**2019 The Players Official Film**

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**Tease**

ANNC: "From Jack to Tiger, Freddy to Phil, the list of PLAYERS Champions includes the biggest names in modern golf."

**FOR OVER 4 DECADES, THE GAME'S ELITE HAVE ASSEMBLED AT PETE DYE'S MASTERPIECE TO CROWN \*THEIR\* CHAMPION…**

DAY: "It’s got a lot of history behind it and that's the good thing about playing at a golf course every single year / people can remember certain golf shots that people have hit over the past."

**…AND A REVAMPED PGA TOUR SCHEDULE PROVIDES A HOMECOMING FOR THIS YEARS PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP, AS IT RETURNS TO ITS ORIGINAL SPOT ON THE CALENDAR**

ANNC: "The PLAYERS back in March. The first milepost of this 2019 golf season."

SIMPSON SOT: “There’s a lot of emphasis on what is the golf course gonna do. If the winds are up scores will be down but it the winds are good you’ll see a lot of birdies.”

DJ SOT: "We got a great date. I just like the way the course feels playing it this time of year it's playing longer, it's a little bit softer and I think it's going to set up for a great week."

**A REVITALIZED ANTHEM OFFERS A FRESH TAKE ON THE TOURNAMENT'S RICH HISTORY…**

ANNC: "From the prestige of the title, to the famed frightening finish, this event has produced some of the most memorable theatre in the sport."

TIGER SOT: "It's a very simple formula here: Hit it good. The golf course is one that Pete has set up to intimidate you visually. You have to overcome that part of it."

ROSE SOT: "That’s the beauty of this golf course is that it suits everybody. It suits all different types of game, which I think is appropriate for THE PLAYERS Championship."

**…AS DOES A REINVIGORATED PRIZE FIT FOR THE PGA TOUR'S GOLD STANDARD**

ANNC: "A new trophy that truly honors the history of this great championship."

**AS THE BEST FIELD IN GOLF BATTLES TO BECOME THE FIRST TO HOIST IT, ONLY ONE WILL EMERGE AS PLAYERS CHAMPION** [Return to index of stories...](file:///C%3A%5C%5CUsers%5C%5Cskyler%5C%5CDesktop%5C%5Cx2019%20The%20Players%20Official%20Film.HTM%22%20%5Cl%20%22StoryIndex)

**Opening Titles**

**WELCOME TO THE PLAYERS OFFICIAL FILM, 2019** [Return to index of stories...](file:///C%3A%5C%5CUsers%5C%5Cskyler%5C%5CDesktop%5C%5Cx2019%20The%20Players%20Official%20Film.HTM%22%20%5Cl%20%22StoryIndex)

**Move to March Feature**

ANNC: “Everything in place for a terrific week as we get set for one of the elite events on the PGA TOUR.”

**THE BEST IN THE GAME HAVE GROWN ACCUSTOMED TO RESTLESSNESS IN THE WAKE OF THE PGA TOUR’S ANNUAL STOP AT TPC SAWGRASS…**

ANNC: “We wait all year for this event, one of the best events in the sport.”

**…BUT THE DAWN OF THIS YEAR’S PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP BEARS ADDED ANTICIPATION – AS THE 46TH EDITION ARRIVES 2 MONTHS SOONER THAN UNSUAL**

ANNC: “After 25 years in March, a dozen times in May, the PLAYERS has returned to its longtime spot on the calendar.”

**AND WHILE 24 PLAYERS HAVE EXPERIENCE AT THE STADIUM COURSE PRIOR TO THE SWITCH TO MAY IN 2007, NEW CHALLENGES AWAIT FOR NEARLY 85 PERCENT OF THE FIELD**

DEREK SPRAGUE SOT: "The biggest change in 2019 is that they're gonna be playing off different turf. They're gonna be playing off rye grass. All the young stars on the PGA Tour today they've only played on Bermuda grass."

KOEPKA SOT: "I don't know what to expect I've never played in March, but it'll be a tough test for sure. It could be a completely different golf course."

DAY SOT: "Guys that played well in the past may not play as well with this surface. And guys that played terrible in the past may play better with this kind of surface."

ANNC: "The crew here at THE PLAYERS does whatever it take to turn the Stadium Course into one of the best stages in all the world."

SIMPSON SOT: "The golf course is overseeded now, typically it'll play a little softer. But with grass like this weather dictates so much of how the golf course will play."

THOMAS SOT: "We could get some cold days, some north winds, so that 17th hole could be pretty brutal."

**AS PLAYERS ADJUST, FEW IN THE FIELD ARE MORE FAMILIAR WITH THE CONDITIONS THAN THE ONLY WHO LIFTED THE TROPHY IN MARCH**

TIGER SOT: "Weather will play more of a factor than it does in May. And that golf course is one of the hardest you ever wanna play when the winds swirling around there."

SCOTT SOT: "The rough, being overseeded is gonna be very penal, and less able to move it up by the green with so much control."

**AND WHILE 2019 POSES MORE OBSTACLES THAN IN THE PAST, THE WORLD'S BEST WELCOME THE FRESH LOOK OF THE PETE DYE DESIGN**

RAHM SOT: "He's really good at making golf courses hard to see. But when you're gonna have that contrast between rough and the fairway it'll be a little bit easier."

ROSE SOT: "For me it suits the golf course much better, visually and the way it plays. I've always liked Sawgrass when it's got that green, beautiful look."

GARCIA SOT: "The quality of the golf course now going back to March seeing the overseed it looks amazing. It's our championship. So we're very proud of it." [Return to index of stories...](file:///C%3A%5C%5CUsers%5C%5Cskyler%5C%5CDesktop%5C%5Cx2019%20The%20Players%20Official%20Film.HTM%22%20%5Cl%20%22StoryIndex)

**Thursday Early Action**

ANNC: "The golf course looks great, and the scores match."

**THE OPENING ROUND GIVES WAY TO AN ABUNDANCE OF RED NUMBERS, AS THE STAR-STUDDED MORNING GROUPS ADAPT WELL TO THE CHANGES**

ANNC: "You've got to love the ability of these players to take advantage of these conditions and the golf course."

**WORLD NUMBER 1 DUSTIN JOHNSON CARDS A BOGEY-FREE 4-UNDER FRONT, AT A COURSE WHERE HE'S FAILED TO EARN A TOP-10 FINISH IN 10 CAREER STARTS**

ANNC: "The change to March perhaps a different outlook for DJ."

**PLAYING COMPETITORS JON RAHM AND SERGIO GARCIA ALSO KEEP THEIR SCORECARDS CLEAN TO MAKE THE TURN AT 3-UNDER**

ANNC: "These guys are great but its also those soft greens."

**JUSTIN THOMAS OPENS WITH 3 STRAIGHT BIRDIES, AS HE PLAYS BESIDE THE REIGNING FEDEXCUP CHAMPION - WHILE PHIL MICKELSON AND RORY MCILROY ROUND OUT THE 1ST WAVE OF FEATURE GROUPS**

ANNC: "McIlroy's 10th time here, share of 6th his best so far."

RORY SOT: "It's a new tournament. It's a new opportunity. That's the nice thing about our game and it's nice to take advantage of that luxury."

