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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 BMW Championship.

[00:00:41] >> Twenty miles south of Denver, stunning views of Pikes Peak in the Rockies, and a return after nearly two decades to a place the PGA Tour visited for more than two decades. Castle Pines Golf Club, once the site of the international, now the second stop of the FedExCup playoffs here in 2024. Eighty-one hundred yards long, but 6300 feet above sea level. So, the golf ball is traveling. Some of the highlights. Take it to Si Woo Kim had it going. This at the 5th, his third.

[00:01:12] >> Yeah, uphill lie here so he gets it up in the air nicely, land softly. Perfectly done.

[00:01:20] >> Up at 16, the par 3, 219, little walkthrough.

[00:01:25] >> Yeah, it's all over water. This hole location on 16 on the right side, up on top of the plateau. Watch out. Took a look. Eventually would bogey 18. Seven birdies, four bogeys on the day, and a 69. Three-under for Si Woo Kim. Akshay Bhatia just getting his round started. This is third at the opening par 5.

[00:01:45] >> You see that short cutoff follows there, a little spin right into the cup for an eagle to start his round, Terry.

[00:01:51] >> Thinking about this week, making next week, also the President's Cup perhaps. Great start to his round. Xander Schauffele, number 2 overall on the list, at the 8th. His third from the bunker.

[00:02:02] >> This par 5 is very gettable if you drive in the fairway, 596 yards uphill lie, allows him to hit it. Nicely done up in the air and lands it soft.

[00:02:12] >> Playing with Scottie Scheffler, that long string of pars to start birdie to 11, and this at 12.

[00:02:17] >> And the many holes where you kind of layup off the tee and get your iron in position. And who's better in the world than Scottie Scheffler?

[00:02:24] >> Dropped the shot at 13. He's 1-under. Sungjae Im, though, also has it rolling. This is second at 11.

[00:02:29] >> Just off. The side of the green. These greens are in ideal condition. Bam.

[00:02:35] >> To 5-under, 77 degrees, but there is some wind out there. Sungjae Im up by 2, but bit of trouble at 13. Si Woo Kim done for the day. Keegan Bradley's got to make a move. He's at 3-under. Hideki, the winner last week, sharing that 2-under spot. Wyndham Clark, nearby here in Colorado, played so much golf growing up. Knows about altitude and the adjustment.

[00:03:02] >> We did see Hideki make a few of these last week, you know.

[00:03:05] >> Well, you know when he's even considering taking that putter out going into the final round, crazy. Made a pretty good decision. I actually saw him on the ranges asking him, is this putter staying in the bag? And he just smiled. Look at this.

[00:03:16] >> Oh, he did it again week to week.

[00:03:19] >> He made a short birdie putt in the last over 73 feet the putt for Hideki Matsuyama.

[00:03:27] >> And downhill, that took forever to get there. What a start.

[00:03:32] >> Some things just don't change week to week.

[00:03:35] >> The captain, Keegan Bradley, looking to tie the lead.

[00:03:44] >> And he does find the side door. Sneak into the field 50th, and now, look where he is.

[00:03:53] >> Yeah, right on the 50th spot. Got him here and he is taking advantage of it.

[00:04:00] >> Scheffler on 14.

[00:04:11] >> He's having a nice day on the greens so far. That one judged perfectly. Give a little assist to Xander.

[00:04:19] >> How about this last run from 11 on? Three birdies and a bogey, Wyndham Clark.

[00:04:25] >> Friends all over the place here watching. Said it does add a little bit more pressure, but he enjoys it. Second on the way.

[00:04:35] >> Very confident player. And watch that.

[00:04:38] >> Almost in the rough. Now, just about 4 feet for a birdie three.

[00:04:44] >> Birdie try at 12 for Adam Scott.

[00:04:54][ Applause ]

[00:05:01] >> Clark for birdie at 6.

[00:05:07] >> Gets that in at nice speed. And that's the thing Wyndham Clark's talked about, getting off to better starts. He's had such high expectations, putting pressure on himself.

[00:05:18] >> As we mentioned, local man went to the practice. Broncos putting this out on social media and played with Peyton Manning, also in the Pro-Am.

[00:05:28] >> Clark looks pretty strong too, doesn't he? He could get out there.

[00:05:32] >> Athlete man. Basketball player in high school too.

[00:05:36] >> Xander Schauffele's on the 15th green. A long ways away. Putting for birdie.

[00:05:43] >> And he'd be happy to get this one down in two.

[00:05:48] >> Oh, man, Hideki did it. And, oh, Xander does drip it over the front edge. Long distance puts being made early on in this BMW Championship.

[00:06:01] >> Adam Scott, this his third at the par-5 14th.

[00:06:05] >> Hit it in the right rough and was forced to lay up. See how the spin is with this one. That's another one going.

[00:06:15] >> Scott would sink the birdie putt moving to 4-under.

[00:06:18] >> Nick Dunlap, what a 2024 campaign has been for him. And it's reached all the way to this point.

[00:06:24] >> Well, how good was he in Memphis last week? Finished fifth and that got him in here to the BMW.

[00:06:29] >> At the 8th, birdie try for Tony Finau to get it to four.

[00:06:38] >> Finau moves to 4-under, one off the lead.

[00:06:43] >> That's where the tee shot ended up for Adam Scott at 16, his second now.

[00:06:46] >> This is a tough shot. He's got to kind of negotiate a little bit of a slope here. He has already got it up and down once from the bunker today. Oh, brilliant. That's nifty right there.

[00:06:58] >> Scott would say par, staying one back.

[00:07:01] >> The Canadian Corey Conners getting comfortable over this birdie putt at 15.

