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[00:00:30] >> The PGA Tour proudly presents the FedExCup Fall. Now, coverage of the 2024 Shriners Children's Open.

[00:00:39] >> Las Vegas, Nevada, there is no city quite like it. Entertainment galore. And this week, the PGA Tour is in town for the Shriners Children's Open on a beautiful Thursday in the Nevada desert. And we have some highlights to pass along. Steve Sands, pleased to be alongside Smylie Kaufman. The winner here in 2015, Ryan Moore, played collegiately at UNLV, a birdie at 13.

[00:01:01] >> Yeah, this guy puts these greens. Incredible. This 13th hole is a one you just got to get this par 5.

[00:01:07] >> Six-under par 66 for Taylor today. Taylor Pendrith, his second at the first. He started on the 10th, and, man, he started fast.

[00:01:16] >> He sure did. He hit 13 of 14 fairways today. Giving yourself plenty of opportunities to hit shots just like that.

[00:01:22] >> Would make a birdie putt there to get to 6-under par. Now, his second at the 4th after a birdie at the 3rd.

[00:01:29] >> And only missed one green as well. And this was his best wedge shot of the day.

[00:01:33] >> That's a tap in to get to 8-under par on the day. And some were thinking perhaps a sub 60 round. Now, here's his second. Hoisting it high in the air at the 6th.

[00:01:45] >> And these guys in the morning had a great opportunity. The winds were down this morning. Just firing at the pin, just like we saw here.

[00:01:53] >> That birdie putt went down as well. He got the 9-under par. Then, this birdie putt at 7 for two in a row.

[00:01:59] >> These greens are just perfect right in the middle.

[00:02:00] >> That got him to 10-under par. Ten birdies on the day. No bogeys for the Canadian. Taylor Pendrith has a three shot lead. Then, there are seven players at 7-under par. Let's see if anyone can climb his way onto the first page of the leaderboard here at the Shriners.

[00:02:19] >> Up at 17, second shot for Andrew Novak. See what kind of touch Andrew has out of the bunker.

[00:02:27] >> Oh, come on.

[00:02:28] >> Fantastic touch.

[00:02:29] >> How about it?

[00:02:30] >> What a make that is to get to five 5-under par for Novak. So the scoring this afternoon will be a little bit more of a challenge now that that wind is starting to pick up. At the 9th, 24-year-old Jacob Bridgeman has an eagle putt a moment ago.

[00:02:46] >> This hole playing down and off the left. So easy to get to this green, but hard to find it. Very shallow.

[00:02:51] >> And he gets that one to go. His best finish all year came a couple weeks ago. That's Tom Kim, his second shot.

[00:03:01] >> Oh, there we go.

[00:03:02] >> Another one.

[00:03:03] >> That was exactly where you want to be pitching from through this green, back into the breeze.

[00:03:08] >> Dip back to the 10th. That eagle putt from Jacob Bridgeman at 9. Now, he has a birdie try at 10.

[00:03:15] >> This hole is straight downwind. You can hear it.

[00:03:19] >> Oh, three 3-under in his last couple holes. At the 16th. Looks just like Kizzire's for Chez Reavie, Billy Ray.

[00:03:27] >> Yeah, 121. Comes over the penalty area, the entire length of the shot.

[00:03:33] >> A beauty.

[00:03:35] >> That's beautiful. Yeah, back into the breeze. Any mishit, definitely that penalty area is going to be in play where, I think, we might see a ball or two end up there.

[00:03:46] >> Christo Lamprecht.

[00:03:50] >> Good young player. Out of Georgia Tech.

[00:03:56] >> OK.

[00:03:59] >> Super tall guy, as you can see.

[00:04:04] >> Playing in the Shriners Children's Open for the first time in his young career.

[00:04:25][ Applause ]

[00:04:33] >> We'll jump back to the 15th with Higgo putting for birdie.

[00:04:42] >> Garrick Higgo makes another one.

[00:04:44] >> Look at that hot start from Garrick Higgo.

[00:04:46] >> Yeah.

[00:04:48] >> Neal Shipley, Ohio State University, from Western Pennsylvania. Came close in the US Amateur.

[00:04:59] >> At the par 3. And that is a terrific shot.

[00:05:06] >> Staying with the same group, Sigg playing his tee shot into the 14th.

[00:05:10] >> Another man taking his aim at 14. And another man knocking it close. Good shot.

[00:05:20] >> Great shot by Greyson Sigg.

[00:05:23] >> Doug Ghim lining up this birdie putt. And as -- It does have enough. Just enough in the tank for Doug.

[00:05:40] >> Jumping ahead to Shipley, putting for birdie at the 14th.

[00:05:42] >> Had a chance to talk to him a few weeks ago. Wonderful young man.

[00:05:48] >> Intelligent.

[00:05:49] >> Very.

[00:05:50] >> Don't want the hair fool you.

[00:05:53] >> No. For those of us who are follicle challenged, we're jealous of old, you know, Shipley. Couple of birdies in his last three holes.

[00:06:02] >> Sigg putting for birdie at the 14th.

[00:06:07] >> What a tee shot that was.

[00:06:08] >> See that finger down the shaft? Helps control the face, just like Greyson did there.

[00:06:15] >> On the tee at the 14th with Joseph Bramlett.

[00:06:19] >> Now, with this wind picking up from right to left, majority players looking out to the right.

[00:06:26] >> One-sixty-two. Ball starts just right of the flag, drawing back on a very good line.

[00:06:31] >> Oh, wow, what a shot.

