**PGA TOUR – THE CUT #43**

COLD OPEN

ANNC: You are talking about the greatest champion of his era, the best player of his generation.

DECHAMBEAU: It’s impossible to quantify.

SPIETH: It’s an incredible feat.

POULTER: It’s unbelievable is what it is.

MCCARRON: I can’t even fathom that.

MCILROY: He does things that people can’t really comprehend.

NIEMANN: It’s insane.

LANGER: It means that it’s exceptional. And we all know Tiger is exceptional.

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT**

TIGER DEFENDS

ANNC: And after a decades long wait, the PGA TOUR in Japan for the first time is alive with anticipation.

**JAPAN HELD THE SPOTLIGHT LAST YEAR AS HISTORY UNFOLDED AT THE ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP.**

ANNC: In the land of the rising sun Tiger Woods has a chance to elevate his PGA TOUR win total, to a record tying 82.

**IN HIS FIRST TOURNAMENT BACK FROM KNEE SURGERY, TIGER WOODS FOUND MOMENTUM ON THE BACK NINE OF THE FIRST ROUND.**

WOODS: Making eight birdies that day, put myself on top of the board and low and behold that's the position I know how to play from.

ANNC: He is about one thing and one thing only, winning.

**WOODS REMAINED ON TOP OF THE LEADERBOARD ENTERING SUNDAY WITH A 3 STROKE LEAD, AN IDEAL POSITION AS HE HAD NEVER LOST WHEN HOLDING THE OUTRIGHT 54-HOLE LEAD BY 3 OR MORE STROKES.**

WOODS: I was putting unbelievable well.  I could be aggressive. And I was committed to being aggressive because I had the easier putts than some of the players.

ANNC: He knows history, he knows what’s at stake, he knows what’s ahead.

**AND WITH A BIRDIE ON 18…**

ANNC: Make room on the mountain top, Tiger Woods has matched Sam Snead with 82 PGA TOUR wins, the most of all time.

WOODS: To have won this tournament in Japan, /and to tie the record outside the United States is pretty cool.

WOODS: Well, it's a big number. It's about consistency and doing it for a long period of time. I've been very fortunate to have had the career I've had so far.

POULTER: It's impressive, which is an understatement.

SPIETH: It's awesome for all of us to watch him be inspired by what he's able to do.

MCILROY: I've had a decent career and if I win six times a year for the next ten years I still wouldn't get there. So it's amazing. Everyone will be looking out to see when he breaks that 82 and gets to 83.

**AS TIGER RETURNS TO DEFEND HIS ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE, THERE IS NO IGNORING THE POSSIBILITY OF A RECORD-BREAKING WIN...**

DECHAMBEAU: 83 is just it's magical, it really is. It's something that I don't know if it'll ever be broken.

WATSON: As a fan of sports and a fan of golf. It would be an honor and a privilege to be able to see that.

REED: To think about getting 83 wins and still being in your career is insane.

WOODLAND: If he stays healthy, 83 is just gonna ba number, cuz there’s gonna be a lot more after that.

TIGER HISTORY AT SHERWOOD

**WHILE JAPAN HAS A SPECIAL PLACE IN TIGER’S HEART, THE DRAMA AT THIS YEAR’S ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP WILL PLAY OUT ON A HOLLYWOOD STAGE.**

ANNC: It’s a stunning southern California setting. The valley at the base of the Santa Monica Mountains. Jack Nicholas designed Serwood Country Club in 1989.

**A GOLF COURSE WHERE WOODS HAS HAD MUCH SUCCESS, AND IT ALL STARTED AT A GROUNDBREAKING EVENT IN 1999.**

ANNC: Duval concedes, and Tiger Woods has won the Motorola Showdown at Sherwood.

