**20CUTSAFE #37**

COLD OPEN

ANNC: Today trying to secure one of the biggest titles in his already brilliant career.

ANNC: That is just such a clutch putt!

ANNC: Nerves of steel.

ANNC: That pretty much seals the deal.

ANNC: Best player in the world did what he’s supposed to do.

FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS TEASE

ANNC: The playoffs are under way!

**THE GAMES BEST REFLECTING ON THEIR STELLAR SEASONS**

ANNC: The reborn Bryson!

ANNC: He’s gonna make a run at another Fedexcup title!

ANNC: Jon Rahm!

**RISING STARS GEAR UP TO MAKE THEIR MARK**

ANNC: Back to the winner’s circle Colin Morikawa!

**PAST CHAMPIONS LOOK TO ADD TO THEIR FEDEXCUP LEGACY…**

ANNC: Rory McIlroy is a 2-time FedExCup champion!

**THREE WEEKS.**

ANNC: Dustin Domination!

ANNC: Does this guy have a flair for the dramatic?!

**ONE CHAMPION.**

ANNC: Dustin Johnson has his FedExCup title!

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT**

TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP EARLY ROUNDS SETUP

ANNC: In a year when we didn’t know if we’d get here, East Lake Golf Club is a welcome sight and for the 14th time now the place that Bobby Jones made famous is the finish line for the FedExCup.

**WITH THE ULTIMATE PRIZE ON THE LINE IN ATLANTA, THE OPENING ROUNDS OF THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP PROVE THAT HOISTING THE HARDWARE WILL BE A BATTLE TO THE END.**

ANNC: That’s a special day he’s having.

**ENTERING 2ND AND 3RD IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS, JON RAHM AND JUSTIN THOMAS OPEN WITH ROUNDS IN THE 60’S TO NARROW THE GAP BETWEEN THEM AND LEADER DUSTIN JOHNSON…**

ANNC: When he gets going, look out.

**THEY STRUGGLE ON THE GREENS ON DAY 2, BOTH LOSING MORE THAN TWO STROKES TO THE FIELD WITH THE FLAT STICK, FALLING DOWN THE LEADERBOARD, THOUGH WITHIN REACH WITH 36 TO GO.**

**AMONG THE NINE PLAYERS MAKING THEIR DEBUTS AT EAST LAKE, CAMERON CHAMP’S DRIVING ABILITY LEADS THE WAY IN HIS OPENING ROUND…**

NAT SWING

**AFTER HE HAD SET THE STAGE FOR ANOTHER IMPORTANT TEE SHOT EARLIER IN THE WEEK.**

OPENING TEE SHOT

CHAMP: BJ, what’s going on man? This is Cam Champ. I just wanted to the one to let you know that you have been selected to hit the hope tee shot at next week’s TOUR Championship.

Seeing how his reaction was and how happy he was and just the laughter and joy with his father, that was definitely cool to see.

LITTLE: Integrity is doing the right thing when no one else is around.

The assignment was to write about your favorite core value and what core value impacts you the most on and off the course.

I believe because of my integrity I would be the ideal candidate to represent The First Tee of Metro Atlanta at the TOUR Championship. With integrity I carry myself in a way that will positively represent The First Tee as well as my community. Because of today’s current social climate, that word holds now, more than ever.

To hit the ceremonial tee shot it’s a great honor and I’ll never forget this.

**AFTER GETTING HIS OWN SWING AT THE FIRST TEE, LITTLE MEETS HIS IDOL DURING THE OPENING ROUND.**

CHAMP: How you doin?

LITTLE: How you doin Champ?

CHAMP: Nice to meet you.

LITTLE: Nice to meet you too.

LITTLE: I can relate to him, coming up through the first tee program, making a way for people like me.  Not every day you see someone you can relate to on the PGA TOUR.

**AS LITTLE WATCHES ON, CHAMP CARDS AN OPENING 68, AND ENDS DAY TWO TRAILING BY 12 SHOTS.**

TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP EARLY ROUNDS WRAP

ANNC: Big time run today for the 22-year old from Jeju, South Korea.

**MOVING UP THE LEADERBOARD, SUNGJAE IM AND 2017 TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP WINNER XANDER SCHAUFFELE ARE TWO OF 7 PLAYERS CARDING TWO ROUNDS IN THE 60’S, NARROWING THEIR INITIAL DEFICIT TO ONE AND TWO STROKES, RESPECTIVELY.**

XANDER: You kind of have to do everything really well. I think that's why I like it. It's really fair. It's right in front of you. Certain holes fit my eye and I just enjoy being out here.