[00:06:33] >> Oh, best one we've seen so far.

[00:06:34] >> Yeah, best around in the afternoon.

[00:06:39] >> Yeah. McCarty now.

[00:06:40] >> Yeah, just leaving it short of the penalty area, giving himself just a wedge in.

[00:06:48] >> Eyes were up and down the flagstick.

[00:06:50] >> At the 14th, Bramlett putting for birdie.

[00:06:53] >> At 14, you just aim at the right side. Everything's working back here, like we saw Mr. Bramlett do so perfectly, trying to get his way to 7-under par.

[00:07:05] >> He slid into the second spot just behind Sami Valimaki as far as closest to the pin today here at the par-3 14th. Oh, Smylie.

[00:07:22] >> Guess what?

[00:07:23] >> Somebody has broken through 7-under par. First page of the leaderboard for Joseph Bramlett.

[00:07:30] >> And now, McCarty will be lining up this bird. You know, Rodge, we hear all the time how hard it is to win on the PGA Tour. Everybody knows that. But you get that win early, A lot of guys will tell you that second win, trying to validate what you just did, is equally as difficult as winning that first one.

[00:07:48] >> Well, at this point, he's used to winning, isn't he?

[00:07:50] >> Yes, he is.

[00:07:51] >> He's had a flurry of them, so I'm sure he's confident. This guy had played a beautiful approach in here. Knocked it down, had it spinning. I mean, it was just a pretty, pretty wedge. Good birdie.

[00:08:03] >> Back on the 15th. And Doug Ghim aim pointing his way to this birdie try.

[00:08:09] >> Well, hit a wonderful shot. Smylie, out of that bunker on the left-hand side, guys, in that left hand bunker, I can only imagine majority of those players getting it up and down.

[00:08:19] >> The stats, everybody has got it up and down As Doug looks at this.

[00:08:29] >> He plays out here enough. He knows the break. It's comes downhill ever so slightly, but it actually can turn back a little bit to the right here.

[00:08:43] >> All right.

[00:08:43] >> Man, that was center cut.

[00:08:46] >> He's not going to screw up the stats.

[00:08:53] >> Joe Highsmith hitting his third at 18. And knocking it in from off the green.

[00:09:01] >> Jump back to the 15th with Bridgeman putting for birdie. Tough scoring conditions on a windy day here in Las Vegas.

[00:09:13] >> Well, Roger and I have played here twice, and one, they actually started us off and canceled the whole round. Players are out there, and it got soaked. The ball would not stay on the golf course here. And so, they just scratched the third round and started back over the following day.

[00:09:28] >> I want to know what they did on that canceled round. Roger Maltbie and Billy Ray Brown, what did you all end up going doing that day?

[00:09:34] >> It's television, Billy Ray. It's television Billy Ray. Careful.

[00:09:38] >> No, I went to the range and worked on my low game.

[00:09:43] >> You kidding me? I went back to see if I could maybe play some 21.

[00:09:47] >> I was going to say, they do have a game here called 21.

[00:09:52] >> Bridgeman gets to 5-under par.

[00:09:58] >> Let's check in on Doug gimping for birdie at 16.

[00:10:02] >> Yeah. Coming down the slope, turning a bit to his right.

[00:10:08] >> Oh, yeah.

[00:10:09] >> Oh, yeah.

[00:10:09] >> Bridgeman's now on the tee at 17.

[00:10:14] >> Take it out to the right. Make sure you can utilize that slope and let it filter back down to the left.

[00:10:24] >> That's what he's trying to do.

[00:10:26] >> That's going to keep getting closer and closer to.

[00:10:34] >> Back with Doug Ghim.

[00:10:38] >> A strong helping breeze here.

[00:10:40] >> That couldn't be more than 9-iron there. This is actually left of the hole, enough to carry.

[00:10:45] >> He was saying no, because left is no good.

[00:10:48] >> Couple of holes.

[00:10:52] >> Previous to 15, Kurt Kitayama, winner of Bay Hill a couple of years ago, ramming home that birdie putt.

[00:10:59] >> With some authority.

[00:10:59] >> He's a good putter works with James Sieckmann on his short game.

[00:11:04] >> We're looking down on the 17th green. And Doug Ghim --

[00:11:08] >> This would be some kind -- I'm laughing, Billy Ray, because you know where I'm going.

[00:11:12] >> Yeah.

[00:11:12] >> This will be some kind of two.

[00:11:15] >> Yes. He got away with one of the tee shot. You're not going to see many tee shots land left this hole and be in this position now. And now, this is a perfect position. Putting back up the hill.

[00:11:26] >> Well, he takes advantage of it.

[00:11:29] >> At the 17th, Bridgeman trying to do what Ghim just did.

[00:11:34] >> You know, coming down the slope, not much movement.

[00:11:38] >> Yup. A pair of twos. That'll help you out on the strip sometime tonight.

[00:11:43] >> He's made some pots today, that's for sure. We saw the eagle at 9 and the long putt at 10. Keeping it going on this back nine.

[00:11:50] >> I'll give you all the confidence. I just don't know why we would hit that.

[00:11:56] >> Thirty-three.

[00:11:57] >> That's only a 38 club. There's a lot of wind and a ton behind it. I just feel like it if you get even a 10% change in the wind, I don't feel like that's going to get there. You still love it. I trust you, and I'll let you go. But I'm on the other one. Are you good?

[00:12:27] >> Yup.

[00:12:27] >> All right, buddy. Come on. Bring target for me.

[00:12:31] >> Fascinating conversation there from his caddie, Paul Tesori, to his man, Tom Kim.

