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

[00:00:39] >> And we had Tropical Storm Debby wreaking havoc here in the Triad, forcing the opening round to be postponed today. And what a job by Sedgefield Superintendent Chad Cromer and his team to get this place tournament ready, a truly remarkable turnaround in less than 24 hours as the first round finally got underway earlier this morning at 9:50 a.m. Eastern time. And look at club Wyndham. More vacation like weather today as the final group will tee off at 5:22 Eastern Time. The course receiving more than 5 inches of rain. They totaled at 5.1 inches of rain. Today's forecast, potential spotty showers later in the day. We're hoping the sun will stay out, though, as it's going to be a sunny rest of the weekend. We're going to try and jam in as much golf as possible over these next 3 days. Flashback to Thursday, and here's what we saw at Sedgefield Country Club. If you're trying to navigate the greens here and the fairways, you needed a kayak instead of a golf as it started raining overnight Wednesday into Thursday morning and went on all day long, late into Thursday evening. Fairways with rivers and streams crisscrossing them. And then today, finally, the sun broke through Friday morning, and they were able to press play for Round number 1 of the Wyndham Championship. Now, we're with the leader, Beau Hossler, 8-under through 13.

[00:01:59] >> Yeah, some front nine. Was out in 28. That's not the record, but just thinking of some other things. But lengthy second here.

[00:02:11] >> It is a par 70. And we have seen 159 in term in history by Brandt Snedeker.

[00:02:18] >> Two-o-five left here. Trying to cut it back to that right flag, done a good job.

[00:02:34] >> Over to 14.

[00:02:35] >> Yeah, Matt Kuchar, couple under. Was so close at the 3M Open. Trips that one in. Kuch, three deep.

[00:02:45] >> Five hundred and twenty yards at par 4 for today in wet conditions.

[00:02:49] >> All right, here we are at the 8. This is Brendon Todd. Came into the week perilously close to that 70 mark at 69th. But his type of game I think fits this golf course well. He drives it straight and putts pretty good. That's a good recipe for success around Sedgefield.

[00:03:06] >> We jump ahead to the 14th, where Hossler is putting for birdie.

[00:03:10] >> It's been a tough stretch for Hossler. Missed three of his last five cuts coming in. His last Top 10 finish was before the PGA Championship. Been working really hard on his game to try and turn things around.

[00:03:24] >> Putt is slightly uphill. Might swing to his left.

[00:03:34] >> Can he keep it going? Gets another one to go. Hossler now 9-under through 14.

[00:03:40] >> And a very reachable par 5, the very next hole.

[00:03:43] >> He have to go 2-under the last four. And we're talking sub 60 here, Frank.

[00:03:47] >> You know, we've never had a year where there's been three rounds on the PGA Tour in the 50s?

[00:03:53] >> And Brendon Todd, you can see 4-under this -- I'm going to go ahead and give him this one. I like his chances. And there we go. Gets to 5-under. Former Georgia Bulldog.

[00:04:04] >> All right, we're back here at the 15th hole. Beau Hossler in position 8. Just 207. You can see to this hole location.

[00:04:13] >> Hole is all the way in that back right. A lot of slope left of this hole, Frank, that he can get this ball feeding into this flag. And you got to get it at least past that middle part of the green.

[00:04:27] >> He's looking right, though.

[00:04:28] >> Yeah. You don't -- Yeah. Depends on the lie. If that lies, OK. I think that's one he can navigate.

[00:04:36] >> Ninth fairway, Todd.

[00:04:40] >> Just coming up the hill there with pitching wedge.

[00:04:47] >> To 15, Hossler's third.

[00:04:49] >> All right. There been three players in this bunker. Kevin Kisner was the last one. He got it up and down, but nobody's got any closer than that right there, 1.5 feet.

[00:05:00] >> Moving back to the green at nine with Brendon Todd putting for birdie.

[00:05:17] >> Todd read it perfectly.

[00:05:19] >> Pours that in dead center. What a day for him.

[00:05:25] >> Kind of like that finish to the house. Four birdies the last five holes, comes home in 30 for a 64.

[00:05:32] >> All right, we're at 15. This formality. We're going to have a double digit under par and we got three holes left. The 17th is about the only one that's probably gettable, unless you're Davis Thompson --

[00:05:44] >> He's got to be --

[00:05:44] >> -- like you saw at 16.

[00:05:46] >> Got to be thinking about it now.

[00:05:47] >> Oh, yeah.

[00:05:48] >> Vince Whaley on the box at the 16th. He's playing in that three ball with Beau Hossler. I mean, he's 4-under today. Feels like he's just getting blown by Hossler.

[00:06:00] >> Maybe not on this hole. Hossler has about 25 feet to go 11-under. This was a great attempt there for his two.

[00:06:09] >> All right, here we are at 17. Ball well above the Kuch's feet, 105. Saw Whaley's tee shot. Is it birdie time for Vince? You bet. Whaley now at 5-under par. He is in share of fourth with Kutchar and Suh among others.

[00:06:43] >> Seventeen.

[00:06:44] >> Because he was hot with this club that Matt Kuchar's got in his hand right here, 4 feet, 1 inches. He's made 110 feet, 11 inches of putt. Make it 115 feet of putt so far for the veteran.

[00:06:57] >> Kuch en fuego, four straight.

