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Tease

THE FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS...THE CULMINATION OF A SEASON'S WORTH OF WORK.

DAY SOT - "It's something you are trying to build for as the year go on, every win that you have, or every result you have, you're trying to work your way up."

ALL THE EFFORT CLIMAXING IN A 4 EVENT SPRINT.

RAHM SOT - "The most exciting part of the year is when the FedEx Cup is won."

REED SOT - "The energy is just so much more pressure packed than just a normal tour event."

ANNC - "Playoff pressure turned up to a premium!"

KISNER SOT - "When you go to each tournament you gotta play well to have a chance to win."

SUCCEED IN THE CAULDRON OF COMPETITION, AND MOVE ON...BUT COME UP SHORT?

THOMAS SOT - "Knowing that the field gets cut down each tournament you play. It's a different kind of pressure."

SPIETH SOT - "You have to play well during the playoffs in order to have a chance to win this thing. And if you don't, you've got no shot at it."

ANNC - "How about that!"

ANNC - "What a putt!"

THE BEST IN THE GAME BRING THEIR BEST TO BEAR.

ANNC DJ - "Got a chance!" "Oh! Yes!"

DJ SOT - "To be a part of history on the PGA Tour, it's the next step for me I think, to win."

ALL TO ADD THEIR NAME TO GOLF'S BIGGEST PRIZE.

ANNC - "That is pure confidence and guts!"

THOMAS SOT - "Any time you can win something over a year long is even more special than just winning a golf tournament."

THE SEASON LONG RACE CONCLUDES IN THE 2017 FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS OFFICIAL FILM. [Return to index of stories...](#)

Season Recap Playoff Setup

ANNC - "21-year old Si Woo Kim is the youngest PLAYERS Champion!"

ANNC - "Oh! Brian Harman!"

ANNC - "Leishman wins the Arnold Palmer Invitational!"

THE 2016-17 PGA TOUR REGULAR SEASON HAD NUMEROUS DRAMATIC AND EXCITING MOMENTS, BUT THERE WAS ONE DEFINING CHARACTERSTIC THROUGHOUT: YOUTH.

ANNC - "The script just keeps getting better and better with all the young guys."

HADWIN SOT - "These guys are coming out of college having played PGA Tour events as amateurs, and they're coming out with no fear and all their buddies are doing it as well."

RAHM SOT - "We play against them on a regular basis and we see they've won, and you compare yourself. You're like, okay, I am as good as this guy. I can win too. And you get it done."

26 TITLES WERE CAPTURED BY 20-SOMETHINGS, 16 OF THOSE BY PLAYERS YOUNGER THAN 25, BOTH THE MOST SINCE 1970.

PEREZ SOT - "They're so motivated, they're so dedicated, the age group from, from 18 to 23 is so much better than it was 20 years ago. And that's just the way the game is going."

3 OF THE REGULAR SEASON'S MULTIPLE WINNERS WERE IN THEIR 20'S, INCLUDING A 4-WIN BREAKOUT CAMPAIGN FOR JUSTIN THOMAS...

ANNC - "The arrival of yet another young American standout!"

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA TRIUMPHING 3 TIMES, BECOMING THE WINNINGEST JAPANESE PLAYER IN PGA TOUR HISTORY...

ANNC - "Masterful performance by Matsuyama!"

AND A THIRD CONSECUTIVE MULTIPLE WIN SEASON FOR JORDAN SPIETH, THE LONGEST ACTIVE STREAK ON TOUR.

ANNC - "Right at it! He's done it again, Jordan Spieth!"

WHILE SPIETH'S STREAK IS IMPRESSIVE, DUSTIN JOHNSON ADDED HIS 10TH STRAIGHT SEASON WITH A WIN BY CAPTURING NOT ONE, BUT 3 TITLES.

ANNC - "3 wins in a row for Dustin Johnson!"

AND AFTER 43 EVENTS, THESE STARS ALIGN AGAIN IN THE BIG APPLE TO KICK OFF THE FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS, THIS TIME FACING A NEW TEST. [Return to index of stories...](#)

Glen Oaks Setup

CRAIG CURRIER SOT - "I came over here to Glen Oaks in January of 2010. They wanted to re-do the whole golf course here so it was just a great opportunity and a great challenge."

OPENED IN 1971, GLEN OAKS GOLF CLUB HOSTS THE PGA TOUR'S TOP 125 FOR THE FIRST TIME AFTER AN AMBITIOUS RENOVATION.

CRAIG CURRIER SOT - "Up here in the Northeast a lot of the golf courses are big rugged golf courses with fescue and native grasses. We kind of went the other direction."

TIM SHIFFLET SOT - "We're very excited for Glen Oaks to host the FedExCup playoff. Craig Currier our superintendent has just done a fantastic job."

ANNC - Fantastic course Glen Oaks Club, the players all think it's a great venue."

CINK SOT - "We're looking around at this wonderful property, and this great course thinking, why did none of us ever know about this place before? It's awesome."

THE TOUR'S BEST ARE EAGER TO TAKE ON GLEN OAKS' CHALLENGE...

CURRIER NATS - "These are the guys that get all the work done behind the scenes."

AND CURRIER'S CREW WILL BE WORKING OVERTIME TO PROVIDE A PRISTINE PLATFORM FOR COMPETITION.

CURRIER SOT - "I never envisioned hosting the FedExCup playoffs to be honest. Never. To have this is beyond my wildest dreams."

SHIFFLET SOT - "It's in great condition. I don't think the golf course favors one type of player and I think all 125 guys in the field have a chance to win here." [Return to index of stories...](#)

THE NORTHERN TRUST Early Rounds

ANNC - "The FedExCup Playoffs are underway, so much at stake, it's THE NORTHERN TRUST."

AS PLAY KICKS OFF, 4TH RANKED DUSTIN JOHNSON WASTES NO TIME IMPROVING HIS POSITION THE FIRST TWO DAYS.

ANNC - "Look out, Dustin Johnson, on his game."

DJ SOT - "I've been saying it's close and I've seen signs of it, but today was the first day where I felt like all day, I was really in control of the swing."

WITH HIS GAME FEELING ITS BEST SINCE APRIL, DJ DOMINATES OFF THE TEE, WHILE ALSO HOLING OVER 150 FEET OF PUTTS TO HOLD A SHARE OF THE LEAD THROUGH 36-HOLES.

DJ SOT - "The golf course suits my eye well. If I keep hitting it like I'm hitting it, I'm going to like it a lot more come Sunday, that's for sure."

JOINING HIM AT THE TOP IS ANOTHER OF THE SEASON'S BEST PERFORMERS...

ANNC - "Yes he can! Good start for Spieth!"

HIS PUTTER HEATING UP ON FRIDAY, JORDAN SPIETH RUNS OFF 5 STRAIGHT BIRDIES TO JOIN DJ IN THE LEAD.

SPIETH SOT - "I've been able to kind of mentally use one or two good putts to make me feel like I'm putting awesome. I got on the good side of the streak on the back nine today."

WHILE THE 2015 FEDEXCUP CHAMPION IS IN POSITION FOR ANOTHER TITLE, THE DEFENDING CHAMP COMES TO NEW YORK WITH WORK TO DO.