**WOODS WENT ON TO HOST THE HERO WORLD CHALLENGE AT SHERWOOD AND IN THE 12 YEARS OF COMPETING THERE, THE CALIFORNIA NATIVE RACKED UP 5 WINS, HIS FIRST IN 2001.**

ANNC: Once again, Tiger Woods has bested Singh in this head to head battle at Sherwood.

**AFTER TWO 2ND PLACE FINISHES HE FOUND THE TOP OF THE PODIUM AGAIN IN 2004.**

ANNC: Tiger’s back folks.

**TIGER THEN PROVED HE HAD A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH SHERWOOD AND WON BACK TO BACK IN 2006 AND 2007 AND THEN FOUND REDEMPION IN 2011.**

ANNC: And there it is, a W for Tiger Woods, for the first time in more than 2 years.

ZOZO PREVIEW

**JOINING TIGER IN CALIFORNIA ARE 8 JAPANESE GOLFERS INCLUDING HIDEKI MATSUYAMA**

**ANNC:** Look at this. Phenomenal, Hideki Matsuyama.

**PLACING SECOND IN THE INAUGURAL ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP LAST YEAR, THE 5 TIME PGA TOUR WINNER WILL BE LOOKING TO CAPTURE A TROPHY FOR HIS FANS BACK HOME.**

**ANNC:** This is good. Hideckiiiiii!

**ALSO JOINING THE COMPETITION ARE PAST FEDEXCUP CHAMPIONS RORY MCILROY AND JUSTIN THOMAS.**

**ANNC**: Justin Thomas! How bout that the way it went in?!

**AND JON RAHM TRAVELS TO SHERWOOD OFF HIS TWO WINS DURING THE RETURN TO GOLF.**

**ANNC**: No one better than Jon Rahm.

**IN TOTAL, 55 OF THE 78 MAN FIELD HAVE CAPTURED AT LEAST ONE TITLE ON TOUR.**

**ANNC:** Not much you can say about that other than perfect.

BUMP

**STILL AHEAD ON THE CUT…**

AN:Just a little baby chip. Oh my god, that’s so good. Jeez.

**BEN AN AND TOM KIM HAVE SOME FUN AROUND SHADOW CREEK.  PLUS, HOW WEBB SIMPSON HAS PUT TOGETHER A CAREER YEAR.**

WEBB: You kind of combine all that together and I've been playing with confidence, you know it's a recipe for the potential to have a great year.

BIRDIES FORE LOVE

**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: Boom, right in the middle. Boy he’s stroking the ball really well.

**IN ADDITION TO EARNING HIS FIRST PGA TOUR VICTORY, JASON KOKRAK CAPTURED THE BIRDIES FOR LOVE PRIZE CARDING 26 BIRDIES OR BETTER AT THE CJ CUP @ SHADOW CREEK.**

KOKRAK: Just to be able to change people’s lives a little bit at a time means a lot. It holds a special place in my heart to be able to help anybody.

**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 CLOSE TO ONE MILLION DOLLARS BEING DONATED TO CHARITY OVER THE COURSE OF THE PROGRAM.**

KOKRAK: To be able to donate to a charity, a vision center in Cleveland that my son went to means everything. It’ll change everything they do for this year. This money will go a long long way. I’m very proud to present it to them. A gift like that will change a lot of things.

BEN AN & TOM KIM

KIM: When I was young, I was really called by Thomas and that came from Thomas the train. I was a huge fan. I had the lunch box. I had the toys. Everyone started calling me Tom as a nick name.

**18-YEAR-OLD TOM KIM HAS MADE A NAME FOR HIMSELF ALREADY ACROSS ASIA, WHERE HE HAS FIVE WINS ON 3 TOURS.**

**THE TEENAGER MADE HIS THIRD START OF THE PGA TOUR SEASON AT THE CJ CUP LAST WEEK, AND HAS BIG GOALS IN MIND.**

KIM: To play a couple PGA TOUR events, to qualify for the CJ Cup, to qualify for the PGA Championship. I’m just trying to learn every single day, I’m trying to get better, hopefully try to be the best in the world as fast as I can.

