he learned a little bit from that putt from Meissner as well, Tripp.

[00:30:02] >> Greyserman for eagle at 11. And Max picks up 5 points.

[00:30:16] >> On the 16th green, Chad Ramey, has one before on the PGA Tour. This for birdie.

[00:30:20] >> It's coming down the hill. Going to move a little bit to his right. So he got that worked out. Yes.

[00:30:25][ Applause ]

[00:30:32] >> It's Greyserman for birdie.

[00:30:36] >> Good look coming really quick. Coming down the hill. Just bleeds it down that slope. Good read there.

[00:30:41] >> The heater continues. Eagle birdie, 7 points his last two holes. He's now T3.

[00:30:50] >> Really good spot for Meissner play his third, Tripp. I mean it is, but the shot is he's got to hit this with the -- I think he's got to put some air under it. Landed on the green and it does slope away from him and runs away to the right.

[00:31:07] >> So Tripp, he's trying to get over that little ridge that kind of bisect this green initially.

[00:31:11] >> Yeah. Looks like he's going low, though. I'm surprised. I would be hitting this up in the air a little more than it looks like he's going to be doing.

[00:31:26] >> Yeah, he went low. But he knows what he's doing. That's impressive.

[00:31:31] >> He's Top 20 on the PGA Tour and strokes gained around the green, meaning he's one of the best when it comes to short game shots. We're seeing it there. Whaley, birdie try on 14.

[00:31:42] >> Just feed it in there. Down that slope, right to left. Beautifully aggressive strike.

[00:31:50] >> Pours it in for birdie. Whaley to 34 points.

[00:31:59] >> Seeing the routine for Meissner.

[00:32:01] >> And just a formality, straight up the hill.

[00:32:05] >> Too soon, Tripp.

[00:32:06] >> But we're in with four.

[00:32:09] >> Well, it's your day, it's your day.

[00:32:12] >> Mac Meissner holds the solo lead with 39 points, but has a close contingent right on his heels, including Rico Hoey. Who will take home the title in Truckee? The final round is next.

[00:32:31] >> Time ticks by. In this game of ebbs and flows, it remains resolute, with no regard for failure or success. Pressure mounts. Momentum swings. And opportunities are running out. The time to earn a spot to finish this race is now.

[00:32:53] >> Next on the team, please welcome --

[00:32:56][ Applause ]

[00:33:03] >> Since 2020, Old Greenwood at Tahoe Mountain Club has played host of the Barracuda Championship, with views of the Carson Range to the east, its mountain golf at its finest this week. Though, the real excitement with this Jack Nicklaus design will come on this final night. Two par 5son the back, some great eagle chances the last four holes. And with it being Stableford scoring, anything can happen down the stretch until we see a winner emerge at the 26th edition of this event. And here's where things stand right now for the 26th playing of the Barracuda Championship. Mac Meissner, the PGA Tour rookie, leading by one. Let's head out to the 15th, Lukas Nemetz, one of 50 DP World Tour players in the field.

[00:33:53] >> He's got 12 points to his name right now. Add that, that is 14 points today. The fireworks are going to happen on the back nine.

[00:34:06] >> And back on the 6th tee, Tripp Isenhour with this final twosome.

[00:34:09] >> Going to the hole pretty straight, right?

[00:34:12] >> Yeah.

[00:34:12] >> I need like a 210 shot.

[00:34:18] >> I think six is a smart choice. I don't think he could have gotten seven there.

[00:34:23] >> It'll be interesting, Tripp, to see with this great weather we had, trying to fit it into that back right. Can he hole the green? Are they still receptive?

[00:34:31] >> This is just on a good line. Looks pretty good to me.

[00:34:35] >> And that would answer the question, Tripp. What a play there.

[00:34:38] >> That give a shot by Meissner. At 6 once again.

[00:34:44] >> Yeah. Same club as Meissner, 6-iron. Should be perfect for Vince as well. This is lower and trying to turn. It's right of it. I don't think it's turning enough.

[00:35:04] >> That very fortunate, Tripp. It got a little kick and it's back on the putting surface. Very fortunate there.

[00:35:11] >> Longtime PGA Tour vet Charley Hoffman, bogey the 10th, birdie the 11th, bogey the 12th. Can he notch another birdie at 13?

[00:35:22][ Applause ]

[00:35:28] >> Returning to the 6th, it'll be Whaley first to go. A couple birdie putts.