MCILROY SOT - "I want to get through these playoffs, I want to defend my title. I still feel there's a lot to play for."

BEFORE MCILROY BEGAN HIS PLAYOFF JOURNEY, HE VISITED AN ICONIC SPORTING LANDMARK.

PATRICK FITZGERALD SOT – "My pleasure to welcome you here to Yankee Stadium to honor Rory and commemorate his 2016 FedExCup Championship."

MCILROY NATS - "I'll let you go first, ladies first."

MCILROY HIT AROUND THE DIAMOND ALONGSIDE CANCER SURVIVOR AND ST. JUDE PATIENT MARY BROWDER.

MCILROY NATS - "Good distance."

RICK SHADYAC SOT - "FedEx is honoring the FedExCup champion with a one million dollar donation to St. Jude in Rory's name this year."

MCILROY SOT - "For them to donate a million dollars to the hospital in my name is, it's incredible."

WHILE INSPIRED BY THAT EXPERIENCE, IT DOESN'T TRANSLATE TO HIS GAME ON THE COURSE.

ANNC - "Fighting hard."

AFTER AN OPENING 73, MCILROY PERSEVERES, BUT IS A DISTANT 12 SHOTS OFF THE LEAD AFTER 3 DAYS.

MCILROY SOT – "It's just been a bit in and out, the game, the last few weeks, really, if I could hold my position or move up a few spots tomorrow, that would be nice."

ANOTHER WITH AN EYE ON POSITIONING EARLY IN THE PLAYOFFS IS ROOKIE XANDER SCHAUFFELE.

STEFAN SCHAUFFELE NATS - "I was just looking at whether he's fighting it or not."

WHO IS PERFORMING UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYES OF HIS COACH AND FATHER STEFAN.

STEFAN SCHAUFFELE NATS - "It's not really improvement or not improvement it's just whether he's implementing it, what he's trying to do and whether he achieves what he's trying to do."

SCHAUFFELE EXECUTES WELL WITH A FRIDAY 66...

ANNC - "The rookie having a good week."

AND THOUGH HE FALLS BACK SLIGHTLY SATURDAY, HE IS SAFELY TO BOSTON REGARDLESS OF THIS WEEK'S RESULTS.

STEFAN SCHAUFFELE SOT - "This is sort of like a bonus to be here but to be actually almost certain through the first three is super."

FOR THOSE OUTSIDE THE TOP 100 LIKE HAROLD VARNER III AND BUBBA WATSON, HOWEVER, TIME IS RUNNING OUT.

ANNC - "Bubba projected now inside the top 100."

BOTH MOVE

INTO THE TOP 10 THROUGH FRIDAY, AND THOUGH THEY RECORD OVER PAR ROUNDS ON MOVING DAY, THEY STILL CONTROL THEIR FUTURES.

VARNER SOT - "I am going to have fun and enjoy an opportunity, to be doing that now and seeing results, I like my chances tomorrow."

VARNER FEELS CONFIDENT HEADING INTO THE FINAL ROUND, AND OUT ON THE COURSE, JORDAN SPIETH CHANNELS HIS CONFIDENCE ON THE GREENS.

ANNC - "How about that control.?" "That's all he's looking for."

HIS PUTTER CONTINUES LIGHTING UP GLEN OAKS, HOLING 130 FEET OF PUTTS, OPENING UP A 3-SHOT LEAD, THE 6TH 54-HOLE LEAD OF 2 SHOTS OR MORE IN HIS CAREER.

SPIETH SOT - "I kind of just created my own confidence off of a couple putts yesterday that has led into the last 27 holes or so being some of the best golf that I played."

AND WHILE HE'S CONVERTED EACH OF THOSE LEADS, HIS CLOSEST COMPETITOR IS THE TOP RANKED PLAYER IN THE WORLD.

ANNC - "Look at this! Great distance control again!"

DJ'S EXCELLENCE FROM TEE TO GREEN CONTINUES DRIVING HIS GAME, AND HE ENDS SATURDAY SOLO SECOND, SETTING UP A SUNDAY DUEL BETWEEN TWO OF THE GAME'S BEST.

DJ SOT - Jordan's playing really well, so he's going to be tough to beat tomorrow. I just need to go out and do exactly what I've been doing the first three days, it's going to be a battle but we'll see who is on top at the end.

SPIETH SOT - "Anything can happen tomorrow. I expect some swings but if we stay focused on a goal, keep playing the way we're playing, then should be fine." [Return to index of stories...](#)

TNT Round 3 Graphic

JORDAN SPIETH AND DUSTIN JOHNSON WILL FACE OFF IN THE FINAL GROUP ON SUNDAY FOR THE FIRST TIME, WHILE 4 PLAYERS, INCLUDING BUBBA WATSON, ARE CURRENTLY PROJECTED TO PLAY THEIR WAY ON TO BOSTON, AND XANDER SCHAUFFELE AIMS TO BECOME THE 10TH ROOKIE TO MAKE

THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP. [Return to index of stories...](#)

THE NORTHERN TRUST Final Round

ANNC - "Two of the biggest names in the sport, battling it out here, first leg of the playoffs!"

SPIETH SOT - you could feel the excitement. You could feel the difference from other tournaments I've been in contention.

DJ SOT - me and Jordan are buddies, we're two of the best in the world. We're out playing trying to shoot as low a score as we can.

BEGINNING SUNDAY 3 BACK, DJ NEEDS A LOW ROUND TO CATCH SPIETH AND CAPTURE THE NORTHERN TRUST TITLE.

ANNC - "There you go! He is a genius with the flatstick."

AND THE CLIMB BECOMES STEEPER AFTER SPIETH BIRDIES 2 OF HIS FIRST 5 HOLES, STRETCHING HIS LEAD TO 5. BUT SPIETH FINDS TROUBLE THE NEXT HOLE.

ANNC - "Oh, that came up short and in the water."

DJ SOT - I knew I needed something to happen, and fortunately he gave a couple back there on 6 to let me back in a little bit.

THE DOUBLE ERASES SPIETH'S HOT START, AND A BOGEY AT THE 9TH COUPLED WITH JOHNSON'S FIRST BIRDIE OF THE DAY BRINGS THE PAIR WITHIN ONE.

ANNC - "Another two shot swing." "Look what we have heading to the last nine."

WHEN DJ BIRDIES THE 10TH, SPIETH'S CUSHION IS GONE, AND THE FINAL 8 HOLES WILL BE ANYONE'S GAME.

SPIETH SOT - you could just feel kind of everybody living and dying on each shot, wanting kind of the duel to happen I felt that out there.

WHILE THOSE TWO SPAR FOR THE NORTHERN TRUST TITLE, THE BATTLES FOR PLACEMENT IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS ARE FINALIZED.

ANNC - "Looks like Lingmerth, Bubba, Varner, heading on to the next event."

FOR VARNER THOUGH, IT'S HIS SECOND STRAIGHT WEEK PLAYING HIS WAY THROUGH.

VARNER SOT - it's pretty fun when you're playing well. But to keep moving on, have another opportunity; I don't want it to end.

AS HE LOOKS FORWARD TO A BONUS WEEK, RORY MCILROY CLOSSES WITH 72, ONLY ABLE TO MOVE UP ONE SPOT TO 43RD...

