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**Open (Schenk)**

SOD TOUR – So this is one of our sod fields. It's out behind the farm – Pretty healthy field of grass. I think they cut some this morning.

**EACH WEEK ON THE PGA TOUR, GOLFERS AIM FOR THE CAREFULLY MANICURED GREENS ON THE COURSE.**

SOD TOUR – This is where the magic happens for the sod farm.

**MAKING CUTS FOR A LIVING WAS JUST SECOND NATURE TO A GUY WHO GREW UP CUTTING GRASS…**

GRASS GOLF 1 – Dad would always wonder why when he was picking corn in the cornfield why there'd be so many golf balls – And, I was like I don't know, that's weird. I don't know how they got there…I was always hitting them everywhere.

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**THIS IS INSIDE THE PGA TOUR.**

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**Adam Schenk Farm Life**

MOWER 1 – Someone's been mowing. Grandma usually puts in most of the time on the mower. So if anything's broken or out of fuel you can about blame Grandma.

NAT – Grandma! Grandma! Oh hi, Mom. I didn't see you there."

SOT SCHENK – Who is Adam Schenk? Good question. I'm from Southern Indiana, farm kid I'm the 4th generation of the Schenks in farming, so a long time.

NAT – I'm Adam Schenk and welcome to the Schenk Sod Farm.

SOT SCHENK INTERVIEW – When I come home I would always mow the grass Just a little escape for me, cause I don't get to do that very often, ever.

**ON THE SCHENK FAMILY FARM, SOD WAS A SPECIALTY EVEN BEFORE ADAM WAS HITTING GOLF BALLS OFF OF IT…**

SOD TOUR – There's a knife that comes along here and cuts the sod. - Another knife that goes underneath and cuts the root bed. – It cuts it off in a square yard and then goes up the belt and rolls it up.

SOT SCHENK INTERIVEW – We have bluegrass, we have turf-type fescue and we also have Zoysia grass to sell to residential or golf courses, landscapers, businesses, anybody that wants to buy it.

SOD TOUR – We do not do bent grass or Bermuda grass, unfortunately. That would have been really nice to hit off of.

SCHENK SITDOWN GRASS – I should get out here and practice chipping off of it more often than I did growing up, but I guess you can't do everything.

**THE 27-YEAR-OLD'S DEDICATION TO HIS CRAFT, BEARS RESEMBLANCE TO HIS WORK ON THE FARM.**

SOT SCHENK INTERVIEW – Putting in a lot of hard work and sometimes you don't always see the results in farming or especially in golf. Every week on TOUR is a major in a sense and just preparing for each week and treating it how important it really is.

**LAST SEASON, SCHENK HELD TOP-50 RANKINGS IN DRIVING DISTANCE & STROKES GAINED: PUTTING EN ROUTE TO PLACING 71ST IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS…**

SOT SCHENK INTERVIEW – The driver's been working well and the putter's been working well, so those are usually my two best clubs. – If they go well – if they go up, I go up. I would love to make every cut that I play in this year.

SOT KOURTNEY INTERVIEW – Now, heading into his 3rd year on the PGA TOUR, he just takes everything so in stride, and I love that and respect that about him.

**SCHENK'S REVERENCE FOR HIS FAMILY'S LAND WAS DEMONSTRATED JUST AS LAST YEAR'S SEASON BEGAN…**

DOG WALKING - We're going to where I grew up and where we got engaged. Right after the first tournament of the year in Napa.

DOG WALKING – I told Courtney that I wanted to hit some golf balls real quick when she was videoing me. Pulled the ring out of my golf bag, and got down on hand and knee and that was that.

SOT KOURTNEY INTERVIEW – He had gotten his PGA TOUR card back and I knew that was a big goal for us before we started the next phase of our life. I knew it was coming, but not necessarily that day.

SOT SCHENK INTERVIEW – It's the most important thing to have her by my side and to have someone to laugh with, to experience everything with.

SOT KOURTNEY INTERVIEW – To be able to watch him on the TOUR every week is just the coolest thing I've ever done and he just worked so hard and has done a lot to get there.

