**2020 PGA TOUR – The CUT #38 (U.S. Open)**

**Brooks Cold Open**

PRODUCER: "Just look into the camera and give us your name."

BROOKS KOEPKA: "Brooks Koepka."

PRODUCER: "Let's turn the clock ahead, five or ten years, where do you see yourself?"

BROOKS KOEPKA: "A winner on the PGA Tour...get a major, uh five to ten years that would be nice, get a couple of them...hopefully uh during that timeline rack up some wins...but you never know what could happen."

**The CUT Titles**

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT**

**Koepka Art Card 1**

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**Brooks Koepka Feature Part 1**

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PRODUCER: "When you see that, you kind of called your shot there, what do you think about when you see that?"

KOEPKA SOT: "That it's funny, looking back When I had no idea what I was doing my hair."

**EVEN BEFORE HE WAS A ROOKIE ON THE PGA TOUR, BAD HAIR OR NOT, BROOKS KOEPKA MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE ONLY ONE THAT COULD HAVE GUESSED WHAT TURN HIS CAREER AND LIFE WOULD HAVE TAKEN.**

KOEPKA SOT: "You always got to have belief in yourself. And I think it's one thing I've always had is the ability to always believe in yourself. I actually think I've under achieved. I will put it the other way, I feel like very easily it could have been six majors and there's a lot of second places in there so You can only imagine. Probably 12 to 14 wins."

**TO UNDERSTAND BROOKS' UNWAVERING MINDSET, YOU HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING...AND HIS UNLIKELY JOURNEY TO THE PGA TOUR.**

DONNA WHITE: "We're at Ocheeheelee Golf Course and this is the first municipal facility that Palm Beach County invested in. I started the Junior Golf Foundation and our mission was to provide affordable golf programing and tournaments and stuff for the youth families in South Florida...I still remember it was either Bob was dropping them off or Denise was dropping them off at 8 o'clock on their way to work and this was their home for hours upon hours."

KOEPKA SOT: "It was just me and my brother and that was kind of how it always was every summer. For two months, they're, you know, dropping us off early in the morning and picking us up late at night. I wish you could do it today."

**IN THE GOLF OPULENCE THAT IS SOUTH FLORIDA, OKEEHEELEE GOLF COURSE WAS JUST THE OPPOSITE.**

**THE LOCAL MUNI WITH NONE OF THE PRESTIGE OR FLASH OF THE PRIVATE COURSES THAT SURROUND IT.**

**AND FOR A YOUNG BROOKS KOEPKA, THE PERFECT SCENARIO TO GIVE HIM HIS EDGE.**

KOEPKA SOT: "I never got anything handed to me, I never had anything given. Grew up, everything always seemed to be very hard, whatever it was. I couldn't go play golf tournaments, we didn't have enough money, couldn't afford basically a coach, couldn't do these things."

DONNA WHITE: "Golf was a happy place for him. He found a haven of friends and those that might have been better than him at that time but he became motivated at that time to excel."

**KOEPKA WAS NEVER A STANDOUT JUNIOR PLAYER. IN FACT, HE RARELY WON.**

**BUT THE NOW FAMOUS KOEPKA SWAGGER WAS SLOWLY FORMING, DESPITE HIS LACK OF TROPHIES.**

DENISE JAKOWS: "People we're always in awe of his swing and his ability and his power and his swing speed. But when he was younger, he never was the kid who was winning every tournament. He was the kid who always came in 10th, or 5th, or 3rd. I had a lot of second place trophies in the house."

WARREN BOTKE: "He wasn't your average kid, he had an incredible work ethic, he was always hitting balls, always wanting to play golf. he had the shy kind of demeanor where you were around him, you were just still wondering is this guy really listening but he was taking notes in his mind and processing what you were telling him."

KOEPKA SOT: "I wasn't the it kid, I wasn't the best. And when you're not that, I guess you really wanna win, you always wannna be something you can't be, right?"

**LET'S PAUSE THE STORY FOR A SECOND.**

**TAKE A BREATH.**

**BECAUSE THERE'S SOMEONE WHO NEEDS TO BE INTRODUCED WHO UNKNOWINGLY HAD A HUGE INFLUENCE ON BROOKS' CAREER.**

PRODUCER: "What does the name Kenny Leech mean to you?"