[00:12:38] >> Yeah. Kim's got 135 left to the hole. Wind against him from the left. What you don't want is a big change in wind speed while the ball's in the air. That would not be good.

[00:12:49] >> So well up into the air, wind moving it just right of the hole. That's a beautiful shot.

[00:12:56] >> That's a good call off by Tom Kim. Paul Tesori, he was on the one that's one more club than the one that Tom Kim hit there.

[00:13:02] >> At the 15th was Stephan Jaeger. Smylie, we were there in Houston when Jaeger held off Scottie Scheffler. That was an awesome, awesome performance --

[00:13:10] >> It was.

[00:13:11] >> -- considering who he was going against. And at the time, Scheffler was winning every single week.

[00:13:16] >> It was incredible. Stephan Jaeger played with tremendous confidence down the stretch. He's picked up so much speed off the tee and on that golf course. Definitely used it to his advantage. But he's a guy that's won so many times on the Korn Ferry Tour, and finally able to break through on the PGA Tour, and he's just entered into a different level.

[00:13:40] >> Back to 17 tee, Roger.

[00:13:43] >> And McCarty has grabbed 8-iron as well. Whole different shot for him being a left hander. He'll try to turn this a little right to left, if he can, against that wind. On a pretty good line just right of the hole. That was really good.

[00:14:00] >> Strong.

[00:14:00] >> Great shot from the entire group.

[00:14:02] >> At the 16th, Tom Kim putting for birdie.

[00:14:06] >> Suddenly finds himself under par, Smylie.

[00:14:08] >> They finally got there after the poor start, 30over through seven holes, chipping at 8. Really kind of jump started his round and woke up Tom Kim after, you know, quite some time off from points since the Presidents Cup.

[00:14:26] >> Cutting it into the wind for Tom or riding the wind. Which one is the easier play, Roger, to cut it into the wind or draw it and ride the wind?

[00:14:31] >> Well, I think it's always easiest to give to the wind and give to the conditions. But the artsier shot and the best shot is sometimes playing against that breeze. And that's a beautiful two there from McCarthy.

[00:14:36] >> Jump ahead to the 18th with Kim hitting his second shot just off the fairway.

[00:14:45] >> He's got 139 left.

[00:14:49] >> He's had some really nice iron shots on this back nine. Start of the day really rough with the iron play, but it's woken up. See if he's got another one here at 18.

[00:14:58] >> Yeah. As the one picked up, so did his game.

[00:15:03] >> Trying to cut this ball a little bit. It's a little left of the hole, toward the center of the green, but well played shot.

[00:15:09] >> Yup. Just about where he's looking, you just cannot miss right at this green today.

[00:15:13] >> He'll have the best look at birdie of the three. He's fought hard. Got to give him credit. Could have easily laid down. And I think he's going to be very happy finishing around under par today. Could have easily gotten away from him. Starting off very poor.

[00:15:30] >> Here's our man Kevin Kisner. A birdie putt at 15.

[00:15:34] >> He's built to put in windy conditions like this. Such a solid base. That's something he works really hard on, not only on his golf swing, but mainly on the putting green. Just making sure he's very balanced.

[00:15:45] >> So Tom Kim, Roger, lining up this birdie putt.

[00:15:48] >> Yeah, from dead hole high. Left, this should move to his right.

[00:15:56] >> Is he making this, Rodge?

[00:15:58] >> I think he's going to scare it if it doesn't go in.

[00:16:01] >> I think so, too. This'd be a nice end to the day for Tom.

[00:16:06] >> Remember, he was 3-over at one point.

[00:16:13] >> Downtown.

[00:16:16] >> Count them all up. Tom Kim, after three bogeys in his first five holes. Look at what he did coming back.

[00:16:26] >> You got to be proud of yourself if you're Tom Kim. Finishing 5-under on those last holes. Taylor Pendrith, 10-under par. Nobody was catching him today.

[00:16:34] >> Nobody was. That's such an impressive round. And today, all these guys able to make some birdies on a difficult day of golf.

[00:16:41] >> End of the first round in Las Vegas. Round 2 is next.

[00:16:50] >> Mother Nature is having her say. She's making her presence felt in Las Vegas. Inside the casinos, perfect. Outside, not so much. Steady winds in the 40s this morning. And gust, upwards of 53 miles per hour caused a 4-hour delay. Round 2 is underway, but as you can see, they are way off schedule right now. And it's been awfully difficult for most of the best players in the world. TPC Summerlin hosting for the 33rd consecutive year. The golf course is in outstanding condition. It's just not cooperating as far as the wind. Right now, it's about 23 miles per hour, which is really good. Ten birdies yesterday for Taylor Pendrith, gave him his second lead or co-lead in his PGA Tour career after the first round. He won't tee off in the second round for another hour 45 minutes or so. J.J. Spaun has handled things well. So is Doug Ghim. He's a Las Vegas resident, knows the conditions, and he is under par. Two-under thus far in this second round. As we go out to the action at the 18th. And Smylie, it is brutal out there. Kurt Kitayama.

[00:18:00] >> It sure is, Steve. Hardly any wind in our booth here today, so we're not going to quite have the wind burn that Kurt Kitayama might have at the end of the day. Bogey free through his first nine holes. Nicely placed drive, Roger, for Doug Ghim at 7.

[00:18:17] >> In the center of the fairways, left himself 158 to the hole. Again, playing into the wind, maybe a little from right to left. But this hole location here looks like it's not even on the green. It's protected by a bunker short of it on the extreme left-hand side. And it just looks like it's sticking up out of nowhere. And you can just see miles of green to the right of it. It's just a very sort of unique look.