[00:35:32] >> Yeah. Good. Look here. This -- Now, this one does break. Probably about two cups to his left. The initial part of this puddle have the most break in it. Only one birdie to this point. A couple of key par saves. So, got to get things moving forward, and we got it going.

[00:35:47] >> And here we go. Whaley, birdie number 2 today. He is 42 points, T2, one back of Meissner.

[00:35:54] >> Wow.

[00:35:55] >> Can Meissner answer at 6?

[00:35:59] >> Yeah, I don't think Vince is going to get the scan here. This one's going to be just inside left. Move a little bit to his right, but beautiful spot here, just 6 feet away.

[00:36:07] >> Meissner, clutch. That's his third birdie, first six holes, 3-point lead.

[00:36:20] >> Nemetz to birdie the 17th. A nice tee shot. Played a second to here from just 30 yards off the green. Powered it through.

[00:36:29] >> Nick Dunlap started the day with 30 points and four birdies on the front side. Nice. He's making a bit of a run.

[00:36:44] >> Here at the par-3 8th.

[00:36:46] >> Two-ten. I just can't see going at this hole straight downwind right now. That's an 8-iron. Well, excuse me, Mr. Meissner. Wow.

[00:37:01] >> What a play to take that flag on.

[00:37:08] >> Dunlap to 12th.

[00:37:09] >> One eighty-five. That holes cut on that right-hand side. There are some bunkers on that right side, but he hits a beauty there at the 12th.

[00:37:22] >> Not out of it yet. Scoot you back to the front side. And you know those are going to look completely different in the winter. And more than 200 inches of snow last winter. That's Northstar Resort. I said the course came out of it. Looking the best it's a been in the last 10 plus years.

[00:37:43] >> Well, Meissner goes on and wins this tournament. Needs to look no further than number 6 and number 8, if this one were to go in. Pretty easy putt. Five foot 2 inches, right edge.

[00:37:52] >> Meissner for birdie. First time we've seen him flinch. Two putt par. Whaley from the bunker could match him. And he stays within three. Heck of a sandy. Twelve, Dunlap looking for back to back birdies.

[00:38:14] >> Inside right here in firm. Held the sign nicely.

[00:38:19] >> He's making a charge at the Barracuda Championship. Now, T3 with 42 points. Hoffman, birdie putt at 15. He now has 40 points. Currently sitting solo 6th.

[00:38:44] >> Great look from behind Meissner. See what he's looking at with his third.

[00:38:48] >> He's really fortunate, Billy Ray, not to go in that bunker. That bunker is really deep, and that would have been a really hard bunker shot. But you know what? He's Top 10 in strokes gain around the green, and he proved it yesterday with just a beautiful shot from 47 yards. This is much easier, but not near as good.

[00:39:11] >> Can Dunlap keep the here going?

[00:39:17] >> Twenty-five yards coming off the upslope.

[00:39:24] >> All right.

[00:39:29] >> Par putt for Meissner on the 9th. How does he handle this moment?

[00:39:32] >> Yeah. That's exactly right, George. Twenty-seven feet, just under 27 feet. It's going to have an effect off to the right. This ball is going to be breaking right and it is slow.

[00:39:43] >> Only two bogeys came in Round 1.

[00:39:48] >> Oh, no. Oh, no.

[00:39:55] >> Difference between bogey and double is huge.

[00:39:58] >> This for bogey.

[00:40:00] >> There we go.

[00:40:02] >> Meissner still in the lead. Minus 1, has 44 points. Dunlap to get a share of the lead. This for birdie on 13.

[00:40:09] >> He is making some noise on this final nine. Now, this putt's going to come up the slope. Given the lake effect, it might move a little bit back to his right at the end. Actually went just a bit the other way. Oh, my goodness.

[00:40:22] >> How? How does that come up short?

[00:40:24] >> You know, the last thing in your mind right now, don't leave this putt short. It's coming back up the hill.

[00:40:29] >> He's looking for his third straight birdie. The streak ends on 13. So you're watching the final round of the Barracuda Championship. Patrick Fishburn on the back nine for birdie.

[00:40:49] >> Fishburn, birdie.

[00:40:52] >> Rodgers playing his second at 15. Just off the edge of the green.

[00:41:11] >> Well, if you're Vince Whaley, you're thinking about maybe these next couple events, something big has got to happen.

[00:41:20] >> Well, win would take care of that medical now, wouldn't it? Down the hill, breaking to his right very fast.