[00:07:00] >> Indeed. And this is the second hole. Ball above his feet for the second hole, the easiest par 4 in Round number 1 so far. And, well, it just got easier. Second hole in there. Well, we're 202 through two. Frank, are we on 59 watch yet?

[00:07:24] >> Might as well be. Well, I know we're on rain watch with that umbrella out.

[00:07:28] >> And we do not need any more of that, needless to say.

[00:07:31] >> This is Kuch at the 18th.

[00:07:34] >> Not rough. More than 4 inches deep at the moment. It's one of the areas they could not get mowers on. Pretty good shot considering. Basically 40 yards. So left, right, and center. I mean, this is going to be -- take some shot, BR, to get this anywhere within 15, 20 feet.

[00:07:55] >> Yeah, he has 170 yards. And with this spring falling down now, just actually makes that rough a lot tougher.

[00:08:02] >> Front flag doesn't help.

[00:08:04] >> That came out pretty nicely, pretty hot. I don't think it's going to be able to -- It actually came out a little bit left. And that is in the greenside bunker left there.

[00:08:13] >> And that's not the good side because it'll be all downhill from that bunker.

[00:08:17] >> We'll have to hole that for 59, but it's probably just thinking, "Hey, how can I even get a sand save here?" Take a 60 and run from that spot.

[00:08:26] >> Back at 18.

[00:08:28] >> Matt Kuchar hates bogeys. This for par.

[00:08:34] >> Well, fist pump out of Kuch. That's the note you want to finish on.

[00:08:40] >> To the 18th, where Hossler is playing his third from the bunker.

[00:08:44] >> If he took the direct line at the flag, there's a chance this ball would come off the green, correct? So that's why he has to go left.

[00:08:50] >> It's for 59.

[00:08:52] >> Rain starts to die down just a bit. Plenty of more short in the green. Might slow it up a bit coming off this slope. Trying to use that slope, it's going to come off of it.

[00:09:02] >> Making a right turn.

[00:09:02] >> Exactly as Billy Ray called it. That's a super shot.

[00:09:07] >> Fantastic.

[00:09:09] >> After 60 would be his career low round on the PGA Tour by two.

[00:09:15] >> Billy Horschel. Played so well at the Open, shows up at the 3M, gets the flu. He's sick. Had to withdraw that opening round. And now, we're seeing him off to a white hot start. Eagle on the second and then a birdie on three. Three-under through 3.

[00:09:30] >> We jump up to the green at 18. Hossler putting for par. If it falls, it would be his lowest career round on tour of 60.

[00:10:03] >> Frank, I don't see overall a lot in this putt here for Beau. It's just right around 7 feet that he has. He might want to try just to go just a bit to the left.

[00:10:16] >> Yeah, I was looking at the way the hole's cut. That makes me think it's like right edge.

[00:10:22] >> Yeah. That's what I'm looking. I just don't think if you get it outside, I don't think if you hit the putt with the correct speed, I don't think it'll turn enough. I think you got to keep it inside the hole right.

[00:10:35] >> Hossler for par.

[00:10:39] >> What a round.

[00:10:40] >> Well done by Bo. Staves off his second bogey. That's his lowest career round on the PGA Tour.

[00:10:49] >> Billy Horschel now at 5.

[00:10:53] >> Gets that to drop. He's 4-under. Glover playing his third at the 5th, just off the green.

[00:11:05] >> Tricky little shot here for Lucas, Colt.

[00:11:07] >> Yeah. But he did pretty good from the left rough to get it to here. Tough part is you just can't see where you want to land it. Should work to his right as it gets on the green.

[00:11:17] >> Went with a little hinge and hold.

[00:11:19] >> Well, he made it look rather easy. Go in.

[00:11:23] >> Tremendous touch.

[00:11:24] >> Took a peek at him.

[00:11:27] >> All right. This Billy Horschel at the 6. Saw that graphic, 179. Hadn't seen anybody get it all the way back to the hole, but that line looks really good for Billy Ho.

[00:11:42] >> Glover finishes that for birdie at the 5th.

[00:11:46] >> And a bunker play, too. Days of the 56. Remember seeing him at Augusta in the practice bunker. He had to be in his 60s. And the sound of when the -- Just the club hit the sound, the thought, I'm like, that's the way you mean to hit a shot.

[00:12:04] >> And we're on the 6th hole, Frank. He's had six putts so far. That's pretty good. Of course it helps -- it helped, at the 2nd, he didn't have to putt.

[00:12:13] >> He holed it.

[00:12:15] >> So, 4-under through 5. And this to go 5-under through 6. As I said, we could have a -- Might be proven wrong when George asked me if anybody could flirt with the 60. And the way Billy Horschel is swinging, the way he's playing, and Billy Horschel is trying to get his second win on the PGA Tour this season. It could happen Sunday.

[00:12:39] >> All right, here we are at the 6th hole after the tee shot. What does Lucas got, Colt?

[00:12:43] >> He's got 180 yards left up the hill. And that hole location looks like it's a hidden. But there is plenty of room. These guys can go right at it.

[00:13:02] >> And that one, I like his chances.

[00:13:05] >> He won't know where that one is, but he's going to like it.

[00:13:07] >> He's going to more than like it.

[00:13:09] >> You can be aggressive.

[00:13:10] >> Bouncing around the front side, and we land at the 8th.