[00:18:40] >> And, Rodge, I was able to put a flagstick in our graphic here to show exactly what Doug Ghim is trying to see his right through the trees here. You got to play a nice visual shot here and picture it well.

[00:18:57] >> Well, the good news is, you got a ton of green to the right of the hole. You can just hit it out to the right and maybe try to work it to the left. But this one is tucked.

[00:19:10] >> He'll take that one all day. Good shot there from Doug Ghim.

[00:19:14] >> At the 10th, Garrick Higgo is putting for birdie.

[00:19:17] >> Yeah. Back up the hill here. Going to be a very slow putt. But the wind is carrying it right into the hole.

[00:19:26] >> Beautifully done there by Garrick. At the 7th, putting through those shadows, Roger, Doug Ghim has a birdie putt.

[00:19:33] >> And is putting downhill here. This will try to move some to his left. Kind of protected now. The wind is not a real factor at the moment, but gusting at times. But this green sits down a little bit underneath houses that are higher behind it and whatnot. So, if you can get the pace right, this is very makeable.

[00:20:01] >> Oh, the pace looks pretty good. And it does too.

[00:20:04] >> And good call, Roger. That hole is definitely sitting in a little hollow. Good stuff from Doug Ghim. Is he going to catch Taylor Pendrith before he tease off? That's the question here, Stevie.

[00:20:12] >> He does have a par-5 9th upcoming after he plays the par-3 8th.

[00:20:19] >> Chez Reavie at the 15th.

[00:20:22] >> Hit that way up in the air. Do you see that wind turning it right to left now? That's exactly where you want to land it.

[00:20:30] >> Look at this.

[00:20:31] >> That's one of the best of today.

[00:20:33] >> What a fabulous tee shot for Chez Reavie. And he has a chance for an eagle two.

[00:20:39] >> Pierceson Coody for birdie at the 9th.

[00:20:42] >> See him there, 128. Remember, 125, so key for these guys. And a 65. Doug Ghim played collegiately at Texas. Pierceson Coody did as well. He's born and raised in the Lone Star State. He knows exactly how to get it done in windy conditions like today.

[00:21:02] >> Remember that tee shot from Chez Reavie? Cash it in for a two.

[00:21:06] >> He's going to do a lot on the stretch here to be playing the weekend. Well, it's a start. Maybe you go eagle the easy 16th hole, par 5, get it to even. Birdie 17, get it to one. Birdie 18, get it to two, maybe.

[00:21:20] >> Davis Thompson for birdie. And he gets another one to go in. So now, he is the only player at 9-under par. One shot back Taylor Pendrith still leading.

[00:21:33] >> After 376-yard tee shot, now has 63 yards. And how do you get that shot right after you had that bunker shot at the 1st?

[00:21:41] >> That's much better handled.

[00:21:43] >> That was so good, Rodge. Nobody knows how hard that shot is.

[00:21:48] >> Back over to the 2nd, Taylor Pendrith.

[00:21:50] >> He knows exactly what this does. He had to move his coin out of the line of Nick Taylor. So he's seen it.

[00:21:56] >> That's his 11th birdie of the week. Rickie Fowler.

[00:22:04] >> Yeah. From 150. This is right at it, but needs to get down.

[00:22:14] >> That looked like it was in a sand field divot.

[00:22:19] >> It's getting better and better.

[00:22:20] >> Yeah, absolutely.

[00:22:21] >> And better.

[00:22:23] >> There's a back slope. That's why that back bunker is so difficult. You see that it rolled about 7 feet back. It's a very difficult up and down if you happen to get short sided there.

[00:22:32] >> More evidence of slow greens.

[00:22:34] >> If they're going to get. You just give everything a rock.

[00:22:37] >> See if Fowler can get it to the hole, Roger.

[00:22:43] >> He's coming down the slope, so he should have an easier time getting it to the hole. The wind's gusting hard right now from left to right. I think it's going to be affecting the putt.

[00:23:07] >> Hey, got it into the hole and in the hole. Beautiful putt for Rickie.

[00:23:13] >> That was the perfect situation. You know, it's a downhill putt, so you feel like you don't have to hit it quite as hard. Maybe a little bit of breeze back into you, so you're not worried about the one coming back. It's a good putt for Rickie. You're still in one to three. That's one of the more difficult holes.

[00:23:27] >> Neal Shipley putting for birdie. Trying to get onto the cut line. And he does. OK. And he knows it to. See that fist pump? These guys know exactly what's going on. He has a par 5 coming up. Rickie Fowler's on the tee at 5. He's hitting a great shot.

[00:23:54] >> OK, Rick. Looking good.

[00:23:56] >> Taylor Pendrith, he began the day 10-under par, leading by two, and he still is at 10-under par, leading by two. Be interesting to see how he all handles tomorrow morning, beginning real early for these guys in the desert.

[00:24:10] >> There's going to be some opportunities tomorrow morning, Steve. And I think this wave will prove to be the ones that you're going to probably be chasing. But shout out to those guys like Kurt Kitayama and Doug Ghim. Incredible rounds.

[00:24:21] >> Second round affected by Mother Nature today wrapping up. And Round 3 is next.