ANNC: Joohyung Kim, 18-year-old from Seoul, South Korea. Has his home in Bangkok, Thailand now, making his tournament debut.

KIM: Being able to be here at CJ Cup, it’s awesome.  I’m just really thrilled to be here in the US, and hopefully at a debut I can play the best that I can.

**KIM HAS FOUND A MENTOR IN FELLOW KOREA NATIVE BEN AN, WHO SHOWED HIM AROUND SHADOW CREEK.**

NATS: So this is your locker, and Jordan is next to it. It’s cool how it’s next to Jordan Spieth’s… I mean it’s not every week you get that locker...”

AN: When I first joined the TOUR, obviously had K.J., Kevin Na was here, he helped me a lot.

AN: When you first get here. It’s like a maze in here … it’s better to have someone than not have someone.

AN: I definitely think he has the potential and he’s a hell of player.

This hole’s too hard for a one club challenge!

KIM: Alright, so 18th hole... it’s 223 to get to the fairway, you want to be on the fairway on this course. I’m only hitting 4, because Ben told me to hit 5, but I’m shorter than him, so.  Ah. There you go! Tee drop. 3 wood. Ah, and he smokes it.

Middle of the fairway, I believe.

KIM: For Ben to play with me and I asked him a lot of questions, and he’s been really nice. So to see a top player on the PGA TOUR was really cool.

Ah this’ll lay up. Of course!

Oh my gosh. Oh my gosh, that’s so good.

Just a little baby chip. Oh my god, that’s so good. Jeez.

This is for the win, guys. There’s no one watching Thanks guys! Great par. Hey rookie, pick the right club next time, alright?

One, two, three, four, five *(laughs)*

TOMMY FLEETWOOD & BRIDGE KIDS

FLEETWOOD: Do you want me to take a picture of you?

JUNG: No (Sign it)

FLEETWOOD: Of course I will

**IN 2019 AT THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES… TOMMY FLEETWOOD JOINED A CLINIC MADE UP OF JUNIOR GOLFERS FROM THE BRIDGE KIDS.**

FLEETWOOD: We are having a great time and you’re going to see a lot more of them in the future. Say bye guys.

KIDS: Bye!

**AND WHILE THE CHANGE OF VENUE THIS SEASON MADE A REUNION DIFFICULT, FLEETWOOD STILL CAUGHT UP WITH SOME OF THE KIDS.**

FLEETWOOD: Hi guys. I was so looking forward to seeing you all again, so I’m sorry that we’re not together. I’m sure we’ll see each other soon, but in the meantime, keep dreaming, dream as big as you can. Golf is the best game in the world and you’re all doing so great at it, so I’m looking forward to seeing how you keep going.

JUNG: Hello Mr. Fleetwood. It’s been such a long time and I’ve missed being out there on the Nine Bridges course with you. I recently changed my clubs and I was wondering if you had any tips on adjusting quickly to those clubs.

FLEETWOOD: If I was you, just any chance you get to practice, I would try loads of different shots. Try different swings. And you and the golf clubs can learn together really.

KIM: Hello Tommy, I am Taekyu Kim living in Korea. Do you remember me?

FLEETWOOD: I do!

KIM: [In Korean] Since Bridge Kids, I’ve grown a lot and I’ve practiced a lot. I have become a potential member of the Junior Korean National Team.

FLEETWOOD: Very Very Cool.

FLEETWOOD: Just because we’re best friends, I did bring some gifts. So there’s a signed hat and glove for both of you. I’m excited about when I get some signed stuff from you. So I’ll look forward to my hat and glove from you guys!

SAVING SHOTS

**THE CUT PRESENTS, SAVING SHOTS**

**AT THE CJ CUP @ SHADOW CREEK, COLLIN MORIKAWA WAS NEARLY PERFECT IN SAND SAVES, CONVERTING 3 OF 4 ATTEMPTS.**

ANNC: That’s just carried perfectly. Now he has it inside 10 feet for a birdie.

