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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 Tour Championship.

[00:00:38] >> Just about 5 miles east of downtown Atlanta, East Lake Golf Club, a familiar place that now brings a whole new challenge. The home course of Bobby Jones' annual site for the FedExCup finale, has long played a critical role in the history of American golf. And now, this complete restoration that reflects the character tells the story of Donald Ross' 1913 layout. That's the new test for the Top 30 who made it here? So, the starting stroke system. Number 1 in the FedEx cup race, Scottie Scheffler, starts at 10-under. Xander Schauffele, who loves this place, starts at 8-under, just two back.

[00:01:18] >> Adam Scott putting for birdie at the 5th.

[00:01:21] >> He knows what he does.

[00:01:26] >> Now, when the putter cooperates, Adam usually is there on the weekend. So let's see if that flat stick heats up just a touch for the Aussie. Let's fast forward to 12.

[00:01:37] >> Pretty good start. Taylor Pendrith in the fairway. Oh, hello. He would go on to make birdie.

[00:01:51] >> A little out of the right.

[00:01:58] >> Now, Xander, Bones.

[00:01:59] >> Dead center of the fairway, 69 front door, 77 total. He can be aggressive here. Turn that little draw into a flag that's just a little bit towards the left side of the green. Beautiful contact. This is on a nice looking line.

[00:02:26] >> Oh, that's going to be a really good look at birdie. Taylor Pendrith hit it to 5.5 feet earlier. He's the only person in this 30-man field to make a birdie at the 1st. Aberg now.

[00:02:43] >> I think this would be one of those guys. Hits it far, hits it high. It is deadly with his wedges, just like we see here at the third hole.

[00:02:52] >> Another one tight at 3. Schauffele has a birdie putt here from just short of 9 Feet, Bones, to tie for the lead. It would only be the second birdie of the day here at the 1st.

[00:03:03] >> Well, we can talk all day long about restorations and the amazing work that's been done to this golf course, but the plain fact is this man's got great mojo out here at East Lake and what a dream start this would be.

[00:03:20] >> And for the first time in the playoffs, someone other than Scottie Scheffler is leading the way. He's now tied with Xander Schauffele. Can Adam Scott make another one to get within two of the lead?

[00:03:35] >> Putting up the slope around the hole doesn't do a whole lot.

[00:03:40] >> Oh, Adam, what a start.

[00:03:49] >> Scheffler's second at 3.

[00:03:52] >> One twenty-nine left to a very accessible flag. Took the longer of the two clubs and just three-quartered it.

[00:04:05] >> There you go. That's what we're used to seeing last week in that altitude. He didn't know where that golf ball was waiting on a shot like that.

[00:04:14] >> He would make birdie.

[00:04:17] >> Wyndham Clark, his second at 6. Ball below his feet there, this hole. Dogleg, so it also has slope left to right, so encourages you hit a fade here. Well, this could be good.

[00:04:30] >> That thing release front edge all the way to here. Going right at it.

[00:04:38] >> Viktor Hovland, birdie putt at the 11th, trying to get it back in gear.

[00:04:45] >> We saw that double bogey on 8. Seen some birdies at 11 today.

[00:04:49] >> Yeah, and there's another one.

[00:04:57] >> This par-5 6th, remember that approach we saw from Wyndham Clark? This for eagle.

[00:05:01] >> He likes to hammer these in there. Another one with some speed.

[00:05:04] >> Good cool.

[00:05:05] >> Yeah. That thing is flying in there.

[00:05:08] >> Adam Scott with another chance for birdie to get it to 7-under.

[00:05:12] >> Well, he walked that putt in for par on the last after getting up and down. That looks good, too. Look at you, Adam, just rolling it right now.

[00:05:20] >> Boy, did he get the feel for these greens?

[00:05:25] >> Wyndham Clark trying to make a long birdie putt at the par-3 9th.

[00:05:31] >> This will be a popular spot to putt from. Everything is right to left here early, hard to get it high enough. And that is, of course, if you're Wyndham Clark.

[00:05:47] >> Scottie for his birdie at 7.

[00:05:50] >> See if he can get it there.

[00:05:52] >> He did. And he drops it in. Scottie Scheffler. You never know when he's just going to bust out and go one of these crazy stretches, three out of four, four out of five. Perhaps that's the impetus to it.

[00:06:07] >> Aberg, his second at 10.

[00:06:12] >> Ideally, you'd want to hit a little draw here.

[00:06:14] >> Oh, almost going in.

[00:06:16] >> Almost one in twice, didn't it?

[00:06:17] >> He did.

[00:06:18] >> Is that a power lip out?

[00:06:24] >> Wyndham Clark taking a look from 109 at 12.

[00:06:30] >> I think the actual stat on that, Terry, for the 4.5 hours you might play around the golf, you hit shots for like 17 minutes.

[00:06:36] >> And that would be a good one.

[00:06:38] >> Yes.