ANNC - "He's not been a factor all week."

BUT WILL HAVE TWO MORE CHANCES TO SECURE A SPOT IN ATLANTA AND DEFEND HIS FEDEXCUP TITLE. MOVING JUST INSIDE THE TOP 30, ROOKIE XANDER SCHAUFFELE FINISHES STRONG WITH A TIE FOR 17TH.

SCHAUFFELE SOT - this is all a dream still, I gotta keep setting new goals, I keep hitting them faster than thought I would I got to keep getting points to get to the final 30.

WHILE SCHAUFFELE LOOKS AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK, TWO OF GOLF'S SUPERSTARS ARE FIGHTING IT OUT FOR THE TITLE.

ANNC - "It really is a match play situation."

BOTH DJ AND SPIETH BIRDIE THE 13TH, AND THOUGH SPIETH PULLS AHEAD WITH A BIRDIE A HOLE LATER, DJ ANSWERS.

ANNC - "Hey, they're all tied with 3 holes to play!"

DJ SOT - we were both playing well, and for us to go head to head like that, it had to be good to watch on TV.

SPIETH SOT - I don't think many people really cared who won between the two of us. They were just really excited about it being that kind of match up.

THE MATCH INTENSIFIES THE FINAL TWO HOLES. FIRST, ON SPIETH'S 18 FOOT PAR PUTT AT 17...

ANNC - "Jordan Spieth continues to amaze us with the putter!"

THEN ON THE 72ND HOLE, WHERE DJ FACES A 17 FOOTER TO FORCE A PLAYOFF.

ANNC - "Oh it curls in! Incredible! The playoffs are headed to a playoff! Now they get to go back and play 18."

SPIETH SOT - when we went back out for the playoff, I hit a pretty good drive down the middle. And when I saw him line up, I thought, boy, he knows he can carry it now.

ANNC - "Oh my goodness." "That's an aggressive line no one's been there all week!"

DJ SOT - "I work pretty hard on my game to be able to hit those shots I don't just wake up and can hit it that far."

HE FOLLOWS THAT MAMMOTH DRIVE WITH A SUPERB WEDGE PLAY TO 5 FEET, AND WHEN SPIETH MISSES HIS BIRDIE, DJ CAN STRIKE THE FINAL BLOW OF THE DUEL.

ANNC - "Birdie for the victory!"

SPIETH SOT - he just performed unbelievably well what a fantastic win it was. And I felt like he played great.

DJ SOT - It was good for us to both go against each other while we're both playing really well. And I had a lot of fun that day.

DJ NATS - "See you in Boston." [Return to index of stories...](#)

FedExCup Standings thru TNT

AS DJ HEADS TO BOSTON, HE'LL DO SO HAVING REGAINED THE TOP SPOT IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS, WHILE JORDAN SPIETH'S RUNNER-UP FINISH MOVES HIM JUST BEHIND JOHNSON IN 2ND. [Return to index of stories...](#)

Boston InBump

AS PLAYERS MADE THEIR WAY FROM NEW YORK TO BOSTON - THEY TRIED THEIR BEST TO BLEND IN WITH THE LOCALS.

JAMES HAHN: "Good luck making a par on the 14th hole."

HAROLD VARNER III: "Paaaar."

VARNER: "Is it par or paaaaar?"

WESLEY BRYAN: "Jordan Spieth's bunker game is wicked good."

BUD CAULEY: "Why you comin at me with this stuff?"

JONAS BLIXT: *Sigh*

CAULEY: "Jordan Spieth's bunker game is wicked good."

STEWART CLINK: "Rickie Fowler wears a lot of orange and hits a lot of fairways."

BLIXT: "Rickie Fowler wears orange and hits a lot of fairwys."

CINK: "But not that many fairways."

DAVID LINGMERTH: "Dustin Johnson hits the ball wicked far."

KELLY KRAFT: "Better to play smart than hard at the Dell Technologies Championship."

LIMGMERTH: "I give up, sorry Bostoners."

BRYAN: "I am out of here." [Return to index of stories...](#)

Dell Technologies Early Rounds

HAVING THE LOCAL ACCENT DOWN - PLAYERS TURN THEIR FOCUS TO NAVIGATING TPC BOSTON FOR THE DELL TECHNOLOGIES CHAMPIONSHIP.

ANNC: "100 players made it this far and 70 advancing to the next round of the FedExCup."

DUSTIN JOHNSON LOOKS TO CONTINUE HIS SUCCESS FROM A WEEK AGO - TEEING IT UP FOR THE 8TH TIME IN THE EVENT...

JOHNSON SOT: "When you win, you're playing well. So it gives you a lot of confidence. I'm feeling good, so I think that's a big key for me."

THAT CONFIDENCE IS ON DISPLAY ON 18 AS JOHNSON HAS ALL FACETS OF HIS GAME DIALED IN...DRIVING IT NEARLY 315 YARDS - HE KNOCKS IT TO 5 FEET FROM 220 YARDS OUT.

ANNC: "That is down, an eagle for Dustin Johnson."

ON HIS WAY TO FIRING A 66 - HIS LOWEST OPENING ROUND IN THE EVENT.

JOHNSON SOT: I drove it really well today and hit some really nice iron shots. Put together a pretty good score.

AS DJ LOOKS FOR HIS 5TH WIN OF THE SEASON - OTHERS BATTLE TO MOVE UP THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS TO BREAK INTO THE TOP 70 AND ADVANCE.

ANNC: "For those currently hovering around the bubble, today is critical."

ONE OF THOSE ON THE BUBBLE IS HOUSTON NATIVE CHRIS STROUD WHO ENTERS THE WEEK 78TH IN THE STANDINGS...

NATS STROUD: "Morning guys."

...BUT HE HAS MORE ON HIS MIND THAN FEDEXCUP POINTS.

STROUD SOT: "Heading to the golf course, TPC Boston. Gonna be playing with a heavy heart this week."

AS CHRIS MAKES HIS WAY TO THE COURSE - HIS HOMETOWN IS DEALING WITH RECORD FLOODING AND DAMAGE AS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF HOMES WERE DESTROYED AFTER HURRICANE HARVEY MADE LANDFALL.

STROUD SOT: "It's devastating. People are just trying to survive right now almost like a war zone. Their houses are gone, their clothes are gone, their food is gone. They have nothing. When I get home I'm donating \$10,000 to the American Red Cross. It's gonna be, a long, long process, years in the making."

AS STROUD DOES HIS PART TO HELP, THE PGA TOUR AND HIS FELLOW COMPETITORS ALSO STEP UP TO SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED.

ANNC: "The PGA TOUR overall pledging some \$250,000 to the American Red Cross/and/players/wearing ribbons with the colors of the state of Texas.

REED SOT: "Whether you're from Texas or not to step up and help out as much as you can its awesome."

DJ SOT: "It was kind of a no brainer, a lot of people lost their homes and lost everything, and every little bit helped."

STROUD SOT: "The TOUR is doing an awesome job and that's how they always are. I'll be grateful the rest of my life to be connected to such a great organization."

AS STROUD TURNS HIS FOCUS TO THE COURSE - HE UNFORTUNATELY IS NOT ABLE TO FIND SUCCESS, MISSING THE CUT...PUTTING AN END HIS PLAYOFFS.

