**2015 THE PLAYERS Official Film**

Tease and Titles

ANNC: "Who has what it takes to become the latest PLAYERS champion?"

**EACH SEASON, THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP FEATURES THE SPORT'S PREMIER TALENTS VYING TO JOIN A DISTINGUISHED LIST OF WINNERS.**

**LIVING LEGENDS…EMERGING STARS… AND UNEXPECTED HEROES ALL CHASE THE COVETED CRYSTAL.**

ANNC: "These guys are putting on a show."

**AND WHILE THE NAMES AND FACES MAY CHANGE FROM YEAR TO YEAR, THERE ARE 3 STARS OF THE SAWGRASS SHOW THAT ARE ALWAYS FRONT AND CENTER.**

ANNC: "16, 17 and 18 poised again for this encore performance."

**THIS 3-HOLE GAUNTLET IS FAR MORE THAN A BACKGROUND FOR MEMORABLE MOMENTS…**

ANNC: “Beautifully played. Better than most! Be the right club today…yes!”

**EACH HOLE IS A CENTRAL CHARACTER IN THE 20-15 PLAYERS PLOT.**

ANNC: "For the very first time in PLAYERS Championship history we have a 3-hole aggregate playoff."

**BUT WHETHER THEY ARE VILLAINS…**

ANNC: “Could not come any closer.”

**…OR HEROES…**

ANNC: "What a shot by Fowler!

**…MERELY DEPENDS ON YOUR POINT OF VIEW.**

**WELCOME TO THE PLAYERS OFFICIAL FILM, 20-15.**

Tournament Setup

**THE 20-15 PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP HOSTS ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY FOUR PLAYERS FROM TWENTY FOUR COUNTRIES…ALL CHASING ONE CRYSTAL.**

**IT'S A TOURNAMENT BOASTING NOT JUST THE WORLD'S FINEST, BUT ALSO AN UNPARALLELED STADIUM COURSE.**

ANNC: "TPC Sawgrass, this home to the 42nd Players."

**CONQUERED BY FEW…**

ANNC: "What a quality list of champions."

**…BUT MARVELED BY ALL.**

**THE SAWGRASS STAGE IS SET FOR A POSSIBLE COMEBACK…**

ANNC: "Well he's just really favoring that back. He's got to go back to the drawing board."

TIGER WOODS SOT: "We made a couple little swing tweaks since then to keep improving, to keep working on it, to keep getting it better, and so that part is still a little bit fresh."

**ONE OF THE MAIN ACTORS IS LOOKING TO MAINTAIN HIS WINNING WAYS…**

ANNC: "That's a good looking putt! The top seed, the world number one, Rory McIlroy outlasts them all."

**…AND FINDS HIMSELF IN THE SPOTLIGHT.**

RORY MCILROY SOT: "Coming in here off the back of a nice win last week and feel like I'm playing well, so hopefully I can improve on those eighth and sixth place finishes over the past couple years."

**FOLLOWING AN INCREDIBLE MASTERS PERFORMANCE, JORDAN SPIETH IS CRAFTING A MONOLOGUE OF HIS OWN…**

JORDAN SPIETH SOT: "I think I'll be looking back at this year to try and draw confidence. That's what winning that tournament kind of has done for me."

**THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS LEADER LOOKS TO UPSTAGE A CAST STACKED WITH LEAD CHARACTERS. BUT BEFORE THE CURTAINS RISE, PLAYERS MUST GO THROUGH THE FINAL DRESS REHEARSAL AT TPC SAWGRASS.**

Early Week Feature

ANIRBAN LAHIRI SOT: "Got here and was obviously very excited to get on the golf course. Because, you know, you've seen so many great moments at THE PLAYERS, being such a prestigious event. I've been wanting to play it for real for years now."

**WHILE MANY HAVE PERFORMED ON THE SAWGRASS STAGE BEFORE, OTHERS - LIKE ANIRBAN LAHIRI - ARE HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME.**

LAHIRI SOT: "I've got most of my homework done for the week. Just go out there and get a little more comfortable."

**36TH IN THE OFFICIAL WORLD GOLF RANKING ENTERING THE PLAYERS, LAHIRI IS ALL BUSINESS.**

NAT LAHIRI: "This is one of the walls that you want to be on…dead or alive."

**AFTER TWO ASIAN TOUR VICTORIES THIS SEASON, THE TWENTY SEVEN YEAR OLD IS SEEKING HIS FIRST WIN ON THE PGA TOUR.**

LAHIRI SOT: "I wanna play here. This is where I want to play. This is where I want to win. This is where I want to compete; and not for a short period but, you know, for as long as I can."

**LAHIRI'S PATH TO THE PLAYERS HAS BEEN PAVED BY HIS HARD WORK, AND HE IS STARTING TO REAP THE REWARDS.**

JAY MONAHAN NATS: "These are some cufflinks to remember your first event, and you can wear them proudly for years to come."

LAHIRI NATS: "I will. That’s beautiful. Thank you, Jay. That’s very special."

**BUT HE ISN'T THE ONLY TOUR PLAYER HIGHLIGHTING THE ROOKIE ROSTER AT SAWGRASS. THE PLAYERS IS HOSTING 18 FIRST TIME PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING NEWLY MINTED TOUR PRO, JUSTIN THOMAS.**

JUSTIN THOMAS SOT: "It's been great, I've really enjoyed it. It's uh, it’s a special week, it’s a great venue, great field."

**AFTER POSTING TOP 15 FINISHES IN HIS LAST TWO STARTS, THE TWENTY-TWO YEAR OLD LOOKS TO CAPITALIZE ON HIS RECENT MOMENTUM.**

THOMAS SOT: "I feel like I've prepared well and I really like the course so I think it will be a lot of fun."

**FUN ISN’T USUALLY THE WORD TO DESCRIBE THE INTIMIDATING 17TH ISLAND GREEN, BUT IT DOES APPLY DURING THE ANNUAL CADDIE CLOSEST TO THE PIN COMPETITION ON WEDNESDAY.**

NATS: "Oh no. It wasn't enough."

SERGIO GARCIA NATS: "This guy doesn't listen to me! He doesn’t listen to me. Wrong club again. It's the same always, you know. When he plays or I when I’m playing it's the same…"

SHAWN STEFANI NATS: "Wow, come on baby, get inside 5ft! He just hit a better shot than I have and I just played seven holes just now."

**AS THE PRACTICE ROUNDS CONCLUDE AND THE SUN SETS AT TPC SAWGRASS, PLAYERS HOPE THEIR PREPARATION PROPELS THEM TO THE TOP OF THE LEADERBOARD BY WEEK’S END.**

Round 1 Scene Set and Early Action

**ON THURSDAY MORNING AT THE PLAYERS, A DISTINGUISHED LIST OF THE GAME'S BEST FROM 24 COUNTRIES - THE MOST IN THE TOURNAMENT'S 42-YEAR HISTORY - TEE IT UP. BUT IT'S A LOCAL RESIDENT WHO MAKES AN EARLY MOVE AT TPC SAWGRASS…**

NATS: "Next on the tee from the United States, Billy Horschel."