**BUT AS THE SEASONED PLAYERS DRAW ON PAST EXPERIENCES, A NEW BATCH OF FACES MAKE THEIR 1ST APPEARANCE AT THE PLAYERS…** [Return to index of stories...](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cskyler%5CDesktop%5Cx2019%20The%20Players%20Official%20Film.HTM#StoryIndex)

**First Timers Feature**

CHAMP SOT: "I've always dreamed of, I mean just watching on TV over all the years, the iconic players that have won that event, just to be in that field and play in it would be awesome."

**COMPETING AGAINST THE BEST FIELD IN GOLF, 22 PLAYERS LOOK TO CAPITALIZE AT THE ICONIC VENUE**

SAUNDERS SOT: "It's gonna be really important to kind of set yourself up for the Summer and for me especially being a guy from Florida a tournament that I should succeed in."

**5 FIRST TIMERS EARNED THE START WITH BREAKTHROUGH VICTORIES OVER THE PAST YEAR, INCLUDING 3 ROOKIES WHO HAVE BURST ONTO THE SCENE…**

NAT CHEERS

**…WHILE JOEL DAHMEN MAKES HIS DEBUT IN HIS 3RD SEASON ON TOUR**

DAHMEN SOT: "I've been watching it obviously on TV for 20 something years now the atmosphere's supposed to be great so kinda looking forward to that." [Return to index of stories...](file:///C%3A%5C%5CUsers%5C%5Cskyler%5C%5CDesktop%5C%5Cx2019%20The%20Players%20Official%20Film.HTM%22%20%5Cl%20%22StoryIndex)

**Joel Dahmen Feature**

**AND HIS EASY-GOING RELATIONSHIP WITH CADDIE GENO BONNALIE HAS BEEN KEY TO HIS JOURNEY THUS FAR…**

DAHMEN NAT: "Hey Geno what do we do here. Oh, sorry we're playing golf?”

DAHMEN SOT: "We're brothers. We've known each other for 15, 18 years now, maybe. And I don't know, we're just brothers that bicker back and forth. And we have a lot of fun, and inside jokes, and it makes life out here a lot more fun.”

GENO BONNALIE SOT: "This is one you look forward to from the minute we finish in the top 125 from the previous year. It's one we're really excited about. Joel himself is just the best guy you can ever work for. This is my fifth season with Joel, and I couldn't imagine any other way."

DAHMEN SOT: "It's just nice to have somebody who cares about me more than my golf game. If I didn't play golf, he'd still love me the same, and we'd still have a great relationship. So, it's really fun to be on this ride with him."

**AS THE DUO PREPARES FOR THE WEEK, THEY ADD A TWIST ON WEDNESDAY'S CADDIE COMPETITION AT THE 17TH HOLE…**

DAHMEN NAT: "The hottest chip in the world. The one chip challenge. My friend here Geno 3 putted the last hole. Worst mistake I've made in my entire life. This is a Carolina reaper, there's a lot of warnings on this."

GENO NAT: "I don't even wanna look at it. Inside of this is one deadly tortilla chip. One bite causes instant death."

DAHMEN NAT: "How's your life insurance?"

GENO NAT: "1, 2, 3."

DAHMEN NAT: "We gotta make sure this is chewed up bud."

GENO NAT: " I'm shaking. I will just get outta my way. Oh boy here we go. Oh I'm shaking. Oh he shanked it. Sunday pin! Tiger Woods 94."

GENO NAT: "Throw me the lemon! Where is it? Which parts the hottest? The part that's hot."

DAHMEN NAT: "The best part is this isn't going away any time soon."

GENO NAT: "There's a Tums in the bag."

DAHMEN NAT: "You want a Tums? Geno is a man of his word, held up to his end of the bargain."

GENO NAT: "I learned that no matter what I can hit a ball on a green from 137 under any conditions."

DAHMEN NAT: "We'll catch you guys on the next crazy thing Geno and Joel do. Cheers."

**WELL EQUIPPED FOR THE TEST AHEAD, THE TWO TEE IT UP WITH CONFIDENCE IN THEIR 1ST PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP TOGETHER**

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**Thursday Afternoon Action**

DAHMEN SOT: "We had a lot of talk today about the ole chip challenge and how he's feeling out there. He's holding up pretty well 24 hours after the fact."

**…AND THE PAIR'S RELAXED APPROACH PAYS OFF, AS DAHMEN FIRES A 3-UNDER 69 WITH GENO ON THE BAG**

DAHMEN SOT: "I wanted to get mad early on. He kept me light early. If I keep playing well it'll be a fun day tomorrow."

ANNC: "All the big names are out there on the board already, and some big ones to come."

**TIGER WOODS TEES IT UP IN HIS 19TH APPEARANCE AT THE EVENT, AS HE LOOKS TO ADD A 3RD PLAYERS TITLE TO HIS RESUME**

ANNC: "Tiger the two-time winner. March and in May."

**BUT HE GETS OFF TO A SLOW START, OFFSETTING AN EARLY BOGEY WITH A LONE BIRDIE TO TURN IN EVEN PAR**

TIGER SOT: "I hit some bad shots early, rectified that, made a few adjustments, and then went about my business." [Return to index of stories...](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cskyler%5CDesktop%5Cx2019%20The%20Players%20Official%20Film.HTM#StoryIndex)

**Cheyenne Woods (w Dude Perfect and Josh Lambo)**

**FOLLOWING ALONGSIDE IN HIS OPENING ROUND IS TIGER'S NEICE, AND LPGA STAR, CHEYENNE WOODS…**

CHEYENNE WOODS NAT: "Oh there we go! Awesome."

**…WHO IS JOINED BY THE MEMBERS OF YOUTUBE'S 'DUDE PERFECT'**

DUDE PERFECT SOT: "This is was our first time coming out to Sawgrass. It was awesome we got to follow around Tiger. Unbelievable how many people are out there following him unlike any other sporting event."

**WOODS AND THE TRICK SHOT ARTISTS CHALLENGE JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS KICKER JOSH LAMBO AT THE INTERACTIVE 17TH CHALLENGE…**

DUDE PERFECT NATS: "You've got the Dude Perfect guys joined by the beautiful Cheyenne Woods and the not-so-beautiful Josh Lambo, getting ready to have a friendly competition."

**…AND AS FAR AS A WINNER…**

JOSH LAMBO NAT CHEERS: “Josh Lambo!”

**…THE NFL KICKER BESTS HIS COMPETITION BEFORE HEADING OUT TO THE COURSE TO FOLLOW YET ANOTHER MARQUEE GROUP**

LAMBO REAX CLAPS: [0:51] “[CLAPS] Go on! Wow!”

JOSH LAMBO WATCHES TEE SHOTS: [1:35] “What a grouping. Spieth, Koepka, Fowler.”

JOSH LAMBO CLAPS FOR RICKIE NAT: “Yes Rickie. [CLAPS]”

**DESPITE LAMBO’S CHEERS, RICKIE FOWLER, BROOKS KOEPKA, AND JORDAN SPIETH QUICKLY BECOME NON-FACTORS, AS THEY EACH FAIL TO BREAK PAR IN THE OPENING ROUND**

**WHILE A FEW GROUPS AHEAD, TIGER RALLIES ON THE BACK, POURING IN 5 BIRDIES TO END THE DAY 2-UNDER**

TIGER SOT: "I felt like I could have got something in the 60s today there's nine holes on the back nine, made one par. All the low rounds seemed like were predominantly in the morning. Hopefully we post a low number."

