**PGA TOUR – THE CUT #44**

COLD OPEN

NATS: Can you wave? Can you wave Holden?

CHAD: To be able to not just meet a player, but to spend quality time is just wonderful and something we'll remember forever.

PARKER: He's my best friend and I just love seeing a smile on his face and it just makes me happy.

FURYK: It's a sport you can enjoy of all ages and as long as he's having a good time and it puts a smile on his face, it's good.

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT**

HOLDEN MULLEN

**HOLDEN MULLEN, A FUN-LOVING 3-YEAR-OLD BOY ENJOYS LIFE’S SIMPLE PLEASURES, LIKE THROWING HIS FAVORITE BOUNCY BALL…**

NATS: Oh, that was such a good throw. Good Job buddy.

**BUT LIFE IS ANYTHING BUT NORMAL.**

**NEAR HIS FIRST BIRTHDAY, HOLDEN WAS DIAGNOSED WITH A RARE FORM OF BRAIN CANCER AND AFTER 18 MONTHS HE WENT INTO REMISSION… BUT THE DISEASE CAME BACK AND AFTER MANY ATTEMPTS, CHEMOTHERAPHY STOPPED PROVING EFFECTIVE.**

ALEX: We celebrate Holden’s day every day, like, it’s whatever he wants to do. We just do it, because it’s a miracle that he’s still here with us.

**THROUGH IT ALL, HOLDEN HAS TURNED TO GOLF AS AN ESCAPE – FROM ALWAYS HAVING A CLUB IN HIS HAND, TO TAKING HIS FIRST STEPS ON A GOLF COURSE, HIS PASSION FOR THE GAME HAS HELD STRONG.**

WITT: The PGA TOUR, got word of Holden and his passion for golf and we are so excited because we would love to have you and your family come down to TPC Sawgrass and spend the day with us – how does that sound?

CHAD: That’ll be fun, you want to go down to a golf course?

HOLDEN: Yeah!

WITT: Well Holden we’re gonna give you the complete VIP experience. One final surprise for you guys, I know it’s quite a long haul from Chicago down to Jacksonville, so we would love to fly you and your family down privately courtesy of NetJets.

CHAD: What’s the first thing you want to do when you get to Florida?

HOLDEN: Hit some balls. (Alright)

CHAD: We were blindsided by the opportunity to come down here. We’ve been trying to make as many memories for Holden as we can.

Ooh, we get to go in a cool van, I wonder where we’re going? I betcha it’s gonna be cool.

Do you see the big clubhouse?

HOLDEN: Yeah!

CHAD: Holden’s been through a lot and for the whole family to get to do something like this with their brother it’s incredible.

**FIRST STOP IS A CLUBHOUSE TOUR, COURTSEY OF HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL, BRIAN RIDDLE.**

RIDDLE: Is Tiger Woods you’re favorite?

HOLDEN: Yeah.

RIDDLE: Can I show you a picture of Tiger? There’s Tiger right there, when he won in 2001 THE PLAYERS Championship. And you know who he was playing with?

HOLDEN: Who?

RIDDLE: Phil Mickelson.

**THERE WAS ONE FINAL STOP INSIDE WITH A SPECIAL SURPRISE WAITING.**

01:21:36 BRIAN NATS: “So Holden this is our TOUR player locker room.”

01:24:22 BRIAN NATS: “Take a look at this locker right here.”

CHAD NATS: “Oh my goodness.”

01:25:02 BRIAN NATS: “This is the same locker that Justin Thomas uses when he’s here.”

HOLDEN NATS: “What’s this? A present!”

BRIAN NATS: “Yeah, for you your family. Look at that bag tag there.

CHAD: H-O-L

HOLDEN: D-E-N

CHAD: That is cool. A hat for Holden.

HOLDEN: Thank you.

RIDDLE: You’re welcome!

**NOW WITH HIS EYE ON THE COURSE, IT’S TIME FOR A LESSON FROM THE PERFORMANCE CENTER’S ANDREW LANAHAN.**

LAHAN: Hi, nice to meet you, thank you so much for coming out.