**BILLY HORSCHEL BIRDIES TWO OF HIS FIRST FOUR HOLES AND UTILIZES HIS COURSE KNOWLEDGE TO GET INTO RED FIGURES…**

BILLY HORSCHEL SOT: "I know what to expect in these conditions, and you just know where to miss it and where not to miss around these greens, especially to certain pins."

**CONVERSELY, FIRST TIMER ANIRBAN LAHIRI HAS NO SUCH LUXURY…AND IT SHOWS. HE GOES 5-OVER ON HIS FIRST FOUR HOLES EN ROUTE TO AN OPENING ROUND 76, ESSENTIALLY ENDING HIS WEEK AT TPC SAWGRASS ALMOST AS SOON AS IT BEGINS.**

**BUT LAHIRI ISN'T THE ONLY ONE STRUGGLING…**

JORDAN SPIETH SOT: "Sometimes when you're hitting it really well, you just get tough breaks and you have a bad day. This wasn't one of those."

**FEDEXCUP STANDINGS LEADER JORDAN SPIETH OPENS HIS DAY WITH BACK-TO-BACK BOGEYS.**

ANNC: "Tough start for Jordan Spieth."

**WHILE THE 21-YEAR OLD STRUGGLES TO FIND HIS GAME, PLAYING PARTNERS JASON DAY AND RORY MCILROY ARE DIALED IN. DAY MAKES TWO EARLY BIRDIES…WHILE MCILROY DOES HIM 1 BETTER.**

RORY MCILROY SOT: "I was able to pick off a couple of birdies and a nice eagle on 16, so I’m happy with the start for sure."

**SO TOO IS RICKIE FOWLER, WHO CARDS 6 BIRDIES IN HIS FIRST 11 HOLES - INCLUDING 4 IN A ROW - TO GET TO 6-UNDER AND THE SOLO LEAD.**

RICKIE FOWLER SOT: "Got off to a good start, but you have to stay in the moment and keep pushing forward because there's no real easy holes out here. It can jump up and bite you at any time."

**A WAYWARD TEE SHOT AT THE PAR-3 3RD LEADS TO A DOUBLE BOGEY…AND AS FOWLER SLIDES DOWN THE LEADERBOARD, HORSCHEL CONTINUES HIS STEADY CLIMB UP.**

ANNC: "Billy Horschel for a 2…gets to minus 4."

HORSCHEL SOT: "It's probably the best opening round I've had this whole year, and I needed it. I feel like my game's been in pretty good shape the last um, last couple weeks, and I felt like I was going to play well going into today."

**WHILE HORSCHEL FINISHES STRONG, FOWLER STUMBLES WITH A BOGEY AT THE LAST.**

ANNC: "Disappointing finish with the dropped shot there. 3-under 69, but it could have been a whole lot better."

FOWLER SOT: "I’m off to a good solid start and in a good position, but also not too satisfied because, umm…I kind of gave away quite a bit there. Could have been a really good round today."

**JASON DAY CAN EMPATHIZE; HE TOO LOSES MOMENTUM AFTER A DOUBLE BOGEY, AND SETTLES FOR A 3-UNDER ROUND OF 69…AS DOES MCILROY, WHOSE EVEN PAR INWARD NINE LEAVES HIM 2 OFF THE EARLY LEAD.**

RORY SOT: "If I can keep up my good play on the back nine like I have and be, you know, a little bit more consistent like I was on the front nine, then hopefully that bodes well for the week."

**WHILE THE WORLD'S NUMBER ONE IS WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE OF THE LEAD, NUMBER TWO WILL NEED A STRONG 2ND ROUND JUST TO MAKE THE CUT…**

ANNC: "He's at plus 3, has a lot of work to do."

JORDAN SPIETH SOT: "There's a low round out there. I just need to, you know, be able to hit enough greens to make something work."

Round 1 Mid-Day Leaderboard

**WHILE SPIETH SPUTTERS OUT OF THE GATE, FELLOW RISING STAR HIDEKI MATSUYAMA GRABS THE EARLY LEAD WITH A 5-UNDER 67. BILLY HORSCHEL LEADS A TRIO OF PLAYERS AT 4-UNDER, WHILE RICKIE FOWLER IS JUST 2 BACK.**

Kaymer Mini

ANNC: "Did he? Did he? He did! Oh my goodness! What a putt! And Martin Kaymer has done it to win the 2014 PLAYERS Championship!"

**AFTER A CLUTCH VICTORY AT THE PLAYERS IN 20-14, REIGNING CHAMPION, MARTIN KAYMER, GETS TO RE-LIVE HIS CONQUEST ONE MORE TIME.**

NATS: "We're going to unveil this picture right now and we want to say welcome to our gallery of champions at TPC Sawgrass."

NATS: "Very nice, I look very young. Do I really look that young?"

**AFTER HIS PORTRAIT UNVEILING IN THE SAWGRASS CLUBHOUSE, KAYMER GETS TO MEET A SPECIAL FAN - A K9s FOR WARRIORS SERVICE DOG, NAMED KAYMER…**

NATS: “Thank you very much. Cheers.”

**…AND THE GERMAN LOOKS TO CONTINUE HIS TOP DOG WAYS COME THURSDAY.**

MARTIN KAYMER SOT: "Last year when I shot 9-under par the first round. I didn't do anything special. That's the beauty about that golf course."

**SUCCESS GIVES THE DEFENDING CHAMP A MENTAL ADVANTAGE.**

KAYMER SOT: "Knowing that you won THE PLAYERS, is a very positive thing."

Round 1 Afternoon Action

ANNC: "Never been a back-to-back winner here at the PLAYERS Championship and he's trying to become the first."

**COME THURSDAY AFTERNOON, KAYMER GETS STARTED ON THE RIGHT TRACK FOR A REPEAT WITH A 2-UNDER OUTWARD NINE…**

KAYMER SOT: "A lot of people put it in a negative light if you are the defending champion. I think it's positive."

**MEANWHILE KAYMER'S PLAYING COMPETITOR, TIGER WOODS, IS MAKING HIS FIRST START SINCE THE MASTERS AND BEGINS HIS QUEST FOR A RECORD 3RD PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP WITH A BOGEY…**

ANNC: "So Woods drops a shot at the opener."

**AND THEN DISASTER STRIKES, WITH A DOUBLE AT THE PAR-3 8TH…**

ANNC: "It went in the water! I'm not sure I've ever seen a ball in there."

TIGER WOODS SOT: "It's just one bad swing, it's only one bad shot. But I had a bad pattern starting out and I rectified that, which was nice."

**TIGER BOUNCES BACK WITH A BIRDIE AT 9 TO GET TO 1-OVER AT THE TURN… 1 BEHIND SERGIO GARCIA, WHO CARDS 7 PARS DURING AN EVEN PAR FRONT NINE.**

SERGIO GARCIA SOT: "It's just a matter of keep working hard, keep believing in yourself as much as possible."