[00:41:32] >> And Meissner trying to extend his lead.

[00:41:36] >> Yeah. Up the hill, breaking to his left.

[00:41:39] >> Inside 8 feet.

[00:41:43] >> Burns another edge.

[00:41:45] >> Yeah. He's missed them all left too.

[00:41:46] >> So it's just a one point lead. And Rodgers has this for eagle off 15.

[00:41:51] >> Uphill, then downhill. You don't want to get reckless here and try and do something too spectacular because it is quick, that second half. That looks pretty decent pace to me.

[00:42:02] >> Yeah, Gary, pretty good pace there.

[00:42:05] >> He would make birdie.

[00:42:07] >> Meissner now set for his third.

[00:42:10] >> And wind is out of the left. This is just left of the hole. There's some slope there.

[00:42:21] >> Too much spin. Dunlap for eagle. This on 15.

[00:42:27] >> Yeah. Initial part of this breakthrough, the shadow is going to go from right to left. And once it starts breaking left, at the end, it'll kind of go back to the right. Oh, my.

[00:42:37] >> Way downtown. Dunlap, the 5-pointer for eagle. He has the lead at 47.

[00:42:46] >> What a fantastic read there by Dunlap. And he takes the lead by three.

[00:42:51] >> Fifteen through 18, eagle opportunities in the par-5 15th and the par-4 17th. And Dunlap with the unlikely eagle. And this was from deep on 15.

[00:43:04] >> It takes that break right through the shadows. I thought actually might start to straighten up, but he read it better than I did.

[00:43:09] >> From 55 feet, 10 inches. Have a day, Nick Dunlap. He's got the hot round going. Seventeen points through 15 holes. Whaley start at 11.

[00:43:25] >> Well, when you're trying to make it, you're chipping it. When you're trying to putt it, you're trying to get it up and in, and I think he's disappointed with that.

[00:43:34] >> Meissner for birdie.

[00:43:36] >> Well, the hill get a steeper if this one doesn't go in. This is a pretty easy putt. I know he's not on the green, but should have no issues with the fringe. This is a pretty straight putt.

[00:43:49] >> Another one.

[00:43:54] >> And this is just some minor housekeeping here for Vince. Good bounce back right there.

[00:44:03] >> Nice bird, Whaley, 43 points. Four back at Dunlap.

[00:44:08] >> So Rodgers and Waring will turn into spectators. They're going to wave up the leader, Nick Dunlap.

[00:44:14] >> And this wind is very conducive, George, coming down left to right.

[00:44:19] >> It's a great wind for this hole.

[00:44:22] >> Three forty to the front.

[00:44:27] >> Straight over the trees. And that is a terrific line. Is it the right club?

[00:44:35] >> Just pitches into the face short of that bunker, right-hand side. Man, that was on a terrific line, another 10 feet to the left.

[00:44:47] >> Is it off the left?

[00:44:49] >> Up on 18, Hayden Buckley.

[00:44:52] >> Well, he's had a good day. Twelve points, trying to get two more points there. And does.

[00:44:58] >> Just wanted to close out his week on a high note.

[00:45:02] >> Solid weekend. Twenty-four points his final 36 holes.

[00:45:06] >> And the ball just sort of settle down a little bit. I'll be really interested to see that first bounce of this, how much check he can get on it.

[00:45:14] >> I think he touched on it, Gary. The ball is sitting down there and the green runs away from him. All depends on where he lands this ball.

[00:45:21] >> And it's downwind as well. So I think it's one you got to pitch into the grain on the upslope, about 10 feet on the green.

[00:45:29] >> Yeah, definitely. You can see that grain change on our camera right now.

[00:45:34] >> Look at this. Look at this. What touch.

[00:45:39] >> He'll have that for two more points to get him to 49.

[00:45:45] >> Nick Dunlap showing us why there was so much hype around him during his amateur career.

[00:45:52] >> Yeah. The advantage of being in the last group is you know what's in front of you and you have the most holes left to play, but you cannot keep running on this treadmill of par putts.

[00:46:06] >> Like I said, the advantage, Billy Ray, of being in the last group is you do have the most golf to play.

[00:46:11] >> Yeah. You know, if Whaley makes his putt here, both players will have 43 points. And Nick Dunlap has a short birdie putt to get to 49 points.

[00:46:23] >> Whaley saves it from 6 feet. Back on 17, inside 3 feet for Dunlap to birdie.

[00:46:35] >> Just a right set in the putt here, George.