DUSTIN JOHNSON ALSO STRUGGLES - CARDING TWO DOUBLE BOGEYS ON DAY TWO - AND FALLING OUT OF THE LEAD AND CONTENTION.

ANNC: "A one over 72 after a 66 yesterday."

AND AS HE MOVES OUT - THE TOP OF THE LEADBOARD TIGHTENS UP.

ANNC: "These stars aligning themselves for a memorable finish."

JUSTIN THOMAS IMPROVES HIS SCORE BY FOUR STROKES EACH ROUND - FIRING A 71 - 67 AND A 63 - GIVING HIM A SHARE OF THE LEAD.

THOMAS SOT: "I drove it beautifully. I hit my irons really well and my short game was good if I needed it/I am extremely pleased and put myself in great position to win the tournament."

WHILE THOMAS ENJOYS THE 54 HOLE LEAD FOR THE 4TH TIME THIS SEASON - HE SHARES IT WITH MARC LEISHMAN, WHO WILL ENTER THE FINAL ROUND AT THE TOP OF THE LEADBOARD FOR THE FIRST TIME ON TOUR.

LEISHMAN SOT: "it was a good day, rolled a couple of big ones in there./Hopefully I can keep rolling the ball like that tomorrow and see where we end up

11 PLAYERS ARE WITHIN 5 STROKES OF LEISHMAN AND THOMAS - INCLUDING 2015 FEDEXCUP CHAMPION - JORDAN SPEITH...

ANNC: "That is 3 birdies in the last 5 holes for him, comes home in 32."

AND PULLS WITHIN TWO SHOTS.

SPIETH SOT: "When I see on the top of the board it's J.T. up there, I've played a lot of golf with Leish, it's going to be tough/It's going to be a throw down tomorrow." [Return to index of stories...](#)

Dell Technologies Round 3 Graphic

THOMAS AIMS TO BECOME THE 4TH PLAYER UNDER 25 TO WIN 5 TIMES INCLUDING A MAJOR SINCE 1960, WHILE MARC LEISHMAN SEEKS A 3RD CAREER VICTORY AND SECOND OF THE SEASON, AND 5 PLAYERS ARE

CURRENTLY PROJECTED TO MOVE ONTO CHICAGO. [Return to index of stories...](#)

Dell Technologies Final Round

A NICE DRIVE ON INTERSTATE 95 AND THROUGH NORTON MASSACHUSETTS LEADS PLAYERS TO TPC BOSTON...BUT WHILE THE COMMUTE TO THE COURSE MAY HAVE BEEN CASUAL...IT DOESN'T TAKE LONG FOR THINGS TO HEAT UP IN THE FINAL ROUND.

ANNC: "Looks like it's gonna be a birdie start for Jordan Spieth!"

JORDAN SPIETH ENTERS PLAY 2 BACK BUT QUICKLY MAKES A MOVE.

ANNC: "That is putting your foot on the gas out of the gates!"

WITH A DREAM START OF BIRDIE, EAGLE, BIRDIE, BIRDIE THROUGH HIS FIRST FOUR HOLES ON HIS WAY TO SHOOTING A 30 ON THE FRONT NINE. BUT SPIETH IS NOT THE ONLY ONE ADDING EXCITEMENT TO THE BOSTON CROWD.

ANNC: "Oh what a 2!"

THOMAS SOT: "The front nine was a shootout, can't really draw up any better start than that.

54 HOLE LEADERS JUSTIN THOMAS AND MARC LEISHMAN ALSO PAINT THE SCOREBOARD RED.... MAKING IT A THREE-MAN RACE AT THE TOP.

ANNC: "Leishman matches Spieth's opening 30, Leishman leads by 2."

AFTER 9 HOLES - LEISHMAN HAS A SLIGHT 2 SHOT LEAD AFTER ROLLING IN 6 BIRDIES.

BUT AS THE LEADERS MAKE THE TURN - DRAMA IS ALSO UNFOLDING IN THE GROUPS AHEAD...

ANNC: "A lot of movement there around that 70 number."

...AS PLAYERS LOOK TO EARN A TEE TIME IN CHICAGO.

ANNC: "Grillo doing what he needs to do to advance."

EMILIANO GRILLO, RAFA CABRERA BELLO AND STEWART CINK ENTER THE WEEK ON THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN BUT ALL FINISH IN THE TOP 25 TO MOVE UP AND MOVE ON.

CINK SOT: "It's really satisfying/to get that part of the goal accomplished -- you know, I've been on the other side of that result a lot of times, too, and it doesn't feel good at all."

MEANWHILE, LEISHMAN FALLS OUT OF THE LEAD AFTER MAKING THE TURN.

ANNC: "So that is 3 dropped shots in a row for Leishman."

CARDING 3 CONSECUTIVE BOGEYS ON 10, 11, AND 12 ON HIS WAY TO SHOOTING A 40 ON THE BACK NINE, TEN SHOTS WORSE THAN THE FRONT.

LEISHMAN SOT: "It was obviously a disappointing back nine for me. You know, got things going just the way I wanted to on the front./There was some tough holes out there but certainly not ten shots tougher than the front nine."

WITH LIESHMAN OUT OF CONTENTION, THOMAS AND SPIETH TAKE AIM AT EACH OTHER.

ANNC: "Got it! Just snuck it in the left side. Alright, the guys who are buds are tied."

THEY BOTH WALK OFF THE 13TH HOLE - 16 UNDER PAR BUT SPIETH GIVES ONE BACK ON THE FOLLOWING HOLE.

ANNC: "Spieth thought he had it, and he can't believe it."

SPIETH SOT: "8 through 14 is the meat of the golf course, you want to get through it even, and I got through it over par, and didn't get any coming in when I had some good putts, they just didn't go in."

THOMAS TAKES ADVANTAGE - KNOCKING IT TO 4 FEET ON 15...

ANNC: "Oh man, how about that!"

FOR A KICK IN BIRDIE AND TWO SHOT LEAD THAT HE NEVER RELINQUISHES.

ANNC: "Justin Thomas has his first playoff win at the Dell Technologies Championship."

SPIETH SOT: "He's become a tremendous closer, and what he did today, hats off to him."

THOMAS SOT: "it's obviously been a great year thus far/I'm in a great opportunity to finish this thing off and win the FedExCup./ I'm hungry, I'm ready, and I don't like when people beat me. So I'm putting in work to hopefully beat all them."

THOMAS NATS: "See you guys." [Return to index of stories...](#)

FedExCup Standings Thru Dell

THOMAS HAS PUT HIMSELF IN PRIME POSITION FOR A FEDEXCUP TITLE, MOVING UP TO 2ND, JUST BEHIND FELLOW CLASS OF 2011 MEMBER JORDAN SPIETH, WHOSE BACK TO BACK RUNNER-UPS IN THE PLAYOFFS GIVE HIM THE LEAD FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE JULY. [Return to index of stories...](#)

Rory Trophy Delivery Inbump

BEFORE PLAY BEGAN AT THE BMW CHAMPIONSHIP - DEFENDING FEDEXCUP CHAMPION RORY MCILROY WENT A LITTLE OFF COURSE, ON THE COURSE TO MAKE A SPECIAL DELIVERY.