[00:07:13] >> OK. Conners trying to play his way to the Tour Championship. Impressed Captain Mike Weir, get on that President's Cup team at Royal Montreal. It's a birdie try coming up for Keegan Bradley. Finish off an excellent round, his lowest opening round this year, 67. That was all the way back at the Sony Open in Hawaii. On pace for that, but could change it with a birdie.

[00:07:33] >> Brad, these are the types of putts that you make on a day where everything seems to be going right, downhill, left to right. It's going to be outside the hole.

[00:07:44] >> Travel all the way there.

[00:07:48] >> Isn't that fantastic? Well, he played very well today. Hit 16 of the greens, only 29 putts. That usually adds up to low.

[00:07:59] >> Present the putter. Absolutely after that effort.

[00:08:06] >> Staying in his crouch. Shoves it in there.

[00:08:15] >> J.T. Poston, this coming at you for birdie.

[00:08:21] >> Very open with his shoulders putting stance, but it works.

[00:08:26] >> Here's 34th coming in as the progression. Picks up a couple of spots to 32.

[00:08:35] >> Three birdies on the front side for Hideki. On his way out in 33, but just made a bogey at the 10th.

[00:08:41] >> Yeah. Maybe try to bounce back here at 11 with a birdie.

[00:08:48] >> Yeah, he does.

[00:08:52] >> Just continues to stay hot with that putter.

[00:08:57] >> Par putt 18, Adam Scott.

[00:09:00] >> Pretty straight. Might come here to the right a little bit.

[00:09:04] >> He knew.

[00:09:04] >> Adam Scott.

[00:09:06] >> He knew.

[00:09:07] >> What a scrambling par there. He probably was left that 17th hole a little upset that he didn't get a four on that easy hole. And you get one of those and it's like a bounce back.

[00:09:22] >> McIlroy for eagle on 14.

[00:09:26] >> Yes. What a three for McIlroy. Big breaking putt at the end.

[00:09:38] >> All of a sudden.

[00:09:39] >> And that jolt that he was looking for in this round.

[00:09:42] >> Yeah, first eagle of the hole today. Look how slow that's moving.

[00:09:52] >> Matsuyama's eyeing this one down from the fairway at 15.

[00:09:59] >> Adjusted. That's probably just a pitching wedge for him.

[00:10:01] >> Matsuyama sinks the birdie to move into a second place tie. Clark on 16.

[00:10:20] >> Yes, he did.

[00:10:20] >> Just thinking about those wedges, he usually fades the ball and starts it to the left. And both those wedges he hit in the water will pushes probably bottom of the club.

[00:10:34] >> Wow. The up and down aspect of this back nine.

[00:10:39] >> We've seen some wacky things happen from this right rough at 17, Curt.

[00:10:42] >> Yeah. Past, yeah, over the green.

[00:10:50] >> Matsuyama knocks in that birdie putt to go to 5-under, tied for second. McIlroy on 18 now to save par.

[00:10:59] >> This has been a familiar putt. Right to left early. How much is it going to break at the very end based on the speed you have?

[00:11:07] >> Oh, wow. Oh, as he stands over it, too. That, my gosh.

[00:11:11] >> Is unbelievable.

[00:11:13] >> Big bolt of lightning just as he buttons down now to mark his coin.

[00:11:22] >> After a three-hour weather delay, McIlroy would bogey 18, finishing 2-under. Keegan Bradley holding a one shot lead over Hideki Matsuyama and Adam Scott. Round 2 is next.

[00:11:41] >> Half hour south of downtown Denver, Castle Pines Golf Club. Vast views of the Rocky Mountains carved through the natural rock, ponderosa pines. And after 18 years, the PGA Tour is back here again. The fans seem like they couldn't wait for them to come back. More than 30,000 on hand for the second straight day at this Jack Nicklaus course. Some of the highlights from that spectacular round. For Adam Scott, at the age of 44, played here back in 2000.

[00:12:12] >> Yeah. Can you imagine that, only second pro tournament back in 2000? Said he didn't remember much of the golf course. He knew he didn't play that well. But this will be a theme right --

[00:12:20] >> At that putter.

[00:12:21] >> Thirteenth, part of three in a row. Then came to the tee at the par-3 16th.

[00:12:25] >> Yeah, 229 yards back in the left up top here. He said how well he hit his irons yesterday, how solid he was hitting it. What a beautiful swing there.

[00:12:35] >> Birdie there. Birdied 17, eventually a 63, his low round of the season on the PGA Tour to take the lead. Alex Noren, though, playing great. This at the 7th, par 3.

[00:12:46] >> He was playing alongside Eric Cole. This hole location on the left side of this par 3, just on that front little tongue, kind of like a little lion's mouth here. It's a cool looking downhill par 3.

[00:12:57] >> Sixty-eight, 68. First two days for him, he's at 8-under. But you mentioned the start for Scheffler. Birdie at 1, birdie at 2.

[00:13:03] >> Yup. Good iron shot in there. It's a short hole. It's a layup off the tee. But like we saw with Keegan Bradley, you better hit it in the fairway.

[00:13:11] >> Not to be outdone, number 2 overall in the FedExCup list.

[00:13:15] >> Or you could say that all season long for Xander.

[00:13:18] >> You're right. And he's --

[00:13:20] >> It is. That's exactly right. Numbers 1 and 2 playing together. Gallery loves it here.

[00:13:26] >> Sixty-three for Adam Scott. Lead by five.

[00:13:29] >> I mean, look up the leaderboard. You go five up. I don't think any players in this field thought 9-under par here was possible.

[00:13:40] >> Adam Scott, 4-under 32. He comes back in 5-under 31.