[00:24:35] >> And welcome you to the weekend in Vegas. This is more like it. Conditions are way better than they were on Friday. About 11 miles from that picturesque spot on the Strip is TPC Summerlin. Thirty-three years hosting a PGA Tour event in Southern Nevada. Shriners, they do an amazing job, incredible work, helping thousands of kids in need of special care. And this tournament raises a lot of money for that great cause. As the players meander their way through the desert, they'll find excellent opportunities. But they also know trouble lurks. It is an ideal day for golf, however. A slight breeze, temperatures in the low 70s. Doug Ghim has reached the 5th.

[00:25:27] >> Doug Ghim is an excellent iron player. Not many guys are going to go at this pin today, Steve.

[00:25:33] >> Harris English. You said he mishit it a little bit. Now, his second at the 5th, Smylie.

[00:25:38] >> You could see that it was such a bad lie. That landed on the top side of the springboard head. And of course, sure, it will go in. That is an insanely good shot.

[00:25:48] >> Second shot at the par-5 16th now for Davis Riley.

[00:25:52] >> Did you say second shot into a par 5, and he has 149 in?

[00:25:57] >> Correct.

[00:25:59] >> OK. Sure. That's --

[00:26:01] >> That's an eagle putt coming up.

[00:26:03] >> That's insane.

[00:26:05] >> Davis Riley, what a look for eagle at 16.

[00:26:08] >> Driver wedge.

[00:26:12] >> Driver wedge three.

[00:26:14] >> I would call that a perfect hole.

[00:26:16] >> You could sell that one --

[00:26:18] >> Yeah, you can --

[00:26:19] >> -- to a lot of player. Look at the run he's on.

[00:26:22] >> At the par-3 8th, Rico Hoey taking a long look at this one, Roger.

[00:26:26] >> Yeah, 204 today. What wind there is now? I think it continues to die as the afternoon's going on. But against and from the left, ton of room, left of the hole. Going at this flagstick is, I think, pretty risky. Give you some stress if you miss right. This is going at the center of the green. And I think that's a well-engineered shot.

[00:26:50] >> Definitely so. Exactly what he was trying to do, hit his number. Hey, Rodge, these guys are going to finish, most likely, we think, on the 13th, 14th hole. And that's kind of right when this round, or I should say, this golf course where the birdies and eagles really start to open up. Over the next couple holes, it's really important for some of these guys to find two or three birdies so that, tomorrow morning, they have a little momentum heading into those holes.

[00:27:19] >> I agree with you, Smylie. And the first thing you need to do is give themselves better looks. They haven't had many real good looks at birdies. And, you know, they've had a lot of short clubs into some of these greens, and they just haven't taken advantage. But you got to make some birdies here. That's all there is to it. It's a little downhill. Should start out moving just a shade to the right and then back to the left. It looks good.

[00:27:45] >> It looks really good. Another man gets to 13 under par. Rico, back to back birdies.

[00:27:51] >> OK. We're inching our way.

[00:27:54] >> What's been kind of a pitcher's duel up to this point.

[00:27:57] >> Definitely as. A pitcher's duel in TPC Summerlin's been winning that battle thus far.

[00:28:03] >> Back in the fairway, Roger. J.T. Poston and this final group, they are all looking to take advantage of this par 5.

[00:28:10] >> Well, this green angles left to right. And Poston has 264, and hole's all the way in the back right. Much harder to get at. Bunker short of the green and front kind of bisects the green. There's green on both left of it and right of it. To carry and get it back into that right corner into the breeze here is not an easy shot.

[00:28:33] >> Yeah. You'd like to hit a spinny one, if you can. A hot one with a fairway metal right here definitely goes through the green.

[00:28:43] >> That has hit solid. And it might be leaking a little right of it. Not much.

[00:28:48] >> What a shot.

[00:28:49] >> Oh, boy.

[00:28:51] >> Roger.

[00:28:52] >> Hang on a second.

[00:28:54] >> Come on.

[00:28:55] >> That landed in the perfect spot, literally, a hula hoop of upslope.

[00:29:02] >> Rico Hoey, his third at the par 5.

[00:29:04] >> Yeah, kind of caught in between. Bump or fly it on. I still think that Schmid is outside the coin of J.T. Poston. And I know Rico Hoey is going to play first.

[00:29:22] >> I'm just going to say, you know it's a great second shot when your eagle putt is coming after Norman Xiong's birdie try.

[00:29:33] >> And Rico Hoey as well.

[00:29:50] >> OK. This one up the hill, should break a little right. Yup.

[00:30:00] >> Really good four.

[00:30:01] >> That was a big birdie. Remember, he's birdied the 7th, he's birdied the 8th. And that up and down was not an easy one, being able to roll that with some good pace into the hole.

[00:30:13] >> J.T. Poston, what a shot that was. And now, he has a chance to get to 15-under, take the lead to himself.

[00:30:21] >> Well, the floodgates are starting to open a little bit. And his putt probably just inside the left or left edge, depending how firm he wants to hit it. This would pay off a spectacular second.

[00:30:38] >> He's just far enough away to make you think about it. But he just saw what Rico Hoey's putt in line was, so don't expect him to miss it.

[00:30:55] >> A three to end his front nine. And J.T. Poston has a lead to himself as he marches to the 10th.

[00:31:03] >> It's almost like when you hit a miraculous shot out of the woods or hit a great chip shot, you always need to pay off the putt, especially when you hit a feathered 3-wood.

[00:31:13] >> One of those guys from Vegas who's 14-under par, Doug Ghim.

[00:31:24] >> Was a pretty firm balance. Again, just give yourself an eagle opportunity.

[00:31:29] >> The chance at a home game victory on Sunday in Vegas. Will Doug Ghim?

[00:31:37] >> Look at that.