**GARCIA IS KEEPING HIS COOL, BUT KEVIN NA IS WIELDING A HOT PUTTER, ROLLING IN 3 EARLY BIRDIES.**

KEVIN NA SOT: "It's a very difficult golf course, and if you're not on top of your game, it's going to be very difficult to score."

**THAT'S BEEN NO PROBLEM FOR KAYMER THUS FAR. BOGEY-FREE HEADED TO THE BACK NINE…HE QUICKLY PUTS HIMSELF IN POSITION TO MOVE UP THE LEADERBOARD.**

ANNC: "Great shot, big chance for birdie."

**HE CALMLY MAKES HIS 3RD OF THE DAY, AND TIGER TRIES TO FOLLOW SUIT…**

ANNC: "After an eventful opening nine, a chance to get it to even par. Oh, right 'round it."

TIGER WOODS SOT: "Just really struggled hitting the putts hard enough to get them to the hole. Even when I tried to ram them, I still didn't get the ball to the hole."

**GARCIA FARES BETTER, MAKING BIRDIES AT 11 AND 12 TO GET TO 2-UNDER.**

GARCIA SOT: "I'm working hard on my putting and trying to figure it out. It's not easy under pressure and everything. But I made some nice putts too, uh which was nice."

**NA'S PUTTER ALSO REMAINS HOT ON A BOGEY-FREE INWARD NINE…**

ANNC: "To try to get it to 5-under…67 for Kevin Na."

**WHILE NA IS TIED FOR THE LEAD, TIGER IS JUST HOPING TO RIGHT THE SHIP…AND HE COMES ALIVE WITH 3 BIRDIES IN A 4 HOLE STRETCH, INCLUDING A CHIP-IN AT 17…**

ANNC: "And knock it in, why not?"

**BUT HE FINDS THE WATER OFF THE TEE AT THE LAST…**

ANNC: “Down the left-hand side, this has got to watch out…water.”

**…AND MAKES DOUBLE BOGEY FOR A 1-OVER ROUND OF 73.**

TIGER SOT: "I didn't get much out of that round. I hit the ball better than the score indicates, and I got a couple good breaks and never took advantage of them. Hopefully tomorrow I can get it done."

**KAYMER AND GARCIA EACH BIRDIE 16 AND 17 TO FINISH THE DAY AT 3-UNDER, AND ARE JUST 2 BACK.**

Round 1 Final Leaderboard

**THESE FORMER CHAMPIONS ARE CHASING A QUARTET OF PLAYERS AT 5-UNDER THAT INCLUDES KEVIN NA, WHO MATCHES HIS BEST OPENING ROUND AT THE PLAYERS AND HITS 16 OF 18 GREENS IN REGULATION - ALSO A CAREER BEST AT TPC SAWGRASS.**

Round 2 Scene Set and Early Action

**FRIDAY BEGINS WITH A NUMBER OF BIG NAMES ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE PROJECTED CUT; BUT JUST MAKING THE WEEKEND ISN'T THEIR ONLY GOAL…**

TIGER WOODS SOT: "I feel like I'm playing well enough to get myself up there. I just need one good round and narrow up that gap between myself and the lead, and I feel like I can do that."

**AN EARLY BIRDIE IS ENCOURAGING FOR TIGER WOODS, BUT BACK TO BACK BOGEYS QUICKLY DROP HIM 2 SHOTS OFF THE EVEN PAR CUT LINE.**

TIGER SOT: "I had my chances to get on these runs, and I just didn't stuff my iron shots in there. I felt like I drove it pretty good today overall, but I just wasn't hitting the ball close enough."

**MEANWHILE, SERGIO GARCIA BEGINS HIS ROUND WITH A FLURRY OF BIRDIES, CARDING 3 IN HIS FIRST 7 HOLES TO MOVE TO 6-UNDER.**

**HOT ON HIS HEELS IS MARTIN KAYMER, WHO ADDS TWO BIRDIES OF HIS OWN TO GET TO 5-UNDER PAR…BUT HE GOES 5-OVER ON THE FINAL 6 HOLES OF HIS FRONT NINE TO DROP TO EVEN PAR, AND IS FLIRTING WITH AN EARLY EXIT.**

**SO TOO IS PHIL MICKELSON.**

PHIL MICKELSON SOT: "I started out birdieing the first hole. I thought that I was going to be off and running, but it didn't really work out that way."

**HE GIVES IT RIGHT BACK ON THE VERY NEXT HOLE, AND ADDS A TRIPLE BOGEY TO CLOSE HIS OUTWARD NINE 3-OVER FOR THE WEEK…**

MICKELSON SOT: "I was going pretty good til then. I was hitting a lot of good shots, having good chances, was 1-under for the day, and even for the tournament."

**KEVIN NA MAKES A FEW MISTAKES OF HIS OWN, WITH 2 EARLY BOGEYS. BUT HE NEGATES THE DAMAGE WITH 3 BIRDIES, AND HEADS TO THE BACK NINE 1-UNDER ON THE DAY.**

KEVIN NA SOT: "My putter was definitely there today. I made a lot of good putts, key par saves, and some good birdie putts."

**THE FLATSTICK IS ALSO HELPING FUEL TIGER'S RUN, AS HE ROLLS IN BACK-TO-BACK BIRDIES TO GET TO EVEN PAR FOR THE TOURNAMENT AT THE TURN.**

**BUT IT'S NOT AS KIND TO GARCIA, WHO FALTERS WITH 3 BOGEYS IN A 5 HOLE STRETCH EN ROUTE TO AN EVEN PAR ROUND.**

GARCIA SOT: "It's difficult to do much better than what I am at the moment, missing all those many putts. So I just got to see if I can find something that makes that change a little bit."

**MICKELSON IS ALSO SEARCHING FOR ANSWERS; A BOGEY AND A DOUBLE ON HIS INWARD NINE RESULTS IN A 4-OVER 76 AND HE MISSES THE CUT FOR THE THIRD STRAIGHT SEASON…**

MICKELSON SOT: "I'm not as discouraged as the scores would indicate. I made 9 birdies. I hit a lot of good shots. It's just that when I hit bad ones, it led to huge scores."

**WHILE MICKELSON FADES…KAYMER MAKES A CHARGE. HE CARDS 3 BIRDIES IN A 5-HOLE SPAN TO SALVAGE AN EVEN PAR ROUND AND HEAD TO THE WEEKEND AT 3-UNDER…5 STROKES BEHIND KEVIN NA, WHOSE 3-UNDER 69 HAS HIM ATOP THE LEADERBOARD.**

NA SOT: "It's a great tournament. Everyone’s got a chance and just got to keep the foot on the pedal."

**TIGER IS DESPERATELY TRYING TO FOLLOW SUIT; A BIRDIE FROM MORE THAN 24 FEET OUT MOVES HIM BACK INSIDE THE CUT LINE WITH 4 HOLES REMAINING.**

**BUT HIS FIFTH BOGEY OF THE DAY LEAVES HIM NEEDING A BIRDIE AT THE LAST TO AVOID MISSING THE CUT AT TPC SAWGRASS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER.**

TIGER SOT: "Knowing that I had to make 4 to move on, I hit a nice drive up the left side, laid up, and choked down on a little pitching wedge, hit a little soft cut, held it up against the wind, pin high."