MCILROY NATS: "Like children, all buckled in. Those two look nice beside each other."

MCILROY SOT: "I am use to driving a golf cart, not something as powerful as that onto the first tee." [Return to index of stories...](#)

BMW Early Rounds

WITH THE TROPHIES ARRIVING IN STYLE - THE FOCUS NOW CHANGES TO WHO IS GOING TO DRIVE AWAY WITH THEM AT WEEKS AND SEASONS END.

ANNC: "We welcome you to Conway Farms, hosting this storied event for the 3rd time."

THE TOP 70 IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS ARE SET TO TEE IT UP AT THE BMW CHAMPIONSHIP BUT ONLY 30 WILL ADVANCE FOR A CHANCE TO EARN THE FEDEXCUP IN ATLANTA.

ANNC: "Yes! Beautifully read, beautifully struck."

AFTER STELLAR PLAY ALL SEASON AND TO START THE PLAYOFFS, JORDAN SPIETH, JUSTIN THOMAS AND DUSTIN JOHNSON ENTER WITH THEIR PLACE SECURE IN THE TOP 5 OF THE STANDINGS, GUARANTEEING THEM THE FEDEXCUP WITH A WIN AT THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP...LEAVING 2 SPOTS UP FOR THE TAKING. RICKIE FOWLER MAKES A MOVE FOR ONE EARLY...

ANNC: "He is on a roll."

SETTING A CAREER BEST WITH 6 CONSECUTIVE BIRDIES ON HIS WAY TO SHOOTING AN OPENING ROUND 65.

FOWLER SOT: "Kind of got things going, a few good putts and nice chip-in on 17 to kind of extend the birdie streak. Nice solid start to the week."

MARC LEISHMAN, WHO ENTERS THE WEEK 7TH IN THE STANDINGS ALSO GETS OFF TO A FAST START AS HE TRIES TO STAKE HIS CLAIM TO ONE OF THE TOP SPOTS.

ANNC: "What another fantastic shot."

...WITH 10 BIRDIES IN THE OPENING ROUND TO SHOOT A 62... MATCHING HIS CAREER LOW ON TOUR.

LEISHMAN SOT: "Game is feeling pretty good at the moment. Rolling the ball really well, confidence is high and hopefully can just ride the wave."

FELLOW AUSSIE JASON DAY, WHO CLOSES OUT THE FIRST ROUND 2 SHOTS BACK OF LEISHMAN, MAKES A BIG MOVE ON FRIDAY WITH ONE SWING OF THE CLUB...

ANNC: "Go In, Hole in one from the Australian."

BUT THE EXCITEMENT DOESN'T END THERE - WITH THE HOLE-IN-ONE, BMW DONATES 100-THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE EVANS SCHOLARS FOUNDATION AND DAY WINS A NEW CAR, WHICH HE DOESN'T HOLD ON TO FOR LONG.

DAY NATS: "I would like to donate that back to the Evans Scholars Foundation, I want to be able to give that car back to help someone that is in need."

DAY ENDS THE ROUND IN 2ND PLACE BUT IS UNABLE TO MAKE UP ANY GROUND ON LEISHMAN WHO FOLLOWS UP HIS FIRST ROUND 62 WITH A 64 TO RECORD THE 2ND BEST SCORE ON TOUR THIS SEASON THROUGH 36 HOLES.

ANNC: "Amazing golf being played by Marc Leishman. He has a three shot lead and is looking really good to get into that top five."

AS LEISHMAN IS PROJECTED TO BE IN THE TOP 5...RICKIE FOWLER LOOKS TO JOIN HIM.

ANNC: "Did he, Rickie, excuse me, how about that?"

AND GETS OFF TO A FAST START ON SATURDAY WITH AN EAGLE AT THE FIRST BUT CAN ONLY MANAGE ONE MORE BIRDIE AND CARDS TWO BOGEYS TO CLOSE OUT HIS ROUND.

ANNC: "It's nice to have this one out of the way. We're still in great position to go get the trophy tomorrow and have some fun."

MEANWHILE, JON RAHM WHO ENTERS THE WEEK 5TH IN THE STANDINGS SHOWS HE IS NOT READY TO GIVE UP HIS COVETED POSITION...

ANNC: "That will be his 7th birdie of the day."

...AS HE FIRES A 65 - HIS BEST ROUND OF THE TOURNAMENT.

RAHM SOT: "It was a great round/I was able to make a couple putts/to post a really good score."

AS THE RACE FOR THE TOP 5 HEATS UP, PLAYERS ARE ALSO LOOKING TO PLAY THEIR WAY INTO ATLANTA...

ANNC: "They continue to look at that race within a race

WITH 3 PLAYERS PROJECTED TO MOVE INTO THE TOP 30 THROUGH 3 ROUNDS.

ANNC: "70 guys and only 30 get to go to Atlanta, that's a big cut."

BUT ALL EYES ARE ON LEISHMAN AS HE EXTENDS HIS LEAD TO 5 STROKES...

ANNC: "His first outright 54 hole lead on the PGA TOUR, and he's projected into the top 5 right now."

LEISHMAN SOT: "I'm hitting some really good iron shots which is important, give myself a lot of opportunities/put three together now and now I need to concentrate on tomorrow." [Return to index of stories...](#)

BMW Round 3 Graphic

FIRMLY IN COMMAND AFTER THREE DAYS, MARC LEISHMAN CAN BECOME THE 6TH WIRE-TO-WIRE WINNER AT THE BMW CHAMPIONSHIP. THREE PLAYERS, INCLUDING SERGIO GARCIA, ARE CURRENTLY PLAYING THEIR WAY INTO THE FIELD IN ATLANTA, WHILE JON RAHM AND RICKIE FOWLER WILL BATTLE SUNDAY FOR A SPOT IN THE COVETED TOP 5. [Return to index of stories...](#)

BMW Final Round

ANNC: "Final Round of the BMW Championship as we hit the stretch run for the FedExCup."

NORMALLY RESERVED FOR THE 2ND ROUND - CUT DAY MOVES TO SUNDAY AT CONWAY FARMS AS PLAYERS HAVE ONE FINAL DAY TO SECURE THEIR PLACE FOR THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP...WHILE SOME TRY TO GET INTO THE TOP 30...OTHERS BATTLE AT THE TOP.

ANNC: "Fowler birdie birdie start."

RICKIE FOWLER AND JON RAHM BOTH HAVE THEIR EYE ON THE TOP 5 IN THE STANDINGS

ANNC: "Now he is projected into the 5th spot."

WITH ONLY ONE SPOT SEEMINGLY AVAILABLE SINCE MARC LEISHMAN ENTERS THE DAY 5 SHOTS AHEAD AND IS PROJECTED TO MOVE INTO THE 4TH POSITION.

ANNC: "Yes, he has it figured out"

WITH HIS NAME AT THE TOP OF THE LEADERBOARD FROM DAY 1 - LEISHMAN'S STRONG PLAY HAS EXTRA MEANING THIS WEEK AS IT BRINGS RECOGNITION TO A CAUSE CLOSE TO HIS HEART.