[00:06:39] >> Clark moves to 8-under.

[00:06:41] >> Fifteen.

[00:06:42] >> Morikawa looking for six consecutive birdies, which would tie his career best streak on the PGA Tour. Oh, he made another one. By the way, they're going to tuck those pins tomorrow with six straight burdens from Morikawa. Holy smokes.

[00:07:07] >> You can't hide these flags today with guys with just wedges on all these holes on the back nine outside of that 11th hole.

[00:07:14] >> And this is the length, gentleman. That typically tends to define how Scottie's feeling with the putter. But he couldn't have left this in a better place. Just back up the hill. He can be very aggressive here. Take a little break out of it.

[00:07:34] >> Never a doubt. Scottie Scheffler, number 1, started the day with a two shot lead, he's up three. Jump up to 18, third at the par 5 finishing home for Adam Scott.

[00:07:50] >> Yeah, players are having a good time with this whole as well.

[00:07:54] >> Scott gets to 8-under.

[00:07:58] >> Wyndham Clark trying to get it back to 9-under.

[00:08:01] >> He drove it into the right intermediate. Wasn't able to do a whole lot just to play to this point. Should move right -- Oh, he's made some putts today, Steve. Made over 100 feet of putts. I mean, look at that. He was 2-over par through five holes and he's just put his head down and made birdie after birdie.

[00:08:22] >> Matsuyama to get it to 8-under.

[00:08:26] >> It's right to lefter that Rory had.

[00:08:28] >> Yeah, he gets one to go. That just looked good.

[00:08:34] >> Yup. Well, you see those three bunkers, there's been a popular spot. There's been nine players that have gotten it in those bunkers in two. And eight of them have got up and down. The only one we mentioned earlier, Wyndham Clark, hit a poor bunker shot and it went down the shelf. And this, Bones, you couldn't have a better place to putt from.

[00:08:52] >> We've talked about it all afternoon. He just continues to put the ball in the right places on these greens. This up the hill somewhat. Just very, very makeable. Scottie, as he has been this entire going through his green reading process by himself, he's got a great green jitter in caddie Ted Scott. But Scottie's just decided to go on his own.

[00:09:13] >> He wants to make this so badly.

[00:09:20] >> Got it there this time. Man, what a day. What a season.

[00:09:29] >> Building quite a career. Six-under, low round, 16-under.

[00:09:33] >> Well, he put on a clinic, like he always does off the tee, tee to green. He was fabulous there. He had some great putts on the back nine. And I got to really believe this was a great start for this event. These new -- The course was tested. Andrew Green, the golf course architect at this, is very happy with the start in that leaderboard.

[00:09:52] >> Scheffler comes out of the gate on fire. A round of 65 extends his lead to seven shots over Collin Morikawa and Xander Schauffele. The second round is next.

[00:10:07] >> In the shadow of the Atlanta skyline. It's a championship layout in the heart of a major city. East Lake Golf Club, the place Bobby Jones made famous once again, the finish line for the FedExCup. Thirty players with one day under their belts taking on a restored golf course where the look and feel pretty much the same, but where there are brand new challenges. One constant, though, the heat. It's hot again here for day two in Georgia. Temperature in the 90s. Scheffler, brilliant opening round 65. So he's up by seven. First time we're able to say that after 18 holes. Much of it due to the starting stroke system, but that great opening round, too. Christiaan Bezuidenhout, lengthy one here at the 10th to get it to 2-under.

[00:10:57] >> For hundred and twenty-nine yard par 4. It's downhill off the tee. It's a great hole straight away.

[00:11:03] >> Great putt.

[00:11:04] >> Very steady player, Bezuidenhout. Plays well in the hard conditions, tough courses.

[00:11:10] >> Up to 10, Fleetwood's second.

[00:11:22] >> Cup is cut way in the back there. And that's a good shot down that little low area. Excellent.

[00:11:29] >> To 10, just outside 100 yards, Aberg.

[00:11:37] >> Expect us to land right by the flagstick.

[00:11:39] >> Oh, like that?

[00:11:42] >> Sahith Theegala.

[00:11:43] >> A lot of balls finding their way to the back edge of this green. Putting back up the slope. Able to give it a little bit more pace and finds the bottom.

[00:11:54] >> Xander Schauffele missed the fairway here at 3. Just like Justin Thomas did earlier.

[00:12:02] >> Kind of clip this, try and get the measured carry that he's looking for out of it. Wow. And just did.

[00:12:14] >> Schauffele would make birdie.

[00:12:17] >> Clark for birdie at 4.

[00:12:20] >> Talking about good places to putt from. Just back up the hill a little bit. After making bogey there on 2.

[00:12:32] >> Scheffler, good look at birdie.

[00:12:35] >> So true. This green pitch is quite a bit from back to front, so this should go a little left. Also might go right in the dead center

[00:12:44] >> To 17-under par goes Scottie. And the lead right now is seven.