**THEY TRAIL FEDEXCUP LEADER AND WORLD NUMBER ONE DUSTIN JOHNSON…**

ANNC: Perfection. When it’s going that well it’s just easy.

**WHO RELIES ON HIS SHORT GAME TO CARRY HIM.  DESPITE HITTING ONLY SEVEN FAIRWAYS IN TWO ROUNDS, DJ SHOOTS 3-UNDER OVER TWO DAYS TO KEEP HIS NAME ATOP THE BOARD AS HE SEEKS HIS FIRST FEDEXCUP TITLE.**

JOHNSON: You know my game feels good. I've still got a lot of confidence in everything I'm doing. I feel like I got my two bad rounds out of the way and I got two good ones coming.

SAVING SHOTS

**THE CUT PRESENTS, SAVING SHOTS**

**THE FIELD OF 30 AT THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP IMPRESSED FROM THE SAND**

**XANDER SCHAUFFELE HELPED LEAD THE WAY GOING 8 FOR 8 IN SAND SAVES**

ANNC: Wasn’t that easy? No it was not. That’s divine!

**JON RAHM WAS ALSO PERFECT FROM THE SAND CONVERTING ALL 9 OF HIS ATTEMPTS**

ANNC: Oh, that was lovely!

**AND COLLIN MORIKAWA SHOWED EVERYONE HOW IT’S DONE WITH A SHOT FOR THE SEASON HIGHLIGHT REEL**

ANNC: What a play from Collin Morikawa!

UNITED BUMP IN

THOMAS: Well, we’ve made it to East Lake.

FINAU: I don’t think any of us could have envisioned that we would even have made it to this week.

SIMPSON: It was a long time to not play golf, but there was hope.

MCILROY: Everyone rallied together, when the sports world shut down.

JOHNSON: Everyone who’s involved with making golf possible right now in these unforeseen circumstances.

RAHM: I’m glad that we’re here, showing that we can make this happen.

MORIKAWA: To have someone lift the trophy. It shows a lot of heart for us to come back from everything we’ve gone through.

GREEN SCREEN BUMP

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THURSDAY CHARITY MATCH

**ZACH JOHNSON AND RYAN PALMER HOSTED NFL HALL-OF-FAMER JEROME BETTIS AND FUTURE NBA HALL-OF-FAMER VINCE CARTER FOR THE GOLF WITH A PURPOSE CHARITY CHALLENGE.**

JOHNSON: Oh Baby!

JOHNSON: Yeah Baby. That a way pards!

BETTIS: Let’s get on the board!

PALMER: There we go! Good play Vince. Beautiful

JOHNSON: How about that 3?

BETTIS: There we go

JOHNSON: That’s a skin! (Hahaha)

JOHNSON: Oh my gosh. Oh man that’s…

PALMER: Can of corn!

JOHNSON: …really why you’re not here this week. (All laugh)

JOHNSON: Good stroke. Thanks guys, a lot of fun. Enjoyed it. Please meetin’ you all.

TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY SETUP

ANNC: It’s a warm and sunny Sunday at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta.

**SUNDAY AT THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP STARTS WITH DUSTIN JOHNSON LOOKING TO MAINTAIN HIS GRIP ON THE LEAD.**

ANNC: Dustin Johnson is putting on another show at another playoff event.

**WHILE JOHNSON STARTS THE DAY HOT, SUNJGAE IM STRUGGLES ON THE FRONT 9, CARDING 3 STRAIGHT BOGIES.**

ANNC: Boy if he doesn’t turn the ship around pretty quick his hopes will be dashed.

**IM FINISHES HIS ROUND 2-OVER IN A TIE FOR 7TH**.

**IN HIS FIRST TRIP TO EAST LAKE, TYRRELL HATTON STARTS THE DAY JUST 4 STROKES OFF THE LEAD**

ANNC: rock solid with that putter

**ATTEMPTING TO CAP OFF A SHORTENED BUT CAREER SEASON WITH THE FEDEXCUP**

TYRRELL HATTON FEATURE

ANNC: What a win. The Englishman! He’s the latest winner at Bay Hill.