**JUST LIKE THE SCHENK FAMILY'S GRASS, ADAM'S GAME CONTINUES TO GROW…HAVING TAKEN ROOT OUT IN THE FIELDS HE ONCE WORKED…**

SOT SCHENK INTERVIEW – Hundreds and hundreds of hours just hitting it in certain spots that would get worn out I do like hitting at the farm – all the memories growing up. And, I can hit anywhere I want.

GRASS GOLF 2 – I have to be careful when I always mow my parents yard – not to run over some golf balls that have kicked up – cause I have been shooting the grass towards the house before and run over a golf ball - I haven't hit a window yet, but it could happen. [Return to index of stories...](file:///C:\\Users\\patrickgi\\OneDrive%20-%20PGA%20TOUR%20INC\\Desktop\\x2019%20Inside%20the%20PGA%20TOUR%20%2336%20(Sanderson%20Farms).HTM" \l "StoryIndex)

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**Sanderson Farms 4Ball**

**FROM THE SCHENK SOD FARM, INSIDE HEADS TO THE SANDERSON FARMS CHAMPIONSHIP, WITH A 4-BALL OF FACTS TO KNOW AHEAD OF THIS SEASON’S SECOND EVENT…**

REDMAN SOT: I think I'm in a good position. I feel good about my game and hopefully, that leads to some good finishes and maybe some wins.

**DOC REDMAN HIGHLIGHTS A FIELD OF 18 ROOKIES…**

YOUNG PLAYER ANNC: "a guy like this, young player trying to get off to a great start"

**WHILE LAST SEASON'S WINNER, CAMERON CHAMP, CLAIMED HIS FIRST PGA TOUR VICTORY IN HIS YOUNG ROOKIE CAMPAIGN…**

CHAMP SOT: "It definitely happened kind of before I thought. I knew I was capable of winning, and just wasn't sure when the chips would fall"

**THE FALL EVENTS PROVIDE CRITICAL FEDEXCUP POINTS…INCLUDING CHAMP, ALL 8 WINNERS FROM LAST SEASON'S FALL EVENTS REACHED THE FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS.**

ANNC HOT START: "Just a hot start can make all the difference in the world"

**IN IT'S SIXTH YEAR HOLDING THE EVENT, THE COUNTRY CLUB OF JACKSON WILL HOST 4 PLAYERS WHO FINISHED IN THE TOP 30 OF THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS LAST SEASON AND 75 PGA TOUR WINNERS.**

GLOVER SOT: “The way the new schedule sets up, gets some of these great events in the fall and you can get off to a pretty hot start and then carry it over to the new year. [Return to index of stories...](file:///C:\\Users\\patrickgi\\OneDrive%20-%20PGA%20TOUR%20INC\\Desktop\\x2019%20Inside%20the%20PGA%20TOUR%20%2336%20(Sanderson%20Farms).HTM" \l "StoryIndex)

**PGA Vignette**

**THE DRIVEABLE PAR 4 15TH OFFERS PLAYERS A CHANCE TO PUT A LOW NUMBER ON THEIR CARD LATE IN THE ROUND…**

SOT: The 15th hole is a great hole, I think every great golf course nowadays has a short drivable par 4. The hole plays 305 to 330 yards and the best way to play that hole is to literally attack it straight down the left hand side straight into the green there’s nothing but trouble that lurks to the left. It's a pivotal hole and someone's going to miss the cut because they played that hole bad and someone's going to make the cut because they played that hole very well. [Return to index of stories...](file:///C:\Users\patrickgi\OneDrive%20-%20PGA%20TOUR%20INC\Desktop\x2019%20Inside%20the%20PGA%20TOUR%20%2336%20(Sanderson%20Farms).HTM#StoryIndex)

**PGA TOUR Live Promo**

**AND, YOU CAN CATCH ALL THE ACTION FROM JACKSON AS PGA TOUR LIVE'S FEATURE GROUPS COVERAGE CONTINUES AT EACH U.S. EVENT THIS FALL.**

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**This week on TOUR-gfx**

**THIS WILL BE THE 33RD PLAYING OF THE SANDERSON FARMS CHAMPIONSHIP…AND, THE FIRST TIME IN WHICH 500 FEDEXCUP POINTS ARE AWARDED TO THE TOURNAMENT’S WINNER…**