[00:12:51] >> Schauffele. This for birdie, Curt.

[00:12:53] >> It's a good spot to putt from here. He had looked at it from every angle. Adam Scott has already two putted. His putt went up the hill and broke right. I think Xander is almost where it's a straight putt here, Fax. Just uphill.

[00:13:08] >> It does. You know, it kind of looks right on the fall line. Maybe comes this way at the very end. Just.

[00:13:27] >> Pavon for birdie at 10. And he sinks the putt to go to minus-5. Morikawa playing his second at 7.

[00:13:46] >> Cutting back towards the flag. Let's see if they can get it all the way to it.

[00:13:49] >> Oh, yes, he can. Oh, what a gorgeous shot.

[00:13:54] >> He would make birdie.

[00:13:58] >> Jump to the par-5 14th, and third from 94 yards for Shane Lowry.

[00:14:03] >> Yeah. Didn't have a great drive here. Had to layup short of that cross bunker. Oh, yeah.

[00:14:11] >> Lowry goes to 6-under.

[00:14:15] >> Back to 8 again.

[00:14:16] >> Xander right on the edge for birdie.

[00:14:27] >> He's get there.

[00:14:33] >> Please.

[00:14:35] >> Jump up to 10. And the second from 112 for Adam Scott.

[00:14:38] >> Yeah, beautiful tee shot here, right in the middle of the fairway. And you can just attack this, get it all the way to the hole. Right at it.

[00:14:46] >> Scott moves through 11-under.

[00:14:50] >> Patrick Cantlay at the 15th.

[00:14:52] >> Yeah, same section of the green Rory putted it. From big right to left in it. See if he picks up on it, Steve.

[00:14:59] >> Oh, he did. A bonus party for Patrick. Back to back after back to back bogeys.

[00:15:09] >> Whole lot of nothing right now. If anything, this water is showing right to left, which players and caddies will sometimes refer to if they can't get a gauge on what the wind is doing.

[00:15:18] >> Well, light invariable, you got to throw up grass. As a good friend of mine said, that was a caddie, he's taken dead aimlessly and get it back through that hole. I don't think anybody's going to hit enough club to get it to hole high today. Two handed finish has to be going right at it.

[00:15:35] >> It's got to be. Hideki Matsuyama.

[00:15:39] >> Matsuyama would make birdie.

[00:15:45] >> And Justin Thomas here at 17, trying to chip in for birdie.

[00:15:49] >> Did he say hi when he came by and saw you?

[00:15:51] >> He did say hi.

[00:15:52] >> Nice.

[00:15:52] >> Oh, he would have said hi if that would have happened at the 15th. But chipping in.

[00:15:57][ Applause ]

[00:16:05] >> Collin Morikawa, did he do it?

[00:16:06] >> Hope so.

[00:16:07] >> Why wouldn't he? Here's a fist bump. We've seen a couple of those from Collin Morikawa.

[00:16:10][ Applause ]

[00:16:16] >> Seventeen, Hideki Matsuyama.

[00:16:20] >> Hideki with the pink shoes.

[00:16:22] >> That man matches his outfits better than anybody.

[00:16:24] >> He really doesn't he?

[00:16:25] >> Yeah.

[00:16:31] >> Another mammoth drive from Scottie here. Just has 94 yards left. So it should be able to spin a 60-degree wedge and have it stop immediately around this hole.

[00:16:43] >> No reason not to take this right at it, Terry.

[00:16:53] >> And he did.

[00:17:01] >> Now, up to the green.

[00:17:02] >> Left himself an uphill putt with very little break in it. This moving just slowly from his left to right.

[00:17:09] >> Bones, you keep saying you think that's intentional, that he wants to keep having uphill putts.

[00:17:14] >> I really do. And I think it's been a big part of his success thus far.

[00:17:23] >> The weight, the brake, suspension of play, doesn't matter.

[00:17:30] >> Great bunker shot from Hideki. This to finish up.

[00:17:37] >> Yep. So he won the Playoff opener in Memphis, FedEx St. Jude.

[00:17:44] >> Morikawa, Bones, looking to cut it to within four again.

[00:17:48] >> And if he had any doubt as to what his putt was going to do, Scheffler's reinforced the fact that this is just also a little bit right to left.

[00:17:55] >> Yeah. If he wants to keep speed up, play it just inside. If he wants to die it just over the front, put it on the right edge. Knows exactly what this does. See if the stroke is going to cooperate.

[00:18:13] >> Yup. Morikawa makes it from 8 feet. It's now a four shot deficit. Morikawa has designs on playing with Scottie again.

[00:18:24] >> For Xander.

[00:18:27] >> Yeah. And, Curt, potentially a big putt. If he makes this, he could slide into the final group again tomorrow.

