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**The CUT Titles**

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT**

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**Rory McIlroy Under the Lights**

DALY: “Alright here it is.”

MCILROY: “This is it.”

DALY: “I can’t believe this is actually happening. I can’t believe you got the lights on.”

MCILROY: “I told you I’ve got access.”

DALY: “How far is this? 130?”

MCILROY: “130 on the dot.”

DALY: “Not much wind?”

MCILROY: “Nothing. No wind. This is the easiest you’re ever gonna get this hole.”

DALY: “No pressure.”

PRODUCER: “You guys wanna hit a couple practice shots before we do this?”

MCILROY: “Nah. I mean … I’m fine.” (laughter)

DALY: “Excuse me, I’m gonna go vomit.”

DALY: “That’s not bad!”

MCILROY: “Well done.”

DALY: “Now show me how it’s done.”

MCILROY: “Now I’m the one under pressure.”

DALY: “Show off!”

DALY: “That was too easy. Let’s try it again with a blindfold this time, alright?”

DALY: “That was right on line. Giddy up! OH!”

MCILROY: “At least it goes straight.”

DALY: “You got it?

MCILROY: “I got it.”

DALY: “You sure?”

MCILROY: “Yeah!”

DALY: “I’ll take it.”

MCILROY: “No. No.”

MCILROY: “Good shot.”

DALY: “How far out you see? Like a good foot, huh?”

MCILROY: “Yeah at least. Foot and a half. I like that little bit of white – whatever it is. If you start it there, it’s gonna come just a little bit …”

MCILROY: “Good speed … Go! … Go!”

DALY: “Stretch!”

MCILROY: “Nice three”

DALY: “So you make a par on 17. You really feel like the pressure’s off and you’re home free but you’re not.”

MCILROY: “You’re not, no. You’re gotta … obviously to make a three here is awesome – like you just did. But you’ve got probably the toughest tee shot on the course coming up on 18 so it’s a pretty tough finish at this place.”

DALY: “It never ends here.”

MCILROY: “No.”

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**CUT Elements: Rory**

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**Rory Range Process**

**AFTER HIS NIGHTTIME EXPERIENCE AT TPC SAWGRASS, THE DEFENDING CHAMP ALSO TOOK SOME TIME TO DELVE INTO HIS PREPARATION TO TAKE ON THE COURSE.**

RORY: for me, warm up sessions are basically just that. I'm warming up. I'm trying to get a feel for how I'm swinging at that day. / once I get warmed up and I feel comfortable with my swing. That's when I'll start to think about what some of the shots I'll need to hit out there.

RORY: this course presents a different challenge than some of the others that we play on tour. / visually, pete dye makes it sort of tricky. There's a lot of, it's funny one of the things I work on coming here is my alignment. / Make sure that that's good so that I don't get off on them right there on the course. It's such a simple thing, but around here, this course can sort of play tricks on you a little bit.

RORY: this course sorta dictates to you what you need to do./ if you even look at the first few holes you wanna hit a cut off the first. You wanna hit a draw at the second. You wanna hit a cut on four, cut on five, a draw on six. Straight away on seven. There's a lot of different shots. So, I mean I think for the most part you just, whatever the hole demands is what you wanna try to do.

RORY: there's some holes that fit your eye more than others, and you feel comfortable on, and there's other ones you can attack/ there's realistically, on this golf course, probably eight or nine real, half the holes you do save real birdie chances, and half you'd be happy to just walk away with a par and move on.

**ONE HOLE WHERE HE FELT COMFORTABLE IN 2019 WAS THE 18TH.**

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**Rory on 18 tee shot**

ANNC: Rory McIlroy still looking for his players title. A par at the most difficult hole today will get it done, and has everything to do with the drive.

RORY: The driver played a huge role for me last year in winning the players. I think everyone will remember the tee shot on 18 here on Sunday but I probably hit an even better one on Saturday.

ANNC: Hes taking it down the left side and its drawn a little bit this is a really dangerous hole the angle hes got to clear it and he does and he just blew it right over that line. Long hit!

RORY: The change from May to March its enabled a lot of guys to hit driver a little more course is a little softer and plays a little bit longer so you can get the driver in your hand a bit more.

ANNC: What is he going to choose hes taking the big stick. You don’t like this thing? Im not 100% sure about this club here guys.

RORY: My attitude was if I sort of lay up and hit a 5 wood or a 2 iron to the right side I still have another 4-5 iron in having to play 2 difficult shots and my thought was if I stand up and hit one difficult shot with the driver it makes the hole a little easier so I just wanted to stand up and make one more good swing.