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**Thursday Closing Action**

**BUT HE TRAILS BY 5 STROKES TO CO-LEADER TOMMY FLEETOOD, WHO TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THE FAVORABLE MORNING CONDITIONS**

ANNC: "This man's on top, 65 for Tommy Fleetwood."

FLEETWOOD SOT: "I've done a good job keeping myself in it, and it's a great spot to move on from here. If I was going to pick a start, that would be it."

ANNC: "So the big names in the morning groups finishing up."

**9 OF THE 12 PLAYERS IN THE EARLY FEATURE GROUPS FINISH UNDER PAR, AS DJ AND THE PAIR OF SPANIARDS POST 3-UNDER**

ANNC: "Just count on 'em to make it to the weekend and be a factor in some way."

**WITH COSTLY MISTAKES ON HIS 2ND NINE, MICKELSON SHOOTS 2-OVER ON THE DAY, AS DOES JUSTIN ROSE - WHILE THE OTHER JUSTIN COOLS DOWN LATE AND POSTS A 2-UNDER 70**

ANNC: "Doubled the 6th, bogeyed the 8th, but got it back under par for the day."

**BUT MCILROY CONTINUES HIS HOT START, FINISHING WITH A BOGEY-FREE 67**

ANNC: "Just pieced together an exceptional round of golf today not a blemish on the card thus far."

RORY SOT: "I'm comfortable in my game. I'm doing everything well. I'm driving it pretty well. My iron play for the most part is pretty good. I definitely like the golf course the way it is in March." [Return to index of stories...](file:///C%3A%5C%5CUsers%5C%5Cskyler%5C%5CDesktop%5C%5Cx2019%20The%20Players%20Official%20Film.HTM%22%20%5Cl%20%22StoryIndex)

**Round 1 Leaderboard**

**THE NEW CONDITIONS PROVE FAVORABLE FOR MCILROY WHO SITS TIED FOR 5TH, 2 STROKES BEHIND KEEGAN BRADLEY WHO JOINS FLEETWOOD AT THE TOP, WHILE 3 FIRST TIMERS FIND THEMSELVES WITHIN 4 STROKES OF THE LEAD.** [Return to index of stories...](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cskyler%5CDesktop%5Cx2019%20The%20Players%20Official%20Film.HTM#StoryIndex)

**New Music Inbump**

DAVID PICCOLO SOT: “When you work for this great championship, you know what it's personality is. So when I heard this piece of music it was an instant connection for me."

**THIS YEAR’S REVAMPED THEME MUSIC WILL CARRY ON THE TRADITIONS AT THE PLAYERS FOR YEARS TO COME**

JOEL BECKERMAN SOT: "It was, you know, really an amazing opportunity to really kind of take this classic event and be able to figure out/ how are we going to find a theme bring PGA TOUR to the new audiences that are loving golf."

DAVID PICCOLO SOT: "We wanted something that was uniquely ownable in this space by us. And we also wanted something that was going to praise the tournament and the golf season kicking off with this great championship."

JOEL BECKERMAN SOT: "This theme is completely new. And there's kind of like a really cool groove to it, actually it was perfect in terms of really grabbing the spirit and sort of the youthful energy of where the PGA TOUR is going."

DAVID PICCOLO SOT: "This track has all of the big sports moments that you would expect in a great sporting theme, but it also has a lot of this warmth and character and it just really fits our tournament so well."

**AND THE BEST FIELD IN GOLF APPROVES OF THE NEW ANTHEM FOR THEIR CHAMPIONSHIP**

LANDRY SOT: "I like that."

KAYMER SOT: "You can hear the excitement.”

VARNER SOT: "It's pretty good, it actually makes me want to turn on the TV and watch golf."

**Friday Setup**

ANNC: "First on the tee, Tiger Woods!"

**ENTERING FRIDAY 5 STROKES OFF THE LEAD, TIGER WOODS COMES OUT FIRING – RACKING UP 3 BIRDIES THROUGH HIS FIRST 7 HOLES**

ANNC: "And, Tiger rolls true!"

**BUT THE TIGER ROARS DON'T PHASE TOMMY FLEETWOOD WHO TAKES THE SOLO LEAD EARLY WITH A BIRDIE, EAGLE, BIRDIE START**

FLEETWOOD ANNC: "Just showing off now he's just showing off! Double figures."

FLEETWOOD SOT: "I had the absolute dream start. Even then I felt very calm, felt really good."

**WHILE RORY MCILROY REMAINS EVEN THROUGH HIS FIRST 7 HOLES AFTER BOUNCING BACK FROM AN OPENING BOGEY**

RORY SOT: "I hit driver off the first and I put myself out of position a little bit and made bogey there. But stayed calm, made a birdie at the second, made some pars on tough holes on the front nine."

ANNC: "Rory could really make a move here with some quality golf." [Return to index of stories...](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cskyler%5CDesktop%5Cx2019%20The%20Players%20Official%20Film.HTM#StoryIndex)

**Rory and Fleetwood Early Week**

**BUT BEFORE TEEING IT UP, THE PAIR OF EUROPEAN STARS SPENT MONDAY IN FRONT OF A DIFFERENT CROWD…**

FLEETWOOD NAT: "Hey guys, how are you? You all good? Good to see you guys, hey."

**INSIDE THE KIDS ZONE AT TPC SAWGRASS, BOTH PLAYERS SPOKE TO OVER 100 STUDENTS OF THE FIRST TEE AND PGA JUNIOR LEAGUE…**

NAT: Thank you! Thank you!

**…BEFORE HEADING OUT TO THE 17TH HOLE CHALLENGE PRESENTED BY OPTUM, MORGAN STANLEY AND GRANT THORNTON**

RORY NAT: "I'm glad I'm getting to do this."

FLEETWOODNAT: "I wish this was the 17th."

RORY NAT: “Do you know how to hit a 35 yard shot? Do you know how hard you have to hit it?”

FLEETWOOD NAT: “No its all feel.”

**AFTER THE DUO ATTACKED THE PIN AT THE MINI ISLAND GREEN, SEVERAL KIDS GOT THE CHANCE TO SWING UNDER THE WATCHFUL GAZE OF THE PGA TOUR PROS**

RORY NAT: “Oh yeah! There ya go! Nice! Keep going"

FLEETWOOD NAT: "Don't listen to the caddy. There ya go! Good shot. That was perfect." [Return to index of stories...](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cskyler%5CDesktop%5Cx2019%20The%20Players%20Official%20Film.HTM#StoryIndex)

**Friday Action**

**WITH HIS SHORT GAME IN CHECK, FLEETWOOD MOVES TO 12-UNDER WITH BIRDIES ON 2 OF HIS 1ST 3 HOLES TO START THE BACK**

ANNC: "He's on the move in his 3rd ever start at the PLAYERS."

**WHILE A FEW GROUPS BEHIND HIM, MCILROY CARDS BACK-TO-BACK BIRDIES TO CAP OFF HIS FRONT 9…**

ANNC: "McIlroy at minus 7"

RORY SOT: "Once I got the birdie to go in on the eighth hole, it started a really nice run of golf."

**BUT SOME OTHER BIG NAMES FROM THE FEATURE GROUPS LOOK TO MAKE MOVES AS THE CUT LINE LINGERS AT 1-UNDER PAR – AND BOTH JUSTINS MAKE THE TURN RIGHT ON THE NUMBER**

ANNC: "Really need to get something going for Justin Rose to be a part of the weekend."