ANNC: "A little different than a putt to win a major but the great ones come up with a shot when they need it most."

**THE CLUTCH BIRDIE SECURES TIGER A 1-UNDER ROUND OF 71…AND A PAIR OF TEE TIMES ON THE WEEKEND.**

TIGER SOT: "My game is finally at a point where I can play tournament golf on a consistent basis. That wasn't the case early in the year. Wasn't very good. But I worked my butt off to change it, and I've just got to keep building from there."

Round 2 Mid Day Leaderboard

**WHILE TIGER MAKES THE CUT ON THE NUMBER, KEVIN NA IS IN THE LEAD AFTER 36 HOLES FOR THE 5TH TIME IN HIS CAREER. CHASING HIM- BILL HAAS AND KEVIN KISNER, WHO GET INTO CONTENTION WITH 5-UNDER ROUNDS OF 67.**

Round 2 Afternoon Action

**JORDAN SPIETH IS AIMING FOR A SIMILAR MOVE UP THE LEADERBOARD ON FRIDAY. 3-OVER PAR ENTERING THE ROUND, HE TAPS IN FOR BIRDIE AT THE PAR-5 2ND TO GET WITHIN 2 OF THE CUT LINE.**

**BUT IT IS THE ONLY CIRCLE ON HIS FRONT NINE; AND A BOGEY AT 4 LEAVES HIM MIRED IN THE SAME POSITION HE BEGAN THE DAY AS HE MAKES THE TURN…**

**WHILE SPIETH IS STUCK IN NEUTRAL, PLAYING PARTNER JASON DAY IS GOING FULLY IN REVERSE. 3-UNDER AFTER ROUND ONE, HE POSTS 2 BOGEYS, A DOUBLE AND A TRIPLE ON HIS FRONT NINE, AND FINISHES WITH AN 81.**

ANNC: “Double on the easiest hole on the golf course, is not going to make you feel good.”

**IT ENSURES A PREMATURE END TO HIS WEEK AT TPC SAWGRASS.**

**BUT THE THIRD MEMBER OF THIS TRIUMVIRATE IS HOLDING STEADY THANKS TO HIS SHORT GAME.**

**RORY MCILROY HITS JUST 3 OF 7 FAIRWAYS AND 5 OF 9 GREENS IN REGULATION, BUT MANTAINS A LEVEL SCORECARD…**

RORY MCILROY SOT: "I need to just start to hit greens on this front nine. I scrambled a lot. I made a lot of good up-and-downs, good pars. Even par for me on this front nine is a decent effort."

**FELLOW 20-SOMETHINGS RICKIE FOWLER AND BILLY HORSCHEL ARE ABLE TO GAIN SOME GROUND ON MCILROY ON THE OUTWARD NINE; HORSCHEL ROLLS IN A LENGTHY EAGLE AT THE 2ND…AND FOLLOWS WITH A BIRDIE AT THE 3RD TO MOVE TO 7-UNDER.**

ANNC: “Dialed in early in this Friday, the 2nd round of THE PLAYERS.”

**MEANWHILE FOWLER MAKES 2 OF HIS OWN DURING A BOGEY-FREE 9 HOLES TO START HIS ROUND…**

RICKIE FOWLER SOT: "It's a course where if you're not on top of your game, it will show it, but if you are playing well and ball striking is there, you can get after it a bit. This week, luckily I'm on the good side."

**AS IS 48-YEAR OLD JERRY KELLY, WHO BIRDIES 7 OF HIS FIRST 15 HOLES TO SURGE INTO A TIE FOR THE LEAD…**

ANNC: “And he’s got it at 8-under par.”

JERRY KELLY SOT: "When you're hitting the fairways, it's a course that you can get to, yet if you're not hitting the fairways or if you're missing your iron shots, it's an extremely difficult course to break par at."

**AND SPIETH IS FINDING THAT OUT FIRST HAND; HE NEVER CAN GET HIS GAME IN GEAR, AND A YEAR AFTER PLAYING IN THE FINAL GROUP ON SUNDAY HE MISSES THE CUT BY 3 SHOTS.**

**MCILROY, MEANWHILE, FINISHES THE DAY 4 OFF THE LEAD, AFTER A SOLID BUT SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTING 1-UNDER 71.**

MCILROY SOT: "Felt like I was parring the place to death out there for the most part and picking up my birdies when I could. I'm only four back going into the weekend, so a lot can happen, and I feel like I'm in a decent position after two days."

**HORSCHEL JOINS HIM IN THE CLUBHOUSE AT 4-UNDER, FOLLOWING A DOUBLE BOGEY AT 17…**

ANNC: “Woah! Too aggressive. Flies the green.”

**WATER ALSO THREATENS TO DAMPEN FOWLER’S SPIRITS, WHEN AN AGGRESSIVE APPROACH AT 16 FINDS THE HAZARD…**

ANNC: “Wooooah that’s a bad miss, Rickie.”

FOWLER SOT: "Obviously wanting to finish strong, but the one thing that I had to focus on is just making a good solid swing on 17."

**HE RESPONDS WITH A CLUTCH BIRDIE TO FINISH AT 6-UNDER AND IS JUST 2 BACK.**

FOWLER SOT: "The swing feels very good and I'm hitting putts on line. So, if we get some more to go in this weekend, it will be a, be a lot of fun."

**JERRY KELLY ALSO BOUNCES BACK DOWN THE STRETCH, FOLLOWING UP A BOGEY WITH HIS 8TH BIRDIE OF THE DAY AT THE LAST TO MAINTAIN A TIE ATOP THE LEADERBOARD.**

KELLY SOT: "I feel really comfortable. I enjoy the adrenaline. I am 48, but I would like to hang out for another couple days and have some fun with it."

Round 2 Final Leaderboard

**KELLY COULD BECOME THE 2ND OLDEST PLAYERS CHAMPION BEHIND FRED FUNK. RICKIE FOWLER IS JUST 2 BACK AFTER A SECOND STRAIGHT 3-UNDER 69, AND IS STILL CHASING HIS 2ND CAREER PGA TOUR VICTORY.**

Round 3 Scene Set and Early Action

ANNC: "I can never remember a bigger traffic jam on the leaderboard than the one we have right now."

**SATURDAY IS MOVING DAY AT THE PLAYERS AND WITH MANY NOTABLE VETERANS IN CONTENTION, IT 'S 22 YEAR OLD JUSTIN THOMAS WHO MAKES THE BIGGEST CHARGE.**

ANNC: "How about that start?"

**7 SHOTS BACK ENTERING THE DAY, HE HEADS TO 18 JUST ONE OFF THE LEAD.**

ANNC: "Justin Thomas has a putt to tie the best round of the championship. And so it's now Justin Thomas who's taken over the spotlight."