[00:13:13] >> Yeah. This is position A for Billy Horschel. Off to that beautiful start. And I would think you got your name on the bag, ball in hand, 72 yards, you're going to have a putt inside 5 feet. And, yeah, well, Billy Horschel takes care of business.

[00:13:31] >> We're going to --

[00:13:32] >> All right. Now, we're giving him this one, Colt. This is good.

[00:13:37] >> I'd give George this one.

[00:13:39] >> You're too kind.

[00:13:40] >> Yeah, exactly. Lucas Glover, your defending champion, 2-under so far. Wet conditions in Round number 1. All right, Billy Horschel, 4 feet three inches down the hill. Think about this start right here he's had. He's 5-under. He just missed an 11-footer for birdie at the previous hole. So, he is in full flight. And as I said, trying to get that second win of the season.

[00:14:10] >> American Beau Hossler leads by two after Round 1, shooting his career best on tour with a 60. Canadian Nick Taylor is the highest international player on the leaderboard and sits in third after firing a 7-under 63. Round 2 is next.

[00:14:53] >> The Wyndham Championship, part of the season-long race for the FedExCup. Yes, we had our fill of what was left of Tropical Storm Debby dropping over 6 inches of rain here in Greensboro, North Carolina. And we are in catch up mode here at historic Sedgefield Country Club. On this pivotal week, right on the brink of heading on to the playoffs, so many storylines to set, to monitor over the next two days, and who knows, perhaps even into Monday as we try to establish the 70-player field for next week in Memphis. But we don't care. It's just not raining. And this course is oversaturated as it is. It's taking it on here. Tremendous effort by so many people to get play underway. We finally finished the first round this morning at 10:30 on Saturday. That's what we mean by playing catch up mode.

[00:15:42] >> Hossler at 15.

[00:15:45] >> See if he can dial in a gap wedge here from 124. Trying to throw it behind the hole with some spin.

[00:15:51] >> It's dialed.

[00:15:52] >> Somehow. After all the poor ball strike, he makes that. He's under par for the round.

[00:15:58] >> Meanwhile, at 3.

[00:16:00] >> Brendon Todd came in 69th.

[00:16:04] >> Oh, looky, looky, looky. That went in quickly too.

[00:16:10] >> Plus, he's a big fan of this course. Fits his game. Surprised he's only three back.

[00:16:16] >> At 15.

[00:16:17] >> How about a birdie here for Hossler?

[00:16:20] >> I'm with you, Trevor. The fact that he could possibly be under par on this round.

[00:16:24] >> The putts are starting to fall.

[00:16:28] >> Oh, putting from the shade into the sun, back right hole location today. Very fast down here for Matt Kuchar.

[00:16:41] >> This looks good. It's a three for Kuchar at 17. Remember, he played so well at the 3M, coming off a third place finish there. And Kuch, 8-under par.

[00:16:54] >> Back to 17.

[00:16:56] >> Perfect tee shot, right at the bottom of the center of the fairway for Hossler.

[00:17:00] >> Yeah, just 105 left. There is a slope left of it he can use. Nice little dead handed wedge in here.

[00:17:09] >> Oh, yes. Beautifully played there, Colt. Not as many birdies on this hole today.

[00:17:14] >> Seventeen.

[00:17:16] >> Beau Hossler.

[00:17:17] >> If he made birdie here yesterday, Colt would have shot 59. He didn't birdie either of those last three holes for 60.

[00:17:25] >> Great chance here, but it's got some movement to the right. He's got to get it outside the hole.

[00:17:31] >> Beau knows. Nice birdie. He's saying to himself, where was that yesterday, man, when I needed it for 59?

[00:17:45] >> Now, Max Greyserman here at 13. Dogleg left, par 4.

[00:17:53] >> Well --

[00:17:53] >> This group, there's three of them. Get all these scores together, they are 16-under.

[00:17:58] >> At 13. Victor Perez, already 6-under. Just trickles it on the back there through the fringe. Whoa. And when we came in, remember, he was the bubble guy moving around, and all of a sudden he's back in that Top 70. Fourteen.

[00:18:16] >> And a long way away at 14 is Max Greyserman. His two fellow competitors both hit it out of bounds on this hole. And here he is, 60 feet away, putting for a three.

[00:18:28] >> And he rattles it home. Max Greyserman.

[00:18:34] >> Not a man in the field. He went to one of the local colleges, went to Duke. Look at all those circles. Eight of them, in fact, 9-under total, just two off the lead.

[00:18:45] >> Seventeen.

[00:18:47] >> And the tall Frenchman, his second shot here at the par 4. Said his heart was absolutely racing, beating out of his chest on that second nine last week at the Olympics in Paris. Finished a shot out of the bronze medal place, outright fourth.

[00:19:08] >> Seventeen.

[00:19:09] >> Max Greyserman, can he finish birdie, birdie for 59? One twenty, little spin. Come on down to our left. Pretty good indication there of the slope on this green at 17. So many balls finishing up back there.

[00:19:25] >> Well, still an outside chance.

[00:19:27] >> This was earlier. Highsmith at the 12th hole, and he is at 3-under, right -- one behind the cutline.

[00:19:36] >> Always going to come off the slope just right.

[00:19:41] >> I'll keep an eye on this.

[00:19:43] >> Come on now. We've had one already today. Can he join Lucas Glover? Yes. The second ace of the day at the 12th hole.