**DUSTIN JOHNSON OPENS HIS ROUND WITH 2 BIRDIES, AS HE AND THE PAIR OF SPANIARDS COMBINE FOR 9 TOTAL ON THE FRONT – WHILE 2008 PLAYERS CHAMPION SERGIO GARCIA DRAWS ON A MEMORABLE MOMENT FROM EARLIER IN THE WEEK…**

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**Sergio Garcia Proposal**

BAXLEY SOT: "My heart's probably beating at 180 bpm, I'm just nervous as all get out."

NATS: "Yeah, good shot Sergio."

NATS: "They're right behind the palm tree over there on the right."

NATS: "Hey, this is your family?" "This is my family, yes." "How are you guys? Sergio, nice to meet you." "Emma." "Nice to meet you." "This is Katy." "How are you? Hello, how are you? You mind if I steal her?"

GARCIA SOT: "I was fine throughout the whole day, once we got to 17 and you know things are happening, I did get a little bit nervous but excited at the same time."

NATS: "Well, we have a little surprise for you." "A surprise?" "Yeah, yeah just a little one." "Thank you sir, I really appreciate the help." "Congratulations." "Oh my God thank you." "Emma. I love you, and I can't wait to spend the rest of my life with you. Emma will you marry me?"

NATS: "I'm crying." "I really appreciate all the help, seriously. Thank you." "Congrats."

EMMA AND RICARDO: "I'm just shocked, and surprised, and I'm so happy."

NATS: "I forgot one more little surprise." "Oh my gosh, thank you!"

GARCIA SOT: "To be able to make someone so happy, we're lucky we are able to do that week in and week out very thankful to be able to help out."

**CARRYING THE GOOD WISHES FOR THE ENGAGED COUPLE WITH HIM, GARCIA HEADS INTO THE WEEKEND SITTING IN A TIE FOR 20TH, 7 SHOTS BACK FROM THE LEADER…** [Return to index of stories...](file:///C%3A%5C%5CUsers%5C%5Cskyler%5C%5CDesktop%5C%5Cx2019%20The%20Players%20Official%20Film.HTM%22%20%5Cl%20%22StoryIndex)

**Friday Afternoon Action**

ANNC: "65, 67 for Fleetwood to 12 under, up by 2. Pretty good statement the first couple of days for Tommy. Looking to break through, this would be a big one."

**STILL IN SEARCH OF HIS 1ST PGA TOUR VICTORY, THE ENGLISHMAN HOLDS HIS 4TH CAREER 36-HOLE LEAD**

FLEETWOOD SOT: "Golf is a tough game. Tournaments are long. It's hard to keep it going for four days. 72 holes is a lot of holes. But just keep it going. I'm playing well."

**BUT MCILROY CATCHES FIRE WITH HIS PUTTER AS THE DAY PROGRESSES**

ANNC: "Wow, there we go. Rory heating up. That's 4 birdies in his last 5 holes putting him back in position he's been so many times this season."

**AN EAGLE AT 16 AND A BIRDIE AT 17 PROPEL HIM TO THE A SHARE OF THE LEAD HEADING INTO THE WEEKEND…**

ANNC: "Here comes Rory!"

RORY SOT: "Winning is a byproduct of doing all the right things - hopefully I do end up with the trophy on Sunday."

**WHILE FEW FROM THE FEATURE GROUPS JUMP UP THE LEADERBOARD ON FRIDAY, OTHERS STRUGGLE TO MAKE A MOVE**

ANNC: "Not what he needed to make it to the weekend."

**AFTER AN EARLY SURGE, TIGER STEPS TO THE TEE AT THE 17TH JUST 2 STROKES BACK…**

ANNC: " This one's a bit left. Easy now."

**BUT HE FINDS TROUBLE AT THE ISLAND GREEN, WHICH BEARS A SPECIAL TRIBUTE THIS WEEK…**

ANNC: "Alice Dye being remembered throughout this week at 17."

**HONORING "THE FIRST LADY" OF GOLF ARCHITECTURE, THE PLAYERS PAYS HOMAGE TO ALICE DYE AT THE DRAMATIC PAR-3 SHE AND HER HUSBAND, PETE DYE, DREW UP YEARS AGO – A CRITICAL TEST, EVEN FOR THE 2-TIME CHAMPION…**

ANNC: "Watch out! Try to take some deep breaths. Minimize the damage if you can. This is coming in shorter. Woods now on the green in 5. Wow, even the best."

ANNC: "That's a quadruple bogey 7 for Woods and he falls back to minus 1"

**AFTER THE COSTLY BLEMISH, TIGER BOUNCES BACK WITH A PAIR OF BIRDIES ON HIS 2ND NINE TO ENTER THE WEEKEND 9 STROKES OFF THE PACE AT 3-UNDER**

ANNC: "He is indeed still in it."

TIGER SOT: "I just need to go out there and put it together this weekend, because right now literally anybody who makes the cut has got a chance to win this tournament."

**CUTTING IT CLOSE, JUSTIN THOMAS AND BUBBA WATSON SNEAK INTO THE WEEKEND AT 1-UNDER**

ANNC: “Remember the cut line. Okay.”

**JASON DAY JUMPS UP THE LEADERBOARD WITH AN IMPRESSIVE ROUND OF 66, AS DOES FEDEXCUP CHAMPION JUSTIN ROSE**

**JOHNSON AND RAHM BOTH SHOOT 68 TO MOVE INTO A TIE FOR 10TH AT 7-UNDER, WHILE PONTE VEDRA BEACH LOCAL JIM FURYK SHOOTS THE LOW ROUND OF THE DAY**

FURYK ANNC: "Impressive day. 13 of 14 fairways. 15 greens he hit. 64. A man who knows this place most bogey free rounds here on the PGA Tour." [Return to index of stories...](file:///C%3A%5C%5CUsers%5C%5Cskyler%5C%5CDesktop%5C%5Cx2019%20The%20Players%20Official%20Film.HTM%22%20%5Cl%20%22StoryIndex)

**Round 2 Leaderboard**

**FURYK SITS 3-STROKES BACK IN A TIE FOR 3RD AT DAY'S END, AS DOES 1ST TIMER ABRAHAM ANCER, AND WHILE ALL TRAIL FLEETWOOD AND MCILROY, PLENTY ARE WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE AS MOVING DAY AWAITS** [Return to index of stories...](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cskyler%5CDesktop%5Cx2019%20The%20Players%20Official%20Film.HTM#StoryIndex)

**Early Week Feature**

NATS: "Ladies and gentlemen, representing all the branches of the military, thank you so much for your service."

**EXCITEMENT BEGINS EARLY IN THE WEEK, WITH A MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY PERFORMANCE BY JON PARDI – WHO CHALLENGES DUDE PERFECT TO A PAR 3 CONTEST ON THE ICONIC 17TH…AND THE PLAYERS SHOWED ITS SUPPORT FOR VETERANS**

NATS: "It's my pleasure to tell you that the players and the PGA Tour are donating 25,000 to your charity. Thank you everyone!"

**THE PGA TOUR WIVES ASSOCIATION ALSO HELPS MAKE A CHARITABLE IMPACT BEFORE PLAY BEGINS.**

FURYK NAT: "Ya'll having fun?"

TABITHA FURYK SOT: "There's always a charity event at every stop and so being able to create this many years ago for wives to come and interact is really an amazing thing."