CHAD: Look at this Holden! Do you see your name anywhere?

LAHAN: So put your right thumb here. There you go. This thumb down there, a little lower, a little lower.

CHAD: That was your best one yet!

**THAT IMPRESSIVE SWING EVEN CAUGHT THE ATTENTION OF NONE OTHER THAN JUSTIN ROSE.**

ROSE: I just wanted to say that I’ve seen your swing little man and I’m so impressed, so I just want you to keep having fun with your golf, keep spending some great time with your dad and just to know that I’m sending you lots of good wishes alright little man. Keep having fun, lots of love. Bye!

RICE: Holden, what’s happenin’ buddy?

CHAD: Can you say hi?

RICE: So good to see you.

**WITH HIS GAME PRIMED – IT’S TIME FOR HOLDEN TO GET A LOOK AT THE COURSE WITH THE HELP OF JARED RICE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP.**

RICE: Now we’re gonna go check out the back nine. Those are the famous ones. Tiger’s your favorite? (Yeah) He’s won here a couple times.

PARKER: Coming to TPC Sawgrass has always been a dream of mine and to be able to do with Holden, my family, has just really been something special and something I’ll remember for the rest of my life.

**TO MAKE THIS TRIP ‘BETTER THAN MOST’**

RICE: Have you seen this on television, Holden?

**JARED TOOK THE MULLEN’S FOR A SPECIAL EXPERIENCE ON THE ISLAND GREEN.**

PARKER: Let’s see it dude.

CHAD: Scoot up a little bit, we’re set, there ya go.

Whoa. You’re doing so great!

RICE: Holden, we had a couple of our players sign a flag for you. You think you might like that?

CHAD: Oh my gosh!

RICE: So this is Mr. Bubba Watson and then we have Justin Thomas.

CHAD: Oh my gosh, yeah. That’s the guy you shared a locker with!

RICE: These are for you!

CHAD: Cool bud! We’re gonna hang these in your room.

RICE: Do knuckles?

HOLDEN: Buh bye

RICE: Goodbye, thank you for coming, we’re really happy to have you here.

**AND THERE WAS ONE MORE PERSON WAITING FOR HOLDEN…**

KURYK: Hey buddy, Holden how you doin?

CHAD: Can you give him a fist bump?

FURYK: Give me some knuckles! I hear you’re a pretty big golfer, huh?

CHAD: You could see from the moment we met him that he was just so genuine and to see him take an interest, you could just see his caring personality.

FURYK: Oh yeah!

CHAD: There you go.

FURYK: Give me some knuckles on that one?

HOLDEN: Where did that one went?

FURYK: Over the hill!

PARKER: I have so much respect for him. The way he treats Holden and plays with him is just unlike any other I’ve seen before.

CHAD: Holden do you want to stand up and take a picture with Mr. Furyk? Would that be cool, before he leaves?

HOLDEN: When’s he gonna leave?

FURYK: I don’t have to leave, I’m here to hang… how’s that?

HOLDEN: You want to see one of my golf balls?

FURYK: Sure!

ALEX: Look at him! He’s playing with a toddler sitting on the floor playing with golf balls. I mean, what an amazing person, what amazing guy you find the perfect fit for Holden.

HOLDEN: Which number is it?

FURYK: What number is it? They’re all the same number believe it or not, it’s a 58.

HOLDEN: 58

FURYK: 58

HOLDEN: And how ‘bout this one?

FURYK: 58

FURYK: It’s a difficult situation and I guess, I don’t even know how to put it in words, but it’s emotional. But I’m sure they were blessed with Holden for the years that they will have him is pretty amazing.

Can you see people out of there? That is a fun box. It’s like getting a Christmas toy and playing with the box. I love it! The best thing ever.

ALEX: This is just amazing, I want to cry of how exciting this is for us to keep as a memory.

CHAD: If there’s a memory that’s gonna live on forever, this is it and I can assure you this will be the one that does live on forever.

BIRDIES FORE LOVE

**THROUGH THE FALL TOURNAMENTS, THE 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: A really good look… and a really good putt!