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**Bump #1 (Campos)**

**STILL AHEAD…**

CAMPOS SOT: "It's been extremely fun getting better throughout the years

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**MUST SEE MOMENTS Vignette**

**INSIDE PRESENTS…MUST-SEE MOMENTS…**

JACK SOT: "I still think 30 is a little young to get into course design but I got into it about 25

**WHILE RORY MCILROY THOUGHT HE WAS GOING TO TALK ABOUT GOLF DESIGN WITH JACK NICKLAUS, THE GOLDEN BEAR SURPRISED THE FEDEXCUP CHAMP WITH 2019 PGA TOUR PLAYER OF THE YEAR HONORS INSTEAD…**

MCILROY SOT: "wow I had no idea, we were here on golf course design. Thank you." [Return to index of stories...](file:///C:\\Users\\patrickgi\\OneDrive%20-%20PGA%20TOUR%20INC\\Desktop\\x2019%20Inside%20the%20PGA%20TOUR%20%2336%20(Sanderson%20Farms).HTM" \l "StoryIndex)

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**Greenbrier Moments**

(BUGLE HORN SOUND NAT)

**BEFORE A MILITARY TRIBUTE AT THE GREENBRIER TEED OFF, PLAYERS BEGAN THE WEEK IN REMBRANCE OF THE FALLEN HEROES OF 9/11.**

**THE SEASON OPENER AT THE GREENBRIER RESORT OFFERED PLAYERS AND THEIR FAMILIES PLENTY OF UNIQUE EXPERIENCES.JUST ASK THE LEISHMANS.**

"Give him a hard push. Whoa!

**PAST CHAMPION AT THE EVENT, SCOTT STALLINGS, SHARED HIS SECRETS TO THE STINGER.**

NAT: "When you hit it low you kinda want to cover it up and keep the loft down off it and keep the toe kinda tuned down through with your chest on top and keep the dynamic loft, and kinda spin down and through, hammer the ground and watch that thing fire out low."

NAT: "That was nice.”

NAT: "This is what I use on the course, what I'm gonna use tomorrow when I play, and that's definitely a shot that's kind of a pretty typical part of what I do day in day out on tour."

**OFF THE COURSE, PGA TOUR ROOKIES SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER AND VINCENT WHALEY TOOK THEIR GAME TO THE BOWLING LANES**

BOWLING SOT: “I’m a straight ball shooter. Oh that’s a good start. That’s not a good start.

Bowling SOT: Try to hit a big draw to that one, that would be your best bet.”

NAT: No way just buries it.”

SOT: “Does it look like I’m doing something? You keep putting different spins on it I don’t know what to tell you.”

NAT: “I think I’m gonna go with that soft roll.”

NAT: “Hang in there (laughs)”

**Greenbrier Winner**

ANNC 2: "On his way to his first win in his 44th start on the PGA Tour."

**LOOKING TO CAPTURE HIS FIRST TITLE ON THE PGA TOUR AT THE AGE OF 20, JOAQUIN NIEMANN WOULD ALSO BECOME THE FIRST CHAMPION FROM CHILE**

ANNC 1: "He is about to become the youngest international winner on Tour since 1923."

WINNING ANNC: "Man what a performance! Joaquin Niemann has won a Military Tribute at the Greenbrier, and another young star has arrived on the PGA Tour."

NIEMANN SOT 2: "I've just been thinking about this my whole life since I started playing golf."

**50% OF NIEMANN'S TOTAL STROKES GAINED FOR THE WEEK WERE A RESULT OF HIS PLAY ON THE GREEN…ALONG WITH A CARER BEST PERFORMANCE IN PUTTS MADE OVER 20 FEET, NIEMANN CARDED JUST 3 BOGEYS THE ENTIRE TOURNAMENT…**

NIEMANN SOT: "It's just it's crazy I mean I'm really happy for my family, my coach, it's just crazy.” [Return to index of stories...](file:///C:\Users\patrickgi\OneDrive%20-%20PGA%20TOUR%20INC\Desktop\x2019%20Inside%20the%20PGA%20TOUR%20%2336%20(Sanderson%20Farms).HTM#StoryIndex)