LINCICOME NATS: "Okay we're ready."

**WHILE LPGA STAR BRITTANY LINCICOME SPENDS SOME TIME WITH KIDS FROM THE FIRST TEE.**

LINCICOME NATS: " I love golf and I love seeing all of you guys involved in the game of golf, you guys are the future of golf."

**AND THE 1ST TIMERS AT THE PLAYERS HAVE SOME FUN CHALLENGING EACHOTHER TO THE WHISPER GAME.**

LONG NATS: "Bryson DeChambeau. I only get one guess at this?"

UIHLEIN NATS: "Knee high drop."

UIHLEIN NATS: "Haotong Li? I don't know are we guessing all the other players?"

LONG NATS: "Tar heels. Tar heels. I can't say that word. Blue Devils."

BURGOON NATS: "Kiradech Aphibarnrat. Kiradech Alphabarnrat I played him last week."

DAHMEN NATS: "Enchiladas. Slugs?"

WISE NATS: "Aaron Wise. Aaron Wise I got that one."

LONG NATS: "Sounds like you're saying will you marry me? Why would you say that? Cuz that's what they're telling me to say." [Return to index of stories...](file:///C%3A%5C%5CUsers%5C%5Cskyler%5C%5CDesktop%5C%5Cx2019%20The%20Players%20Official%20Film.HTM%22%20%5Cl%20%22StoryIndex)

**Saturday Set Up**

**WITH THE EARLY WEEK'S ANTICS BEHIND THEM, EVERY PLAYER TRAILING THE LEADERS ON SATURDAY NEEDS TO CLIMB UP THE LEADERBOARD.**

ANNC: "Day 3 of the PLAYERS can somebody make a big move they're chasing Fleetwood and McIlroy."

**THE DOOR OPENS EARLY, AS BOTH LEADERS COMBINE FOR 4 BOGEYS AND A DOUBLE ON THE FRONT 9…**

ANNC: "What a disastrous start."

**…AS TIGER WOODS ALSO FALTERS EARLY WITH 3 BOGEYS OF HIS OWN**

ANNC: "A disappointing week so far."

**WHILE BIG NAMES STRUGGLE EARLY ON, SOME OF THE NEW FACES REMAIN OPTIMISTIC**

ANNC: "Dahmen 31 years old still looking for his first win in his 3rd year on the PGA Tour and a great week so far in his Players Championship debut."

**JOEL DAHMEN ENTERS THE WEEKEND 8 STROKES BACK, AS DOES HIS PLAYING COMPETITOR EDDIE PEPPERELL…**

ANNC: "The young Englishman making his first Players."

**THE PAIR JOIN 8 FIRST TIMERS WHO MAKE THE CUT IN THEIR PLAYERS DEBUT…**

ANNC: "Abraham Ancer really does look impressive. [Return to index of stories...](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cskyler%5CDesktop%5Cx2019%20The%20Players%20Official%20Film.HTM#StoryIndex)

**Abraham Ancer Feature?**

**…INCLUDING MEXICO'S LONE REPRESENTATIVE IN THE FIELD, ABRAHAM ANCER…**

NATS: “These are cuff link commemorating your first of many players championships. Thank you so much. Beautiful. You've had a great / year, last nine months, been pretty special for you so keep it running. Good to see you."

**AFTER CLOSING OUT HIS 2017-18 CAMPAIGN WITH A CAREER BEST 5 TOP-10's, ANCER FINISHED TOP-5 IN 2 OF HIS FIRST 3 STARTS IN THE FALL…**

ANCER SOT: "I had a really good end of the year last year and also on the wrap around season of the PGA Tour. I had a really solid start of the season. Probably put three rounds together but not four."

ANNC: "Abraham Ancer leads by 1 with one more round to go."

**…BUT AFTER FAILING TO CONVERT TWO 54-HOLE LEADS A SEASON AGO, HE'S STRUGGLED TO PUT TOGETHER THE FINAL PIECES OF WHAT WOULD BE HIS 1ST CAREER PGA TOUR VICTORY**

ANNC: "Still the disappointment on his face."

ANCER SOT: "Those were some tough Sundays. I played good all week and just a couple of mental mistakes here and there that just kinda derail your round. I was just putting maybe a little bit too much pressure."

**ENTERING SATURDAY 3 STROKES BACK, ANCER CALLS ON THOSE PAST EXPERIENCES…**

ANCER SOT: "I feel a lot more comfortable even in bigger events like this so I think just being in that position multiple times is what helped me the most."

ANNC: "There's a lot of people out here that thought he wouldn't be able to handle this pressure today on the weekend."

**AND THE 1ST TIMER FIRES HIS 3RD STRAIGHT UNDER-PAR ROUND TO CLAIM SOLO 5TH HEADING INTO SUNDAY - THE HIGHEST POSITION BY A LATIN PLAYER THROUGH 3 ROUNDS IN TOURNAMENT HISTORY…**

ANNC: "He's in within reach."

ANCER SOT: "Getting to a good start for me, I think, it's key for a good Sunday. Keep getting some looks for birdie and should be a good round."

**…AND AS HE FINDS HIMSELF IN CONTENTION YET AGAIN, ANCER LOOKS TO BECOME THE 1ST MEXICAN WINNER ON TOUR IN OVER 40 YEARS**

ANCER SOT: "It will mean the world to me Mexican golf, I think, it's taken off a little bit getting a win, I think, it'll help that cause and I'm working hard towards that." [Return to index of stories...](file:///C%3A%5C%5CUsers%5C%5Cskyler%5C%5CDesktop%5C%5Cx2019%20The%20Players%20Official%20Film.HTM%22%20%5Cl%20%22StoryIndex)

**Jon Rahm Flashback to 2017**

**ALSO CLAIMING HIS 3RD STRAIGHT ROUNDS UNDER PAR, JON RAHM CLIMBS UP THE LEADERBOARD WITH THE LOW ROUND OF THE DAY**

ANNC: "Jon Rahm another one of those trying to make a charge."

RAHM SOT: "It was one of those days. Really really confident with my irons. Every time I stepped up I felt like I was going to hit a good shot.”

**JON RAHM'S 8-UNDER 64 IS A COMPLETE TURNAROUND FROM HIS 3RD ROUND PERFORMANCE IN HIS 1ST PLAYERS APPEARANCE, WHERE HE ENTERED THE DAY TIED FOR 10TH**

ANNC: "This is going to be the highest score that Jon Rahm has ever recorded on the PGA TOUR as he is currently at plus-10."

RAHM SOT: "Towards the end I feel like my body just wasn't responding and it's something that hasn't happened in a while and tried to keep the mindset but it just wasn't happening."

**THIS YEAR, RAHM'S FIELD-LEADING 6 STROKES GAINED: TEE-TO-GREEN ON SATURDAY MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE, AN IMPROVEMENT HE CREDITS TO A RENEWED MINDSET**

RAHM SOT: "Last year was a year of personal growth I definitely feel a difference in myself, and it's been great to feel that pride of all the work that I've done to get to this point."

**AND THE REINVIGORATED RAHM LOOKS TO JOIN SERGIO GARCIA AS THE ONLY SPANIARDS TO BE NAMED PLAYERS CHAMPION**

GARCIA SOT: "How many great players not only from the US but from all over the world are out there that week for the players and it just elevates the tournament to a even higher level."