**IN JUST 10 STARTS THIS SEASON, THE FEWEST AMONG ALL QUALIFIERS IN THE TOP 30, TYRRELL HATTON HAS NOTCHED ONE WIN, RANKS SECOND WITH AN AVERAGE OF NEARLY 5 BIRDIES PER ROUND... AND IS EIGHTH IN STROKES GAINED: TOTAL.**

HATTON: I'm not one for normally like looking at my stats but just seeing where sort of areas my game rank compared to everyone else, it's been nice and consistent. I've worked pretty hard off the course this year, which is something that I haven't done in previous years, with just my fitness and everything like that.

**HATTON’S FIRST VICTORY CAME IN A BATTLE OF TOUGH CONDITIONS AT BAY HILL.**

ANNC: The winds are gusting across Bay Hill once again a day after one of the toughest rounds in the 40 plus year history of this event.

HATTON: That week was crazy. I shot 3-over for the weekend and it's almost unheard of out here to shoot those kind of scores and win. The weather that we had, the winds, and how firm the greens got certainly made it a challenge. I scrambled really well, and holed a decent amount of putts, just to keep momentum going and keep yourself in it. Certainly over the weekend there would have been a lot of more par putts than birdie putts that I had to hole and thankfully I was able to do that.

**FOLLOWING THE RETURN TO GOLF, HATTON CONTINUED HIS MOMENTUM RIGHT OFF THE BAT, WITH TWO TOP-5 FINISHES IN HIS FIRST TWO STARTS BACK.**

ANNC: Oh my goodness, what a great little chip! You’ve got to love watching somebody pour their entire heart and soul into trying to win a golf tournament.

HATTON: I would like to be playing the TOUR Championship. At the moment I'm in a pretty decent position but there's a few events we've gotta play and there's big points available and a lot can change in that time.

**FOR HATTON, IT’S A GOAL ACHIEVED, AS HE EXPERIENCES THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS CAREER.**

TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY WRAP

**HE SHOOTS ONE OVER ON SUNDAY, LEAVING THE ENGLISHMAN 11 STROKES OFF THE LEAD.**

**JUSTIN THOMAS FINDS SUCCESS ON THE GREENS AS THE 2017 FEDEXCUP CHAMPION PICKS UP 5 BIRDIES AND AN EAGLE EN ROUTE TO A 66 AND A TIE FOR 2ND**

ANNC: Oh he’s running the tables now!

**XANDER SCHAUFFELE ALSO IMPRESSES WITH THE FLAT STICK, CARDING 4 BIRDIES.**

ANNC: Wow! Boy that’s clutch.

**SCHAUFFELE HEADS TO MONDAY 5 STROKES OFF THE LEAD, CHASING DUSTIN JOHNSON, WHO TIES THE BEST ROUND OF THE DAY WITH A 6 UNDER 64.**

ANNC: That looks good. Yep and that is what it’s going to be… a 5 shot lead for Dustin Johnson.

JOHNSON: The game is in good form. I've got a lot of confidence in everything I'm doing right now. I need to go out and focus on what I'm doing and try and shoot the lowest score I can.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

WITT: Who do you think is the Player of the year?

MORIKAWA: Uhhhhhhh.

RAHM: That’s a hard question to answer right now.

JOHNSON: Not sure.

DECHAMBEAU: I definitely know it’s not me.

MORIKAWA: Who has the most wins? JT?

THOMAS: Uhhhh…. I mean I would like to think myself!

SIMPSON: I think you could argue a few different guys right now.

RAHM: You have 6 players arguably candidates.

THOMAS: A lot of guys played very well and had a consistent season.

DECHAMBEAU: Collin Morikawa has played incredible. I don’t know. That’s a difficult one.

MORIKAWA: I don’t know between like JT, DJ, Rahm.

JOHNSON: I think it’s still up in the air. Just because I think right now everybody’s really close.

RAHM: Brendon Todd with 2 wins. Me with 2 wins.

SIMPSON: I think of one of those top guys wins the FedExCup. I think that will probably be the nod to who’s player of the year.

JOHNSON: I think I’m in the running no matter what, but if I can win this week, it could make my case for me.

RAHM: If I were to choose outside myself, if I had no chance, whoever wins the TOUR Championship I think should also win Player of the Year.

THOMAS: We’ve got one, really really big event left and all that doesn’t matter if I don’t take care of what I can this week.

MORIKAWA: We’ll see by Monday.

TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP MONDAY WRAP

**WITH PLAYER OF THE YEAR ONE OF THE PRIZES ON THE LINE IN THE FINAL ROUND OF 2019-20 PGA TOUR SEASON, 4 OF THE 6 MULTIPLE WINNERS ARE IN THE TOP-5, INCLUDING THE LEADER.**

ANNC: Dustin Johnson tries to get the TOUR Championship, the season ending FedExCup and add to his resume.

**AMONG DJ’S PURSUERS, JON RAHM NEEDS TO GO LOW AFTER STARTING SIX SHOTS BACK…AND THOUGH HE CARDS 5 BIRDIES AND AN EAGLE, A DOUBLE BOGEY HALTS HIS MOMENTUM, AND HE FINISHES IN 4TH.**

ANNC: Pressure’s starting to really amp up.

**ATTEMPTING TO MAKE UP THE DEFICIT, XANDER SCHAUFFELE AND JUSTIN THOMAS EACH COME OUT HOT…ROLLING IN BIRDIES, EATING INTO JOHNSON’S LEAD THROUGHOUT THE DAY.**

JOHNSON: It's a difficult golf course, so no lead is really safe. You know, I knew I was going to have to come out and play really well.

**IN THE FINAL ROUND, DJ’S IRON PLAY SHINES, RANKING 8TH AND CARRYING HIM THROUGH WHEN HIS COMPETITORS NARROW THE GAP.**

ANNC: The lead is 2, just 2 holes left to play.

**BOTH THOMAS AND SCHAUFFELE MISS THE FAIRWAY AT 17 THOUGH, AND DJ FINDS THE SHORT GRASS, RETAINING HIS 2 SHOT LEAD WITH ONE LEFT.**

ANNC: The one word that people keep coming back to to describe his career is resilient and unflappable. Here he is in the playoffs and has just absolutely lead from start to finish.

**DJ’S SEASON LONG SUCCESS AND CROWNING FEDEXCUP ACHIEVEMENT IS THIS WEEK’S PGA TOUR MUST SEE MOMENT**

ANNC: Dustin Johnson he’s got his FedExCup title!

JOHNSON: Being a FedExCup champion is something that I really wanted to do. I wanted to hold that trophy at the end of the day. Now I'm going to try to get me another.

FEDEXCUP STANDINGS

**JOHNSON’S FIRST FEDEXCUP TITLE IS ALSO HIS 23RD CAREER VICTORY, AND MARKS THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2009 THAT THE TOP RANKED SEED ENTERING THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP HAS CAPTURED THE ULTIMATE PRIZE.**

FALL NEW SEASON PREVIEW

ANNC: Here in the rolling hills of California wine country, back to Silverado Resort and Spa and a great field.

**AN EXTRAORDINARY NEW SEASON KICKS OFF THIS WEEK IN NAPA, CALIFORNIA… THE 2020-21 SCHEDULE FEATURES 50 OFFICIAL FEDEXCUP EVENTS, THE MOST IN A SEASON SINCE 1975.**

MONAHAN**:** If you're a golf fan, this is a dream season with more significant events than ever before, including the Olympic Games. What more can you ask for?

**INCLUDED IN THE REVAMPED SCHEDULE ARE 2 MAJORS THIS FALL, ALONG WITH THE 14 TOURNAMENTS POSTPONED OR CANCELLED DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC… MANY WITH NEW LOCATIONS.**

**SHADOW CREEK IN LAS VEGAS WILL BE THE HOST THIS SEASON FOR THE 2020 CJ CUP – ORIGINALLY HELD IN KOREA**

**WHILE THE TOURNAMENT THAT GAVE TIGER HIS RECORD TYING 82ND VICTORY WILL NOW TEMPORARILY MOVE TO CALIFORNIA AT SHERWOOD COUNTRY CLUB… WHERE THE BIG CAT’S HAD PLENTY OF SUCCESS**

ANNC: And there it is! A W for Tiger Woods. It is over he’s a winner again! That is a scene in the black and red that has been played over and over.

**PLENTY OF BIG NAMES WILL BE TEEING IT UP THIS FALL, WITH SOME HUGE OPPORTUNITIES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE EARLY IN THE SCHEDULE TO RACK UP FEDEXCUP POINTS AND PLACE THEMSELVES HIGH ON THE REGULAR SEASON RACE… THE TOUR TOP 10.**

SPIETH**:** You can kind of hit the reset button, and then when the season starts back up, it may look different, but you know you're still competing for the same prize week to week and you know you're trying to get in the winner's circle, and eventually peak for the major championships, and make a run at a FedExCup.