[00:31:39] >> What a run. The play is going to continue. J.J. Spaun has a birdie putt at the par-3 17th.

[00:31:50] >> You see short and left like 7:00 o'clock, if you can see that on your screen from the hole location, you see a couple of tees. That's Doug Ghim.

[00:32:00] >> And I don't mind J.J. Spaun putting from distance. He knows what the speed of the green is. Now, I totally agree with Doug Ghim. I would rather have fresh greens from inside 5 feet, where J.J. could be a little unsure of how fast the greens would be in the morning. So smart for him to lag up. And now, he has a decision if he wants to mark or tap out.

[00:32:21] >> And there is the co-leader, J.T. Poston. His day is complete. The 16th green. And it looks like those guys, including Matt Kuchar, will not finish this par 5.

[00:32:32] >> What an interesting day. Kind of thought 19, 20-under par coming into darkness would be the number. But it's only 15 under par, which brings so many players, Smylie, into the mix tomorrow.

[00:32:45] >> I just remember J.T. Poston and has some birdie holes coming. Who knows where this lead will end up? But plenty of birdies tomorrow with that south wind.

[00:32:53] >> Third round getting completed. The final round is next.

[00:33:03] >> The FedExCup fall is here.

[00:33:05] >> Anything can happen.

[00:33:07] >> Fierce competition.

[00:33:08] >> They know what's at stake.

[00:33:10] >> And endless possibility.

[00:33:11] >> This is going to be good.

[00:33:18] >> Big names and rising stars, all have the chance to make their move. See who will prove themselves during the FedExCup Fall.

[00:33:36] >> People flock to this desert oasis for fun and entertainment. They've been doing it for years. It's a business trip for PGA Tour players who are the ones providing some of that fun and entertainment this week. The Shriners do amazing work raising money for caring for children in need, and this event really helps. It should be an exciting Sunday with some good scoring under these ideal conditions. And that is the trophy they'll be playing for come later this afternoon. The 2015 winner here in Vegas, Kurt Kitayama, for birdie at the 3rd.

[00:34:11] >> Yeah. Trying to get the round going here at the tricky 3rd. Nice second shot. Kitayama able to pay it off.

[00:34:17] >> Doug Ghim had a nice putt at the 3rd also for birdie.

[00:34:21] >> And not an easy hole. But they're chasing.

[00:34:24] >> And they're chasing this guy. J.T. Poston had a two shot lead after the third round was finished. Here's a birdie putt up the hill at 4.

[00:34:35] >> Perfect speed, dripping it in that front door.

[00:34:38] >> Nice start for J.T. as he tries to win for the third time in his career. Michael Kim is making a late push on the 14th tee.

[00:34:47] >> And you can do it, but this is a tough hole location up on this right shelf.

[00:34:52] >> He was 6-under coming into the hole. He would make that birdie putt to get to 7-under on the day. Trying to post a number and then see what happens behind him. Doug Ghim, just a couple of minutes ago, his second at the 7th.

[00:35:06] >> This hole location right on top of a false front. You're so concerned about not spinning it back but controlling his distance and spin perfectly.

[00:35:15] >> Would make another birdie there. He's in that final group, alongside J.T. Poston and Kurt Kitayama. And Ghim is now within three. Who will take the title home in Vegas? We're about to find out. Let's go up to the 11th. Chad Ramey hitting his second at the par four.

[00:35:33] >> This hole location, in the back left corner, tucked behind a bunker that you just have to carry. Oh, boy.

[00:35:41] >> Oh, it goes in for Chad. Amazing shot.

[00:35:46] >> And he's a guy that's right around that 125 number. So anytime you get a hole out, definitely helps your cause.

[00:35:54] >> Kurt Kitayama, next to play at 8.

[00:36:08] >> Good looking shot, right at it.

[00:36:10] >> Yes, it is. It seemed like he mishit it a little bit, maybe why it came off with a little bit less spin. I mean, that rolled out a good 30 yards.

[00:36:30] >> K.H. Lee for eagle at 9.

[00:36:32][ Cheering and Applause ] Boy, it's out there today.

[00:36:38] >> Sure is.

[00:36:39] >> Let's go back to the 8th. And Kurt Kitayama.

[00:36:43] >> Has missed a couple of makeable birdie putts the last couple of holes. Both quite a bit shorter than this.

[00:36:50] >> It looks good.

[00:36:51] >> Not missing this one.

[00:36:53] >> Looks really good. Kitayama.

[00:36:55] >> That looked great right away. Talked to his short game coach. James Sieckmann works a bunch on his rhythm and his speed with his putter. You could see it there. That looked like it -- That golf ball had eyes there, Steve.

[00:37:07] >> Jump ahead to the leader. Poston in trouble with the 9th.

[00:37:15] >> His biggest issue really is he's got tree in front of him that will -- he has to play right of immediately in front of him, and he has to keep it low, no higher than about 7, 8 feet for about 20 yards. If he can do that and fit it in that gap, you know, it's going to chase forever down here. His other option is to kind of go left of that first tree, and then, of course, he's going to leave himself a very long third. So I think it's pretty much forcing his hand trying to play the low one. But out of this deep lie, sometimes that ball can hop up on you, higher than you might like because you're trying to drive it down low. So we'll see. This is a stressful, let's put it that way.

[00:37:59] >> I think the one advantage that J.T. has here is this hole location is cut so close to the front bunker. It's not really one that he's trying to get up there as far as he can. You actually would rather have a fuller wedge into this hole. So don't have to be overly aggressive here. Just get one in the fairway. Just give yourself some type of wedge.