[00:19:52] >> Wait, that one in?

[00:19:55] >> Holy shit.

[00:19:55] >> And that is his third ace of the year --

[00:20:00] >> Yeah, it is.

[00:20:00] >> -- on the tour.

[00:20:02] >> Well, can he do it? I said it from the fairway, but he left himself some work to do. Birdie, birdie for 59.

[00:20:12] >> It's looking good. How about it? Max Greyserman, five circles, five birdies there to start the round. Five more on the second nine. He has got one hole to go. Birdie for 59.

[00:20:23] >> And he is in the zone. Look at that face.

[00:20:26] >> Fantastic.

[00:20:31] >> Here's Cam Young for eagle 15. Come on now. Another one drops at the 15th.

[00:20:39] >> And that's going to be the key for him, that putter.

[00:20:44] >> But here we go. Max Greyserman again. Deep rough, needing a three for 59.

[00:20:51] >> And he get it home from there out of that lie.

[00:20:55] >> Oh, gave it a rip.

[00:20:57] >> It's bouncing up.

[00:20:58] >> He gave it everything he had.

[00:21:00] >> Just stayed on top of the ledge, too. So he's got a shot at it. Looks like, what, 50 feet?

[00:21:06] >> Yeah. Made one of similar length back at 14 for birdie.

[00:21:10] >> Has driven it well all year. Top 15 in that category, which is unusual. Sixteen now. One of the men that have shot 59 this year, Cam Young. Oh, is he ever?

[00:21:29] >> And let's come to 18 live. Going to lead the flagstick in 48 feet for 59. Are you ready to lose your mind, Trevor?

[00:21:40] >> I am.

[00:21:40] >> Here we go.

[00:21:41] >> Double break. It goes left.

[00:21:44] >> Get there. Get there.

[00:21:45] >> Straighten.

[00:21:46] >> Oh, that had the line.

[00:21:48] >> All the while, Max was just making birdie after birdie.

[00:21:52] >> He's a late bloomer. He's 29. He's worked hard to get here, and he has made the most out of it. Played 4 years at Duke nearby.

[00:22:04] >> Got a 60. Lowers his best round on tour, his rookie season, by three shots.

[00:22:11] >> At 16.

[00:22:13] >> Cam Young, off that tee shot. He's bounced back today. Now, to 6th, downhill with the tee shot. Players lay it up. Uphill with the second. And then, you hope you get the right club. Oh, did he ever.

[00:22:35] >> Seventeen.

[00:22:37] >> And Cam Young, 140.

[00:22:40] >> Ball well above his feet. Right hole location. This has some promise.

[00:22:46] >> Yeah, he started at right of the flag and bringing it back. What a shot for Young.

[00:22:50] >> He has had the wedges dialed in the second nine.

[00:22:53] >> Beautiful shot there, Mark. That won't get old.

[00:22:57] >> Yeah, this is a great story here, Ian. Kuchar has made the playoffs every single year. Came in 111th. He's now tied for the lead. So he might just keep the streak going.

[00:23:10] >> Needs a win.

[00:23:11] >> We're back at 17. Cam Young had this delightful shot in there, Mark. This just the tap in for birdie.

[00:23:18] >> Academic really.

[00:23:23] >> All right, Cam Young in the mix.

[00:23:27] >> Over at the 7th.

[00:23:28] >> With the setting sun giving us an orange hue on this beautiful night.

[00:23:36] >> Little hybrid in there.

[00:23:40] >> He is hitting some shots. Wow, what he's done with these last few holes.

[00:23:46] >> Hossler at the 7th.

[00:23:49] >> Time to make a good swing here. That's 5-iron from 223. And he's walking after it.

[00:23:59] >> No wonder it's a beauty.

[00:24:01] >> Up to the green at 7 with Kuchar putting for birdie.

[00:24:06] >> Matt Kuchar can take the outright lead.

[00:24:18] >> My goodness. Kuch, is that you? What is going on?

[00:24:24] >> You are on a birdie run, my friend, 5, 6, and 7.

[00:24:31] >> Hossler putting for birdie on the green at 7.

[00:24:38] >> This group is taking its time. I'm not sure what they're doing.

[00:24:43] >> Well --

[00:24:43] >> That'll help.

[00:24:43] >> That will speed things up.

[00:24:47] >> I think we've seen the last golf shot of the day. We've got many more coming your way tomorrow. We saw aces. We saw tremendous play by veterans like Matt Kuchar, and rookies like Max Greyserman. Billy Horschel, he was in the final grouping last year. Seen all kinds of things. We didn't get to see Ramey or Rai. They were out early today. Put up wonderful rounds.

[00:25:22] >> From Greensboro, North Carolina, it's live third round coverage of the Wyndham Championship. And today could be unlike any Sunday we've seen before at Sedgefield Country Club. This historic Donald Ross design opened back in 1926, now celebrating its 98th birthday. Today, we're playing golf from sunup to sundown, finishing Rounds 2, 3, and hopefully the fourth and final round, all as part of the 85th edition of the Wyndham Championship. It'll be a marathon for these guys. But with low scores out there, it'll take a sprint to the finish to get the win at the regular season finale here on the PGA. Tournament update. You see Round 1 didn't begin until Friday morning at 9:50 a.m. Eastern Time. That didn't finish until Saturday at 10:29 a.m. Eastern Time. Round 2 wrapped up this morning, because the course has received more than 6 inches of rain so far this week. So the hope and everything on pace so far is to play the third and final rounds here today.