**FedExCup Standings-gfx**

**NIEMANN BECOMES THE YOUNGEST PLAYER TO EVER LEAD IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS AND THE 60TH PLAYER TO RANK NUMBER 1 SINCE THE RANKINGS BEGAN...**

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**Wyndham Rewards Top 10-gfx**

**WITH ONLY ONE EVENT IN THE BOOKS, THE WYNDHAM REWARDS TOP 10 IS BUNCHED AT THE TOP WITH MORE SEPARATION EXPECTED THIS WEEK IN JACKSON…WHERE RAFAEL CAMPOS LOOKS TO MAKE AN IMPACT.** [Return to index of stories...](file:///C:\\Users\\patrickgi\\OneDrive%20-%20PGA%20TOUR%20INC\\Desktop\\x2019%20Inside%20the%20PGA%20TOUR%20%2336%20(Sanderson%20Farms).HTM" \l "StoryIndex)

**Art Card (Campos)**

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**Korn Ferry Grad: Spotlight Rafa Campos**

CAMPOS SOT: “For me it's always been my dream to be on the PGA Tour for sure, but at the same time, I'm not doing it only for myself. I really want younger generations in Puerto Rico, the younger kids, to really understand that is possible, being Puerto Rican, man, that means a lot.”

**IN JANUARY, RAFAEL CAMPOS BECAME THE FIRST EVER PUERTO RICAN TO WIN ON THE KORN FERRY TOUR…**

CAMPOS SOT: "I'm pretty sure back home they're really having fun right now and it's nice to go back home tomorrow to go and celebrate with them for a couple days."

**CAMPOS FINISHED THE SEASON RANKED 18TH IN THE REGULAR SEASON POINTS LIST, PUNCHING HIS TICKET TO COMPETE ON THE PGA TOUR FOR THE 2019-20 SEASON**

ANNC: "Really an incredible story for Rafael Campos and what he's been able to do here."

CAMPOS SOT: "It's been extremely fun getting better throughout the years. I remember going to the tournaments and saying, man, it'll be so cool to play up there with them and fortunately I've had the chance to do that now."

**AND CAMPOS NEVER FORGETS WHERE HE CAME FROM, TEEING IT UP IN FRONT OF HIS HOME CROWD AT THE PUERTO RICO OPEN FOR 11 CONSECUTIVE TIMES…**

ANNC: "San Juan native, the most popular man on the golf course this week."

TRAINER SOT: "Rafa Campos is their poster boy for professional golf there and I'm just so happy for him knowing that he's worked so hard. It's just great to see him really succeed."

CAMPOS SOT: "I'm the only Puerto Rican professional player so hopefully, I'm an inspiration to the younger generations. I started at nine years old with my family, friends, cousins, everything same day so golf for me here in the islands is extremely important."

**AND WHEN HE'S NOT ON THE COURSE WORKING ON HIS GAME, YOU CAN FIND HIM TAKING IN THE SCENERY OF HIS BELOVED CITY**

CAMPOS SOT: "I honestly just love being here and any weeks off I have from my tour schedule I definitely try to come back and relax as much as possible here."

CAMPOS SOT: "It doesn't matter what you do, whether you go to the beach, go to the boat, play golf, go to a restaurant. You're in island mode right now."

CAMPOS NATS: "That's awesome!"

CAMPOS NATS: "It's just gorgeous anywhere you go, this is pretty cool. Paradise. It is. This is paradise." [Return to index of stories...](file:///C:\\Users\\patrickgi\\OneDrive%20-%20PGA%20TOUR%20INC\\Desktop\\x2019%20Inside%20the%20PGA%20TOUR%20%2336%20(Sanderson%20Farms).HTM" \l "StoryIndex)

**Bump #2 (Player of Year)**

**UP NEXT.**

SOT NA – Every time I play with him, the way he drives it amazes me.