KOEPKA SOT: "He kicked my butt for the longest time until I was probably about, until we got to maybe college, I'd say for a solid 10 years he was doing some hurt on me handed it to me pretty much every time."

KENNY LEECH: "I tried to win everything. we both had the same thoughts, it was just I was kind of succeeding a little bit more than he was. He wasn't like, oh man I can never beat this guy. He was not that guy for Brooks I think it was good in how he took it and perceived, I'd say with Brooks it might have helped him maybe, maybe who knows?"

**SOON, BROOKS WOULD APPLY WHAT HE LEARNED FROM THOSE RUNNER UPS AT THE NEXT LEVEL.**

**HE WAS A 4-TIME ALL AMERICAN AT FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY WINNING**

**3-TIMES HIS SENIOR SEASON.**

**HE WOULD TURN PRO IN 2012 AND FOUND HIS WAY TO THE CHALLENGE TOUR IN EUROPE.**

**YET ANOTHER UNCONVENTIONAL TURN ON HIS PATH TO GREATNESS.**

KOEPKA SOT: "It was a real growing experience for me to kind of figure out who I was traveling Europe got to grow as a person, see all these places you read about in history books.

KOEPKA NAT: "I've seen these Tuk tuks and always wanted to take a ride in them, so we got one, going to take a ride and see how it is and risk our lives here in traffic."

KOEPKA SOT: "It's different when you're all on your own. I didn't know anybody, didn't speak any of these languages from the countries we were going to, I had to figure it out kind of on the fly."

KOEPKA NAT: "This is crazy, this is unbelievable."

BOB KOEPKA: "He was there by himself, he had nothing but golf. So he just kinda soaked it in, and I think it matured him very quickly. He learned how to travel and be in strange places, and be uncomfortable and be okay with being uncomfortable."

DENISE JAKOWS: "It's was a struggle, but it wasn't going to be negative, unless he allowed those, off course influences to work negatively in his mind and he found a way through that. In the end, I think going and traveling around Europe was a great thing for him."

KOEPKA SOT: "That's not the ideal situation when you think you're a lot better than you are, or when you know deep down. And you go over there, you battle for two years and two and a half years, and then come over here. And it's everything was earned, which I kind of liked."

**HE WOULD WIN 3 TIMES ON THE EUROPEAN CHALLENGE TOUR IN 2013 AND ADD A EUROPEAN TOUR WIN AND ROOKIE OF THE YEAR HONORS IN 2014.**

**KOEPKA ALSO EARNING ENOUGH FEDEXCUP POINTS AS A NON-PGA TOUR MEMBER TO GET HIS CARD FOR THE 2014-15 PGA TOUR SEASON.**

**THE SCRAWNY MUNI KID WAS NOW A WORLD TRAVELING, WINNER ON A PROFESSIONAL LEVEL. HIS TRANSITION WAS ALMOST COMPLETE.**

**Bump (Gordon/vanRooyen, Koepka)**

**STILL AHEAD ON THE CUT...**

GARY WOODLAND: "He literally has the mentality that he wants to step on your throat, he doesn't care, and that's a huge deal."

**BROOKS KOEPKA'S ASCENDANCE TO THE TOP OF THE GAME. PLUS...THE TWO NEW FACES ON TOUR THIS SEASON PREPARE IN NAPA.**

VAN ROOYEN: Alright so with the bunker... where's the front and where's the back?

GORDON: ... that's a trick question guys

**ServPro Vignette**

**THE CUT PRESENTS, SAVING SHOTS**

**PHIL MICKELSON RANKED FIRST OUT OF THE BUNKER FOR THE WEEK, MAKING 7 OF 7 SAND SAVES.**

ANNC – Phil is a master out of the bunkers here.”

**WHILE HARRY HIGGS WAS SUCCESSFUL IN 6 OF HIS 7 TIMES IN THE BUNKER DURING HIS RUNNER-UP FINISH.**

ANNC – He did a really nice job there.

**AND STEWART CINK HAD A CLUTCH UP AND DOWN FOR BIRDIE ON THE PAR-5 16TH ON HIS WAY TO A VICTORY IN NAPA**

ANNC – 21-under par for Stewart Cink and a three shot lead.

**Green Screen Bump In**

NO VO

**POY/ROY announcement**

ANNC: "Scottie Scheffler the 24 year old rookie a 59."