[00:13:43] >> Yeah, you know, and he said the key, hitting the fairies. He only missed three fairways today, only missed three greens and red hot putter. Over 125 feet of putts made in the round.

[00:13:52] >> Sam Burns at 15. Totally different hole today. Thirty-one yards shorter than yesterday, Curt.

[00:13:57] >> Mostly because of the hole location. Yesterday, far back right. Sam Burns with that beautiful putting stroke he has.

[00:14:06] >> Sungjae Im has a birdie putt.

[00:14:16] >> Sungjae Im moves to 6-under.

[00:14:18] >> Let's see what's going on at 10.

[00:14:20] >> Austin Eckroat in the fairway for a second from 199.

[00:14:23] >> One of the most exciting holes in golf right here. Straight down the hill. Water in front. Hole location --

[00:14:32] >> Oh, right there. Look where that ball mark is, Terry.

[00:14:40] >> I know.

[00:14:40] >> Almost a sink. Almost on the fly.

[00:14:44] >> Eckroat wood birdie, moving to 1-under.

[00:14:48] >> Really good shot in here for Aberg at 6. This to get it to 3-under.

[00:14:52] >> Terry, this has been the hardest hole on the course, the hardest green to hit. And it's up in this back slope. And it's a hard green to putt as well.

[00:15:01] >> Well, position that toughest hole from the tee.

[00:15:06] >> Justin Thomas now for his birdie.

[00:15:07] >> He's going to need to start making some of these.

[00:15:11] >> Good stroke there. Much better than that first one.

[00:15:15] >> He needs them all sitting there in the 30th spot as he tries to make his way back to East Lake. And that birdie didn't even move him up a spot.

[00:15:24] >> Holding the particular club to feel it with the breeze.

[00:15:28] >> Yeah, incredible. This is a very low area, this 16th hole, and it's hard to feel what's going on up above. He would have got some help from watching Rory. Both very long hitters of the ball.

[00:15:39] >> Go, go, go.

[00:15:42] >> Oh, come on now.

[00:15:45] >> Oh, almost got that BMW. What an iron shot.

[00:15:55] >> I think it was the right club.

[00:15:57] >> Boy, it took him so long to decide that. And that's the commitment you need here.

[00:16:04] >> He didn't know what they were going to do.

[00:16:06] >> Kind of took this flagstick on. I thought he was trying to get it up to the top level, not go like to make a one.

[00:16:12] >> That'll wake the crowd up, Terry.

[00:16:16] >> Fans from Colorado cheering on man from Colorado.

[00:16:22] >> Keegan back at 4 on the way for birdie.

[00:16:26] >> There's up that slope now. Can he stay straight?

[00:16:29] >> Oh, yes, he can. So the man who held the lead after the opening round, first birdie of the day to 7-under, with the lead at 13-under par here at the BMW.

[00:16:44] >> Collin Morikawa looking for four straight birdies here at 15.

[00:16:48] >> Nice rally. He --

[00:16:50] >> Yeah.

[00:16:51] >> What a rally. He played so poorly on the front nine. Check out the front nine. He shot 3-over. But he has got it going here on the back.

[00:17:00] >> Xander it for birdie at 6.

[00:17:03] >> Yeah, this is downhill the whole way.

[00:17:07] >> Walked it in.

[00:17:09] >> Boy, Curt, what weakness does this man have?

[00:17:14] >> Is there anything he can't do?

[00:17:19] >> Sam Burns had a couple of doubles on par 5s yesterday, including here at 17. But there you go.

[00:17:26] >> That's more like it. This hole is the easiest hole in the golf course here in Round 2. So projected to move to 17 with that eagle, Sam Burns.

[00:17:36] >> A seven yesterday, a three today. The 17th, Collin Morikawa.

[00:17:42] >> What?

[00:17:42] >> He kept fighting after shooting 39 on the front. And he's gotten himself back in the tournament because of this back nine.

[00:17:51] >> And look at that back nine with those five birdies, including four in a row. And now, he's in the Top 5.

[00:17:59] >> At the 11th, Ludvig Aberg. Kind of a wild ride for Ludvig to get to that 4-under par total.

[00:18:07] >> Saw in a good line right here, that hole location on the right. Oh, my goodness.

[00:18:15] >> Kisses the stick. Look at that pitch mark. Just passed the hole about 4 inches. What a shot.

[00:18:22] >> Yeah, take a bow. That was awesome.

[00:18:25] >> Aberg moves to 5-under.

[00:18:27] >> Sungjae Im, trying to get to 5-under.

[00:18:32] >> He's got to go up and over a subtle ridge in the green right about there. It didn't matter. Poured it right in the middle.

[00:18:41] >> Beautifully done there by Sungjae, who's looking real good right now.

[00:18:46] >> Schauffele on 11.

[00:18:50] >> You know, he's so good in so many categories. One of them is three putt avoidance. He leads the PGA Tour in that category.

[00:19:06] >> And it helps when you make it for the first one. Xander Schauffele with a bonus birdie at 11. Look out for number 2 right now.

[00:19:21] >> Bradley's approach at 10.

[00:19:23] >> Oh, come on.

[00:19:23] >> Go a little bit.

[00:19:25] >> I think he likes it.

[00:19:26] >> Maybe he should. We're talking about Schauffele hit a wedge in here. Wow, what a shot.

[00:19:32] >> He would sink the putt to move to 8-under. It's amazing that about a year and two months ago, this kid was playing at Texas Tech in college. Now, here he is, a world class golfer.

[00:19:44] >> Aberg does it again at 13. Seven birdies already today for Ludvig. Taylor Pendrith, he has a birdie putt to get to 6-under.