[00:26:21] >> And we got Matt Kuchar, the leader now. Let's say hi to Billy Ray Brown with this group.

[00:26:27] >> Yeah. You know, up to Frank's point about conserving energy, I think it's a good day. The temperature's down. Low humidity day is going to help these players navigate the strenuous test they'll have physically throughout the day here, and mentally as well. This is a 4-iron for Kuch, 237, back down the hill. That hole's position just four paces over ridge that bisects this green. See if it stays up top.

[00:26:55] >> Oh, nearly.

[00:26:56] >> Is that coming off the green? That's the spot. It goes off the green, isn't it?

[00:27:01] >> One more yard.

[00:27:04] >> And that is going to come off to that front portion of the green. Now, that chip shot from that position short of the green here at the par 3, that's difficult to get that one up and down.

[00:27:16] >> Let's check in on the 15th.

[00:27:17] >> And this is Hisatsune at the 15th, the reachable hole. Everybody can get to this one. If you hit it in the fairway, just 243, and a gettable one that you got to take advantage. Only two par 5s here. And, well, that's the definition of taking advantage of it right there. That's going to leave a beautiful look at eagle.

[00:27:38] >> Back on the 12th, Kuch trying to assess his options with playing the second. Looks like he's facing off the steps and trying to see his landing point.

[00:27:47] >> Yeah, that's what he's trying to do, trying to gauge his landing point. There's no way he's going to fly this ball up over that ridge. He's going to have to bring this in very low. Now, the difficulty of that shot, Frank, is that he's coming back uphill off the upslope here. So many times we see that the ball doesn't carry far enough on that initial skip to get above.

[00:28:05] >> Billy Ray, look how far that's come back. I mean, you consider the amount of rain with that during the course of the week. I mean, this is Sedgefield at all.

[00:28:14] >> Yeah. You know, it just indicates the slope that's in front of the green as well.

[00:28:20] >> Lift clean in place for the third straight round.

[00:28:25] >> It's amazing at the start of the week that we're actually playing golf one, but also the condition of the golf course. Superintendent, his staff, have done a bang up job of getting this golf course ready. Greens are fantastic. Actually, the greens are faster. They're rolling around 13 on the Stimpmeter.

[00:28:42] >> Kuch, seven for eight this week. Scrambling, second in the field.

[00:28:47] >> Wants this one to come back a little.

[00:28:49] >> Might come back just a hair. Well, it was going slow enough that it wouldn't come back, but that's going to be a quick one back down the hill for Kuchar to save par.

[00:28:58] >> Now, at the 15th, we saw the beautiful second. Let's see if Hisatsune can pay it off from 8 feet, 4 inches. And that's the sixth eagle of the day at 15. You're going to see a lot of players take advantage of this hole today. And none better than that from Hisatsune, who came into this week missing three straight cuts. But he is moving on moving Sunday.

[00:29:19] >> Back to the 12th.

[00:29:22] >> And Billy Ray, how have you sensed that course conditions have changed over the past few days?

[00:29:28] >> Well, one of the things they were able to do, they still have really not gotten the fairways to cut those. The rough is going to be crucial part of the final outcome of this tournament. That rough is almost 5 inches deep, that Bermuda rough. And you have got stay out of that rough, because a lot of times, players are just trying to advance the ball how deep and thick it is. But the greens itself, like I said, have indicated that it has picked up a little bit of speed. Thirteen on the Stimpmeter. Yeah, I think overall, after all the rain, the golf course is in exceptional condition. Kuchar now really close. Chad Ramey, we saw his tee shot just behind the hole. He'll have a watchful eye on this putt from Kuchar.

[00:30:10] >> Best part of Kuchar's game is his putter can bail him out here. Just wiggled left at the end.

[00:30:17] >> You see the run out there and he still have a little bit of work left us, Kuchar. He's just going to go tap it in. Yeah, first bogey the day there for Kuchar.

[00:30:33] >> Drops one to 14-under.

[00:30:35] >> So in the wet condition, that sort of helps as we go back to 12.

[00:30:40] >> Little one left for Greyserman.

[00:30:42] >> Yeah, straight back up the hill.

[00:30:45] >> Anytime you can walk off this par 3 with three, that's a great score.

[00:30:51] >> All right.

[00:30:51] >> Job well done.

[00:30:53] >> We jump ahead to the tee at 16 with Hisatsune on the par 3.

[00:31:09] >> While they're putting on the green, Kuchar just had to layup.

[00:31:15] >> Twenty-one-year-old Ryo Hisatsune for birdie on 16. This be quite the one two punch after the eagle on 15.

[00:31:21] >> One of those players within a handful of shots that hasn't won out here.

[00:31:25] >> Hisatsune now T2 at 13-under.

[00:31:28] >> And now, Kuchar's second at the 15th.

[00:31:31] >> Well laid well back off the tee. That bunker still obstructs his view of the green here. Two-fifty-five total, 233 to the front for Matt. But when there was is nowhere to be found right now. Temperature's really starting to increase. Good looking shot here, if it's enough.