RAHM SOT: "It's definitely one of those events that they consider to get you in the Hall of Fame. It's career defining so it would be an incredible win if I get to do it." [Return to index of stories...](file:///C%3A%5C%5CUsers%5C%5Cskyler%5C%5CDesktop%5C%5Cx2019%20The%20Players%20Official%20Film.HTM%22%20%5Cl%20%22StoryIndex)

**Saturday Afternoon Action**

**AS RAHM TAKES THE CLUBHOUSE LEAD AT 15-UNDER, HIS FELLOW COUNTRYMAN FALLS OUT OF CONTENTION – WHILE 2016 PLAYERS CHAMPION JASON DAY MAKES A PUSH TO FINISH HIS ROUND 3 OFF THE PACE**

DAY SOT: "There's a lot of factors that go into tomorrow's round in regards to how low you have to shoot. So you just got to go out there and trust in what you're doing."

**DESPITE MATCHING THE AUSSIE'S 4-UNDER 68, JUSTIN ROSE LEAVES HIMSELF TOO LARGE OF A DEFECIT ENTERING SUNDAY – BUT PLENTY OF OTHERS MAKE A CHARGE ON MOVING DAY…**

ANNC: "Dustin Johnson to 10 under. He's officially lurking he's always lurking."

**DJ'S 3RD CONSECUTIVE SUB 70 ROUND PUTS HIM WITHIN 5 HEADING INTO THE FINAL ROUND**

JOHNSON SOT: "If I can drive it in the fairway and hit some good shots then you never know what can happen. I'm still right there in it, I need to come out and play a good round tomorrow."

**JOINING HIM AT 10 UNDER IS BRANDT SNEDEKER AND OLLIE SCHNEIDERJANS, AFTER IMPRESSIVE ROUNDS OF 65 MOVE THEM UP 33 SPOTS INTO A TIE FOR 6TH**

OLLIE SOT: "I'm just trying to work real hard on my game and get better everyday and I felt I've been playing really well this week made some great putts and was able to get the score low."

**ALSO JOINING THE 10 UNDER GROUP IS 17-TIME PGA TOUR WINNER JIM FURYK, WHO COOLS OFF SATURDAY WITH A 71 AFTER HIS LOW FRIDAY ROUND OF 64**

FURYK SOT: "I did a lot right today I hit a lot of good shots, I wish it would've added to a little bit better and I would have got a little closer to the lead but it was a good solid round of golf and still leaves me in striking distance tomorrow."

**WHILE OTHER BIG NAMES FALL OUT OF CONTENTION, TIGER FIGHTS BACK WITH 3 BIRDIES ON HIS 2ND NINE, WITH THE MOST MEMORABLE COMING AT 17**

TIGER SOT: "I hit a good shot in there this time, threw it up there and held it against the wind, and was able to have a little fun with Kevin there. He almost picked the ball out of the hole before it even got there. I had pretty much a kick in so I tried to emulate him the best I possibly could. Meanwhile still trying to make the putt. Gotta make the putt first so we had a good laugh about it.”

**IN THE FINAL GROUP, FLEETWOOD RALLIES WITH 4 BIRDIES ON THE BACK, TO EARN A SPOT IN THE FINAL PAIRING ON SUNDAY FOR THE 1ST TIME IN HIS CAREER**

ANNC: "Still hasn't won on the PGA TOUR, a win here would vault him."

**WHILE HIS PLAYING COMPETITOR ALSO BOUNCES BACK TO SHOOT 2-UNDER DESPITE HITTING JUST 4 OF 14 FAIRWAYS**

RORY SOT: "I thought after the start today that to play the last 16 holes in 4-under par with no bogeys was a good effort. I'm still right there going into tomorrow."

**AND AS HE SITS JUST 1 STROKE BEHIND RAHM, THE 54-HOLE LEADER IS FAMILIAR WITH MCILROYS CAPABILITIES PLAYING FROM BEHIND…**

RAHM SOT: "It's Rory McIlroy. He's going to come out wanting to do it, especially being THE PLAYERS Championship, an event where you need to play really good. Everything in your game needs to be absolutely perfect to be able to win it." [Return to index of stories...](file:///C%3A%5C%5CUsers%5C%5Cskyler%5C%5CDesktop%5C%5Cx2019%20The%20Players%20Official%20Film.HTM%22%20%5Cl%20%22StoryIndex)

**Round 3 Leaderboard**

**WITH A JAM-PACKED LEADERBOARD, CLAIMING THE TITLE OF PLAYERS CHAMPION WILL COME DOWN TO A TIGHT SUNDAY FINISH**

ANNC: "Who knows what to expect for the final round except drama." [Return to index of stories...](file:///C%3A%5C%5CUsers%5C%5Cskyler%5C%5CDesktop%5C%5Cx2019%20The%20Players%20Official%20Film.HTM%22%20%5Cl%20%22StoryIndex)

**Making of New Trophy Inbump**

DAVID PICCOLO SOT: "When the opportunity to redesign the trophy was put in front of us we were really excited. What better way to celebrate this great tournament than using our logo to commemorate the champion with this great trophy and seeing it come to life has been really exciting."

ANNC: "Who is going to be the first to lift it a new trophy that embodies the very faces of its champions?"

SIMPSON SOT: "It's beautiful. It's really cool how they took part of each player and incorporated them into the golfer on 17 green, and the attention to detail is amazing. They did a really good job and it makes me wanna win that much more."

DAY SOT: "That's the neat part about it because of the amazing champions that have been here before and played well and won here. There's so many great names associated with this trophy. I would like to own one. That's the goal."

TIGER SOT: "I have two crystal ones at home. This would be nice to add to it."

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**Sunday Early Action**

**THE 2-TIME WINNER PROVIDES EXCITEMENT EARLY ON SUNDAY…**

ANNC RED SHIRT: “Does that red shirt give him just a little bit of extra magic?”

**…BUT THE 12-STROKE DEFICIT PROVES TOO LARGE TO OVERCOME, AS HE FINISHES IN A TIE FOR 30TH – BUT THE COVETED PRIZE IS STILL WITHIN REACH FOR THOSE AT THE TOP**

ANNC: "A lot of big names want to get their hands on that brand-new trophy."

**AND ADDING TO THE DRAMA, FLORIDA'S UNPREDICTABLE MARCH WEATHER SAVES ITS TOUGHEST TEST FOR THE FINAL ROUND**

ANNC: "After the morning rains we're left with an overcast and breezy championship Sunday afternoon."

**ENTERING WITH HIS 1ST CAREER 54-HOLE LEAD, JON RAHM FACES HIS OWN OBSTACLES AS THE FRONTRUNNER**

ANNC: "So tough to hang on here only 4 of the last 12 54-hole leaders have been able to close."

**WHILE TOMMY FLEETWOOD TEES IT UP BESIDE HIM IN HIS 1ST CAREER FINAL GROUP PAIRING ON SUNDAY – BUT BOTH FALL VICTIM TO PRESSURE**

ANNC: "That's been the theme of these contenders, struggling early."

**WHILE IN THE GROUP AHEAD, JASON DAY AND RORY MCILROY ALSO STUMBLE OUT OF THE GATE**

MCILROY SOT: "I knew today was going to be difficult just by looking at the forecast. But the good thing is it wasn't just difficult for me, it was difficult for everyone else."