[00:19:56] >> Should be moving a little to his right. Not much.

[00:20:01] >> He has seven birdies as well.

[00:20:05] >> Two-time winner of this, Patrick Cantlay. This for birdie at 12.

[00:20:08] >> In the press room this week, he's almost bragging about how good he was hitting it, how good he felt.

[00:20:13] >> How good is that?

[00:20:17] >> Because of that.

[00:20:18] >> It's rare though that a player is willing to go there.

[00:20:20] >> No. And he did. You know, very confident in his game and how it's improving. It's trending in the right direction. We've seen that before out of Patrick Cantlay.

[00:20:28] >> Aberg for eagle on 14.

[00:20:31] >> I got a believe you're going to make this.

[00:20:38] >> You believed, he believed.

[00:20:40] >> How about the day he's has?

[00:20:41] >> Look at that scorecard.

[00:20:45] >> Jumps right into the mix, share second. And number 5.

[00:20:51] >> Rookie Matthieu Pavon attempting a long birdie on 16.

[00:20:56] >> Matthieu Pavon.

[00:21:00] >> Wow, what a punt.

[00:21:01] >> Getting the people going. How about Matthieu?

[00:21:04] >> As we go to Keegan Bradley putting for birdie now at 13.

[00:21:12] >> Sam Burns said this is a perfect spot to leave it and he would right again. Up the hill, going a little left to right.

[00:21:19] >> All of a sudden, he's the closest pursuer to Adam Scott.

[00:21:24] >> Christiaan here at the 18th for birdie.

[00:21:27] >> A little right to left swinger here. Keep the pace up. Yes, it did.

[00:21:37] >> Well done.

[00:21:37] >> Keegan Bradley at 14.

[00:21:40] >> Yeah, up the hill here, Smylie. Looks pretty good. It keeps breaking. Yes, it does.

[00:21:44] >> Oh, there he goes. He talked about how nervous he was --

[00:21:46] >> Flying high right now.

[00:21:47] >> -- last weekend.

[00:21:48] >> Yeah.

[00:21:49] >> He was the guy that was just the bubble boy.

[00:21:51] >> Yeah.

[00:21:51] >> Very fortunate that Tom Kim had the finish that he did or he would be at home sitting. Ben An for eagle at 17.

[00:21:59] >> Here we go. Trying to do what you did today.

[00:22:02] >> Oh, wow, nice putt.

[00:22:04] >> And he does. Ben An making an eagle at the 17th hole, now projected in that 14th position.

[00:22:16] >> Aberg looks to go to 9-under on the round. That's his 8th birdie on the day.

[00:22:21][ Applause ]

[00:22:26] >> There's nothing worse than when you are leading after Thursday and then you start your round and you're seven, eight back. You're like, what in the world? So, it's a great start. Good round for him today, and that was a nice birdie putt for him.

[00:22:39] >> And back to back birdies. Keegan Bradley heading over to the 16th hole trying to keep that going.

[00:22:45] >> Back out to the action at 18.

[00:22:48] >> Just said it, Steve, saw the 63 from Adam Scott. Got another one. Little big Aberg. How about that? Seventy-two, 63, the turnaround Day 1 to 2.

[00:22:58] >> Third shot from the bunker at 17 for Sungjae.

[00:23:03] >> Im with a birdie.

[00:23:03] >> At 18, the third for Cantlay, who's been better than anybody around the green so far.

[00:23:10] >> Yeah, in both days, today and two days. And look at that turf come up like that.

[00:23:16] >> That's one way to finish.

[00:23:17] >> That is incredible.

[00:23:18] >> Tip of the cap.

[00:23:22] >> Thirty, and Bradley to finish with this.

[00:23:29] >> First bogey for Keegan Bradley after he led overnight at 6-under. Came out played so well today, 68 to follow up that 66.

[00:23:40] >> Adam Scott shoots 63 to take a three-shot lead over Keegan Bradley. Emerging superstar Ludvig Aberg also shoots 63 to move into third place. Round 3 is next.

[00:23:59] >> This is some place where the views of the Rockies out in the distance. We're just about 20 miles south of the mile high city in the 6,300-foot elevation of Castle Rock, Colorado. And it's the first time Castle Pines has welcomed welcome to PGA Tour event in nearly two decades. So the fans are back here, ready to roll. How quickly things changed. His opening tee shot today at that beautiful par-5 1st. Down the hill, nothing pretty about this start for Adam Scott. Hits it out of bounds, was able to save a bogey six. But then, double bogey the 3rd, bogey the 4th, and he was out of the lead, reeling down the leaderboard currently at 9-under. So enter the 24-year-old from Sweden at his first playoffs, Ludvig Aberg. This is how he started from long range with a birdie at the 1st. Also birdied the 4th and the 5th, but has fallen off that pace recently. And that has opened the door for Keegan Bradley, the last player in this BMW Championship field and the number 50 spot. Bit of an up and down start for him, but a birdie there at the 5th. Two birdies, two bogeys, and he is at 10-under, currently tied with Ludvig Aberg. Adam Scott is one back. And you've got all sorts of possibilities behind them now that Scott has come back to the field. Out to the 6th, and Bradley has a chance to take the outright lead now at 11-under.

[00:25:45] >> Got it to go there. Beating back up after a little bit of a rough start.

[00:25:52] >> Schauffele began the day at 2-under. Had a double bogey at the 3rd, was all the way down to 1-under. But that is his eighth birdie of the day. And Schauffele, the two-time major champion here.

[00:26:07] >> We shift back to 2.

[00:26:09] >> See what Bradley can do here. Trying to get it to 12-under.