[00:18:32] >> You know, the one thing about Xander, and you know this, we all know it now, he just never gives in at all. You know, in his mind, he feels like there's still a good chance with a couple of great rounds on the weekend. And you never know what Scottie's going to do. But got to finish strong here. This is just slightly downhill. Probably an easier putt to make than he did on 17.

[00:19:06] >> Good call.

[00:19:08] >> That looked like an easy putt, Curt.

[00:19:10] >> For you, it is that.

[00:19:11] >> You can say, it looked easy maybe with Xander doing it there.

[00:19:15] >> Collin's got to do a little bit more work. It's a longer shot. Not on much of an upslope as Scottie, but appears to be taking some practice swings here, where he's just going to open up here. Go for the little two bounce checker.

[00:19:32] >> So you still think this will be a low spinner, not like a high lob?

[00:19:36] >> I think it depends on how it comes out, actually. He's really opening the face now. So I think maybe he will go upstairs with it.

[00:19:47] >> With the spin.

[00:19:49] >> Yeah, that's a nice shot.

[00:19:51][ Applause ] Scottie now can square up the face a little bit more. And I just think I'll be very surprised if this doesn't have some action in terms of having a chance to go in.

[00:20:21] >> He's got that little move, Terry. When he takes it back the club, it goes outside it.

[00:20:25][ Applause ]

[00:20:33] >> Yeah, closes it out. What a day. Had all those birdies yesterday. I mentioned eight of them today right before that, so 9 -- 8-under, a 63, the best round of the week. Collin Morikawa in second place.

[00:20:55] >> Both of these guys hitting the fairway on 18. Both of them making pretty routine birdies. And one to finish up for number 1 coming in 21-under par. Started yesterday at 10-under.

[00:21:13] >> Scheffler continues his strong play with a 66 in Round 2, but Morikawa is beginning to gain ground and cut the margin to four shots. Round 3 is next.

[00:21:32] >> Familiar place, 5 miles east of downtown Atlanta. The 24th time the Tour Championship is decided at legendary East Lake Golf Club. When it opened in 1908, 6-year-old Bobby Jones was in attendance. He grew up not far from what they're playing as the 11th hole here this week. Champions have been raised and crowned here. The centuries old story of East Lake. Again, this is the end of the road for the PGA Tour season in terms of the FedExCup finale. It's been a season to remember for 30-year-old Xander Schauffele. Two majors consistently in the mix of the biggest events. He was a round to 64 yesterday, has given him a shot at the season-long crown. Collin Morikawa's play the best golf the first two days. Six straight birdies Thursday, nine more yesterday. Low round of the week has put him in position to win the FedExCup. But this has been the season of Scottie, number 1 in the world. He's been the number 1 player all year. Six wins, including a green jacket on an earlier trip to Georgia. Rounds of 65 and 66 this week, have kept him in the pole position from the start. Scheffler atop the leaderboard trying to cap an extraordinary season.

[00:22:52] >> Theegala, one of the better tee shots we have seen at the second for birdie.

[00:22:57] >> Left it in a perfect spot. If he can get it to the hole up the hill.

[00:23:02] >> He got it there. And had it read perfectly. A rare two at the 2nd for Sahith.

[00:23:11] >> Up to the 7th, and McIlroy to get it to 8-under. They played his layup off the tees. Just 304 yards off the tee layup. You know, this is down the hill a lot as well. Beautiful looking hole. Beautiful looking putt.

[00:23:22] >> Oh, got it.

[00:23:24] >> Some 40 feet. Gets back to even for the day, Terry.

[00:23:32] >> Xander in need of a bird. Gets a momentum right now.

[00:23:36] >> After that sensational shot out of the fairway bunker, got it to stop on the front of the greenhouse.

[00:23:40] >> There it is.

[00:23:42] >> Talked about how well he's played here at East Lake. Twenty-seven of the 30 rounds coming into today, he's played under par for Xander. He's going to win here to 15-under, five back of that man.

[00:23:56] >> Scott for his birdie. Both guys having longer for birdie. Expecting after hitting the fairway, Scottie able to make it.

[00:24:06][ Applause ]

[00:24:13] >> Yeah, give it one more second just to make sure. Yeah.

[00:24:25] >> OK. From 121, they seem to think that the wind's gone down enough for them to get this gap wedge there. It certainly isn't blowing as hard as what Morikawa encountered. Good looking shot for line.

[00:24:47] >> But this is a yardage that Scottie Scheffler excels at, Terry.

[00:24:55] >> Thirteen, and Lowry to get it to 11-under.

[00:25:01] >> This is a really good hole. Dogleg left on the corner of the property.

[00:25:04] >> And look at Shane Lowry walking it in.

[00:25:07] >> Scheffler to get it to 21-under.

[00:25:18] >> Did he hit it? Did he hit it?

[00:25:20] >> Yes, but we had to wait.

[00:25:29] >> Wow.

[00:25:30] >> Did it on Thursday. He didn't quite do it yesterday.

[00:25:32] >> That's real speed, not slow mo.