ANNC: Right down the center, that is about as good as you can draw it up. If you can drive it like that you might as well drive it.

RORY: It was perfect I think I picked the tee up pretty quickly walked over to the bag put the driver in the bag and knew that from there it should be a pretty simple task to win the golf tournament.

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**MCILROY WILL OPEN HIS TITLE DEFENSE THIS WEEK IN A PREMIER PAIRING THAT BRINGS TOGETHER THE TOP-3 PLAYERS IN THE WORLD. HE'LL PLAY THURSDAY AND FRIDAY ALONGSIDE 7-TIME TOUR WINNER BROOKS KOEPKA AND JON RAHM, WHO FINISHED TIED FOR 12TH IN 2019 AT TPC SAWGRASS.**

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**Bump #1 (Walk, Tesori)**

**COMING UP ON THE CUT…**

SPIETH: "That's one of the longest short walks in golf."

**A SHORT WALK BIG IN PRESSURE. PLUS,**

TESORI: "I do call it a masterpiece."

**A CADDIE'S VIEW OF TPC SAWGRASS' CHALLENGES.**

TESORI: "We can celebrate his life by allowing people to see the genius in the golf course that maybe some people don't get to see." [Return to index of stories...](file:///C:\Users\jamiec\Desktop\x2020%20PGA%20TOUR%20-%20The%20CUT%20#StoryIndex)

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**Walk from 16 to 17**

ANNC: "This is about the time my palms start sweating watching these guys knowing what's at stake walking over to 17."

SPIETH: "When the heat's on Saturday and Sunday / that's one of the longest short walks in golf. / You're thinking about it from the second you tap in on 16 until you get to the tee."

FURYK: "You'll see guys playing 16 watching shots from 17 tee going into the green. / You can't help but look over to the right, it's there, it's staring."

ANNC: "About a 300-foot walk from the 16th green to the 17th tee."

RORY: "That walk / is probably about 50 to 100 yards too long you have so much time to think about what you’re doing…"

ANNC: " We have seen every single kind of outcome you can imagine."

STREELMAN: "It's a lot of fun, there's a lot of energy right there.

HORSCHEL: "25,000 people just sitting around there. / The heart's pounding a little bit cuz you know the shot's coming up. / It's a really cool arena to be in."

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**Tesori on Playing Sawgrass**

MARTIN: "Paul, we're here at TPC Sawgrass, a place very special to you. / You've been in the mix a bunch of times on the bag for several players. What do you love about this place?"

TESORI: "To me, it's one of those golf courses that it's almost hard to put a tag on how Pete Dye was able to come up with this, I do call it a masterpiece. / We can celebrate his life by enjoying it and going out and really allowing people to see the genius in the golf course that maybe some people don't get to see."

MARTIN: " The first hole. Somewhat of a warm welcome. But also a hole that you have to kinda think your way through as well."

TESORI: "A really good opening hole. I love the fact that it's shorter. If you hit a good drive, you can get a wedge in your hand and have a birdie opportunity."

MARTIN: "I don't wanna give away all your secrets, we do have some codes here. We've got some so-so, some FL, ML, what are we looking at here?"

TESORI: "So over in this left-hand bunker, you can see it says fast FL and fast ML means from left flag and middle left flag. Fast in our little language would mean ten feet is a good shot."

MARTIN: "Hole #4 is a short hole but it's also one of your favorites, why is that?"

TESORI: "So I love short holes that reward good, accurate shots but also penalize ones that are offline."

MARTIN: "We talked about Pete Dye's visual deception, how much does that bunker on the right play with how wide the fairway looks compared to how wide it actually is?"

TESORI: "He has that little overhanging pine. So that's the first thing that you're going to see. So you immediately move to the right hand side of the tee box, which has you hitting more across the fairway which technically makes the fairway a smidge narrower."

TESORI: Four might be my favorite hole on the course, six is right there with it. / Pete Dye's always liked to have sections to greens, which / make certain pins easier but other pins harder. We usually only play one pin on the bottom tier; it'll be either Saturday or Sunday. If you hit the ball on the fairway, you expect to have a putt inside 12 feet for birdie. If you miss the fairway, it's a very difficult section to get it into."

MARTIN: "You've grown up around here, you've competed here and you've caddied a bunch and you've seen victories you've seen defeats, you've kind of seen it all."

TESORI: "this year it will be my 20th Players, and this year being the first one without Pete Dye being here. It'll be something I'll always remember."