ANNC: "You see many of the players, including Marc Leishman wearing the ribbon in the hat. September is sepsis awareness month. It is a condition very similar to what his wife Audrey battled."

AUDREY LEISHMAN SOT: "It's really been something to see all the guys wearing all of these ribbons. We are so lucky to have this platform to raise the awareness of sepsis and to have him play so well and hopefully win the event to know that millions of people will be watching/it could very well save lives."

ANNC: "wow is he the ball beautifully or what?"

AS LEISHMAN CONTINUES HIS INSPIRED PLAY - THE BATTLE TO JOIN HIM AT EAST LAKE HEATS UP.

ANNC: "Time for some Phil Magic"

NEEDING TO BIRDIE HIS FINAL 4 HOLES, PHIL MICKELSON KEEPS HIS HOPES ALIVE WITH A DRAMATIC CHIP IN...

ANNC: "How about filling it up."

AND TONY FINAU FOLLOWS SUIT ON 18.

ANNC: "Tony Finau can taste it."

MOVING FROM 39TH TO 24TH IN THE STANDINGS...MAKING IT TO ATLANTA FOR THE FIRST TIME.

FINAU SOT: "I knew what I had to do starting on the first hole and was able to get off to a really nice start early and just ran the momentum all the way to the end."

SERGIO GARCIA ALSO PLAYS HIS WAY IN, AS DO A PAIR OF ROOKIES - PATRICK CANTLAY AND XANDER SCHAUFFELE - WHO EACH BIRDIE 18 TO EXTEND THEIR SEASON.

ANNC: "That was one clutch putt."

SCHAUFFELE SOT: "I didn't want my year to end, and that's what I was telling my caddie the entire back nine, it is a dream year for me."

BUT WHILE TEE TIMES ARE BEING BOOKED FOR NEXT WEEK - THE SEASON COMES TO A CLOSE FOR THE DEFENDING FEDEXCUP CHAMPION, RORY MCILROY, AND PHIL MICKELSON FALLS JUST ONE SHOT SHORT OF MOVING ON TO THE SEASON FINALE.

WHILE THERE IS PLENTY OF DRAMA IN THE STANDINGS, JUSTIN ROSE TRIES TO ADD SOME ATOP THE LEADERBOARD.

ANNC: "Back within 2 of the lead held by Marc Leishman."

BUT THE AUSSIE ANSWERS RIGHT BACK, WITH CONSECUTIVE BIRDIES AT 15 AND 16...

LEISHMAN SOT: "Managed to roll a couple in there at the end which was nice walking up the last there with a bit of a buffer."

ANNC: "Alright, Fowler for the 5th spot on the FedExCup points list."

FOWLER CAN'T GET HIS BIRDIE TO FALL ON 18 AND HEADS TO EAST LAKE 6TH IN THE STANDINGS- 2 SPOTS BEHIND LEISHMAN, WHO CAPS HIS 5-SHOT VICTORY BY SETTING A NEW TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORD.

ANNC: "Is he gonna close it out with another one? Why not?! And he's enveloped by his family. With everything they have been through, well deserved."

LEISHMAN SOT: "Felt confident with my game and I had my sights set high for the FedExCup and trying to get into the Top-5 and if I have another good week next week, who knows what might happen." [Return to index of stories...](#)

FedExCup Standings Thru BMW

LEISHMAN'S COMMANDING VICTORY AT CONWAY FARMS GRANTS HIM MEMBERSHIP AS ONE OF THE TOP 5 IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS HEADING INTO THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP. THAT GROUP ACCOUNTS FOR 15 WINS ACROSS THE 2016-17 SEASON AS THE FINALE AWAITS IN ATLANTA. [Return to index of stories...](#)

Rory and Brady InBump

IT WAS THE PERFECT SHOT AT THE RIGHT MOMENT AS RORY MCILROY MADE A PUSH TO ADD HIS NAME TO HISTORY AT THE 2016 TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

ANNC: "NO WAY! You think he doesn't wanna win?"

AS THOUSANDS CHEERED - ONE VOICE IN THE CROWD SOON HAD HIS OWN REASON TO CELEBRATE.

BRADY LINA SOT: "My favorite golfer is Rory McIlroy."

9 YEAR OLD BRADY LINA WAS AT EAST LAKE WITH HIS DAD ATTENDING HIS FIRST PGA TOUR EVENT.

JASON LINA NATS "We sat right here watched Rory come up

JASON LINA SOT: "next thing / I hear is the ball hits the metal grandstands. And Brady comes up and opens up his hand, there's the ball

BRADY LINA SOT: "Had the word RORS on it."

JASON LINA SOT: "He had this big smile on his face, and he was immediate celebrity in those grandstands."

BUT THE EXCITEMENT DIDN'T END THERE...

JASON LINA SOT: "It was the coolest piece of mail that we've ever received.

BRADY LINA SOT: "I saw the picture first, then I pulled that out and I was even more happy with that."

BRADY LINA NATS: "Hi Brady. I hope you are keeping well. I just wanted to thank you for coming to watch me play at the TOUR Championship."

MCILROY SOT: "I want to set a great example for him, and to be able to write him a note/and send him something that he'll remember for the rest of his life/it's a pretty cool feeling to do that."

BRADY LINA NATS: "I hope this ball and this letter reminds you that I have always wanted young people to do well in life. Doing your best is really what's most important."

MCILROY SOT: "No matter how many tournaments you win or what you achieve/something like that/puts everything else in perspective. [Return to index of stories...](#)

TOUR Championship Scene Set

ANNC - "East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta Georgia, the site once again for the TOUR Championship. The end of the line."

BERGER SOT – “Excited to be here. Obviously, this is kind of the pinnacle to make it to the Tour championship.”

HADWIN SOT – “We work real hard all year to get to this point, East Lake has a ton of history around this place.”

THE HOME COURSE OF LEGEND BOBBY JONES ONCE AGAIN TAKES CENTER STAGE TO CLOSE OUT THE PGA TOUR SEASON, WITH ONE OF GOLF'S ELITE FIELDS.

SIMPSON SOT – “If you're here at the tour championship you've done something right. You're representing the top 30 players in the world.”

SCHAUFFELE SOT – “This is a very stacked field. the goal is to win, and just doing my best each and every hole is all I can really do and control.”

HOISTING JONES' CALAMITY JANE TROPHY WOULD BE MEMORABLE FOR ANY OF THE 30 IN THE FIELD, BUT FOR THE TOP 5, IT ALSO MEANS A CAREER DEFINING ACHIEVEMENT.

LEISHMAN SOT – “You work all year to try and get into that top five to give yourself a chance of winning the FedEx Cup.”

RAHM SOT – “It is very nice to be here knowing there's no chances, there's nothing left If we win, we win the FedEx Cup.”

DJ SOT – “I wanna be a FedEx Cup champion and it's pretty simple, if I win this week, I win it.”

SPIETH SOT – “Just trying to let some experience take over. The experience that I'm talking about is winning here I'm the only one that's in this field that's done that.”

THOMAS SOT – “Any time you can win a year-long race, whatever sport, profession, whatever it may be, is very impressive. it would be a great cap on a great year.” [Return to index of stories...](#)

TOUR Championship Early Rounds

ANNC - "Expecting some big drama once again, the final 30 who have made it here to the season finale."