[00:31:49] >> Yeah, that's the key, if it's enough. But that'll leave a lengthy putt. But a putt for eagle. Now, at the 15th, Greyserman with a beautiful look here with his second.

[00:31:59] >> Yeah, more importantly, that is up the left center of the fairway. So he has a really clear view of this flagstick. Two-twenty-five total. Now, that breeze that wasn't there, now I like breeze back into the players' face.

[00:32:19] >> This is a 5-iron.

[00:32:23] >> And that's a big 5-iron as well, coming in from right to left. This is actually really good.

[00:32:30] >> Yeah, if it stays up there. Yeah, it gets up there. And, well, that's as good a shot as we saw Hisatsune come in with. And a wonderful look here to take control of this tournament.

[00:32:43] >> What's the mindset in Matt Kuchar's position?

[00:32:46] >> Well, first of all, he's not going to push the panic button, that's for sure. I can tell you that. He's going to stick with his game plan. He is such a disciplined player. Just waiting for some of the traffic to stop behind the green here.

[00:32:57] >> You know, 16th tee is right behind here so that you can get some movement back there. I don't think I've ever seen somebody go from bracing on the left forearm to the right forearm, though. You know, I think that's unique, Billy Ray. He's got no more bracing positions to go from here.

[00:33:12] >> Well, he's gone through every little tactic, that's for sure. Ball bounced a little bit halfway through this putt, now is turning back to the right.

[00:33:21] >> You know, it's funny, too, because he was such a great putter conventionally for a long, long time. Of course, when he won the US Amateur, when he first won at Honda.

[00:33:28] >> All right, here we are at 15. And this is a wonderful spot to putt for eagle.

[00:33:39] >> You can't get a better spot from here. Straight back up the hill.

[00:33:46] >> Five eagles so far. That makes it six, actually, today. And we have a new leader. I think Kuchar here knows he's got to pour this one in, Billy Ray.

[00:34:03] >> Yeah. You know, he's going to have to -- The pace in which he's going to have to hit this putt, he's going to have to start it just outside the hole on the right.

[00:34:09] >> He has been so good with these so far, and --

[00:34:14] >> Got it too far out.

[00:34:16] >> Yeah.

[00:34:20] >> That's always going to be a difficult two putt from the front of the green that he had there for eagle.

[00:34:27] >> A couple of bogeys here, missteps on that back nine. So see if Matt Kuchar can pick one up before he gets done with his third round.

[00:34:36] >> Max Greyserman, another guy who's trying to get that first win on the PGA Tour. You see some of the names that are just beginning their final round of play. Beau Hossler had that 60 out of the gates, has retreated. So he's at 9-under, currently six back, Frank. Any final thoughts?

[00:34:52] >> Yeah. And that's just going to be a fun afternoon. We're back on track. That's the main thing, too. But that leaderboard, the golf course, to some of the whole locations, we've already given away a traditional. So it should be a fun ride.

[00:35:06] >> 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 of. The time to earn a spot to finish this race is now.

[00:35:28] >> Next on the team, please welcome --

[00:35:31][ Applause ]

[00:35:39] >> The final round of the Wyndham Championship. It is part of the season-long race for the FedExCup. And yes, it has been a full season that's led to this day, to the first leg of the playoffs next week in Memphis. There are players who are jockeying for their tour status, for their ability to go into the playoffs and find a big bounty at the end. Players that are looking perhaps down the road, if they can have a high finish here, also finish in the Top 50 come Atlanta and the end of the playoffs. That would put them into the signature status for 2025. So, it's like a playoff day here at Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro, North Carolina.

[00:36:17] >> We pick up with Greyserman at the 1st, playing his second.

[00:36:25] >> Fearless, Trevor.

[00:36:27] >> He sure has. And Kuchar laid back off the tee. Greyserman went with driver here. Even though he's got the lead, he's not shying away from this.

[00:36:39] >> Can't shy away from this lie. It found the bottom.

[00:36:42] >> Needs to be careful here.

[00:36:45] >> Gently.

[00:36:46] >> Falls off of this left side. OK. That is a brilliant result from a pretty awkward lie.

[00:36:58] >> Let's go to the 5th.

[00:37:04] >> Up and down for birdie. He's three back. He'll be disappointed with that second shot coming up short, leaving himself a tough pitch, as we head over to 1, the leading trio here in the last group.

[00:37:23] >> Well, Greyserman has a look at birdie. This could be a little similar to the putty just made on his previous hole, the 18th for par.

[00:37:31] >> This is very slow in the middle. Going to the right.

[00:37:37] >> He's done it again. Another left to righter.

[00:37:39] >> Wow.

[00:37:40] >> Expect to see some putts go in this final group. All in the Top 25 putting on tour this year.

[00:37:47] >> As we go to the third hole.

[00:37:49] >> And Aaron Rai.

[00:37:53] >> Made a grip change this week to neutralize the club face.

[00:37:58] >> Interesting. That's a bold move.

[00:37:59] >> Bold shot. Wow.

[00:38:03] >> Now, we saw Hisatsune chip it by here. This for birdie. Making a run.

[00:38:12] >> Four there at the 5th, another birdie. Fourteen-under, he's second place now.

[00:38:17] >> Aaron Rai trying to clean up for his birdie after that tremendous tee shot at 3.

[00:38:22] >> He's a real cerebral thought, Frank. Leaves no stone unturned. And he's giving this a lot of attention.