[00:25:34] >> Yeah, these greens are beautiful right there. Now, slow mo.

[00:25:40] >> Matsuyama for birdie at 12.

[00:25:51][ Applause ]

[00:25:56] >> This guy just keeps rolling along.

[00:26:00] >> Look how good this setup looks right here. He's just taken dead aim right at that back left hole location.

[00:26:07] >> Just a smooth gap from 135. Looking good.

[00:26:11] >> Oh, man. Looking really good.

[00:26:18] >> And now, Morikawa trying to keep up with that.

[00:26:24] >> Trying to keep pace from 132. This also looks nice.

[00:26:28] >> It's a good one. I mean, he's doing his best, Bones. I mean, he's right there just outside of Scheffler.

[00:26:39] >> Checking with Sam Burns again. This from 114 at the short par 4.

[00:26:45] >> Coming back up the hill looking like it's going right at it. Oh, man, he almost holed it out.

[00:26:51] >> Back at 15.

[00:26:55] >> Saw one from Schauffele. How about Theegala?

[00:27:00] >> Yup, they're all going in 15.

[00:27:02] >> Yeah.

[00:27:03] >> Gouge out second and this position to set up birdie. This duo has exchanged the same score in the last six holes, so maybe we'll see a difference here. This for birdie.

[00:27:21] >> Back up the hill just originally in the first few feet, and then levels out.

[00:27:31] >> Barely go right at the end.

[00:27:33] >> Oh, man, does that look good?

[00:27:34] >> Yeah. This guy's got some kind of resolve when he gets a little ticked off.

[00:27:47] >> See if Wyndham can make this at 17.

[00:27:50][ Applause ]

[00:27:55] >> Collin going with the wedge downhill from 152. And I got to think in particular because of that miss on the last hole, that we might see Collin play quite aggressively here to a pin on the right side, which should really fit his cut.

[00:28:06] >> Well, you had to think he was going to get at least a one shot advantage on the last hole.

[00:28:13] >> Yeah, this is a good looking shot here, guys.

[00:28:17] >> From that angle, had a great perspective.

[00:28:23] >> Could that be the best of the day?

[00:28:27] >> Not part of the last hole losing that shot.

[00:28:29] >> What did you say about --

[00:28:30] >> Scottie --

[00:28:30] >> -- being aggressive with this tee shot?

[00:28:31] >> Exactly.

[00:28:33] >> Check this out. Hole locations on the right side, just hair. Can you that little spin there when it hits to the right?

[00:28:42] >> Morikawa would make that for birdie. And now, Matsuyama for his birdie at 18.

[00:28:54][ Applause ] Now, Theegala for birdie at 16. And Theegala holes out that birdie putt and continues his red hot play.

[00:29:15] >> And we'll see what the roll can do.

[00:29:17] >> Go to Scheffler.

[00:29:19] >> Ball below his feet, 146. He's got wedge in hand, which is plenty of club. Looking to just drive something here and have it release.

[00:29:28] >> I think he can get a wedge all the way back there to the hole.

[00:29:32] >> Boy, it's on a good line. Let's see how deep it gets.

[00:29:35][ Applause ]

[00:29:44] >> The second for Sahith Theegala. He's made three birdies in a row, five in his last six holes. Look at this.

[00:29:58] >> Theegala would make that and move to 16-under.

[00:30:06] >> Just dead quiet out here right now. No wind at all. Not a sound.

[00:30:19] >> Well, Bones, you called it. He seems --

[00:30:23] >> Easy to do with this guy.

[00:30:24] >> Yup, that was absolutely poured in.

[00:30:27] >> Never thought about missing right in the middle.

[00:30:31] >> Scheffler, perfect pace, perfect line, and another birdie.

[00:30:36][ Applause ] We stay with the final group at 17.

[00:30:44] >> Collin's now going to play from 124 yards. Just dead still out here right now in a flag he's got to love on the right side. Beautiful sound, beautiful line, beautiful shot.

[00:31:02] >> Beautiful result. How about this?

[00:31:09] >> Never left the pin.

[00:31:10] >> Yeah.

[00:31:10] >> Look at where it hit.

[00:31:11] >> Just a little scrape.

[00:31:15] >> Now, the answer from Scheffler.

[00:31:18] >> Just a three quarter gap wedge from here. Should have no problem making tremendous contact.

[00:31:28] >> Tendency to pull this one maybe a little.

[00:31:31] >> Could be just a touch above his feet.

[00:31:38] >> Playing just left the flag.

[00:31:41] >> Big pull. Huge.

[00:31:48] >> Yeah.

[00:31:49] >> You see, like Bones said, how clean that lie was right there.

[00:31:52] >> While they were hitting, this was Theegala's third to try to post a fifth straight birdie on his third round. Look at that talent. And look at those hands. After calling the penalty on himself at the third hole, has just been --

[00:32:16] >> Truly a 64.

[00:32:17] >> Yeah.