**HIS TENTH BIRDIE OF THE DAY SETS A NEW COURSE RECORD, AND FINALIZES A 7 UNDER 65.**

JUSTIN THOMAS SOT: "It was one of the best rounds I've probably ever played in competition. To do it at a stage like this and um in a field and a golf course like this, to get back in the tournament was big."

**WHILE THOMAS VAULTS UP THE LEADERBOARD, 20-13 PLAYERS CHAMPION TIGER WOODS IS GOING IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION.**

**HE STRUGGLES WITH HIS IRON PLAY, MAKING DOUBLE BOGEYS ON TWO PAR FIVES - A SINGLE ROUND FIRST FOR TIGER - ON HIS WAY TO A 3 OVER 75, THAT ENDS ANY HOPE OF A THIRD VICTORY AT TPC SAWGRASS.**

ANNC: "First on the tee from Spain, Sergio Garcia!"

**MEANWHILE THE 2008 CHAMPION'S DREAMS ARE STILL ALIVE AFTER A ONE UNDER OUTWARD NINE.**

SERGIO GARCIA SOT: “My putting was better this week. But my ball striking for the conditions it was extremely good.”

**FELLOW PLAYERS CHAMPION, MARTIN KAYMER, IS ALSO IN RED NUMBERS AND MAKES FOUR EARLY BIRDIES.**

ANNC: "Slams that one home."

**6 UNDER AT THE TURN, THE GERMAN LOSES CONTROL WITH THREE BOGEYS AND A DOUBLE ON HIS INWARD NINE, ENDING HIS HOPES OF BECOMING THE FIRST BACK-TO-BACK CHAMPION AT THE PLAYERS.**

**WHILE KAYMER FALLS OUT OF CONTENTION, SERGIO GARCIA CONTINUES TO CLIMB UP THE LEADERBOARD.**

ANNC: "And this is perfect. That's the closest we've seen today."

**AFTER ROLLING IN FIVE BIRDIES IN AN EIGHT HOLE STRETCH, SERGIO SOLIDIFIES A THIRD ROUND 67 WITH A CLUTCH PAR SAVE ON 18.**

ANNC: "Is the putter going to work here? Yes it did! So Garcia caps off a beautiful back nine."

SERGIO GARCIA SOT: "I feel like I can do well here. The greens are small, so if you are hitting greens you usually have birdie chances. And I'm usually fairly good at that."

Round 3 Afternoon Action

**ACCURACY IS ALSO ADVANTAGEOUS FOR REIGNING FEDEX CUP CHAMPION BILLY HORSCHEL. HE FINDS 7 GREENS IN REGULATION ON A BOGEY-FREE FIRST NINE, AND CONVERTS 4 INTO BIRDIES…**

BILLY HORSCHEL SOT: "I got off to a fast start and went to the back side with a lot of momentum and just shots off the tees and iron shots into the greens and everything, you feel comfortable with, because I've hit them hundreds of times."

**BUT HORSCHEL ISN'T THE ONLY ONE WITH A SQUARE-FREE CARD BEFORE THE TURN.**

BEN MARTIN SOT: "I really have been treating every day kind of as a fresh start, not looking at it as compounding, but going out each day trying to play the best round that I can."

**SAWGRASS FIRST TIMER BEN MARTIN GETS TO 7-UNDER AFTER ROLLING IN BIRDIES ON TWO OF HIS FIRST FOUR HOLES…**

**HOWEVER, A QUICK START ELUDES RICKIE FOWLER. BUT HE BOUNCES BACK ON THE PAR-3 3RD…**

ANNC: "Great shot by Fowler, stops it quickly; gets back that bogey he made at one."

**…AND CONTINUES HIS RUN WITH A CHIP-IN BIRDIE AT THE 5TH.**

ANNC: "Two birdies in the last three holes for Rickie Fowler and he is within one."

**JUST AHEAD OF FOWLER IS HIS PLAYING COMPETITOR…**

ANNC: "Chis Kirk knew what he was doing, brings it back within about 4 feet of the hole. And he gets it."

**CHRIS KIRK IS SOON JOINED IN THE LEAD BY FORMER COLLEGE TEAMMATE KEVIN KISNER.**

ANNC: "This to share the lead at 8-under…Oh yeah, Kisner, who’s been playing some very good golf."

**4-UNDER ENTERING THE DAY, KISNER WORKS HIS WAY INTO A TIE AT THE TOP WITH 4 BIRDIES IN HIS FIRST 8 HOLES. BUT HE ISN'T DONE MAKING A MOVE…**

ANNC: "And so that is a tap in birdie for Kisner to take the outright lead."

**MEANWHILE, WORLD NUMBER ONE RORY MCILROY CAN'T CAPITALIZE ON HIS OPPORTUNITIES…**

ANNC: "Easy putt, just outside right. Nope. Ohh! Never had it high enough."

**4 BACK TO BEGIN HIS ROUND, MCILROY FALLS OFF THE PACE WITH A 1-OVER FRONT NINE…**

RORY MCILROY SOT: "With it so bunched, you can jump so many places with a birdie or a bogey. I dropped a shot there on the 8th hole. I started the day T-13 and all of a sudden I'm T-42."

**36-HOLE CO-LEADER KEVIN NA ALSO GETS OFF TO A SLOW START WITH A BOGEY AT THE FIRST, BUT SOON RECOVERS…**

ANNC: "Birdie putt on the way for Kevin Na. And maybe Na can get something going here as he reaches eight under, one back."

**AS NA GETS INTO RED FIGURES, PLAYING COMPETITOR JERRY KELLY STRUGGLES TO KEEP UP.**

ANNC: "He has not been steady with that putter today."

**AFTER A 1-OVER START, THE 48 YEAR OLD GETS BACK TO EVEN ON THE DAY WITH A BIRDIE AT 10.**

**BUT AS HIS PUTTER STARTS TO HEAT UP, BILLY HORSCHEL'S COOLS DOWN.**

**HE MAKES BOGEYS ON 12 AND 18 TO FINISH WITH A 3-UNDER 69 AND HEADS TO SUNDAY 3 OFF THE LEAD.**

BILLY HORSCHEL SOT: "It was a good round, but I feel like it could have been a lot better. I just haven't done anything special on the back side yet this week. So hopefully tomorrow is my day."

**HE IS 2 SHOTS BEHIND FELLOW FEDEX CUP CHAMPION, BILL HAAS, WHOSE 5 BIRDIES VAULT HIM INTO A TIE FOR 2ND AT 9-UNDER.**

ANNC: "Clutch putt by Bill Haas."

BILL HAAS SOT: "If I just go out tomorrow and shoot 2…if I get the 2- to 3-under with a few holes to play, I'm going to have a shot."

**JOINING HAAS AT 9-UNDER ARE KISNER AND BEN MARTIN. KISNER POSTS A 2ND CONSECUTIVE 5-UNDER 67, BUT ISN'T GETTING TOO COMFORTABLE…**

KEVIN KISNER SOT: "Who knows what's going to happen tomorrow, and you'd better get off to a hot start and start making some birdies or you'll get lapped."