ANNC: "McIlroy, Day, Rahm, and Fleetwood a combined 6-over-par."

**THE STRUGGLES AT THE TOP OF THE LEADERBOARD OPEN THE DOOR FOR OTHERS MAKING A SUNDAY CHARGE…**

ANNC: "Some of these guys that were starting the day 4 or 5 shots back have a better chance than we thought initially."

**…INCLUDING DUSTIN JOHNSON, WHO OPENS WITH BACK-TO-BACK BIRDIES**

ANNC: "Dustin Johnson off to a hot start."

**AND AS HE CLOSES IN ON HIS BEST FINISH IN 11 TRIES AT TPC SAWGRASS, ABRAHAM ANCER SHOWS VETERAN-LIKE POISE IN HIS 1ST**

ANNC: "Abraham Ancer will not go away."

**THE PRIDE OF MEXICO TAKES A SHARE OF THE LEAD AT 13-UNDER, AS DOES HIS PLAYING COMPETITOR, OLLIE SCHNEIDERJANS**

ANNC: "So the young guys trying to make their mark at THE PLAYERS Championship."

**BUT WHILE YOUTH HIGHLIGHTS A STACKED LEADERBOARD, JIM FURYK LOOKS TO BECOME THE OLDEST PLAYERS CHAMPION AT 48 YEARS OLD**

ANNC: "1 of the last players in the field what a story this could be."

FURYK SOT: "I wasn't even sure if I was going to be in the field, so found out kind of late Sunday that I was definitely in, last guy in the field. That's the way I treated the whole week, really just an opportunity."

ANNC: "Gonna be a shootout here on this Sunday."

**AS MANY AS 6 PLAYERS OWN AT LEAST A SHARE OF THE LEAD BEFORE THE FINAL GROUP MAKES THE TURN – AS RAHM RECOVERS FROM HIS SHAKY START**

ANNC: "Began the day with a 1-shot lead, gave 3 back in the 1st 4 holes but there he is with the lead at THE PLAYERS."

**WHILE MCILROY FIGHTS BACK FROM AN EARLY DOUBLE BOGEY TO CLOSE OUT HIS FRONT JUST 1-STROKE BACK**

ANNC: "Gets one there. Rory 1-over 37 on the first nine."

**BUT AFTER FAILING TO CONVERT A FINAL ROUND LEAD A WEEK AGO, THE 14-TIME PGA TOUR WINNER USES HIS RECENT SUNDAY SHORTCOMINGS AS FUEL…**

MCILROY SOT: "All the experiences I've had over the last few weeks in terms of trying to win and not getting over the line definitely helped me today." [Return to index of stories...](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cskyler%5CDesktop%5Cx2019%20The%20Players%20Official%20Film.HTM#StoryIndex)

**Rory Feature**

ANNC: “What do you make of Rory at this point? Sunday has been his worst day of the week. Its kind of his achilles heal.”

MCILROYS SOT: “Even with some noise around me, whether it is, he can't close, he can't play on Sundays, blah, blah, blah.”

ANNC: “Sunday's been tough? Looking for that first win of the season. In his mind there's gonna be some doubt.”

MCILROY SOT: “I've just got to do my thing, and if I go and I concentrate on me, control what I can do, good golf and good attitude takes care of the rest.”

**NEARLY 1 YEAR REMOVED FROM HIS LAST VICTORY, MCILROY ENTERED THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP WITH 5 CONSECUTIVE TOP-6 FINISHES**

ANNC: “Not a whole lot that mystifies Rory right now he's in contention every time he tees it up.”

MCILROY SOT: “I feel like I've managed the first six tournaments of the year very well I know I'm playing well. I know I'm shooting the scores and hitting the shots, it's just a matter of doing it for 72 holes.”

**AND WHILE HE'S STRUGGLED TO DO JUST THAT, HIS INDOMITABLE SPIRIT HAS SILENCED ALL DOUBT**

MCILROY SOT: “I don't play golf to answer I play golf for myself. I play golf because I love the game and I know that I have a talent for it and I want to make the most of it.”

ANNC: “He still continues to be in a great place mentally he feels freed up.”

MCILROY SOT: “Having a focus over the last six or seven months on my attitude is something I've worked hard on because who I am as a person isn't who I am as a golfer.”

**AS A GOLFER, HE'S A RELENTLESS COMPETITOR WHO'S BECOME A STAPLE ATOP ANY PGA TOUR LEADERBOARD**

ANNC: “Rory McIlroy in position to add one of the few missing lines on his already stellar resume.”

MCILROY SOT: “That's the great thing about golf, you can get straight back on the horse and you have another opportunity the very next week.”

**…BUT OUTSIDE THE CONFINES OF THE GOLF COURSE, MCILROY ADDS PERSPECTIVE**

MCILROY SOT: “I came here as a 19 year old in 2009, missing the cut so I've come a long way in those 10 years. My career is hopefully going to last another 15 or 20 years, so one tournament or one day or one month in those 20 years is nothing.”

**AND AS HE FOUND HIMSELF NEAR THE TOP ON SATURDAY ANOTHER CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY APPROACHED…**

ANNC: “He's gonna have to start hitting some fairways if he wants to get into the thick of things here.”

**…HE TOOK HIS WEEKEND WOES INTO HIS OWN HANDS**

MCILROY SOT: “The problems that I had came from the strongest club in my bag, the driver. I only hit 4 of 13 fairways.”

ANNC: “He was the last guy on the range last night so he was working on his game into the early evening.”

MCILROY SOT: “It's just another step on the journey. And if you're more prepared, hopefully that means you can have more success.” [Return to index of stories...](file:///C%3A%5C%5CUsers%5C%5Cskyler%5C%5CDesktop%5C%5Cx2019%20The%20Players%20Official%20Film.HTM%22%20%5Cl%20%22StoryIndex)

**Sunday Middle Action**

**MCILROY MAKES THE TURN SUNDAY ALREADY HAVING MATCHED HIS TOTAL FAIRWAYS HIT FROM THE DAY BEFORE – ADDING ANOTHER TO START THE BACK 9**

ANNC: "All the top 6 finishes, 5 in a row. Has been knocking on the door, is it going to finally bust open today?"

**AND HE CAPITALIZES WITH BACK-TO-BACK BIRDIES ON 11 AND 12 TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE LEAD**

ANNC: "He's gotten off to some tough starts but he has been just about bulletproof on the back."

**BUT THE LEADER TO START THE DAY FINDS TROUBLE AT THE PAR-5 11TH AFTER SHOOTING 4-UNDER ON THE HOLE THROUGH 3 ROUNDS**

RAHM 11 WATER ANNC: “This is gonna go right in the water / [16:06:07] That is just a horrendous decision that could really come back and haunt Jon Rahm.”

**A COSTLY BOGEY DROPS RAHM TO 13-UNDER AS THE LEADERBOARD CONTINUES TO EVOLVE, WHILE 2 MORE PLAYERS GRAB A SHARE OF THE LEAD DOWN THE STRETCH – INCLUDING FIRST-TIMER EDDIE PEPPERELL…**

ANNC: "Up the slope across the ledge he's walking after it and there it goes tied for the lead"

**…AND JHONATTAN VEGAS WHO ADDS HIS NAME TO THE MIX WITH A 70 FOOT BIRDIE PUTT**

ANNC: "Now you've gotta be kidding me oh man, and that's the longest putt ever made here on 17 green."