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**Featured Group Tease 2**

**TESORI AND WEBB SIMPSON'S OPENING ROUNDS COME PAIRED WITH TWO OF THE GAME'S MOST ACCOMPLISHED CHAMPIONS. 2007 PLAYERS CHAMPION PHIL MICKELSON MAKES HIS 27TH START, AND DUSTIN JOHNSON COMES IN OFF HIS BEST FINISH AT THE PLAYERS LAST YEAR, A TIE FOR 5TH.**

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**Bump #2 (Rory Book Club)**

**STILL AHEAD ON THE CUT…**

RORY: I've always tried to read,/it's always been one of my things.

**HOW BOOKS HELPED RORY MCILROY CAPTURE THE PLAYERS TITLE.**

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**ServPro Vignette**

**THE CUT PRESENTS, SAVING SHOTS**

**THERE WERE A LOT OF GREAT UP AND DOWNS LAST WEEK AT THE ARNOLD PALMER INVITATIONAL PRESENTED BY MASTERCARD, INCLUDING THIS HOLEOUT BY SUNGJAE IM**

ANNC: Go ahead, Sungjae.

**MEANWHILE, MARC LEISHMAN WAS PERFECT FROM THE BUNKER**

ANNC: you can't appreciate how tricky and difficult that was

**CONVERTING 10 OUT OF 10 SAND SAVES IN HIS RUNNER-UP FINISH AT BAY HILL**

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**Players on Dye's Drawings**

STREELMAN: It doesn't surprise me. I mean he's obviously a genius.

ROSE: Man, I tell you what, it looks a lot easier on paper than it does in real life.

HORSCHEL: To have this in my hand, it's pretty neat to see his thought process.

**AHEAD OF THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP, WE SHOWED PLAYERS PETE DYE'S ORIGINAL DRAWINGS OF THEIR FAVORITE HOLES AT TPC SAWGRASS TO SEE HOW THEY COMPARE TO TODAY.**

FURYK: Wow, that looks totally different.

KOEPKA: Kind of how a lot of us play it now.

STREELMAN: It jumps out that now the water is right along the green line.

FURYK: Well, its similar off the tee, but just totally different green complex and bunkering. And it's got some similarities off the tee and you can see the hole in there. But definitely changed that whole green complex.

KOEPKA: It's not exactly a driver. It's big risk reward. You got to find the fairway and it's very penalizing if you don't. That's how every good golf hole is designed. / I'll take four pars every day.

STREELMAN: Here he had, imagine that's a bunker going all the way around the side / But he knew what he was doing. That's for sure.

HORSCHEL: The old number 12, majority of the time, hit driver straight down the right side and then tried to have a little flip wedge in there It seemed like an easy hole but if you didn't get your tee shot in the fairway, it became a tough second shot.

ROSE: What I love about it now is you have these moguls down the right hand side of the hole. The tendency for a player and the temptation is to always bail out to the right but you're missing those moguls, you've got no shot.

HORSCHEL: I would have loved to play TPC Sawgrass within the first five to seven years it was open. You see the old pictures, and you see how it was a golf course, and everything else is just rugged and natural-like. I love that. /

ROSE: Pete Dye has always been a bit of a master in terms of illusion. I prefer it in 2D and 3D.

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**API Winner and Myrbetriq Vignette**

**IN HIS 60TH START, TYRRELL HATTON CAPTURED HIS FIRST PGA TOUR VICTORY AT THE ARNOLD PALMER INVITATIONAL PRESENTED BY MASTERCARD.**

ANNC: “What a win!” “Tyrrell Hatton is a winner on the PGA TOUR and he does it with a final round of plus-2 74.”

**HATTON BATTLED THROUGH THE CHALLENGING CONDITIONS TO FINISH AT 4-UNDER 284, THE HIGHEST WINNING SCORE IN A NONMAJOR EVENT SINCE 2014.**

HATTON: It was really tough out there and obviously I was getting frustrated at times/ to think that I shot 3-over on the weekend and end up winning the tournament, you tell me that on Friday night, I wouldn't have believed you.