[00:38:21] >> Well, I couldn't agree more. But if he took the conservative route on this shot, then he'd leave himself a shot of probably 220 yards or so for his third.

[00:38:30] >> Yes.

[00:38:30] >> He doesn't want that.

[00:38:31] >> So let's see how far he wants to push it up, Rodge.

[00:38:35] >> It jumped up a little bit on him, caught the trees, but still chasing down the fairway. And that's going to be OK.

[00:38:44] >> Sounds like a good break if it caught a little bit of the tree.

[00:38:48] >> All right, 182 now for Ghim's second. Now, on this angle from his ball to the flagstick. He's only got 4 or 5 yards of green there to work with. Got a bunker immediately left of the hole in front of the green that he has to carry across. And there's just not much room there, I would think, left of the hole. And a little deep in the green is where you'd want it here. With that said, this is going a little right.

[00:39:20] >> OK.

[00:39:20] >> Yeah.

[00:39:21] >> Yeah. Bounced nicely. Soft and a little left. Very nice.

[00:39:25] >> Last to play in the group of the 9th, Kitayama playing his second.

[00:39:31] >> Kitayama. Rodge, he's sitting even further. Three-seventy-five, 377, the two that hit the fairway.

[00:39:37] >> Yeah. One-seventy-eight left of the flagstick.

[00:39:43] >> Has launched up higher than Ghim's. A little just left of the hole.

[00:39:48] >> Oh, wow. That's pretty.

[00:39:50] >> Man.

[00:39:51] >> Wow.

[00:39:52] >> It's nice when you're hitting 9 and 8-irons in.

[00:39:55] >> As we go back to the leader and the third shot, after seeing what the other two guys just did with their second.

[00:40:01] >> And to your point, Smylie, he's got 112. So he should be able to spin the pants off it from here. But that's not very good.

[00:40:12] >> Oh, boy. This -- We're looking at potential three shot swing, if he doesn't get that up and down and one of these guys make an eagle.

[00:40:20] >> The pressure starting to ratchet up, so is the drama. Come on back with us to Las Vegas to see what happens at the 9th.

[00:40:30] >> Back with the leader, J.T. Poston. A little bit of a spot here.

[00:40:33] >> Hitting his fourth at the par-5 9th.

[00:40:35] >> Yeah. Let's see if he tries to bump this into the hill in one bounce and stop it.

[00:40:44] >> Yeah, pretty well executed.

[00:40:47] >> Here comes the first of the two eagle putts at 9. Kitayama.

[00:40:51] >> Great look here. Down the hill.

[00:40:56] >> Just stayed outside.

[00:41:01] >> Boy, oh, boy, did he hit a good putt? You saw that line was end over and he just made an incredible birdie at the 8th. A two, three at 8, 9 would have been exactly what he was looking for.

[00:41:14] >> Two eagles so far today at the 9th. Doug Ghim looking to make it three. And he does. And he gets to 19-under par. Remember, J.T. Poston still has a par putt upcoming.

[00:41:32] >> Now, back to the leader, Roger. All of a sudden, this is to stay in the lead all by himself.

[00:41:37] >> Well, something to keep an eye on on this backside. Yesterday, J.T. Poston hit a couple of wide right, poor wedges. And that was very much what he did here. And, you know, see if he can correct that because he's going to have a few wedges on this backside. First things first, though, got to make this.

[00:41:57] >> He hasn't made a bogey since the 11th hole in Round 2. And he still hasn't. Nice putt for J.T., but the lead has been trimmed to the slimmest of margins.

[00:42:13] >> We catch up with the leader, Poston, playing his second at the 12th.

[00:42:16] >> Got a nice angle, and 115. Just a sand iron.

[00:42:24] >> Not the visual you wanted to see right before that.

[00:42:32] >> Especially when your miss has been right with the wedge. But there's just left of it.

[00:42:40] >> Up at the 13th, Billy Ray.

[00:42:42] >> Straightforward pitcher for K.H. Lee, coming up the slope, currently at 16-under par. Trying to get his name in the fray here coming down the stretch.

[00:42:51] >> It's faster than you think. Is it going to get to the hole too?

[00:42:58] >> To the 13th, Rico Hoey.

[00:43:05] >> Playing a little bump shot. A little different than the way K.H. Lee played the shot, but both executed perfectly. No coins needed for K.H. Lee or Rico Hoey.

[00:43:18] >> Back to the 12th. And J.T. Poston.

[00:43:24] >> And he's left himself a slicing putt. And as the putt is breaking right, it is going toward the water and green is running away from him a little bit. This can be a little quicker than you might anticipate.

[00:43:39] >> This just seems like the type of putt J.T. Poston makes.

[00:43:52] >> First birdie.

[00:43:53] >> What a call from Smylie.

[00:43:56] >> Let's go up to 16, the par 5. We kind of thought that Harris English would make a big move today. Just wasn't his time.

[00:44:03] >> Well, his chipping has been phenomenal.

[00:44:05] >> Oh, there you go. Well, there's the move.

[00:44:11] >> Big win last night for Harris and those Georgia Dogs.

[00:44:15] >> J.T. Poston perfectly placed off the tee at 13, Rodge.

[00:44:20] >> Yeah. He's got 288 left of the hole now. What breeze there is against and off the right here it feels. So this is the kind of shot with a hole cut on the extreme left-hand side of the green. You're going to try to sweep something right to left, land it probably in front of the green some, and let it chase up that way.