[00:46:37] >> It's got the hot round of the day. This will give him a 5-point lead. Dunlap to 49 points. He's got one hole to go and 19 points on the round.

[00:46:56] >> Rodgers to save par at 18.

[00:47:08] >> Not to be. We stay at 18 for Dunlap's second.

[00:47:14] >> A couple yards more than the front.

[00:47:19] >> Isn't that 106?

[00:47:20] >> One-o-seven shot.

[00:47:22] >> Yeah.

[00:47:22] >> Well, you might know in the previous hole, all the mannerisms look like a grizzle to a veteran as well. Everything just looks in rhythm. Hundred and nineteen yards, 115, carries the bunker in line with the flag. You do not want to go in that bunker. Flags just on the side of a ridge. Anything left will probably run away from the hole.

[00:47:50] >> The leader to 18.

[00:47:56] >> Smart shot to take the bunker out of play.

[00:48:00] >> We move up to the green now with Dunlap.

[00:48:06] >> Dunlap to birdie the last.

[00:48:18] >> Just a near miss there. But what a round today, 19 points. Nick Dunlap is in the clubhouse at 49 points, currently a 6-point lead.

[00:48:30] >> Will that be enough?

[00:48:31] >> Ask me that after 15, with that final pairing on the 15th.

[00:48:39] >> One of the best rounds of the week comes from Nick Dunlap, the stage the biggest on Sunday. And what a performance. He delivered 19 points, sitting at 49 now in the lead.

[00:48:54] >> What a drive, 7-iron. This is full green light. Kind of take advantage of this. Oh, and it's trying to turn and it is, just right of the hole.

[00:49:08] >> What a shot by Vince Whaley.

[00:49:11] >> He'll have that for 5 points.

[00:49:18] >> Up to the green with Whaley's eagle try.

[00:49:22] >> Eighteen feet.

[00:49:26] >> Oh, my gosh.

[00:49:28] >> He would tap in for birdie.

[00:49:31] >> Meissner for birdie.

[00:49:33] >> Yeah. You don't want to have to rely on an eagle at 17. So this is a must make.

[00:49:37] >> Back on 17. Must make for Fishburn, his second of the par 4.

[00:49:46] >> Pitching in between those bunkers. Pretty fast coming back toward the hole. Breaks a little bit to the left. This looks really good.

[00:49:52] >> Heck of a shot. Comes up just a bit short.

[00:49:55] >> Fishburn makes birdie at 17 to inch closer.

[00:49:59] >> Back to Meissner, second to 17.

[00:50:01] >> Well, taking a lot of loft going at it. That's going to be too hot.

[00:50:08] >> Up to the green with Meissner's birdie putt.

[00:50:17] >> Down, but not completely out. Meissner birdies the 17th. He's tied up with Whaley in second, 45 points. He still got Fishburn to go. Jump the gun there. He has to play his second to the 18th. If he holes it, he could get to 49 points.

[00:50:34] >> Fishburn's second at 18.

[00:50:47] >> Got to jar this. Approach shot on the way. Staring it down.

[00:50:58] >> Right with the top of the flag.

[00:51:01] >> Gorgeous shot.

[00:51:03] >> If you're Nick Dunlap, OK, avoided one.

[00:51:06] >> Two still to go.

[00:51:10] >> I'd say the odds are long, but they're still there.

[00:51:16] >> Meissner needs to hole this to overtake Dunlap.

[00:51:21] >> No, this one's probably not going to go in. It's just right of it. And short.

[00:51:27] >> Meissner missing the green. Vince Whaley has to hole this for 5 points in the eagle to win the Barracuda Championship.

[00:51:42] >> One-forty-four, the number. Trying to turn it in and it going a little too much left. What a good shot.

[00:51:56] >> On the green, it'll have a birdie putt for solo second.

[00:52:00] >> OK. Who is that?

[00:52:01] >> And Nick Dunlap, the 20-year-old rewriting the PGA Tour record books in winning the Barracuda Championship, becomes the first ever player to win as both an amateur and a pro in the same season on tour. Both coming in California, and now he knows that he won. He had 19 points in this final round, best round of the day, trailed by nine coming into Sunday. The biggest comeback we've seen at Tahoe Mountain Club.

[00:52:35] >> This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of the Barracuda Championship from Tahoe Mountain Club in Truckee, California.

[00:52:42] >> There we go. Congrats, man. You were awesome.

[00:52:45] >> I appreciate it.