**WHILE RORY MCILROY CONNECTED ON 5 OF HIS CHANCES**.

ANNC: Just sensation hand action.

**AND VIKTOR HOVLAND IMPRESSED WITH A NO LOOK HOLE OUT**

ANNC: And he doesn’t know how good that was. Now he does. An Eagle! It went in Vikor!

CJ CUP CHARITY MATCH

ANNC: They are ready to go. Bubba and Rickie won the coin toss, they’ll go first.

**ON WEDNESDAY AT THE CJ CUP, BUBBA WATSON, RICKIE FOWLER, KEVIN NA, AND BEN AN TEED IT UP IN THE CHARITY CHALLENGE PRESENTED BY MGM RESORTS**

**AND THE FRIENDLY COMPETITION BROUGHT OUT PLENTY OF GREAT MOMENTS FROM THE 2 MAN TEAMS**

NATS: Oh wow that was smashed.

WATSON: Good one there.

NA: Thank you thank you.

WATSON: Dang it man did you get me?

NA: Who said Bubba’s long, huh?

NATS: Oh nice.

WATSON: That was a little delayed.

NA: Sorry to disappoint sorry.

NATS: Oh! Great putt!

ANNC: Bubba Watson Rickie Fowler victorious. A great day for charity.

CJ CUP WINNER

ANNC: Jason Kokrak is the winner of the CJ Cup at Shadow Creek.

**EARNING HIS FIRST CAREER PGA TOUR VICTORY IN HIS 233RD START, JASON KOKRAK MOVED TO 4TH ON THE FEDXCUP STANDINGS**

ANNC: Great day. 64 final round to get to 20 under.

KOKRAK: Game plan was simple. Hit fairways, my caddie D-Rob was right on point with the reads all day and all week. Just give myself more opportunities than I did the last couple days and I couldn’t be happier.

**KOKRAK LED THE FIELD IN STROKES GAINED PUTTING FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS CAREER, AND MADE A CAREER BEST 14 PUTTS OUTSIDE OF 10 FEET**

KOKRAK: I’ve got an aunt and uncle that live here, my dad lived out here for a while so it kind of feels like home, and I’ve played this golf course enough, I should know by now.

FEDEXCUP STANDINGS

**KOKRAK’S MOVE TO 4TH IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS MARKS THE HIGHEST POSITION HE’S HELD IN HIS CAREER, WHILE BRYSON DECHAMBEAU MAINTAINS THE TOP SPOT.**

PHIL WINS ON PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS

ANNC: Phil Mickelson is undefeated on the PGA Tour Champions. 2 starts. 2 wins.

**CLOSING WITH A 7 UNDER 65, PHIL MICKELSON BECAME THE THIRD PLAYER TO WIN THEIR FIRST TWO STARTS ON THE PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS.**

MICKELSON: I have a lot of fun playing out here because I can play aggressive, I can get away with a couple misses and play the way I like to play and see a lot of the guys I haven’t seen in a while.

MICKELSON: This was a good momentum start for me and it was a good successful week.

MUST SEE MOMENT

**ALSO NOTCHING AN IMPRESSIVE MOMENT AT THE DOMINION ENERGY OPEN WAS ROOKIE ROBERT KARLSSON, WHO ENDED HIS TOURNAMENT IN SPECTACULAR FASHION IN THIS WEEK’S PGA TOUR MUST SEE MOMENT**

ANNC: One of the rookies this year on the PGA Tour Champions, Robert Karlsson, he’s had a very good start to his senior career. In for a double eagle. Hello! What a way to finish your week.

**KARLSSON’S FINAL ROUND 64 WAS HIS CAREER BEST ON PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS, AS HE FINISHED THE WEEKEND TIED FOR 9TH.**

THE WHY OF WEBB

ANNC: A super Sunday for Webb Simpson!