**THE LATEST MR. 59 WAS NAMED THE ARNOLD PALMER AWARD WINNER FOR ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AFTER RACKING UP 7 TOP-10's, FINISHING 5TH IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS.**

SCHEFFLER SOT: "I didn't have too many expectations coming into the season just wanted to come out here and do my best."

**WHILE DUSTIN JOHNSON TOOK HOME THE JACK NICKLAUS AWARD FOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR AFTER POSTING 3 VICTORIES, 2 RUNNER UPS AND HOISTING THE FEDEXCUP.**

**DJ Congrats PSA**

“23 PGA TOUR wins.”

“First player ever to win all 4 world golf championships.”

“He’s got that major.”

“Dustin Johnson has it.”

“He is the winner of the 2020 FedExCup.”

“This is the one he wanted.”

“Congrats to Dustin Johnson, he’s got his FedExCup title!”

**US Open Players to Watch**

ANNC: And victory for Dustin Johnson and the 2020 FedEx Cup is his!

**COMING OFF OF THE HEELS OF HIS SUCCESS, DUSTIN JOHNSON WILL BE MAKING HIS FIRST START SINCE HIS FEDEXCUP WIN AT THE U.S. OPEN... LOOKING TO ADD ANOTHER TITLE TO HIS RESUME.**

ANNC: Here it comes! Wow! / And Jon Rahm wins a thriller at the BMW Championship

**AFTER A SUCCESSFUL SEASON WHICH INCLUDED 8 TOP 10 FINISHES AND 2 WINS, JON RAHM WILL BE LOOKING FOR HIS FIRST MAJOR WIN.**

Rahm Bite: putting wins tournaments. It's as simple as that. It's, yeah you can drive it well, you can hit good irons, you can hit good chip shots but if you don't make the putts all of that is, this is, it's not going to do anything

ANNC: Collin Morikawa second win on the PGA TOUR

**SNATCHING UP 2 TITLES LAST SEASON, COLLIN MORIKAWA WILL MAKE HIS SECOND START AT THE US OPEN AIMING FOR BACK TO BACK MAJOR TITLES.**

**WHILE TIGER WOODS SEEKS HIS 4TH US OPEN WIN, WHICH WOULD TIE FOR MOST ALL TIME...NOT TO MENTION AN 83RD VICTORY TO BREAK SAM SNEAD'S RECORD.**

WOODS BITE: The thing about golf, it is a marathon. It's 72 holes, it's four days. just because I've won this week doesn't mean I'm assured to win the next week. So learning the golf course, being prepared for new a golf course, different weather conditions, different layout, different clubs. And get it done. I've got to earn my way in to 83.

**RTG Qualifiers for US Open**

**ALSO MAKING THEIR WAY TO WINGED FOOT GOLF CLUB, 11 TOUR PLAYERS QUALIFIED FOR THE US OPEN THANKS TO THE NEW DATE AND ALTERED RETURN TO GOLF SCHEDULE**

ANNC: Richy Werenski has won the Barracuda Championship!

ANNC: Jim Herman's the champion here at the Wyndham.

ANNC: 7 years later, Michael Thompson is a PGA TOUR winner again!

**3 PLAYERS PUNCHED THEIR TICKETS BY WINNING TOURNAMENTS, INCLUDING MICHAEL THOMPSON WHO FINISHED IN A TIE FOR 2ND AT THE 2012 US OPEN.**

ANNC: Are you serious? Another brilliant shot from Matthew Wolff!

**21-YEAR-OLD MATTHEW WOLFF MAKES HIS FIRST APPEARANCE AT THE US OPEN BY VIRTUE OF HIS T-4 FINISH AT THE PGA CHAMPIONSHIP...**

WOLFF: If you are playing well // it'd be much easier for you to carry it on // especially for me, I'm a confidence player. // I'm looking to just go out there and keep my good play going.

**TOUR Playlist**

**THIS WILL BE WINGED FOOT'S FIRST TIME HOSTING THE U.S. OPEN SINCE 2006 AND 6TH OVERALL, TYING IT FOR 3RD MOST FREQUENT HOST COURSE.**

**RSM Vignette**

**THROUGH THE FALL TOURNAMENTS, BIRDIES FORE LOVE CHARITY COMPETITION DONATES FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS EACH WEEK ON BEHALF OF THE PLAYER WITH THE MOST BIRDIES OR BETTER TO A CHARITY OF THEIR CHOICE.**

ANNC: Chesson, a little snap of the fingers. He's back!