[00:26:11] >> This should come off the right a little bit. Not too hard of a putt. Third in a row.

[00:26:17] >> How good has he been with that putter?

[00:26:25] >> So it's Aberg right underneath the hole for birdie, Smylie.

[00:26:28] >> And what a look. There's not a whole lot of break in this putt, if anything, right to left. And Kevin with Ludvig, he's made three more birdies than he has pars this week, 18 to 15. You just don't see that a whole lot.

[00:26:39] >> No, you don't. But he's left us in a perfect place to hold this putt and --

[00:26:43] >> Yup, needed that one after bogey's at six and seven. So, it's birdie number four for Aberg at the 8th.

[00:26:54] >> Morikawa putting for par from off the green.

[00:27:00] >> Watch this break at the end now.

[00:27:07] >> Oh, come on. Really? Really?

[00:27:07] >> That went in from behind the hole.

[00:27:12] >> This is a birdie attempt here for Alex Noren.

[00:27:16] >> You get a beauty in here, Dan. Little knockdown shot right underneath the hole. Just outside right where he gets -- where he has it lined up.

[00:27:24] >> Giving him this one, Smylie. Yeah.

[00:27:27] >> No problems there.

[00:27:28] >> Now, you are.

[00:27:30] >> Noren had a rough start. He double bogeyed the 3rd, bogeyed the 4th, and looked like he was out of it. And then, Scott came back to everybody. And here's Noren back within five.

[00:27:40] >> Top 50 in the FedExCup entering this week. We've lost a couple, MacIntyre and Hideki Matsuyama out with sore backs. But these players, as we shift over, are the 19 new players in the Top 50. So there's been a lot of turnover in this Top 50 versus last year, including three rookies, Pavon, Greyserman. Greyserman, by the way, with a round of the day shot 66 earlier today. Nick Dunlap a part of that as well. And they've done some winning.

[00:28:10] >> Aberg for his second straight eagle at this 14th hole.

[00:28:15] >> Almost the same putt we just saw Pendrith make. He kept his speed up, did not miss it right.

[00:28:19] >> Oh, from 34 feet, double eagles now.

[00:28:24] >> On Friday and Saturday for Aberg, and he's back up there to 10-under. That is one active scorecard.

[00:28:33] >> And this is one crazy Saturday that can continues.

[00:28:36] >> Seventeen.

[00:28:37] >> The par 5. And this for eagle, Wyndham Clark.

[00:28:40] >> Downhill right to lefter.

[00:28:43] >> Broncos' colors.

[00:28:45] >> And fans.

[00:28:48][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:28:54] >> They'll let you know.

[00:29:03] >> Appeared right in the middle. So after three straight bogeys, he's got his fifth birdie of the day. He doesn't have very many pars. Look at that wild card.

[00:29:14] >> Noren on 16.

[00:29:16] >> Noren moving inside the Top 30. So a big rest of the day for him and tomorrow.

[00:29:22] >> Catch that slope.

[00:29:22] >> There is. That's how you play it.

[00:29:24] >> Alex Noren, another one to flirt with an ace at 16.

[00:29:30] >> Noren knocks down his birdie putt to go to 8-under.

[00:29:33] >> This is out here on the 15th. There are thousands of people around this green. A huge spectator complex across the Lake. Keegan now with a great look, just breaking a little bit to his left early on.

[00:29:45] >> Remind yourself to hit it.

[00:29:49] >> In the hole.

[00:29:50] >> Oh, eventually.

[00:29:51] >> Look at that fist pumping that. All the way around.

[00:30:02] >> He got to that ball before it stopped moving in the cup.

[00:30:06] >> Present the putter. Yes.

[00:30:08] >> Now, to Scott on 16.

[00:30:13] >> Just two back.

[00:30:14] >> Beautiful contact. Drawing right into the center of the front portion of the green.

[00:30:21] >> Beautiful tracer. And that will take that left turn. And Adam Scott will have a very good look for birdie.

[00:30:28] >> He moves to 10-under.

[00:30:29] >> And Noren with this left for birdie.

[00:30:34] >> Uphill and just a little left to right.

[00:30:39] >> Noren, second birdie in a row, moves him to 9-under. Bradley set up for a long eagle putt off the green on 17. That's what I was going to ask. I wonder if he's thinking about that last one. He didn't hit nearly hard enough with his champions. Got a chance.

[00:31:01] >> Right on line.

[00:31:03] >> Yeah, he would have had to take a lofted club and hit it right into the face there. I think putter is the right play. Even your miss with the putter wouldn't be that far off.

[00:31:14] >> Imagine what he would have done if that went in. And what they would have done. Watch him spectating.

[00:31:20] >> Yeah.

[00:31:23] >> Scott looks to join Bradley as co-leader at 11-under.

[00:31:27] >> Big putt. Back to back birdies for Adam Scott.

[00:31:32] >> Well, he didn't take any time on that, Terry. Right into it and go.

[00:31:35] >> If this goes down, this would be something else.

[00:31:40] >> And what a battle it's been for Alex today. He was three over through four holes.

[00:31:46] >> About a 3-degree slope down into the left.

[00:31:49] >> That's got a chance.

[00:31:50] >> It's got a chance.

[00:31:53][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:31:57] >> Seen a lot of putts go in from that area today on 18. It's like a funnel coming down there.

[00:32:03] >> Three in a row for Noren after that top start. And he is within one as he goes for his first PGA Tour win tomorrow. He's been out here a long time. Hundred and eighty-two PGA Tour starts, not one win. But this is when you maybe start thinking to yourself, Kis, it might be my time this week in Colorado.

[00:32:28] >> It'd be a sweet place to win first time.