**THE PLAYERS HAVE SPOKEN, ON THEIR PICK FOR THE PGA TOUR PLAYER OF THE YEAR…**

SOT SNEDEKER – The ability for him to drive it so far and so straight, it's probably the strongest club in anybody's bag on TOUR [Return to index of stories...](file:///C:\\Users\\patrickgi\\OneDrive%20-%20PGA%20TOUR%20INC\\Desktop\\x2019%20Inside%20the%20PGA%20TOUR%20%2336%20(Sanderson%20Farms).HTM" \l "StoryIndex)

**BOUNCING BACK Vignette**

**INSIDE PRESENTS…BOUNCING BACK…**

**BEFORE MAKING THE TURN SUNDAY, JOAQUIN NIEMANN HAD A HICCUP WITH A BOGEY ON THE NINTH HOLE …**

NIEMANN BOGEY ANNC: "That'll be his first bogey today and we have a tie game right now"

**BUT THE YOUNG STAR RECALIBRATED FOR HIS FINAL 9 HOLES…**

ANNC: "This is an amazing turn of events though"

10 BIRIDE ANNC: "What a great bounce back birdie this would be for the 20-year-old, lead two again"

**THE CHILEAN CHAMPION CARDED A TOTAL OF SIX BIRDIES ON THE BACK NINE TO SECURE HIS WIN BY SIX SHOTS**. [Return to index of stories...](file:///C:\\Users\\patrickgi\\OneDrive%20-%20PGA%20TOUR%20INC\\Desktop\\x2019%20Inside%20the%20PGA%20TOUR%20%2336%20(Sanderson%20Farms).HTM" \l "StoryIndex)

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**PGA TOUR Player of the Year**

**LAST SEASON, JUST ONE PLAYER HAD MORE ROUNDS OF 64 OR BETTER THAN FEDEXCUP CHAMPION RORY MCILROY— ROOKIE OF THE YEAR RECIPIENT, SUNGJAE IM…**

ANNC – Oh! Look at that! That's pretty impressive!

**THE ARNOLD PALMER AWARD GOES TO THE 21-YEAR-OLD SOUTH KOREAN WHO RECORDED 7 TOP-10 FINISHES AND WAS THE ONLY ROOKIE TO REACH THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP IN 2019…**

ANNC – “Oh yeah. Birdie. Bonus there."

**ADDITIONALLY, IM LED THE TOUR IN TOTAL BIRDIES, TOTAL EAGLES, AND, ROUNDS UNDER PAR. ALL IN JUST HIS ROOKIE SEASON…**

POY SURPRISE How are ya? Good to see you. You're doing well? I haven't seen you since you won the PLAYERS.

**MEANWHILE, RORY MCILROY ADDED TO HIS TROPHY COLLECTION WITH THE HELP OF JACK NICKLAUS…**

POY SURPRISE: That's the PLAYERS trophy…

POY SURPRISE: That's the Canadian Open trophy…

POY SURPRISE: And, that's the FedExCup…What are they bringing these things out for? I have no idea.”

POY SURPRISE: And, they got one other one they thought they'd bring out for you today/ That's the Nicklaus Trophy. I've already got two of those. Well, you've got 3 now. Congratulations! Really? Ha ha I've got goosebumps. Thank you! Uh ha ha ha Thank you. Congrats on winning the Jack Nicklaus Award 2019 PGA TOUR Player of the Year Ha ha… Um…Wow.”

SOT MCILROY POY – “Back in Hawaii in January and I really committed to playing the PGA TOUR full-time and wanted to give it my all. I guess this is validation for doing that. It's been my most consistent year to date and arguably my best.

ANNC – "The PLAYERS has yet another incredible talent win its crown jewel"

SOT NICKLAUS POY – “I think it's great when your peers vote you as the best player of the year, winning the PLAYERS championship, winning the TOUR championship, along with the Canadian Open in the middle, they thought that was pretty special.

ANNC RORY WIN RBC CANADIAN OPEN – “Absolutely magnificent"

SOT MCILROY POY – “What's been so cool about this year is realizing that I've found a formula that works for me and if I just replicate that formula week after week, I'm gonna give myself loads of chances to win. The ones that I did win were big wins and obviously mattered a lot.

ANNC – “Rory McIlroy is a 2-time FedExCup Champion!”

**ALONG WITH JOINING TIGER WOODS AS THE ONLY PLAYERS TO WIN MULTIPLE FEDEXCUP TITLES, THE 30-YEAR-OLD LED THE TOUR IN 3 STROKES GAINED STATISTICS …**

**MCILROY CREDITS THE USE OF HIS DRIVER AS A KEY ELEMENT OF HIS SUCCESS…**

SOT MCILROY POY – I wanted to hit driver, be aggressive and really just put my foot down from the start, when you get it rolling like that it just feels so good."