**THE 2020 EDITION OF BIRDIES FOR LOVE KICKED OFF AT THE SAFEWAY OPEN WHERE CHESSON HADLEY CARDED 26 BIRDIES OR BETTER TO WIN THE WEEKLY PRIZE.**

HADLEY SOT : 50 thousand dollars is a lot of money // What RSM is doing is awesome. They've been such a great partner with the tour. // Certainly thankful that they have maintained that through this crazy time.

**IN ADDITION TO THE WEEKLY PAYOUTS, THREE OVERALL WINNERS WILL BE CHOSEN AFTER THE RSM CLASSIC AND WILL RECEIVE MONEY TO BE DONATED TO A CHARITY IN THEIR NAME, WITH OVER ONE MILLION DOLLARS BEING DONATED TO CHARITY OVER THE COURSE OF THE PROGRAM.**

**The CUT Rejoin**

NO VO

**Gordon and Van Rooyen Mic'd Up**

**AS THE NEW PGA TOUR SEASON TEES OFF, FRESH FACES WILL BE RARE AS ONLY TWO NEW PLAYERS EARNED MEMBERSHIP IN 2020. WILL GORDON AND ERIK VAN ROOYEN'S PATHS TO THE TOUR VARY GREATLY BUT ONE COMMONALITY WILL BE LEARNING THE ROPES ON TOUR.**

GORDON: Smokey little morning here in Napa.

VAN ROOYEN: Definitely strange times.

VAN ROOYEN: As golfers, we face different conditions every week. This is a new one, dealing with all the smoke, but learn to adapt and face it as best as you can.

VAN ROOYEN: You should try and hit it a little bit further next time.

GORDON: Haha. Yeah

VAN ROOYEN: So where did you go to school?

GORDON: Vanderbilt. So Nashville was a good spot. Ended up being a good fit. How about you?

VAN ROOYEN: Minnesota of all places.

GORDON: South Africa to Minnestoa, huh?

VAN ROOYEN: Yeah. It's a little weird, but I loved it.

VAN ROOYEN: What did you say? Would you rather play a round of golf with Tiger or warzone? Warzone for sure!

VAN ROOYEN: Dude! Imagine if we could get Tiger's tag, that would be unreal!

VAN ROOYEN: We need to get Tiger's gamer tag

GAUGERT: Hey Tiger, if you're watching this, we'd like your gamer tag in Call of Duty. I'd love to play with you.

VAN ROOYEN: Will.

GORDON: Huh?

VAN ROOYEN: You agree that that is the front of the green and that is the back of the green?

GORDON: Yeah. I think that's sound logic.

VAN ROOYEN: Alright so with the bunker... where's the front and where's the back?

GORDON: ... that's a trick question guys. You all are setting me up.

VAN ROOYEN: That was a good day.

GORDON: I think we're playing together the next two days, so it'll be a fun couple days. Looking forward to it.

VAN ROOYEN: More Call of Duty chat?

GORDON: Yeah!

**Safeway Open Winner**

ANNC: "It is now in the books for Stewart Cink. Atop the leaderboard for the first time in 11 years."

**47-YEAR-OLD STEWART CINK EARNED HIS 7TH CAREER VICTORY SUNDAY AT THE SAFEWAY OPEN, MORE THAN A DECADE REMOVED FROM HIS LAST WIN**

CINK SOT: "There was probably a time where I felt like maybe age might have caught up with me and I might have had my last win out here, but I wasn't ready to concede that."

CINK SOT: "I've got my son caddying for me, my wife is in almost five-year remission now and she's walking out there just on the side of the ropes, and at 47 I'm able to compete at the highest level and now not just compete, but win."

**FedExCup Standings**

**CINK DEBUTS ATOP THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS AFTER HIS WIN IN NAPA. AND FOR SOME AFTER FINISHING THEIR ROUND, THEY HAD A CROSS COUNTRY TRIP TO REACH THE US OPEN.**

**Hadley Safeway to US Open**

HADLEY INTRO: "Hey guys Chesson Hadley here, we're just wrapping up at the Safeway Open. I'm gonna do a little vlog if you will and hopefully you guys will enjoy our trek from California all the way over to New York to get ready for the US Open at Winged Foot."