[00:32:30] >> And what a stage this is, this natural amphitheater on 18 green. And as you said, Dan, if this one goes, we're going to see some emotion, not only from the people out here lucky enough to watch, but from, I think, captain Keegan Bradley.

[00:32:47] >> My green reading skills have it going slightly left or right here, Bones.

[00:32:51] >> I like it a lot.

[00:32:55] >> This for the 54-hole lead by himself.

[00:33:05][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:33:09] >> Sweet way to end the day and take that lead into Sunday. Could be fired up tonight. I'll shoot him a few notes.

[00:33:17] >> One more big birdie for Bradley.

[00:33:20] >> Keegan Bradley takes a one shot lead into Sunday. Fellow Swedish Olympic teammates, Alex Noren and Ludvig Aberg, are two off the lead. The final round is next.

[00:33:34] >> Everything has led us here, to the precipice of glory, where greatness will be found beyond the razor thin edge. Where champions are born, dreams are realized, and greatness is earned. Who will be the one? History is made here at the Tour Championship.

[00:34:03] >> It has been 18 years since Castle Pines hosted a PGA Tour event, and the crowds here have been huge, the golf dramatic. It has put together the entire recipe as the Tour has returned here. First playoff event being held here at Castle Pines Golf Club. The crowds have been in excess of 30,000 each day. And they have been treated to a great show on a golf course that produces some great entertainment.

[00:34:36] >> And it was Adam Scott who was trailing Keegan Bradley as they played the first by one shot. Bradley, the 54-hole leader, playing his third to this par 5. And that would set up a birdie for Bradley. But Adam Scott, who hit it out of bounds on this same hole yesterday, reaching the surface in two and from 42 feet for eagle. Drops in his longest putt of the week. He makes eagle today after a bogey yesterday. And after hitting two shots out of bounds yesterday, Scott is right there tied with Bradley.

[00:35:14] >> Sam burns red hot on the golf course. This for yet another birdie, Brad.

[00:35:20] >> He sure is. And he burned one in on the last hole. That thing was trucking when he made birdie on the 10th. And this is a really treacherous hole location.

[00:35:27] >> Wow. Five-under for the day. Gets it to 9-under.

[00:35:32] >> Xander Schauffele here on the par 3 now.

[00:35:40] >> One-ninety-eight today with a 9-iron.

[00:35:42] >> Yeah, this is the first time the ball is on the right side here, this kind of lion's mouth.

[00:35:46] >> Oh, come on now. Oh, yeah.

[00:35:52] >> Schauffele would sink the birdie putt to move to 8-under.

[00:35:55] >> Thirteen, fairway, second for Sam Burns at 9-under.

[00:35:59] >> What a round he's got going. This is -- All week, the hole location, very different than yesterday. This is in the back right, yesterday on the very front.

[00:36:07] >> Oh, he has got it dialed in.

[00:36:10] >> Burns with a verdict to 10-under.

[00:36:12] >> Harman for birdie at 13. Yeah, it's got another one.

[00:36:20] >> Yeah. Good putt on 11. Good putt there. And playing with Sam Burns.

[00:36:24] >> Won't go away.

[00:36:26] >> Thirty-second in red. Oh, just moved up one.

[00:36:30] >> This is 10. And Tommy Fleetwood for birdie.

[00:36:34] >> He's all around the Top 30 number. He's needing as many birdies as he make coming down.

[00:36:39] >> That's one of them.

[00:36:42] >> Tommy with his fourth birdie in the first 10 holes. Just one bogey came at the third. And you said it, he's inside that bubble at the moment.

[00:36:50] >> Fourteenth.

[00:36:51] >> This is a big time push for Brian Harman to make it to East Lake. Another birdie at 14 will get him a little closer.

[00:36:58] >> That is huge for the Top 30.

[00:37:02] >> Over at 11.

[00:37:04] >> Birdie try just inside of 39 feet for Rory.

[00:37:15] >> Barely got it going. The hole got in the way there.

[00:37:22] >> Yup.

[00:37:22] >> Tommy Fleetwood at 11. Saw that putt from Rory at this to get it to 9-under.

[00:37:27] >> Yeah, he's not out of it either.

[00:37:29] >> If he can shoot 4-under this back nine. These two love playing together.

[00:37:34] >> Follow it in.

[00:37:35] >> Boy, that ball was end over. And look at that scorecard.

[00:37:42] >> Scott for birdie on 8th.

[00:37:47] >> Falling off to the right here at the end, Bones. He's got the speed.

[00:37:51] >> Got it.

[00:37:52] >> That's got to look good to fall down there for Adam Scott. He had that speed dialed in there. And so, he eagles the 1st, the bogey at the 6th. First birdie comes at the 8th.

[00:38:05] >> The par-5 14th. Chris Kirk has this for birdie. And he is right on the green. Top 30 to make it into the Tour Championship. And more good stuff happening for Kirk there. Made a bit of a move, now three inside that Top 30 position.

[00:38:25] >> Bit of struggle last few holes for Wyndham Clark. Couple bogeys in the last three to end his front nine. Could use one about right now. Denver's favorite son here, hearing it from the crowd. He needs a little encouragement.

[00:38:45] >> Burns is at 16.

[00:38:47] >> Saw how firmly Brian Harman 6-iron landed downwind. See what Sam does. Probably with a 7-iron. Place is just firming up. That's going to catch it, though, I believe.

[00:39:13] >> Or is it not?

[00:39:13] >> It's going. This got to go.

[00:39:15] >> Here we go.

[00:39:15] >> Here we go. This got to go.

[00:39:18] >> You knew it all the way, Curt. So a good look it'll be for Burns to get to 10-under.