[00:32:18] >> And to be honest, it's called a two shot. Two shot on himself to make it 66.

[00:32:22] >> And a guy that you're going to have all sorts of combinations with at the President's Cup.

[00:32:33] >> Bones, I kind of feel like this is going to be the same thing we saw on 14 where Scottie putt at first and made it.

[00:32:45] >> Nice call, Fax.

[00:32:48] >> First birdies plays in correct.

[00:32:49] >> Wow.

[00:32:49] >> What a break off the tee. Taking advantage of it. Collin putting very quickly.

[00:33:06] >> OK.

[00:33:09] >> So Scheffler had the answer on the second shot. Collin Morikawa, the answer on the green. And that difference, still five shots.

[00:33:16] >> Let's go Scottie.

[00:33:18] >> Scottie.

[00:33:19] >> Scottie.

[00:33:19] >> That what you're talking about?

[00:33:20] >> Yeah. See the last flag?

[00:33:22] >> Yeah, yeah.

[00:33:22] >> That's where I --

[00:33:22] >> The last flag is perfect.

[00:33:24] >> The camera does.

[00:33:24] >> Yup, there you go.

[00:33:25] >> Scheffler playing his second at 18.

[00:33:28] >> All right, guys, keep your position up there. So Scottie's got something to aim at.

[00:33:32] >> He's going left of the flag, it sounded like to me, Bones.

[00:33:35] >> Yeah. I think he's thinking that if the ball comes up short of those bunkers, he'll be in that fairway cut.

[00:33:40] >> Only one player has hit the green in two today at 18. That was Adam Scott.

[00:33:47] >> Very high. Looks like it should come up short of the bunkers, I believe.

[00:33:53] >> Yup. Well short of the bunkers. These surrounds are so firm that you don't really take a divot off of here. So you can use the bounce as your friend here as you bounce into the ground to help lift that ball up there, put some spin on it.

[00:34:12] >> Wow, was that nice.

[00:34:19] >> A bit of a theme this week, this guy just hits quality shot after quality shot. And so many times, to your point, he's left himself putts that he doesn't have to stress over and that he can use a little pace to take some break out of it.

[00:34:37] >> There it is. Another birdie for good measure for Scheffler to say, all right, Collin, we'll see you again tomorrow.

[00:34:48] >> He goes through his processes efficiently and as well as he does. Just says, I think he's just by far the best player in the world right now. And certainly, the numbers back that up.

[00:34:57] >> Well said. Morikawa to match him again. Another birdie for Morikawa. Seventeen-under is the raw score to par for Morikawa, the second lowest ever through 54 holes at East Lake. Remember, we're talking about raw scores because you got the starting stroke system and the fact that Morikawa was six back of Scheffler to start.

[00:35:18] >> Will he finally capitalize at East Lake? Scheffler holding a five shot lead and looks to gain his first Tour Championship. The final round is next.

[00:35:33] >> 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.

[00:36:06] >> We welcome you to a warm and muggy first Sunday to begin September. Eighty-six degrees, thunder shower, a possibility 5 miles east of downtown Atlanta. Beautiful East Lake Golf Club, the end of the road for the FedExCup season. And as Scottie Scheffler arrives at the 1st tee, there he is. Those two get to see each other for the third consecutive round. They go in just a couple of minutes. Sahith Theegala, Xander Schauffele just teed off a few moments ago.

[00:36:37] >> He's just been phenomenal. He just -- His entire game, he looks to be as confident as I've ever seen. And his warm up today was just perfection.

[00:36:45] >> And that warm up, Bones, has translated into a great start.

[00:36:53] >> Ludvig Aberg at 10-under. This is third.

[00:37:02] >> From the way back left side of the green, cut his cup over there on the right. As you see, he's playing with McIlroy. There you see him in the screen. Pretty good shot down the hill.

[00:37:10] >> Pretty good. Pretty good.

[00:37:11] >> Little better than that.

[00:37:16] >> That went in soft, it didn't even touch the flag stick.

[00:37:19][ Applause ]

[00:37:24] >> Those are the two options, go for the green or lay it up.

[00:37:28] >> He's got 6-iron in his hands. He's going to try to cut something off the middle of the green. Has got to get it up in the air. Cleared the tree, now cutting just left of it.

[00:37:44] >> Oh, yeah, no problem. It's a really cool shot from the other fairway. And maybe we'll get them in sequence more with his golf swing being aggressive through it right there.

[00:37:58] >> Eight.

[00:37:59] >> Sungjae Im is in an eight-way tie for fourth. How about that logjam? But he can break out of it big time.

[00:38:10] >> Dead straight ball. Flight probably taking dead aim right up the center of the green there. Get it to break on the green.

[00:38:15] >> Get it up there.

[00:38:16][ Applause ]

[00:38:24] >> There's Morikawa. There's trek up here, a little unconventional, but nonetheless, if he drops in a three here, he cut into this lead.