**THE ENGLISHMAN HELD A ONE-SHOT LEAD OVER MARC LEISHMAN HEADING INTO THE FINAL HOLE AND WAS ABLE TO HOLD ON TO HIS CLUTCH PLAY ON THE 72ND HOLE WHICH MADE THIS WEEK'S PGA TOUR MUST-SEE MOMENT**

ANNC: A big win if he can pull this off/That is clutch! This guy has handled the pressure today

HATTON: It's hard to explain. / Such a tough day today. /To hold on and win here at such an iconic venue/ I'm just, just over the moon. [Return to index of stories...](file:///C:\\Users\\jamiec\\Desktop\\x2020%20PGA%20TOUR%20-%20The%20CUT%20" \l "StoryIndex)

**FedExCup Standings**

**HATTON MAKES A BIG JUMP IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS WITH THE WIN, UP TO 14TH. IT WAS THE BIGGEST MOVE OF ANY PLAYER AT BAY HILL.** [Return to index of stories...](file:///C:\\Users\\jamiec\\Desktop\\x2020%20PGA%20TOUR%20-%20The%20CUT%20" \l "StoryIndex)

**Wyndham Rewards Top 10**

**MEANWHILE, SUNGJAE IM TOOK OVER THE TOP SPOT IN THE WYNDHAM REWARDS TOP 10 FOR THE FIRST TIME, AFTER SPENDING ALL BUT TWO WEEKS THIS SEASON ON THE LIST.** [Return to index of stories...](file:///C:\\Users\\jamiec\\Desktop\\x2020%20PGA%20TOUR%20-%20The%20CUT%20" \l "StoryIndex)

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**CUT Element: Green Screen**

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**Rory Book Club**

RORY - I've always tried to read,/it's always been one of my things/ over the last couple years, I've definitely got more into psychology or self help or that sort of stuff.

**DIGGING INTO BOOKS HAS HELPED RORY MCILROY IN ACHIEVING HIS SUCCESS ON THE COURSE, AND THE DEFENDING PLAYERS CHAMPION RECENTLY GAVE A LOOK INTO SOME OF THE LITERATURE THAT HAS MADE UP RORY MCILROY'S BOOK CLUB.**

RORY - "The Ego Is the Enemy. Ryan Holiday, yeah. So, I think all of Ryan's stuff is very good. It's a way to approach life and trying to see the best and everything. That's what the stoics try to do. And with Ego Is the Enemy, it's trying to remove yourself from situations. And I think in the past, I've always put myself at the center of things at times and that isn't necessarily a great thing/ The Obstacle Is the Way is another book by Ryan Holiday which resonated with me more, From a career standpoint, I think. Sometimes on the golf course, I didn't maybe relish the challenges as much as I should have, or if I got myself into a difficult spot, or how to overcome something. / he's really opened my eyes to, Approaching life in a certain way which I think is a positive."

RORY– "I think with any sort of book like this, there's things that you take from it that you can put in to your career but you can also put in your life. Taking a step back to think about things logically. That's what helped me. I mean, if you go back to the Players, I double bogeyed the fourth hole on Sunday and went from leading or tied for the lead to a couple behind. But I didn't impulsively go and chase some birdies. / all that comes from reading and a little bit of inward reflection and figuring out what I need to do to get the best out of myself. And these books have definitely helped me realize what those things are."

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**Viktor Hovland Par 3 Pairing**

**VIKTOR HOVLAND MAKES HIS PLAYERS DEBUT THIS WEEK AFTER HIS MAIDEN VICTORY AT THE PUERTO RICO OPEN.**

**IN HIS FIRST PROFESSIONAL START LAST YEAR, THE CUT WALKED A HOLE LEARNING ABOUT HIS EXCITEMENT FOR LIFE AS A PRO.**

ABBY: So, you're from Norway?

VIKTOR: I am yep.

ABBY: And you went to Oklahoma State and Oklahoma State has produced a lot of really talented golfers. How do you think your game is going to matchup to what they have already done on the course?

VIKTOR: / I've happened to have some success in professional tournaments as well which gives me a lot of confidence but / it's still the same game so I'm going to try and keep it simple and play my game.

ABBY: So what's your process usually on the green Viktor?

VIKTOR: A just kind of you know as your approaching the green just trying to get a good feel of where the the putt is going to break.

VIKTOR: So this one is going to break a little left to right, so I just put the line left and um fingers crossed I pick the right line.

ABBY: Alright let's see it. /

VIKTOR: Oh

ABBY: Pretty close, pretty close. / What are you most looking forward to / on TOUR?

VIKTOR: / I think just / seeing how I stack up um I've had a couple chances already, but you know just kind of getting more and more weeks in to see you know how good I am.

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**Featured Group Tease 3**

**HOVLAND'S FIRST TWO ROUNDS AT TPC SAWGRASS WILL COME ALONGSIDE A COUPLE OTHER RISING STARS. HOVLAND, MATTHEW WOLFF, AND COLLIN MORIKAWA ARE ALL MAKING THEIR MAIDEN PLAYERS START AFTER CAPTURING THEIR FIRST PGA TOUR TITLES. THIS TIME LAST YEAR, ALL THREE WERE STILL IN COLLEGE**.

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**TOUR Playlist**

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