TOUR PLAYLIST

**KICKING OFF THE NEW SEASON IN WINE COUNTRY, PGA TOUR LIVE WILL HAVE FEATURED GROUP COVERAGE EACH DAY THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY FROM SILVERADO RESORT AND SPA.**

WILL GORDON FEATURE

GORDON: We’re at River Runs. I grew up right over there on 9 tee. It’s just somewhere where I have a lot of good memories and I’ve continued to get better out here. People ask me like oh why didn’t you move to Jupiter? I think just knowing that I’ve continued to get better where I am and trusting the people around me, I think has served me well, and this is a place where I’ve continued to see that development and growth.

GORDON: I used to come out on this green when it would get dark and nobody was playing, I’d chip and putt and sometimes somebody would come through and be like you’re not supposed to be out here kid, and I kept doing it though coming out here and trying to get a little bit better.

**PREPARING TO MAKE HIS FIRST START AS A TOUR MEMBER, WILL GORDON’S PATH HAS BEEN UNIQUE. HE SECURED MEMBERSHIP THANKS TO HIS TWO TOP-10 FINISHES AND NON-MEMBER FEDEXCUP POINTS.**

GORDON: I got into a rhythm there at the end of the last season playing and getting acclimated to everything that goes on with the tour, so I’m super excited to be in the position I am and understand it’s a unique spot and I’m lucky to be one of the two guys to be promoted this year.

ANNC: There’s the young player from Vanderbilt, Will Gordon… good week. Two under par on his round today. Look at this!! Go ahead, youngster! Will’s fired up.”

GORDON: I was so excited that I was getting close to getting PGA TOUR status. Toward the end of COVID the attitude was like, everybody’s gonna play because half the year’s gone. And I was like well if everybody’s playing, I know getting a spot is not going to be easy for me.

**BUT GORDON RECEIVED A SPONSORS EXEMPTION FOR JUST THE THIRD TOURNAMENT BACK FOLLOWING THE HIATUS, THE TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP.**

GORDON: I switched putters the day before Travelers. Was able just to get the putter rolling and make a lot of putts those first two days and get myself off to a really good start.

GORDON: Got a message from Steph Curry, I grew up playing with Steph a lot out here actually, we probably played 8 or 9, 10 times out here and Steph sent a voice recording just talking about us playing here and watching me come up through. That was by far the coolest message I got, just because somebody that meant so much to me growing up and he’s close with Phil, and Phil walked up on the first tee, all he said was, “Hey Will, I’m Phil nice to meet you, Steph told me to tell you hello.

ANNC: One of the great stories of the week, Will Gordon … oh and that birdie there could very well spell the difference in his career. Big goal for him was temporary membership, a two way tie for third or better, and at the moment, Will Gordon is third all alone.

GORDON: The last day I just wanted to play well so I could get in the next week and not use a sponsor exemption. That was just kinda the goal, and I ended up playing really well, and getting it done.

GORDON: I think that’s been one of my strengths growing up is, I’ve always been able to have that speed and I think that comes from playing so many different sports and knowing how to use my athleticism and my body.

GORDON: Right now, being like full grown adult, putting all the time into it, everything in here is getting me in better positions to go play golf.

LINDSAY: Number one thing with athletes is figuring out their physical limitations first and then being able to remove some of those limitations, whether it’s mobility or stability things first. So you saw like, him doing a lot of left-handed rotation, left-handed swings.

GORDON: I haven’t felt comfortable on PGA TOUR golf courses going full throttle but now because of all the stability we’re creating in here, it’s allowing me to finish more on balance and more consistently.

GORDON: Using the fall to get off to a good start at the FedExCup is gonna be big. A lot of my sponsor invites last season were in the fall. So it’s going to be going back to places that I’ve played before. I’m excited to use the fall to set myself up for a nice spring.

ROLLOUT

ANNC: Here it comes.

**THE 2019-20 SEASON WAS NOTHING SHORT OF DRAMATIC.**

ANNC: Here… It… (Watch out!) Comes! He’s got it! Wow! Is this all really happening? What a putt!

**NOW, THE NEW SEASON OF 50 FEDEXCUP EVENTS LOOKS TO CARRY ON THE EXCITEMENT.**

ANNC: Could it be?! Ohhhh! My goodness.

ANNC: Dustin domination. Takes the title, by 11 shots.

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