AS THE END OF THE 2016-17 PGA TOUR SEASON BEGINS, 2 OF THE TOP 5 IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS MOVE INTO PRIME POSITION THROUGH 36-HOLES.

ANNC - "What an exclamation point for Justin Thomas!"

BOTH THOMAS AND JON RAHM CONTINUE TO PUT UP RED NUMBERS AS THEY HAVE THROUGHOUT THE PLAYOFFS.

ANNC - "He's right there in a great position here."

RAHM'S CONSECUTIVE 67'S PLACE HIM JUST A SHOT BEHIND THE LEADERS, WHICH INCLUDES THOMAS, AGAIN SHOWING THE FORM THAT'S CAPTURED 5 TITLES THIS SEASON.

THOMAS SOT - Been working hard at it so it's nice to see the work's paid off, if I can keep driving it that well, I feel really confident.

AS THOMAS THRIVES, MARC LEISHMAN'S STELLAR FORM FROM THE BMW CHAMPIONSHIP RECEDES, WHILE JORDAN SPIETH AND DUSTIN JOHNSON KEEP THEMSELVES IN STRIKING DISTANCE OF A FEDEXCUP TITLE, THOUGH DISTANT FROM THE LEAD.

DJ SOT - hit a lot of good iron shots and just didn't hole anything. I just want to get within striking distance. If I can get it within three I would be happy.

IN ADDITION TO THOMAS, DJ WILL CHASE ANOTHER OF THE PLAYOFFS' TOP PERFORMERS. PAUL CASEY'S FOURTH CONSECUTIVE UNDER PAR ROUND AT EAST LAKE PLANTS HIM IN POSITION TO CAPTURE HIS FIRST PLAYOFF TITLE.

CASEY SOT – “It would cap off a very good season to make a very good season a great season. Hopefully, ask me again on Sunday and I can give you the full explanation.”

AS THE FINAL WEEKEND OF THE SEASON ARRIVES, PLAYERS' PREPARATION COMMENCES BEFORE THEY'VE EVEN REACHED THE RANGE.

DR SESE NATS - "Jon how are you feeling? Thumbs up that's good. A good sign."

DR. SESE SOT - I'm gonna take him through a pre game warm up. /which includes checking his range of motion checking his muscle firing, his activation patterns, and just making sure he's healthy overall."

DR. SESE NATS - "I emphasize this with all our patients back home they must warm up before they play."

RAHM NATS – “Whether we know it or not our body is gonna carry more stress than any other time of year so to be able to let off and relax those muscles, nobody better than a guy like Harry to do it.”

DR SESE NATS – “Warm up is not hitting a lot of balls for hours before you play. It's a lot of body preparation.”

RAHM SOT – “I feel great, Almost to the point where I'm breaking a sweat but that's where you want to be. I feel I can just go straight to the first tee and play.”

WHILE HE REACHES THE COURSE LOOSE, RAHM IS STUCK AT A STAND STILL ON MOVING DAY.

ANNC - "Haven't seen much of Rahm today."

HIS EVEN PAR ROUND RESULTS IN A 6 SHOT DEFICIT. JUSTIN THOMAS ALSO PERSEVERES AND CLIMBS BACK TO EVEN...

ANNC - "Thomas fought it back." "Yeah, that's pretty good work."

A STRONG SUNDAY WILL BE NEEDED TO PROCURE A PAIR OF TROPHIES. OTHERS CAPITALIZE ON SATURDAY THOUGH, INCLUDING ROOKIE XANDER SCHAUFFELE...

ANNC - "Schauffele just pours it in!"

DRIVEN BY HIS BEST TEE TO GREEN PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR, HE FIRES A 65 TO MOVE INTO A TIE FOR 2ND ALONGSIDE KEVIN KISNER.

ANNC - "That is a beautiful little chip from Kevin Kisner! How bout that!"

WHO THRILLS THE CROWD WITH SOME DRAMATICS, SHOOTING THE LOW ROUND OF THE DAY, EVEN AS HIS THOUGHTS TURN TO ANOTHER FIELD OF PLAY.

ANNC - "He's headed indeed 20 minute helicopter ride to Athens, Georgia to watch his beloved Georgia Bulldogs take on Mississippi State."

KISNER NATS - "See ya'll, go Dawgs!"

WHILE KISNER WILL CHEER ON HIS DAWGS FOR THE NIGHT, HE'LL BE CHASING A PLAYOFF BULLDOG IN THE MORNING.

ANNC - "Paul Casey looks really, really good today."

CASEY LIGHTS UP THE COURSE EARLY, PLAYING A 5-HOLE STRETCH IN 5-UNDER, ULTIMATELY CLAIMING A 2 SHOT LEAD, HIS 3RD TIME ATOP THE LEADERBOARD AFTER 54 HOLES.

CASEY SOT – “This would be the biggest victory of my career at the the latest point in my career would be very, very satisfying. I would like to answer that for you in full tomorrow.” [Return to index of stories...](#)

TOUR Championship Round 3 Graphic

THROUGH 54 HOLES, PAUL CASEY IS IN POSITION TO CAPTURE HIS FIRST TITLE SINCE 2009. XANDER SCHAUFFELE TRAILS BY 2, AND COULD BE THE FIRST ROOKIE WITH MULTIPLE WINS SINCE 2011. JUSTIN THOMAS IS IN THE BEST POSITION OF THE TOP 5 TO CAPTURE THE FEDEXCUP WITH A TOP 3 FINISH. [Return to index of stories...](#)

Making Mr. Palmer Proud

RAHM NATS: "It will be a good day"

AS THE LEADERS ARRIVE AND PUT IN THEIR PREPARATIONS FOR THE FINAL ROUND OF THE 2016-17 SEASON...

NATS: Swing

IT'S BEEN A MEMORABLE YEAR FILLED WITH DRAMA, GREATNESS AND PLAYERS MAKING HISTORY BUT WHAT HAS MADE IT TRULY SPECIAL IS AN IDEA BIGGER THAN THE GAME ITSELF.

JAY MONAHAN SOT: "Our goal really for this year in its simplest form is to make Mr. Palmer proud...it all starts with people understanding the heartbeat of our organization... To act with a purpose and make a difference in lives through our players and our tournaments..."

FOLLOWING THE FINAL ROUND OF THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP A SEASON AGO - THE GOLF WORLD LEARNED IT LOST ONE OF ITS GREATEST

AMBASSADORS WITH THE PASSING OF ARNOLD PALMER BUT HIS LEGACY HAS LIVED ON.

SCHAUFFELE SOT: "I sign a lot more autographs than I ever thought I would because of Arnold Palmer. He led the way and showed is the way a gentleman should act towards his fans."

THOMAS SOT: "I honor Mr. Palmer every time I play golf, every time I sign my signature and I make it legible. When I wave, try to acknowledge the fans/that's what Mr. Palmer did."

FOLLOWING THE KING'S LEAD, THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FANS HAS BEEN RAISED TO A NEW LEVEL

FOWLER NATS: "Hi Sam, Rickie here, from myself and everyone at the TOUR want to make sure you and your family are welcome this weekend so tickets are headed your way." "Rickie Fow...crying"

MICKELSON NATS: "Would you go for it from here or would you lay up? If I could hit my 3 wood 260 I would go for it. "

AS MR. PALMER WAS REMEMBERED THROUGHOUT THE SEASON

LERNER NATS: "I would ask everyone for a moment of silence as the players hit as we remember Arnold."