[00:38:28] >> To be fair, sometimes, he takes too long over the ball when he's putting.

[00:38:32] >> I can go with that.

[00:38:33] >> Almost freezes there. This is the weaker part.

[00:38:36] >> He's quite robotic through the bag, isn't he?

[00:38:40] >> But he's good. Great two. He's knocked at the door a lot through the summer.

[00:38:47] >> Third hole, the lead up, Max Greyserman.

[00:38:51] >> Nine-iron, 161 playing 5 yards up the hill. No help.

[00:38:56] >> Some gorgeous draws with those short irons. Another one there. Now, at 6. Hisatsune became the first Japanese winner on the Continental Europe in 40 years. He actually won the Cazoo Open in France. And this from 185, uphill. And that is another good shot. So here's a chance to pull within one as that one gets a little closer.

[00:39:24] >> It's the hallmark of his game. Short game and putting.

[00:39:28] >> And back to 3.

[00:39:30] >> Yet another birdie putt for Greyserman.

[00:39:39] >> Oh, it's a good role.

[00:39:40] >> Yeah, you deserve that. Right now, you are playing better than anybody, not just because of the lead. He's made one five all weekend.

[00:39:50] >> We jump ahead one hole to the fourth, where Rai has his second into the par 4. That'll lead to birdie.

[00:40:11] >> At 6, the man closest to him, 21-year-old, Ryo, downhill. He's up for the challenge.

[00:40:22] >> Up on the green, Rai hit another one close after nearly making hole in one at 3 that led to birdie. He's got two in a row.

[00:40:35] >> Young man from Japan, Hisatsune.

[00:40:44] >> One-twenty-six from there.

[00:40:49] >> Hisatsune now at the 8th. Good second shot in here.

[00:40:54] >> That's a nice move. Take a little sip of your drink right as you're walking into the putt.

[00:41:06] >> My buddies and I like to do that at home as well. Stay hydrated. Hot weather down in Florida.

[00:41:12] >> Now at 3, Clanton, his tee shot. He's three back.

[00:41:14] >> Time to take dead aim here. This a 9-iron. And this is tracking, Frank.

[00:41:20] >> Oh, nearly went in, Colt. Birdied it this morning as well.

[00:41:24] >> Let's go to 5.

[00:41:28] >> Just an 8-iron for Max.

[00:41:30] >> Go find a flag from here.

[00:41:36] >> Oh, what a shot.

[00:41:39] >> Now, Clanton.

[00:41:42] >> Everyone in this group makes a two.

[00:41:46] >> Max there.

[00:41:48] >> He's 13th on tour in par 5 scoring. If he makes this, it'll be his 12th eagle of the season.

[00:41:55] >> Has he got the speed? Yes, he has. Right in the center from 17 feet. Max Greyserman, an eagle at 5, goes to 18-under. And he's three in front of Hisatsune and Aaron Rai. At 6.

[00:42:11] >> Aaron Rai, uphill, second.

[00:42:14] >> He's a real shot maker. Loves to flatten off the trajectory. And that's with 8-iron.

[00:42:22] >> That's straighter than frozen rope, that one.

[00:42:26] >> Max Greyserman now at the 6, playing his second on the par 4.

[00:42:31] >> Trying to deposit a 7-iron very close to the flag.

[00:42:38] >> Once again, he does, Dottie. And back here at 6, uphill putt for Aaron Rai.

[00:42:45] >> Perfect place from which to putt.

[00:42:47] >> Wants four in a row.

[00:42:49] >> And he does, too. So we have movement. Another one going for their first win.

[00:43:04] >> How's the demeanor been throughout these first six holes, Dottie?

[00:43:09] >> Nothing's really changed. Max is kind of true to his speed, true to his pace with himself.

[00:43:20] >> Yeah, looked very comfortable, isn't it?

[00:43:24] >> There's no anxiousness and there's no, like, how did I get here? He can putt. Twenty-second on tour during the season. And the moment hasn't changed his demeanor.

[00:43:44] >> This guy right here, though, has put on a show. He has really, for weeks. He's our leader.

[00:43:57] >> Now, Rai on the tee. Second status alone.

[00:44:06] >> Same club, is back on 7. He flagged that one, 5-iron.

[00:44:11] >> OK. Is he going to catch the slope? He should.

[00:44:13] >> Here we go.

[00:44:15] >> He had great shots in the par 3s, hasn't he?

[00:44:19] >> I'm telling you, the best of all was at the 3rd, or should have gone anyway, it looked.

[00:44:24] >> Over to 12.

[00:44:24] >> And Rai.

[00:44:28] >> Comfortable read up the hill.

[00:44:31] >> Comfortable putt.

[00:44:34] >> Now, Greyserman.

[00:44:43] >> It's a green light hole location, Dottie.

[00:44:46] >> It is, but no green light yet, because they're playing off the 14th tee and he wants to let them go.

[00:44:56] >> Yeah, that's the long par 4. They've had to push the tee back there over the years. So you go. No, you go. You go. I'll go.

[00:45:06] >> Somebody go.

[00:45:09] >> I got to say, if I was Billy Horschel, I would have wanted to go. Maybe I see him a little bit.

[00:45:20] >> Well, Billy is sitting behind.

[00:45:22] >> Lob wedge on the way.