[00:38:31] >> Downhill putt. That hole is leaning to the right. Should move that way.

[00:38:35] >> That's where he's got it set up. Love this camera angle right here on putts.

[00:38:39] >> Needs it. Needs it.

[00:38:41][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:38:48] >> And now, for Eagle is Im.

[00:38:50] >> Get out of the way, Hideki. Yeah. Made -- We trust it went in. Sungjae Im's got the body language like it did. And it did.

[00:39:04] >> Back to 6 for Scheffler, Bones.

[00:39:06] >> Lots of great sportsmanship out here this weekend. Obviously, we all know the story with what happened with Theegala yesterday, calling the penalty on himself. And Morikawa displayed that def chip from the behind the green, the first person to slow anything with Scheffler. This should be a very ordinary up and down here from the bunker. Just let it run out.

[00:39:22] >> How good is that?

[00:39:26] >> Scheffler moves to 27-under.

[00:39:31] >> Lengthy birdie try for Theegala.

[00:39:36] >> I think that really surprised him, that second shot out of the first cut as quickly as it stopped. Looking nice.

[00:39:42] >> That may have surprised him, too.

[00:39:47][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:39:52] >> All of these are huge for Morikawa. Got to stay within five here. And he does. A couple of big time up and downs.

[00:40:03] >> Slide you up to the 10th. And Matsuyama for birdie. And Hideki won the first of the three playoff events in Memphis. Scottie Scheffler.

[00:40:20] >> Yeah, Mr. number 1 has taken on both of these bunkers all week long with driver. It's 320 to the second. This should have no trouble getting there. So look for him to play up the left side of the fairway. This is a pull draw here. Dangerously left.

[00:40:40] >> Hands off the club quick, Bones, back there. And it's out of bounds over there towards the left. And that Marshall going to take a look. It looks like it ricocheted back. I can't tell from what is there.

[00:40:55] >> Adam Scott. Add that to the list.

[00:41:03] >> There's the route. And it was an interesting one for Scottie Scheffler.

[00:41:07] >> Unbelievable, guys. Ten minutes ago, six was in play. It's now for a four. You got to play great golf to win out here on the PGA Tour, but you've got to get the occasional lucky break.

[00:41:19] >> Yeah, he got it bounced off that fence in that position. Lucky to get it back to the fairway. And he's been playing these pretty quickly, as well.

[00:41:26] >> Oh, you saw that graphic a moment ago too. First miss.

[00:41:32] >> We move to the 8th hole with the final group.

[00:41:49] >> Well, pretty well done. He's putting himself in position here.

[00:42:08] >> Shank that.

[00:42:16] >> Unbelievable.

[00:42:16] >> All right, Smylie, what about this putt for Collin?

[00:42:19] >> You know, it should have some movement towards the water. When Andrew Green, in our meeting the other day, redesigned this hole, you know, he was hoping for some drama and some two shot swings. I don't think he envisioned a shank from the green side bunkers as one of those two shot swings.

[00:42:33] >> And you can see the fist pump there. And the belief just got greater for Morikawa. Morikawa can now see it all happening in front of him. Things just got incredibly more interesting. Once a seven shot lead is now down to two.

[00:43:03] >> You know what the scariest shot in golf is, Terry? The next shot you hit after a shank.

[00:43:09] >> You don't want to really experience that.

[00:43:13] >> No.

[00:43:14] >> But, yes.

[00:43:16] >> Very good sound here. Very aggressive play. Let's see if it's carries to the green.

[00:43:22] >> Does. What a response. I'd love to know what Ted Scott just said to Scottie Scheffler. Wow.

[00:43:29] >> Turn it back on.

[00:43:33] >> And every time he's had any adversity this week, he's put a stamp on the next shot like he just did here at 9.

[00:43:41] >> Morikawa first, though.

[00:43:49] >> Nice. That's running.

[00:43:52] >> Take a look at here. It should break a hair right to left as golfers, all right-handed golfers like.

[00:44:02] >> Vintage. Scottie Scheffler. Two shot swing back at 8 in the birdie by Scheffler. The lead again up to three.

[00:44:16] >> Scheffler.

[00:44:17] >> Great break off the tee. This ball was destined for the left rough, but hit a tree and got down to this point. Now, 117 from a clean line to a front left hole location.

[00:44:28] >> All over it, Bones. And just short of the green, Smylie.

[00:44:34] >> Considered how shortsighted he really was at the rough to leave it to this spot up the hill. Not a ton of break. He can give this a run.

[00:44:42] >> Looks like a straight up the fall line, Smylie. I think you're right.

[00:44:48] >> Yeah, that was definitely makeable. But seemingly, every week on every leaderboard, he's been there. And another birdie for Scheffler. And Theegala looking for another one here. He's already got four, all of them coming on the front nine.

[00:45:15] >> Bleed to his right at the very end. Good looking putt. Oh, yeah. No doubt about it.