**MARTIN MAKES HIS 3RD ROUND MOVE BY CARDING 3 BIRDIES IN A ROW AFTER THE TURN…**

ANNC: "And gets it. He's making a lot of putts like it's no big deal."

**…AS HE LOOKS TO BECOME THE 4TH CHAMPION CROWNED IN HIS DEBUT AT THE PLAYERS.**

MARTIN SOT: "I really have been treating every day kind of as a fresh start, going out each day trying to play the best round that I can. So I think that's what I'll do going into tomorrow, and then add them up at the end."

**KELLY AND NA, CO-LEADERS ENTERING THE DAY, CAN EACH USE A FRESH START. BOTH FALL BACK WITH EVEN PAR ROUNDS, AS KELLY BOGEYS 16…AND NA ENDS HIS DAY WITH A DOUBLE BOGEY ON 18.**

ANNC: "That's too bad."

SOT NA: "I got to think of the positive. I played well today. I hung in there. The good news is I'm only two back, so a low round tomorrow, may post it early and sit in the clubhouse and watch."

**FURTHER DOWN THE LEADERBOARD, LURKS RORY MCILROY…**

ANNC: "Oh, yeah. He curls that in."

**…AND RICKIE FOWLER.**

ANNC: "Sneaks it in, so Fowler won't go away."

**FOWLER MAKES 3 BIRDIES ON HIS INWARD NINE TO FINISH IN RED FIGURES ON THE DAY, AND HEADS TO THE FINAL ROUND 3 SHOTS BACK.**

**MEANWHILE, MCILROY ESCAPES THE BACK NINE BOGEY-FREE, AND CARDS A 3RD ROUND 70 TO STAY WITHIN FOUR.**

RORY MCILROY SOT: "It seems like half of the TOUR have a chance to win this thing, it’s just so bunched. Anyone that's sort of five or six shots behind they can go out and shoot a low one tomorrow."

**BUT EVERYONE WILL BE CHASING ONE MAN…**

ANNC: "And it is Chris Kirk who has the lead in the clubhouse right now."

**CHRIS KIRK'S SECOND STRAIGHT 68 GIVES HIM THE 54-HOLE LEAD FOR THE 4TH TIME IN HIS CAREER…WITH 2 OF THE PREVIOUS 3 CONVERTED INTO VICTORIES.**

CHRIS KIRK SOT: "Looking forward to a chance to win tomorrow. It's uh, I wish they came more often, you know? It's such a great feeling to be in contention."

**BUT CLOSING IT OUT WON'T BE EASY, AS 25 PLAYERS ARE WITHIN 4 SHOTS OF THE LEAD…**

ANNC: "This might be the most difficult 54-hole leaderboard to figure out in the history of this championship."

Round 3 Final Leaderboard

**CHRIS KIRK SITS ATOP THE BOARD BUT HAS A TRIO HOT ON HIS HEELS AT 9-UNDER PAR. THE SURGING JUSTIN THOMAS IS JUST 2 BACK, AS ARE SERGIO GARCIA AND 36-HOLE CO-LEADERS JERRY KELLY AND KEVIN NA.**

Round 4 Action

**BEFORE ANY OF THE 75 PLAYERS TEE IT UP AT TPC SAWGRASS ON SUNDAY, THE STADIUM COURSE UNDERGOES ITS ANNUAL PINK OUT.**

ANNC: "It's our Mother's Day gift to you all. So to the golf, we go."

**BUT THE TRADITIONAL MOTHER'S DAY TRANSFORMATION DOESN'T GUARANTEE A ROSEY DISPOSITION FOR THOSE IN CONTENTION; AT DAY'S END ONLY ONE PLAYER WILL HOIST THE COVETED CRYSTAL.**

ANNC: "Boy this is a packed leaderboard. This is really anybody's show."

**AND BILLY HORSCHEL AUDITIONS EARLY, SINKING 2 BIRDIES IN HIS FIRST 5 HOLES…**

ANNC: "This to get within 1…Horschel is at 9-under, 2-under on the day. Maybe Horschel's gonna be the star that comes out of the pack."

**RORY MCILROY TRIES TO MATCH HIM…**

ANNC: "McIlroy for birdie. He needs to get it going."

**…WITH LIMITED SUCCESS.**

ANNC: "He's hit a lot of great putts but they just seem to slide by the edge of the cup."

RORY MCILROY SOT: "I hit the ball very well from tee to green and I just didn't hit it close enough on the front nine this week, I feel. I feel like there’s a lot more chances on the back nine anyway."

**RICKIE FOWLER ALSO GETS OFF TO A SLOW START…**

ANNC: "So Fowler with a bogey at the first, he gets that back right here at 7, gets to 7-under. Will we see Rickie turn it on, on the back side?"

**WHILE FOWLER NEEDS TO GET THINGS GOING, SERGIO GARCIA IS RIDING A WAVE OF MOMENTUM.**

ANNC: "Garcia in a great position to take the lead by himself."

SERGIO GARCIA SOT: "Started well, I made a nice putt on 2. Nice little short one on 3 and 4 and 5. I got on a good run there. Even the ones I wasn't making, I was hitting a lot of good putts."

**BILL HAAS CAN'T SAY THE SAME.**

BILL HAAS SOT: "I just think of two 3-footers right out of the gate, No. 2, after two great shots…and then number 9, 3-putting from 12 feet behind the hole."

ANNC: "Haas had it to 10-under and this is gonna be the 3rd straight hole with a dropped shot. 4 back as he heads to the back nine."

**JERRY KELLY ALSO STRUGGLES AS HE MAKES THE TURN, CARDING 3 STRAIGHT BOGEYS AT 8, 9 AND 10. HE FINISHES WITH A 74, AND TIES FOR 17TH.**

**CIRCLES ARE ALSO HARD TO COME BY FOR 54-HOLE LEADER CHRIS KIRK. HE MAKES JUST 1 BIRDIE ALL DAY COMPARED TO 4 BOGEYS, EN ROUTE TO A ROUND OF 75 AND A TIE FOR 13TH.**

**PLAYING COMPETITOR KEVIN KISNER ALSO STUMBLES EARLY, BUT RIGHTS THE SHIP AT THE 6TH…**

ANNC: "Right at it! So maybe Kisner can get back on track here with a couple of birdies after back-to-back bogeys…So, Kisner back within 2."

KEVIN KISNER SOT: "You don't expect out here for anybody to hand it to you, you know? These guys are all good and everybody's going to step up when the time's needed."

**KEVIN NA DOES JUST THAT, AFTER GETTING OFF TO A ROUGH START.**

ANNC: "Kevin Na, dangerous second shot out of the right fairway bunker over water and that wasn't even close."

**FOLLOWING A DOUBLE BOGEY AT 4, A PAIR OF BIRDIES GETS HIM BACK TO EVEN PAR AT THE TURN. BUT AS NA RALLIES, HORSCHEL MAKES 4 BOGEYS IN A 6-HOLE SPAN TO FALL OUT OF CONTENTION.**

BILLY HORSCHEL SOT: "It’s a little frustrating, but it's a good week, you know a lot of positive things to take away from this week."