[00:45:25] >> Well, we like to -- Does it spin? And it's going to take the slope. This is going to be really good. Oh, it could go in. Yes.

[00:45:35] >> Guess it was the right call, Frank.

[00:45:40] >> Can you believe it?

[00:45:43] >> Aaron Rai, the man four behind.

[00:45:46] >> He's going to his utility hybrid club. That lip in front will have to hoist it quickly, but I feel like the design of this club with a low center gravity will help. Yeah, better stabilized. Good contact. Crucial.

[00:46:02] >> This is risky right here.

[00:46:04] >> Yeah. Reminds me of an old Chinese proverb, wood in sand, wood in head. But it was proven wrong.

[00:46:15] >> Wow. Wow.

[00:46:16] >> Beautiful shot. That's back in the day when woods used to take off at about 6 degree launch angle. Good strong grip.

[00:46:35] >> Heading a little right. Yes, it is.

[00:46:37] >> Not too far right. There's OB up there. Oh, no.

[00:46:44] >> It is out of bounds.

[00:46:47] >> Now, up at the green. Familiar. You see holding the trail shoulder there, Robert MacIntyre, the lefty, does the same thing, the other way around. Just gets the arms -- shoulders in line, and the right arm or the trail arm comfortable.

[00:47:04] >> Big shot here, 14.

[00:47:05] >> Huge.

[00:47:06] >> He went full aim point trying to hole it.

[00:47:09] >> Oh, my.

[00:47:14] >> Just a little steep on that. Shot forwards, didn't check.

[00:47:17] >> Mark was into the grain, so he decided to raise the shot, put it back and stab it.

[00:47:23] >> And Dottie, little downhill, around 10 feet.

[00:47:29] >> Yes, absolutely. And one of those very noisy like bike planes is circling this green.

[00:47:37] >> That's what it is.

[00:47:38] >> Yeah, it's not our drones.

[00:47:40] >> No, no, it's too loud for that.

[00:47:41] >> Maybe that's what put Kuchar off back in fairway.

[00:47:44] >> Might have been.

[00:47:53] >> Stay in the lead.

[00:47:59] >> Oh, it looked good. It was a good effort. But that's a quad.

[00:48:03] >> It's all gone. We now have a four-hole tournament.

[00:48:07] >> Yeah. It's a snowman at the 14th for Max Greyserman.

[00:48:14] >> Meanwhile, at 15, Aaron Rai. This is thick over here.

[00:48:20] >> It is ghastly. Balls way down in the rough.

[00:48:27] >> That tee shot for him was so important. He's a yard left of what he needed to be to go for this par 5 and attack it.

[00:48:35] >> This layup, equally important because it's narrow where the ball's going to land.

[00:48:39] >> Very. He's done well, especially with that pond on the right there.

[00:48:44] >> Yeah, he's been marking yardages, trying to get this precisely on the number.

[00:48:51] >> He has a super disciplined manner, stands with his hands locked behind his back and just stands and listens to his bag man. You heard the number, 148. Now, into a touch of breeze.

[00:49:13] >> His bagman, Jason Timmis. So it's a 9-iron, it's 146.

[00:49:20] >> On the angle. He's got 10 yards to work with because of this hole location in that little finger in the back right.

[00:49:29] >> Trevor, he likes to flat these short irons down a little bit more.

[00:49:35] >> Going for the fade.

[00:49:40] >> Lower flight.

[00:49:40] >> His caddie likes it. Oh, it's not enough.

[00:49:44] >> Wind got him.

[00:49:47] >> What do you see here?

[00:49:49] >> Well, the fact that he's going to a lofted wedge signals the fact that the nerve must be fairly sound, because if there was any nerves, he would go to the putter right away. Just has to cover the elbow of the green there, about 10 feet in front.

[00:50:06] >> Yeah, that's why I like this club choice, because he's going to take this little ridge out, fly it over there, and then let it roll down to the right like a putt.

[00:50:14] >> Yeah. Once it's on the green, it's going to turn to his right.

[00:50:23] >> Beautifully.

[00:50:24] >> OK. It's going to secure a five for Rai.

[00:50:34] >> Mark, you've been following this group all day long. You see anything in this putt?

[00:50:37] >> A little wiggle from his right.

[00:50:43] >> Rai rolls it in.

[00:50:45][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:50:57] >> Bogey free, final round of 64 for Aaron Rai.

[00:51:17] >> Here's Bobby Powell, the tournament director, Mark Brazil, incredible CEO of the Wyndham Championship. These guys do it so well.

[00:51:32] >> Aaron showed incredible discipline during the last few holes, didn't he? And this putt, just perfectly read outside the edge. And a great reaction.

[00:51:46] >> Look at that turn at the last moment. Was still outside the cup, inside, a foot to go. More disbelief, no doubt, for Max back in the fairway. First signature of what will likely be the champion.

[00:52:11] >> Here are the FedExCup standings. Aaron moves to 25th. That's huge.

[00:52:16] >> Sure is.

[00:52:17] >> You know, might be looking -- going all the way to Atlanta and doing something there as well. Darkness has fallen here at the Wyndham, with Aaron Rai, the champion in the end in his 89th career start on the PGA Tour. He'd been threatening, he'd been showing signs of this. His recent form had been exquisite. And today, it all came together, including a birdie at the 72nd hole to win it.

[00:52:42] >> This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of the Wyndham Championship.