[00:39:24] >> Burns knocks down another birdie putt.

[00:39:28] >> Chris Kirk trying to keep it going at 15.

[00:39:31] >> Terry, he put this putter in two weeks ago.

[00:39:34] >> Yes, a momentum riding putter. What a move he's making.

[00:39:36] >> Four-under on the day. Got it to 8-under overall. Inside solidly that Top 30.

[00:39:40] >> And back to 11.

[00:39:41] >> See if Wyndham Clark can make it from long distance.

[00:39:44] >> Well, we've seen a few already. It's not impossible. Straighten it out now. Will it go back to the left? It's not impossible.

[00:40:01] >> Bring them out of their seats here, outside of Denver, Wyndham Clark. City had to settle himself down on every shot this week because he's so excited.

[00:40:13] >> Incredible. This thing did a lot. It was down the hill, then it was to the right, straight, and then back to the left.

[00:40:20][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:40:24] >> Thirty-nine feet, 5 inches for birdie.

[00:40:28] >> Sounds like a Broncos game.

[00:40:29] >> It does.

[00:40:31] >> Now, the bogey attempt for Kirk at 16 after he found the water off the tee.

[00:40:38] >> Kirk was on a good roll until here.

[00:40:40] >> Just to the top is lining up.

[00:40:43] >> Oh, wow.

[00:40:45] >> Oh, my gosh.

[00:40:47] >> The cruelest of horseshoes.

[00:40:49] >> That ball moved 2 inches in the last 6 inches to lip out 360.

[00:40:56] >> Looked like he was in. After all of that, it's a double for Kirk when it looked like he had saved the bogey. And now, he's on the outside looking into the red.

[00:41:07] >> Scott for bogey on 10.

[00:41:13] >> And so, Scott is going to pull one back with a bogey there. Back to 12-under on the most difficult hole.

[00:41:21] >> Burns for birdie to get it to 11. Yup.

[00:41:26] >> what a nice stroke there, Sam.

[00:41:29] >> Add that name to the mix.

[00:41:32] >> Scott surrendering another shot on 11.

[00:41:36] >> After the shot from the bunker, that's got to hurt.

[00:41:38] >> It does, because you probably would have taken four before the bunker shot. And then, to get there and your whole attitude changes, like I got to make this.

[00:41:46] >> Kirk saw the shot to here.

[00:41:48] >> Look at him 31st, Terry.

[00:41:50] >> Yup, that is so good. Straight down the hill. So every one of those so important. And Harman might need a par at 18. He's number 29.

[00:42:06] >> Burns now working from the bunker. On a very good shot from the fairway, but can make it from here.

[00:42:13] >> Almost did. What a shot for Burns there. He says it's been one heck of a week at Castle Pines. I thought I made it. And you never know where the guys behind him, Bradley at 13-under, Scott with some tough holes and challenges coming up. If this would have gone down to get to 12-under would have been huge. Burns, I've got it. He'll end his long 8-mile walk, which is the 18 holes here in the elevation, up and down. And Burns with a 65 today. What a round. Could have been 64, almost was. But look at enter the Week 18. He's done his job.

[00:42:56] >> This has been one of the most complicated greens to get it close and I'm even happy where Ludvig's putting from here. That's how difficult it's been.

[00:43:08] >> Good looking.

[00:43:08] >> Happy now. That's for sure.

[00:43:13] >> Incredible. That kind of wry smile to Noren. Not supposed to make those.

[00:43:20] >> That's awesome.

[00:43:24] >> Forty-two feet away.

[00:43:25] >> Been an up and down week for him, you know? You mentioned all the bogeys, double bogeys, but all the birdies he's made.

[00:43:34] >> Scott trying to save par on 12.

[00:43:37] >> Scott has not made a couple of good putts in the last couple holes. And this one is off the mark as well. Three bogeys in a row it'll be for Adam Scott.

[00:43:47] >> Looks like another slight pull. He missed the last one on the left. Missed the one on 11 to the right.

[00:43:54] >> So he comes all the way back to Aberg.

[00:43:57] >> And now a tie for third.

[00:43:59] >> And there it is.

[00:44:01] >> He's in a -- This keeps going the wrong way. He could fall out of that Top 30, Dan.

[00:44:06] >> Chris Kirk come in. Can he finish off with a birdie here and solidify his spot in the green?

[00:44:12] >> Playing it downhill, left to right here. Looks good.

[00:44:16] >> Oh, yeah. Oh, looks good for a long time.

[00:44:18] >> Two brutal lip outs in the last three holes.

[00:44:21] >> Wow. So par for Kirk, who started off with two birdies, made three more in the second nine. Sixty-nine for Kirk. Still safely inside.

[00:44:38] >> McIlroy for birdie at 16. Good shot to get it here. He had to land that somewhere around the front of the green with how firm it is. McIlroy looking for a little momentum into East Lake, where he's won it all three times. The only one to win the FedExCup title three times.

[00:44:58] >> That dude can putt now.

[00:45:01] >> Back at 14 for Noren's third.

[00:45:04] >> And to answer the question on Aberg, 6-iron. That was definitely a miss hit, guys. And Noren missed the fairway. Hit three, but off the tee. Was 120 yards behind Aberg. Just 133 left. Got it online. Looks good.

[00:45:18] >> Spinning it back. And Alex Noren's going to have a little longer than a tap in left for his birdie.

[00:45:26] >> Noren birdies 14 to go to 10-under.

[00:45:28] >> To 17.

[00:45:29] >> Tommy Fleetwood, this to get it to 9-under.

[00:45:36] >> Solid move this week, Brad. He was outside the Top 30 to start.