**THE STORY IS THE SAME FOR JUSTIN THOMAS; DESPITE A FINAL ROUND 75, HE FINISHES HIS FIRST PLAYERS TIED FOR 24TH AT 5-UNDER.**

**MEANWHILE, BEN MARTIN IS ALSO MAKING THE MOST OF HIS INITIAL TRIP TO TPC SAWGRASS…**

ANNC: "Beginning this day in that tie for 2nd, at 9-under, 1 back."

**AFTER A 1-OVER OPENING NINE, HE GETS BACK TO RED FIGURES WITH BIRDIES AT 10 AND 11.**

ANNC: "Birdie for Martin. Solo 2nd, 1 back of Garcia."

**BUT MARTIN ISN'T THE ONLY ONE MAKING A MOVE…**

ANNC: "McIlroy, this to get to 8-under…and he's got it. So back-to-back birdies for the world number one."

**HOWEVER, MCILROY CLOSES OUT HIS ROUND WITH 6 STRAIGHT PARS, AND FINISHES 4 BACK.**

MCILROY SOT: "Gave myself a great chance on 13 and didn't convert and then it was tough from there. A lot of positives to take from tee to green, just need to go home over the next couple of days and work on my putting a little bit."

**5 SHOTS OFF THE LEAD AFTER A BOGEY AT 10, RICKIE FOWLER IS RUNNING OUT OF TIME TO GET BACK IN CONTENTION.**

RICKIE FOWLER SOT: "I wasn't playing that great Saturday, and into the first part of today's round and did everything I could to kind of fight and to hang around. Finally everything clicked."

**HE GETS BACK TO EVEN PAR ON THE DAY WITH A BIRDIE AT 13…**

ANNC: "Can Rickie light the fire with these last 5 holes and post a score?"

**…AND THEN ADDS ANOTHER AT 15.**

ANNC: "Another good look at birdie. So Fowler now to 8-under. Here comes Rickie."

FOWLER SOT: "When I knew I had a chance was when I made 3 on 16."

ANNC: "Rickie Fowler, bold play here. 243 yards into the wind…Oh what a bounce! Rickie Fowler's gonna have 2-and-a-half feet for an eagle. He's got it! So Rickie Fowler is 10-under par. And now he's got to come through at one of the most intimidating holes in golf. And it’s a good one! Rickie Fowler is gonna have a putt to get to 11-under par…What a putt coming up here for Rickie Fowler. Just under 7 feet. This to share the lead…Yes! Fowler, what a run!”

NATS: "Rickie, Rickie, Rickie!"

ANNC: "So he goes through the tunnel over to the intimidating par-4 18th tied for the lead at 11-under."

**WHILE FOWLER IS SURGING, SERGIO GARCIA IS CLINGING TO A SHARE OF THE LEAD AT 14…**

ANNC: "If this one doesn't drop, Fowler has the lead by himself. Just a little too firm. So Garcia's going to drop his first shot since the opening hole at the first."

ANNC: "This is wide open who's going to win this."

**AFTER SPLITTING THE FAIRWAY OFF THE TEE AT 18, FOWLER'S APPROACH SETTLES JUST INSIDE 17 FEET, SETTING UP A PUTT FOR BIRDIE AND A 2-SHOT LEAD.**

ANNC: "Rickie Fowler with an incredible run down the stretch! 6-under in the last 6 holes. 12-under's the lead…come and get me."

FOWLER SOT: "I thought there was a chance that I might win outright, but with those guys coming in, I mean these are the best players in the world. That's why I was out on the range and very much ready to go for a playoff."

**IT PROVES PRUDENT, AS FOWLER ISN'T THE ONLY ONE TO DOMINATE THE GAUNTLET DOWN THE STRETCH.**

HAAS SOT: "I birdied 14 and I saw Rickie posted 12 and I said, alright, well I got to make three more. It was, all of a sudden, my mentality changed a little."

**HAAS ADDS ANOTHER BIRDIE AT 15, AND THEN FINDS THE GREEN IN 2 AT 16…**

ANNC: "Eagle putt here, Bill Haas to tie the lead. Nope. Was left all the way. He is 1 shot closer at 11-under. Rickie dodged one there."

**BEN MARTIN IS ALSO VAULTING UP THE LEADERBOARD ON THE BACK NINE…**

NATS: “Whoo! Good birdie!”

**…AND ON MOTHER'S DAY HIS MOM, SUZIE, IS FOLLOWING HIM EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.**

SUZIE MARTIN NATS: “Looks like he likes it.”

**MARTIN MAKES 4 BIRDIES IN A 7 HOLE STRETCH TO GET TO 11-UNDER, AND 1 BACK OF FOWLER.**

MARTIN NATS: “Good birdie!”

**KEVIN NA ALSO MAKES A VALIANT EFFORT, WITH BIRDIES AT 14 AND 16 TO GET WITHIN 2. BUT HE NEEDS ANOTHER AT 17 TO HAVE ANY CHANCE…**

ANNC: "Did he??? Oh man, look at Kevin run by there. He thought it was going in."

**NA EVENTUALLY SETTLES FOR A TIE FOR 6TH.**

**AFTER A BIRDIE AT 16 TO GET WITHIN 1 OF FOWLER, GARCIA MANAGES TO CAPITALIZE FROM OUTSIDE 40 FEET AT 17…**

ANNC: "Sergio Garcia, oh man! Take that 17, huh? What a putt."

**BEN MARTIN FOLLOWS SUIT…**

ANNC: "Ben Martin to reach 12-under…yes! He's got it!"

**NOT TO BE OUTDONE, KEVIN KISNER ADDS A BIRDIE OF HIS OWN…**

ANNC: "And make it another one! Kisner to 12-under par. That little par 3 keeps entertaining in all sorts of ways."

Round 4 Leaderboard

**WITH FOWLER THE CLUBHOUSE LEADER AT 12-UNDER, 4 PLAYERS HEAD TO 18 WITH A CHANCE TO TIE THE LEAD…OR WIN OUTRIGHT.**

ANNC: "I'm now convinced this is, without a doubt, the greatest finish I've ever seen at this championship."

Playoff

ANNC: "Fowler is in at 12-under. That's the number that Garcia has to go after."

**TIED WITH RICKIE FOWLER, SERGIO GARCIA HAS AN OPPORTUNITY ON 18 TO SEIZE THE CLUBHOUSE LEAD…**

ANNC: "This to get by Fowler at the top…And so we've now got 2 in at 12-under."

SERGIO GARCIA SOT: "I hit a lot of good putts. And it's a shame. You know, I thought I had hit a great putt there on 18 now, it just didn't break as much as I thought."

**BUT HE ISN'T THE ONLY ONE WITH A CHANCE TO WIN THE TOURNAMENT AT THE LAST…**

ANNC: "Ben Martin tied for the lead now. Easy to miss it right. And it misses right way down in the trees."