ANNC: “Jhonattan Vegas des de up poquito mas lejos. Woo!”

**AS SUNDAY UNFOLDS, 14 INTERNATIONAL MEDIA PARTNERS ARE ONSITE AS THE BROADCAST REACHES 220 COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES ON OVER 100 CHANNELS IN 23 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES**

ANNC NEW TROPHY: “This flagship tournament of the PGA TOUR serves again as a reminder the global reach this event and this tour has reached.”

**AND A STACKED FINAL ROUND LEADERBOARD EMBODIES ITS WORLD CLASS FIELD**

ANNC SKY SPORTS (UK): “This will go down as one of the greatest PLAYERS Championships in history.”

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**Sunday Middle Round Leaderboard**

**AFTER COMBINING FOR OVER 120 FEET OF PUTTS, VEGAS AND PEPPERELL POST THE LOW ROUNDS OF THE DAY FOR A SHARE OF THE CLUBHOUSE LEAD AT 14-UNDER, AS THE FINAL GROUPS APPROACH PETE DYE’S DAUNTING FINISH**  [Return to index of stories...](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cskyler%5CDesktop%5Cx2019%20The%20Players%20Official%20Film.HTM#StoryIndex)

ANNC DRAMA: “Drama and danger await.”

**Final Round Conclusion**

ANNC: "Set up for a fantastic finish over the terrible trio, the last 3 holes here."

**AS SUNDAY WINDS DOWN, THE PAR-3 17TH IS ONE OF 3 HOLES THAT STANDS BETWEEN THE FINAL GROUPS AND THE CLUBHOUSE, AS OLLIE SCHNIEDERJANS STEPS TO THE TEE JUST 2-STROKES BACK**

ANNC: "That is so costly. Such a great day."

**A DOUBLE BOGEY RESULTS IN A TIE FOR 16TH, WHILE HIS PLAYING COMPETITOR FALLS VICTIM AT THE LAST DESPITE A SOLID PLAYERS DEBUT**

ANNC: "Abraham Ancer has turned in a very commandable performance this week. All part of the learning process."

**FELLOW 1ST TIMER JOEL DAHMEN JOINS HIM IN A TIE FOR 12TH AFTER 4 STRAIGHT UNDER PAR ROUNDS – WHILE DUSTIN JOHNSON BECOMES THE 1ST TO CARD 4 ROUNDS IN THE 60's AT TPC SAWGRASS IN OVER 2 DECADES**

ANNC DJ 18: "His 1st top 10 here. A guy that's gotten better and better at playing this tough puzzle of Pete Dye."

**BUT FEW ARE MORE FAMILIAR WITH THE TASK THAN JIM FURYK…**

ANNC: "Is this gonna be the day another hometown favorite wins THE PLAYERS Championship?"

**…AFTER A BIRDIE AT THE 16TH, THE LOCAL RESIDENT FACES A BIRDIE PUTT AT THE ISLAND GREEN**

ANNC: "Oh no! That'll be the best putt he's ever hit that didn't go in."

**AND AS RORY MCILROY DROPS A SHOT A FEW HOLES BACK…**

ANNC: "That makes it a 5-way tie at the top at 14-under.

**…THE 48-YEAR OLD TAKES AIM AT THE PAR-5 18TH**

FURYK QQ SUN: "Obviously the nerves were kicking, and I settled myself and made two good swings. I was aiming out there 15, 20 feet right of the pin and trying to hammer it and it came off exactly how I planned."

ANNC: "He's walking after it again and Furyk is all over it at 18!"

**A BIRDIE AT THE LAST GIVES FURYK THE SOLO LEAD AS THE FINAL GROUPS COME DOWN THE STRETCH**

ANNC: "Now Furyk will begin the agonizing wait to see if it is enough."

**JASON DAY BOUNCES BACK FROM A TRIO OF EARLY BOGEYS, BUT EVEN THE 2016 PLAYERS CHAMPION IS SILENCED BY THE STADIUM COURSE**

DAY SOT: "It was just hard to get any sort of momentum going. I played the par-5s poorly, I shot even par and they're all gettable, and if I would have birdied all 4. I would have been tied with Rory."

**MCILROY BIRDIES 3 OF THE 4 PAR-5's ON THE DAY, INCLUDING THE 16TH WHERE HE REGAINS COMMAND OF THE LEAD**

ANNC: "This is about the time my palms start sweating. This is what you practice for."

**AND WHILE THE LEADER SURVIVES PETE DYE'S TOUGHEST TEST, THE FINAL PAIRING FACES A DIFFERENT FATE**

ANNC: "And this is to the right and in the water, maybe, ohh it's off the bulkhead."

**WET TEE SHOTS FROM TOMMY FLEETWOOD AND JON RAHM DAMPEN THEIR CHANCES AT WINNING – AS MCILROY JUST NEEDS PAR AT THE LAST TO SEAL THE VICTORY…**

RORY SOT: "It was probably the most difficult shot that I had all day knowing I had a 4 to win…"

ANNC: "We get to watch the best driver of the golf ball in the game today hit the most difficult tee shot on the PGA TOUR."

RORY SOT: "I stepped up and just made a committed swing."

ANNC: "Right down the center. That is about as good as you can draw it up."

RORY SOT: "Kept telling myself two good swings at the last and this things yours."

ANNC: "Right over the stick. And he's two putts away from putting it away."

RORY SOT: "The hardest thing was just getting yourself to the point mentally where you say this is my tournament I'm going to finish it off."

ANNC: "Rory McIlroy is a PLAYERS Champion."

RORY SOT: "I'm just really proud of myself, the way I played the last few holes. To step up and make those good swings. It's very satisfying knowing that its in there when it needs to be." [Return to index of stories...](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cskyler%5CDesktop%5Cx2019%20The%20Players%20Official%20Film.HTM#StoryIndex)

**Final Leaderboard**

**MCILROY'S 15TH CAREER PGA TOUR VICTORY MARKS HIS 6TH CONSECUTIVE TOP-10 FINISH, WHICH BESTS HIS PREVIOUS STREAK OF 5 IN 2015, AS HE BECOMES ONLY THE 3RD PLAYER TO WIN A FEDEXCUP, A MAJOR, A WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP AND A PLAYERS TITLE…** [Return to index of stories...](file:///C%3A%5C%5CUsers%5C%5Cskyler%5C%5CDesktop%5C%5Cx2019%20The%20Players%20Official%20Film.HTM%22%20%5Cl%20%22StoryIndex)

**Rollout**

ANNC: "THE PLAYERS has yet another incredible talent win its crown jewel."

ANNC: "It is Rory McIlroy who finally closes the deal."

RORY SOT: "I drew on the experiences over the past few weeks and stayed patient and stayed in the right frame of mind. If I hadn't have had those experiences, I wouldn't be sitting up here with this trophy. Very proud, very honored to be able to call myself a PLAYERS champion."

**…AND MCILROY ENGRAVES HIS NAME IN HISTORY - THE 1ST TO DO IT IN GOLD.**

RORY NAT: "Hi I'm Rory McIlroy, and I'm your 2019 PLAYERS Champion." [Return to index of stories...](file:///C%3A%5C%5CUsers%5C%5Cskyler%5C%5CDesktop%5C%5Cx2019%20The%20Players%20Official%20Film.HTM%22%20%5Cl%20%22StoryIndex)

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