HENLEY SOT: "I got to hit that shot on the range at Bay Hill this year, I felt like it was just eye opening to see how many people really loved Arnie. And to see what a huge impact he's had on the game/he's left a legacy."

EACH AUTOGRAPH...SELFIE TAKEN...AND SHOW OF SPORTSMANSHIP...

NATS: Cheering

...ALL EMBODY ARNOLD PALMER AND SHOW THAT HIS LOVE FOR THE GAME AND EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING AROUND IT WILL LIVE ON.

SPIETH SOT: "He is somebody that all of us should really strive to be like and he deserves 100 times more than anything we've been able to do for him. Because he's given us that much more."

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TOUR Championship Final Round

TO CAPTURE THE FEDEXCUP, SPIETH WILL NEED A CHARGE WORTHY OF ARNOLD PALMER ON SUNDAY...

ANNC - "Spieth with the birdie on 2."

AND THE EARLY CIRCLE AIDS THAT QUEST. HIS FAST START IS MATCHED AND EXCEEDED BY JUSTIN THOMAS...

ANNC - "Good start for Justin Thomas!"

WHO BIRDIES 2 OF HIS FIRST 6 HOLES TO CLIMB INTO CONTENTION FOR THE CALAMITY JANE TROPHY AND FEDEXCUP.

THOMAS SOT - "The first six holes being 2 under, that's kind of when it really sunk in I've got a great chance to win this tournament."

EVEN WITH CONFIDENCE FLOWING, THOMAS AND SPIETH NEED PAUL CASEY TO COOL OFF FROM HIS EARLY WEEK FORM.

ANNC - "The final round struggles for Casey coming into play."

CASEY'S 3-OVER OPENING 9 DROPS HIM FROM THE LEAD, AND HE IS UNABLE TO RECOVER. WITH THE DOOR OPEN FOR TOP 5 MEMBERS LIKE DUSTIN JOHNSON AND JON RAHM, THEY TOO ARE STAGNANT SUNDAY. IN THE VACUUM, KEVIN KISNER SURGES...

ANNC - "Right in the center for Kisner!"

BURYING BACK TO BACK BIRDIES TO CLAIM THE LEAD. WITH THE RACE FOR TWO TROPHIES WIDE OPEN, SPIETH MAKES HIS PUSH FOR A SECOND FEDEXCUP TITLE...

ANNC - "Oh! Jordan Spieth starts with an eagle 2 at 10!" SPIETH NATS - "Needed that."

AS A TWO MAN RACE EMERGES FOR THE SEASON LONG PRIZE, AS THOMAS ALSO MAKES NOISE ON THE BACK.

ANNC - "Thomas is your man right now."

JT'S RISE IS COUPLED WITH KISNER'S FALL...

ANNC - "There it is, 2 dropped shots in a row to start the back 9."

AND XANDER SCHAUFFELE, STEADY TO THAT POINT, ADDS SOME RED TO TAKE THE SOLO LEAD.

ANNC - "The dreamlike week continues for Schauffele!"

SCHAUFFELE SOT - I didn't feel the need to look at any leaderboards for a while. I saw the first one on I think 14, and I saw that I had a one-shot lead.

OUT OF SCHAUFFELE'S REACH, SPIETH NEEDS A FINAL FLOURISH TO PRY THE FEDEXCUP FROM THOMAS' GRIP.

ANNC - "That could've been a 10-million dollar putt."

THOMAS IS CLEAR OF SPIETH, BUT HIS EYES ARE NOW SET ON A SIXTH SEASON VICTORY.

ANNC - "He's got that intensity, all they want to do is win."

TWO LATE BIRDIES PULL HIM EVEN WITH SCHAUFFELE, AND ON 18, HE FACES A BIRDIE PUTT FOR THE LEAD.

ANNC - "Oh, almost made three in a row on the low side!"

THOMAS SOT - I hit a great putt and I really, really wanted it and I thought it was going to go in.

WITH THOMAS' MISS, SCHAUFFELE OWNS THE MOMENT, AND WITH EVERYTHING IN HIS HANDS, HE CONFRONTS A TWO FOOTER FOR THE WIN.

ANNC - "Just circled around and got in! Xander Schauffele becomes the first PGA TOUR rookie to win the TOUR Championship!"

SCHAUFFLE SOT - "I wasn't really expecting a whole lot and to be sitting here with this bad boy right here is very special."

THOMAS NATS - "Great playing dude, that was awesome."

THOUGH THOMAS IS LEFT CONGRATULATING THE WEEK'S WINNER, HE STANDS ALONE AS THE SEASON LONG CHAMPION.

ANNC - "So he's the FedExCup champion, it's gonna be one of those years that stands the test of time."

THOMAS SOT - It was an unbelievable season. I can't believe how fast it went by. Just to cap it off with a great day today and great week this week to win the FedExCup's awesome. [Return to index of stories...](#)

Final FedExCup Standings

THOMAS BECOMES THE 4TH STRAIGHT FEDEXCUP CHAMPION IN HIS 20'S AFTER HIS RUNNER-UP FINISH AT EAST LAKE, WHILE XANDER SCHAUFFELE'S VICTORY AT MOVES HIM TO 3RD, THE HIGHEST FINISH EVER BY A ROOKIE. [Return to index of stories...](#)

Thomas Season Goals and FEC Win

MONAHAN NATS - "What a year for Justin Thomas/this is a great and deserving champion who joins an incredible list, so Justin, congratulations."

AFTER A WHIRLWIND DAY, THE FEDEXCUP FINALLY IN HIS GRASP, JUSTIN THOMAS CAN REFLECT ON GOALS HE REACHED THIS SEASON.

THOMAS SOT - Here we go. '16-'17 goals: TOUR Championship, made that one./Win at least once.

ANNC - "Justin Thomas is 2 for 2 in Malaysia!"

ANNC - "Completes the aloha double!"

ANNC - "his first playoff win!"

THOMAS SOT - Be in the final two groups of a major on Sunday. Win a major. Make the Presidents Cup.

ANNC - "How about that emotion!"

THOMAS SOT - Plus.25 or better strokes gained putting. Above 1 strokes gained tee to green

ANNC - "Oh what a wonderful shot!"

THOMAS SOT - Top-10 in all-around stats. Under par on par 3s, 4s and 5s.

ANNC - "You talk about playing a hole perfectly!"

THOMAS SOT - Top-30 in scrambling. Top-10 in half my starts, which I missed by one I realized. Under 70 scoring average, and then less short sides for the year

**CHECKING OFF NEARLY ALL OF HIS GOALS IN AN HISTORIC SEASON,
THOMAS CLOSES OUT HIS EVENING AT EAST LAKE CONFIDENT HE CAN
CLIMB TO EVEN GREATER HEIGHTS.**

THOMAS SOT - I plan on winning a lot of golf tournaments in my career/I like being in the history books and I like having my name on trophies that not many people's are on. [Return to index of stories...](#)

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