**AFTER PUNCHING OUT, MARTIN NEEDS TO GET UP AND DOWN FOR PAR TO KEEP HIS PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP DREAMS ALIVE.**

ANNC: “So that par putt has to go down for Martin.”

**MEANWHILE, PLAYING COMPETITOR BILL HAAS IS ONE BACK AT 11-UNDER, AND DESPERATE FOR A BIRDIE…**

ANNC: "Never made a birdie here in 27 career rounds, can he do it right here to get to the number he needs? Gave it a good run though."

BILL HAAS SOT: "I had a putt from the fringe to get in a playoff and that's what you, that’s what you play for. I was proud of myself the way I clawed back but when you're in those positions, finishing one back hurts."

ANNC: "And so now Martin for his par, to get in at 12-under…So Martin and Haas come up short."

**BUT MARTIN AND HIS MOTHER, SUZIE, BOTH TAKE THE SETBACK IN STRIDE…**

SUZIE MARTIN SOT: "Just being here on Sunday and being, umm, in the top whatever he'll finish, is great."

BEN MARTIN SOT: "I gave myself a chance. It was a good experience being in the hunt on Sunday and in one of the best fields in the world, one of the best tournaments we play all year. So I won't take any negatives away, only positives."

ANNC: "So just one other player and that's Kisner playing behind them on this 18th hole with a chance."

**TIED FOR THE LEAD AT 12-UNDER, KEVIN KISNER PUTS HIMSELF IN A GREAT POSITION TO WIN…**

ANNC: "Wow he landed that just about perfect. Kevin Kisner is going to have a putt to take Garcia out of it, and Fowler out of it."

KEVIN KISNER SOT: "Probably 10 feet breaking a cup right to left and got out the perfect speed and I uhit a great putt. I thought it was dead center. "

ANNC: "Cannot come any closer."

ANNC: "And for the very first time in PLAYERS Championship history we have a 3-hole aggregate playoff and it will involve 3 players, who will head back to the par-5 16th, they'll play the 17th, the 18th and if they continue on they'd go back to 17 in sudden death style."

SERGIO SOT: "When you have such a big championship like this, like THE PLAYERS, I think it's nice to have three holes. It seems more fair to everyone."

**ALL 3 PLAYERS HAVE BIRDIE PUTTS AT THE PAR-5 16TH…**

ANNC: “And this has got to go just a touch to his right from here.”

**…BUT NO ONE CAN CONVERT.**

ANNC: "So all 3 players par the first playoff hole and they'll take the walk over to 17. Be interesting to see if Kisner remains as aggressive as he's been."

**AND IT DOESN'T TAKE LONG TO FIND OUT.**

ANNC: "This is just left of the hole…Beauty."

**THEN FOWLER FOLLOWS HIS LEAD.**

ANNC: "Oh what a shot by Fowler! He's gonna have a chance for his 4th birdie at 17 in 5 trips here this week to the island green."

**SERGIO GARCIA IS ALSO LOOKING FOR THE 4TH BIRDIE ON HIS SCORECARD AT 17…BUT HE CAN'T CONNECT…AND KISNER CALMLY CONVERTS HIS BIRDIE.**

ANNC: "Gah is this man clutch. How about this for a guy who has never won on the PGA TOUR. Fowler to answer…Got it! So Sergio finds himself one shot behind in this three-hole aggregate playoff as they move to the 18th."

**AFTER FOWLER MAKES PAR, KISNER HAS ANOTHER PUTT ON 18 FOR THE WIN…**

KISNER SOT: "It looked like it could have gone in there at the end."

ANNC: "So now with Fowler and Kisner in there, Garcia has to make this."

GARCIA SOT: "Today it was good. It was a shame it was just a little too short."

ANNC: "Sergio will exit, and Fowler and Kisner will head back to 17 for a sudden death meeting there."

**KISNER HAS THE HONOR, AND ONCE AGAIN HE FINDS THE GREEN…**

ANNC: "Woah…That one just carries the bunker and takes that big kick forward. Kisner is showing a lot of moxie, I'll tell you that."

**BUT FOWLER RESPONDS.**

FOWLER SOT: "I had a great number there on 17. I was able to just hit a choke down gap wedge and I played it well all week."

ANNC: "That's within 4 or 5 feet of the hole! People are going crazy! We have spent so much time through the years talking about heartbreak on this par-3 17th. But Rickie Fowler has owned this hole. He is in line for what would be his 5th birdie in 6 trips. Kisner putts first…Alright, Rickie Fowler is going to have a chance to win it all. 4 feet, 8 inches away from a PLAYERS Championship title. And that two does it! Rickie Fowler owns the island green and the 2015 PLAYERS Championship."

FOWLER SOT: "To play the last six holes that way and to step up and continue that in the playoff, big thanks to 17. It was a big help this week. I was always looked at as only having one win on TOUR, and I always felt that I needed to put myself in position to win more often, and it feels good to be back in that position."

Final Leaderboard

**EN ROUTE TO HIS 2ND CAREER WIN, AND FIRST SINCE 2012, FOWLER GOES 5-UNDER PAR ON 15 THROUGH 18 DURING THE FINAL ROUND, THE BEST BY A PGA TOUR WINNER ON ANY COURSE SINCE THEY BEGAN TRACKING THE STAT IN 1983.**

Rollout

NATS: “How about a round of applause for the 2015 PLAYERS champion, Rickie Fowler!”

RICKIE FOWLER SOT: “Had to wait a long time for this…back in the winners’ circle. Thank you everyone for being here, Happy Mother’s Day. Hasn’t sunk in yet, and I’m sure it won’t sink in for a while. Thank you to all the volunteers, everyone at the PGA TOUR. I look forward to being back here and having another chance at winning. Thank you.”

**AS FOWLER BASKS IN THE GLOW OF THE BIGGEST VICTORY OF HIS YOUNG CAREER, THERE ARE PLENTY OF PEOPLE AT TPC SAWGRASS STILL WAITING TO WISH HIM WELL…**

NATS: “2015 PLAYERS champion, Rickie Fowler.”

**HE ALSO TAKES HIS RIGHTFUL PLACE IN THE CHAMPIONS LOCKER ROOM…**

NATS: “Nice and fresh on there. Oh, it’s open, too. Nothing yet. We’ll load it up for next year.”

**…AND CONCLUDES THE CELEBRATION WITH A FAMILY FEAST.**

NATS: “Yeah! Winner, winner, taco dinner.”

**WHILE FOWLER IS THE LAST MAN STANDING, THE PLAYERS PROVED THAT THE PGA TOUR IS LOADED WITH TALENT FOR 20-15 AND BEYOND…**

FOWLER SUNDAY PRESSER: “There's a lot of young guys playing well. Definitely gives you a little kick in the butt and inspires you to go do what they're doing. Being that I was able to get the job done here, especially in a playoff and when it really mattered, it's just going to give me added confidence and belief in myself going forward.”

NATS: “I’m Rickie Fowler and I just won the 2015 PLAYERS Championship.”

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