TESORI: I really still think his best golf is coming up. I would really be surprised if we don't have a multiple win year this year. I think he's gonna have the best year of his career.

ANNC: We’ve got a champion. Career victory number 7!

WEBB: I've just really asked the question, why, and figured out a lot of the whys. Why do I play well when I play well? Why do I play poorly when I play poorly? And there was a few boxes that were unchecked in my total golf game, and you kind of combine all that together and I've been playing with confidence, it's a recipe for the potential to have a great year.

WEBB: I felt like guys were hitting it longer and longer, I wasn't really getting distance. I feel I've hit it longer now this year is the first year I've really noticed those gains off the tee.

TESORI: He's stronger physically than he's ever been, he's stronger mentally than he's ever been. He's hitting the ball further even though he's still short. He's hitting the ball further.

ANNC : He’s driven the golf ball extremely well all week.

WEBB: Winning in a playoff against Tony Finau at the Waste Management Phoenix Open was kind of that, I guess, the momentum that I needed to keep going. I was getting frustrated having not won, but getting the job done there kind of let me exhale a little bit

WEBB: I didn't know why a bad putter was a bad putter, but I started to really figure out okay, what are the great putters all do similarly?

WEBB: Becoming a student of putting, I realized, okay, what do I need to do, what do I need to improve to be a more consistent putter? I realized, there's a couple mechanical issues that I needed to work on to get better for me to putt consistently throughout 72 holes.

TESORI: He has gone from being one of the worst putters on the tour, to now being one of the best, better than he ever was before.

ANNC: What a putting exhibition. Awesome.

WEBB: It took some time, took some help from a lot of people. But I finally felt like, okay, I believe again that I'm a good putter and I got to the point where I believe I'm a great putter. It certainly shows up in your scores when you putt well consistently.

WEBB: I had had moments where I felt like I was a top ten player. But I wanted to really get to the point where consistently I was among those top players all the time. And things needed to change my golf game and off the golf course for me. Just taking every part of the kind of the holistic golfer more serious.

WEBB: Justin Rose is kind of my inspiration. He seems like he's always there every week

ROSE: Webb is such a gentleman, such an amazing guy. I played him in the Ryder Cup and we had such a nice exchange afterwards. Where he kind of alluded to the fact that he's really followed my career and followed my work ethic and the way I've gone about things and what have you. It's a huge compliment that someone will try to learn from you.

WEBB: He was not really in and out of the top ten, he was top ten in the world ranking for a long time. He was very professional in his craft at everything he's doing. I saw kind of his system of how it worked and that was kind of my model for what I wanted to do.

WEBB: I feel like I am, who I am because of those people in my life that are closest to me. I hit the shots, yes, but I'm able to hit those shots because of the team around me and the role they play. We're all working together for one purpose and that's for me to get as good as I can be at this game

TOUR PLAYLIST

**SIMPSON WILL ATTEMPT TO ADD TO HIS SUCCESSFUL YEAR THIS WEEK IN CALIFORNIA, AS SHERWOOD COUNTRY CLUB ADDS MORE EXCITING MOMENTS TO ITS RESUME.**

SHERWOOD HISTORY

**THE COURSE HAS A RICH HISTORY OF EXCITING TOURNAMENTS. HOSTING EVENTS SUCH AS TIGER’S HERO WORLD CHALLENGE AND THE SHARK SHOOTOUT.**

ANNC: Oh it’s in. Can you believe that? One of the best you have ever seen.

**FROM THE TEE TO THE GREEN, OVER THE YEARS SHERWOOD HAS BEEN THE SITE FOR AN ABUNDANCE OF OUTSTANDING MOMENTS**

ANNC: Hello. Grab the flag. Hello.

**MORE PROMISE TO UNFOLD ON SHERWOOD’S FAIRWAYS THIS WEEK AT THE ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP.**

ANNC: 64 for Tiger Woods.