[00:45:43] >> At 15.

[00:45:43] >> Aberg, this to get it to 10.

[00:45:46] >> Another monster drive. Aberg, 373 here. What a great read. Terry, it always looked like it was going to miss to the right.

[00:45:57] >> Look at that scorecard, those three bogeys and 14, the hole on the last couple days.

[00:46:04] >> This is from short range.

[00:46:06] >> And much like we talked about yesterday, you give this guy so much credit. He doesn't get too high, too low, very even keeled. Shakes off those poor putts very quickly.

[00:46:16] >> What an up and down. Scott moves to 11-under. Right back there within striking distance, after those three bogeys at 10, 11, and 12. Justin Thomas is in the 31st spot at the moment. So if Noren misses this putt for par, Justin Thomas would be back inside the Top 30. That's why we've got, I don't know, unprecedented kind of bubble results going on here, Terry. We've been looking at the math all day. Can't remember another day quite like this.

[00:46:45] >> Go back a couple of years, Top 70 that we're here now, it's Top 50. It's changed the math, and you're thinking some.

[00:46:53] >> Playing a ton of break from this short of distance. Never look comfortable over that one at all.

[00:46:58] >> He already took that back.

[00:46:59] >> Yeah.

[00:46:59] >> It looked like a quick hit almost.

[00:47:02] >> Yeah. It looks like he wanted to get it over with.

[00:47:04] >> Yup. Was 25. Now, Alex Noren is outside.

[00:47:13] >> Scott for par on 15.

[00:47:17] >> That was just a big shot from my point of view.

[00:47:21] >> It's like right in transition. The putter almost seemed to like loop underneath, the face opened.

[00:47:31] >> Yeah, yeah.

[00:47:32] >> You see the twisting of the shaft. The under twist of the shaft is called --

[00:47:35] >> Kept the face open, heel beat the toe.

[00:47:44] >> He's had openings. He's had opportunities hung in, but he hasn't taken advantage at all.

[00:47:52] >> So this for bogey.

[00:47:54] >> Got to make sure you don't get distracted here. A lot of people are leaving for the 16th.

[00:47:58] >> Took care of business.

[00:47:59] >> Drops a shot, but still the leader. Sole possession, but by one.

[00:48:02] >> Aberg for birdie.

[00:48:05] >> Look how relaxed he looks over that.

[00:48:08] >> There you go. Eleven-under, share a second with Burns. So, one behind Keegan Bradley.

[00:48:14] >> The perfect club at hand.

[00:48:16] >> He's going right at this. The tongue between the bunkers, he said not to go right of it.

[00:48:20] >> And he said this on an aggressive line.

[00:48:24] >> Right up in the air.

[00:48:27] >> Oh, have a day, Keegan. How about that shot? By far the best iron shot into 17 we've seen this week. With all the pressure on to go right at the flag, how high he hit this thing?

[00:48:44] >> Picked it right off the grass.

[00:48:47] >> Scottie say, did you hit it?

[00:48:49] >> I love that he didn't answer either.

[00:48:55] >> I hit it.

[00:48:56] >> What a shot.

[00:48:57] >> Incredible, Terry.

[00:48:58] >> What a time to do it.

[00:49:00] >> All right. The third for Adam Scott.

[00:49:02] >> Much like the third that he had on 14. Just dump it out there. A bit about an explosion shot. Let it run downhill, breaking left towards the flag.

[00:49:09] >> I was thinking exactly the same thing. This thing is a kind of a big swing, but to hit it a short distance, get it up in the air as much as you can, and just let the hill take it all the way down.

[00:49:21] >> Just so important to hit that spot just on the green. Have a trundle from there.

[00:49:29] >> Got it. Is it going to break?

[00:49:32] >> Looks good. Whoa.

[00:49:36] >> Boy, he's hit some beautiful wedge shots.

[00:49:40] >> I would imagine he's going to take the high line and just drip this to the hole. Foot out at least.

[00:49:50] >> Oh, right there.

[00:49:53] >> He's threaded it. I didn't expect him to beat it on by there.

[00:49:59] >> Still got a two shot lead heading to 18.

[00:50:01] >> Picked up the birdie. Up by two.

[00:50:03] >> Four and a half feet now.

[00:50:09] >> A little closer than those misses we saw and must make. I expect this to go with some speed.

[00:50:16] >> There you go. Forty-four-year-old who played here in his first PGA Tour event in the USA back in 2000, share second place as they head to the final tee.

[00:50:31] >> Scott now for birdie on 18.

[00:50:39] >> Not to be touched too hard.

[00:50:44] >> And that seals the deal here for Keegan Bradley. You know, the last 60 years, only two US Ryder Cup captains have won a PGA Tour event after being appointed Jack Nicklaus in the 1986 Masters winner. And Davis Love, 9 years ago, who won the Wyndham Championship after he was appointed the US Ryder Cup captain. That's the kind of company that Keegan Bradley is about to join. But Adam Scott will be headed to East Lake. It was no guarantee he was going to get there, even with a good position that he had. He was the 36-hole leader. He was at 13-under. A little bit surprising that the number 13-under is where Bradley's at now. And there's Adam Scott lamenting how close he came. Stage is clear for Keegan Bradley. No matter. Keegan Bradley takes the BMW again.

[00:52:00][ Cheering and Applause ] The last man into Castle Pines, headed to East Lake as the winner.

[00:52:27] >> Long week for him and Scott Vail. All the calculations, all the pressure. And we've talked about his dad, Mark, being here to witness it.

[00:52:39] >> This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of the BMW Championship from Castle Pines Golf Club in Castle Rock, Colorado.