[00:45:25] >> Now, Scheffler for birdie at 11.

[00:45:27] >> Down the hill. He won't have any trouble getting it there. Moving slightly to his right.

[00:45:30] >> This is the one Theegala missed on the left.

[00:45:39] >> Three in a row.

[00:45:39] >> So impressive.

[00:45:50] >> Russell Henley is 7-under on his round. And if he gets this up and down, that'd be an 8-under round 63.

[00:45:57] >> Really good spot to chip from to this front right hole location. What a round he's going to finish the year off with.

[00:46:03] >> Oh, make it a 62. Low round of the week for Henley.

[00:46:14] >> Collin Morikawa underneath the hole, has a great opportunity to get a birdie before heading into that very easy par 5 that's a lot of guys making birdies on.

[00:46:23] >> Just to put a little bit of pressure on Scheffler.

[00:46:31] >> Not going away yet.

[00:46:34] >> Well, that's three good shots.

[00:46:39] >> Seventeen. Sungjae Im to get it to 18-under.

[00:46:43] >> Putting from there in the rough.

[00:46:45] >> Look at how quick that is.

[00:46:50] >> Such a premium on fairways. And Scheffler in great shape here. Second longest tee shot at the 14th today, 374.

[00:47:06] >> Just 212 left to a pin he's got to love. He can hold a high cut up here against this wind at the moment. Just take it at our TV tower in the center of the green. This is just a little left of that TV tower. Got to land softly.

[00:47:24] >> Oh, it does. And Scheffler is going to have a very good eagle look.

[00:47:33] >> Well, he needs a birdie here with Scheffler in there with an eagle range. And it looks like he just paid it off here. Beautiful rhythm, tempo for Morikawa, who's just been doing about everything that he possibly can do to win a golf tournament. He's had a seat alongside the best in the world, Scheffler, and he knows that you've just got to have your A game.

[00:47:54] >> The putt on the last hole was the only putt I've seen Scottie hit all week that he hated in terms of how it came off the putt head. Let's see if he can get back on track here.

[00:48:01] >> This to get to 30-under. Hello. Why not?

[00:48:11] >> Got us a fist pump out of Scottie there. He knows how big that was with four to go.

[00:48:22] >> Scottie Scheffler, who faced that adversity at 8. All he's done since then is pouring three birdies and an eagle.

[00:48:33] >> But a birdie versus an eagle at this point doesn't get it done when you trail him big time.

[00:48:40] >> So Hideki ends his FedExCup.

[00:48:48] >> Up on the green, Theegala for birdie.

[00:48:52] >> Very impressive.

[00:49:04] >> Nice smooth swing. Wind is laid down.

[00:49:08] >> Oh, right over the top of it.

[00:49:12] >> Perfect. I think it's the same swing.

[00:49:21] >> Just 122 left to a surprisingly gettable flag. Over and under here, 11 feet.

[00:49:34] >> Taking the under.

[00:49:35] >> Made two.

[00:49:36] >> That's why we don't gamble, Terry.

[00:49:41] >> Sure.

[00:49:45] >> This for par to have that same fourth place finish for Adam Scott.

[00:49:56][ Applause ]

[00:50:01] >> And Scheffler to get it to 31-under.

[00:50:07] >> Even though he doesn't need this putt, you get the feeling he just wants to keep hammering it down. He's played some really good golf this week.

[00:50:13] >> Doesn't matter if he needs it or not. You know, he's focused on it.

[00:50:17][ Cheering Applause ]

[00:50:23] >> Morikawa with this.

[00:50:29] >> Hit it hard enough.

[00:50:30] >> He did.

[00:50:31] >> That's a nice birdie to make because he's only two shots ahead of Theegala.

[00:50:37][ Applause ]

[00:50:41] >> All right. Schauffele going to putt it up this zoysia.

[00:50:46] >> And it might go in. What a finish for Schauffele.

[00:50:54][ Cheering and Applause ]

[00:51:04] >> Now, Theegala. That's tracking. Oh, man, what an end to Theegala's week.

[00:51:13] >> There is near $83 million in a payout this week for this field of 30. As of now, that two shot penalty that Sahith called on himself cost him about 2.5 million. He knows he did the right thing, but that is the difference between solo third place he's in now, 7.5 million and a two-way tie for second, 10 million.

[00:51:39] >> Scheffler's third shot into 18.

[00:51:40] >> Get in the hole.

[00:51:48] >> Playing well away from the hole.

[00:51:55] >> Take a breath, Scottie. You're on in three with a four shot lead.

[00:52:03] >> Morikawa for par.

[00:52:05][ Applause ]

[00:52:11] >> He's about ready to answer all the questions in the third time in the number 1 spot. One of the all-time seasons for Scottie Scheffler. Takes it all.

[00:52:25] >> This concludes the PTA Tour's coverage at the Tour Championship from East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta, Georgia.

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