HADLEY NATS: "I'm walking to the jet. We're getting ready to jump on this girl and we're headed to New York let's go...Joel Dahmen, Brandon Grace. Here we go...This is my chariot for the week...Alright, negative again. Which is great, we're playing the US Open this week...Guys checkout this clubhouse...Probably my favorite feature of the locker room, my name plate. Those are chicken fingers...Alright, made it to the range / that's a wrap appreciate you guys following."

**Myrbetriq Vig**

**FINISHING IN 2ND AT WEEK’S END, HARRY HIGGS FINISHED UP HIS SECOND ROUND AT THE SAFEWAY OPEN IN STELLAR FASHION, MAKING THIS WEEK'S PGA TOUR MUST SEE MOMENT**

ANNC: Watch this. In the hole for an albatross. That is a walk-off two on the par-5 9th to finish his round 62. // A lot of talent this guy.

**Brooks Koepka Art Card 2**

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**Brooks Koepka Feature Part 2**

**UPON REACHING HIS DREAM OF PLAYING ON THE PGA TOUR, KOEPKA'S SIZE AND STATURE IN THE GAME CONTINUED TO GROW.**

**FIRST A WIN AT THE 2015 WASTE MANAGEMENT PHOENIX OPEN...**

ANNC: "And welcome to the winner's circle Brooks Koepka...and dare I say, with many more to come."

**FOLLOWED BY ONE OF THE MOST PROLIFIC STRETCHES IN GOLF HISTORY.**

**HE WOULD WIN 6 MORE TIMES IN JUST UNDER 3-YEARS;**

ANNC: "Because he's the best in the game."

**INCLUDING BACK TO BACK U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 2017 AND 2018 AND BACK TO BACK PGA CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 2018 AND 19.**

KOEPKA SOT: "It's an incredible journey, I don't even think I dreamed of."

JACK NICKLAUS: "I've got a little something for you. How are you? Thank you very much. Congratulations, this is too heavy for me, let me give this to you. Thank you very much."

ANNC: "This man that is physically, technically, and mentally stronger than we witnessed for a long time."

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: "Touches up in this zone of his and is unfazed...he game, he's really strong, hits it long off the tee, at the end of the day, he gets the ball in the hole...he's sort of walks through the fire.

GARY WOODLAND: "He literally has the mentality that he wants to step on your throat, he doesn't care, and that's a huge deal."

TONY FINAU: "He's got a certain swag to him and a certain confidence when you watch him play, he's very confidence when he plays and steps over a golf ball."

BRANDT SNEDEKER: "He's kinda built perfectly to be a dominant golfer. Hits it long, no weaknesses, and not scared. That's pretty ideal when you only start pulling up wanting to be one of the best in the game."

**THE BOY WITH SO MUCH UNTAPPED POTENTIAL, FINALLY FULFULLING IT.**

**THE ONCE SHY JUNIOR, NOW AN OUTSPOKEN ALPHA.**

**THE KID WITH THE 2ND PLACE TROPHIES... ON TOP OF THE GOLFING WORLD.**

**THERE ARE MANY PATHS TO GREATNESS.**

KOEPKA SOT: "I've always had to work for everything. So that's I take enjoyment out of that is proving people wrong. It's been fun. It's been a fun ride for sure."

WARREN BOTKE: "What's so great about Brooks is he knows where he came from. And he had just the right formula. And the right formula of right work, tenacity, and a mental toughness, and those three was perfect cocktail for him to do what he's done."

BOB KOEPKA: "I think he is matured a lot and he understands where he is at and he's able to zero in and focus on the task at hand and I think he represents the game the right way.

KENNY LEECH: "When you look at a friend excel at that level and know that you had some bit of something in their life, you had some role that's really special... it was cool to be in the first stages of that you know, it's part of the roots, which is really cool.

DENISE JAKOWS: "A lot of what moves him is, you can't teach it, it's not something you can learn. It's almost like an innate quality that just had to blossom. he's a great kid. He's a great kid. He's my little booboo . Always will be ."

**ASK HIM NOW WHERE HE SEES HIMSELF IN THE NEXT TEN YEARS?**

KOEPKA SOT: "Ten majors, 25 wins, something like that."

**DON'T BET AGAINST HIM.**

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