ANNC - Oh, that's a thing of beauty!"

SOT NICKLAUS POY –Rory's got great power, great rhythm, great tempo I love his swing. Good players are always in the mix. And, Rory gave himself a lot of chances to win.

SOT MCILROY POY –Very humbled. Very grateful to think that my PGA TOUR peers thought that my year was good enough to win the player of the year. 3rd time. It means a lot to me.

POY SURPRISE– And to get it from the man himself…I thought this was orchestrated pretty well. Yeah, I don't know what to say, this is pretty cool. [Return to index of stories...](file:///C:\\Users\\patrickgi\\OneDrive%20-%20PGA%20TOUR%20INC\\Desktop\\x2019%20Inside%20the%20PGA%20TOUR%20%2336%20(Sanderson%20Farms).HTM" \l "StoryIndex)

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ANNC: “That's how you play a hole right there."

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ANNC: “Niemann from the lower level, and touchdown.”

**WITH 23 BIRDIES OR BETTER AT A MILITARY TRIBUTE AT THE GREENBRIER, JOAQUIN NIEMANN EARNED THE INAUGURAL BIRDIES FORE LOVE PAYOUT OF $50,000…**

SOT NIEMANN – “That's awesome. It's great to be helping different kinds of foundation. Yeah, I mean, when you play good you got a lot of good benefits. It's just great. Hopefully can help." [Return to index of stories...](file:///C:\\Users\\patrickgi\\OneDrive%20-%20PGA%20TOUR%20INC\\Desktop\\x2019%20Inside%20the%20PGA%20TOUR%20%2336%20(Sanderson%20Farms).HTM" \l "StoryIndex)

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SLUGGER WHITE: "I know you’re aware of what we did at Liberty National. Dave Donnelly had the ruling there at 14 the little par three, that Rory McIlroy had touched the sand in the bunker…

**NEXT WEEK'S PODCAST FEATURES SENIOR PGA TOUR RULES OFFICIALS SLUGGER WHITE AND MARK RUSSELL, AS THEY REFLECT ON THEIR FRIENDSHIP AND RECENT RULINGS…**

RORY MCILROY: "So I thought there was a stone behind my ball, but it wasn't, as I went down and it wasn't a stone, but I touched it and I realized it wasn't a stone and then so I've touched the sand, but I don't feel like it improved my lie…

SLUGGER WHITE: "We had a big discussion amongst our staff that the penalty was gonna be necessary. We sat around and talked to him, before he finished round. And it's another situation where you gotta ask the player what is that? Exactly, I went in there and on the way there, it's like I did in fact talk with someone with USGA and I said, you know what? My thought process is, if anything crumbled, when he's gonna touch that little mound, I said I think he's got a problem, he said absolutely.”

SLUGGER WHITE ON RAIDO "Dave, I'm getting parts of this, did you get your answer?

RULES OFFICIAL "Yes, Slugger, it sounds like it will be two strokes for touching the sand right behind his ball. That's the danger of picking up these clumps when they look like rocks and they disintegrate like sand in your hand…"

RORY MCILROY "Yeah, It didn't disintegrate, I just went to and I was like ok, that's not…

RULES OFFICIAL "Ok I realize that, but if you touched the sand…Ok…it is a penalty, 2 shots…

RORY MCILROY "OK, no worries."

SLUGGER WHITE "So, when I went in and sat down with Rory, I took the rule book with me.”

SOT: “And I said I need to ask you really, basically one thing. I said, I know what you were doing, and I said did anything, did anything crumble, anything move this and he said, emphatically said, absolutely not. End of story.”

ROLLOUT

**PLENTY MORE FROM SLUGGER AND MARK’S CONVERSATION WILL BE HEARD NEXT WEEK WITH THE LATEST UP AND DOWN PODCAST…**

**AS PLAYERS PREPARE FOR THE WEEK AHEAD…AT THE SANDERSON FARMS CHAMPIONSHIP IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI…**

ANNC ADD: This golf course will bite back if you test it.”

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