[00:44:40] >> If you fly it on the green, it can go bounding over. You definitely want to land it short, like Roger said.

[00:44:54] >> Boy, that was solid. Just right of the hole, right of the bunker maybe.

[00:45:02] >> No, it landed into that hill.

[00:45:05] >> That is beautiful.

[00:45:05] >> Yeah, that -- I mean, it didn't move an inch, it didn't look like, Steve.

[00:45:18] >> Now, the birdie putt at 13 for J.T. and that three shot lead.

[00:45:26] >> Yeah. There's not too much left in this. It can't be any more than right center.

[00:45:47] >> After not making a birdie since the 4th, J.T. Poston now is going back to back birdies to extend that lead to three.

[00:46:01] >> We jump ahead to the 18th with the leader, Poston, playing his second.

[00:46:11] >> Well, he's got 180 to the hole.

[00:46:14] >> Take off about 5% for altitude. So you're looking at 170, 71. You got to pull a club that you can't knock over the green.

[00:46:26] >> Thirty-three front plus 48. That's 81.

[00:46:34] >> OK. It's a good eight.

[00:46:35] >> Yeah. The white sign?

[00:46:48] >> Yeah.

[00:46:49] >> Yeah. Because you got that slope there that'll help push it left a little bit. Perfectly. Wind should be pretty much straight down.

[00:47:12] >> It's always an uneasy feeling playing shots straight back into the sun. It's important to pick out your target, stay committed to it.

[00:47:50] >> You know --

[00:47:51] >> Toward the center of the green.

[00:47:56] >> Well, with his lag putting, got to like his chance to two putt, but can't ever rule it out.

[00:48:03] >> Thank you. You're worried about the 8.

[00:48:07] >> You're welcome.

[00:48:08] >> Because I was worried about hitting 8.

[00:48:10] >> Staying in the last group with Ghim, playing his second into the 18th.

[00:48:13] >> Probably like now about 56. That's correct?

[00:48:16] >> Yeah.

[00:48:17] >> Well, to land this ball, probably 51. Fifty-one,

[00:48:23] >> Just five off.

[00:48:27] >> Five off. Finishing right in the middle --

[00:48:29] >> Doug Ghim, would love to hit this close to at least make J.T. think about it.

[00:48:34] >> Well, they're still looking right of the hole. I would have thought they would have taken dead aim, but they're talking about aiming at the TV tower, probably 15 feet right of the hole.

[00:48:49] >> Oh, man. Wow, that was close to going on the fly. Great shot from Doug Ghim. And perhaps, he is making J.T. think about it just a little bit more.

[00:49:06] >> Up on the 18th green, Poston putting for birdie.

[00:49:15] >> Well, Roger, what's the thought process now if you're J.T. Poston?

[00:49:19] >> Well, right now, he's trying to pick the high part of the line. In other words, this is a pretty big breaker from right to left. Trying to find the apex. The highest you want it for, it will fall from there. And you're just trying to get the right pace. That's really the critical thing here. You don't want to leave yourself anything for the next one.

[00:49:42] >> The tendency is going to be to come up short in this instant.

[00:49:46] >> Like we saw with Matti Schmid a little bit earlier.

[00:49:57] >> Well, that's right in that knee knocker range.

[00:50:03] >> Kim putting for birdie at the 18th, looking to close the gap to one shot and apply some pressure on Poston.

[00:50:09] >> Still just got smidge left to right.

[00:50:14] >> Like left center or left --

[00:50:15] >> Yeah, into -- Oh, yeah. Inside the hole for sure.

[00:50:18] >> Like more towards the left half?

[00:50:21] >> Let me have a look. I think it's more like left half.

[00:50:24] >> He's got this downhiller, which in this kind of situation, Smylie, I like. I mean, now you're just working online and just trying to get the ball started on that line. There shouldn't be an issue with getting it to the hole.

[00:50:39] >> I couldn't agree with you more, Roger. Inside left is the read. And Doug Ghim makes his three at the 18th.

[00:50:59] >> J.T. Poston has not three putted in 109 consecutive holes on the PGA Tour. If this goes in, he's a winner.

[00:51:12] >> A year ago, J.T. tied for third. Now, he has his third ever victory on the PGA Tour. Congratulations to J.T. Poston, who gets the job done.

[00:51:26] >> Congratulations.

[00:51:27] >> Awesome.

[00:51:27] >> Congrats.

[00:51:28] >> Thank you. I appreciate it.

[00:51:29] >> He had that lead go all the way out to four, Smylie. It looked like he was going to be able to cruise home.

[00:51:38] >> Winning --

[00:51:39] >> But there's no such thing on the PGA Tour.

[00:51:41] >> Winning is never easy. Now, Aaron Flener and J.T. Poston both can breathe. We can unscrew the top of that flagstick, take that home with you.

[00:51:49] >> FedExCup Fall continues. Here's the Aon Next 10. Such an important part of the chapter of this time of year, isn't it?

[00:51:57] >> It definitely is. You can see Harris English having a nice week, staying, keeping his position. But Doug Ghim making a jump to 70th. So he's another player that's inching his way up.

[00:52:07] >> And then, there are those who are on the bubble, 125 to keep your job, as Smylie said. Earlier, Joe Highsmith, right now, is squarely on the bubble at 125.

[00:52:20] >> He's a deserving champion. He played so well all 4 days. Doug Ghim, his time is coming. Just a little bit short this time, one shot short of getting that first ever win on the PGA Tour.

[00:52:35] >> This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of the Shriners Children's Open from TPC Summerlin in Las Vegas, Nevada.