**ON SUNDAY, RORY MCILROY CARDED 7 BIRDIES TO HELP HIM CAPTURE THE BIRDIES FOR LOVE PRIZE, TOTALING 29 BIRDIES OR BETTER AT THE ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP @ SHERWOOD**.

MCILROY: Being able to help communities and do good things internationally now as well. I think the PGA TOUR do a great job with that every week.

**IN ADDITION TO THE WEEKLY PAYOUTS, THREE OVERALL WINNERS WILL BE CHOSEN AFTER THE R-S-M 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.**

MCILROY: So many great causes out there. I’m sure wherever the money goes it’ll be used very well and good things will be done with it.

JAPAN REFLECTIONS

**THE ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP MOVED TO SHERWOOD COUNTRY CLUB IN CALIFORNIA THIS YEAR, BUT JAPAN WAS STILL ON THE MINDS OF MANY PLAYERS.**

WOODS: The game of golf is so strong here in Japan. I’ve seen it grow like it has over 20 sum odd years that I’ve been playing. It’s very special and to be a part of it is even more special.

NATS: Tigeeeer

HORSCHEL: I think what is so special about ZOZO is just being in Japan.

MCILROY: The people in Japan are so nice and so hospitable and made us feel so welcome.

CASEY:I love Japan, I love the culture.

GARICA: It was great fun to be back in Japan.

CASEY: We had great sushi during the week.

HORSCHEL: I had plenty of my fair share of sushi.

CASEY: Every day we’d arrive at the golf course, and it’s thousands of enthusiastic fans.

GARCIA: They don’t get to see us that often. Super respectful but at the same time extremely excited to get to see their favorite players there.

MCILROY: So many people came to watch the tournament apart from the one day that they couldn’t because of the rain that came through.

HORSCHEL: It’s amazing to see just the fans sitting outside the fence trying to watch whatever golf they could.

CASEY: That’s what makes ZOZO special, that’s what makes Japan special as a golfer to play there. One of the best supported events on the PGA TOUR without question.

HORSCHEL: They really did give us a great reception and I think every player enjoyed it.

MCILROY: To see tiger winning was like the cherry on top for everyone.

GARCIA: It was exciting. Hopefully we’ll be able to get back to Asia and Japan as soon as possible, as of now we’ll enjoy it here in the U.S. this year.

2020 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP

**ON THURSDAY, THE ANTICIPATED START OF TIGER WOODS ARRIVED, AT THE EVENT HE EARNED NUMBER 82 AT A YEAR AGO.**

WOODS: The fact that we’re able to have this championship and having ZOZO come to America and have it come to this venue in particular is fantastic for all of us.

**IN ONLY HIS SECOND START TO THE NEW SEASON – TIGER STRUGGLED EARLY.**

ANNC: Tiger’s play has been so limited you just don’t know what’s gonna happen.

**DESPITE A SLOW START THAT LANDED HIM 11 STROKES OFF THE LEAD, BY FRIDAY, TIGER FOUND HIS GROOVE.**

ANNC. Tiger playing much better today…. Tiger pours it in, lightning it up.

**CARDING 8 BIRDIES ON THE DAY AND THE SECOND LOWEST ROUND OF THE EVENT – HE ENTERED MOVING DAY WITH MOMENTUM BUILDING.**

ANNC: That was with authority and he has worked his way back indeed.

**A SATURDAY 71 AND SUNDAY 74 WEREN’T ENOUGH FOR THE BIG CAT TO CATCH THE CALIFORNIA KID…**

ANNC: He has risen up the leaderboard big time.

ANNC: I love this guy’s action, he’s got a good demeanor and quite a short game as well.

CANTLAY: I try to be focused and committed to what I’m doing all the time and so if you come out and watch me play, I’m going to be locked in the entire time.

**THAT FOCUS SHOWED – LEADING THE FIELD IN STROKES GAINED AND GOING 61 HOLES WITHOUT A BLEMISH ON HIS CARD – COME SUNDAY, PATRICK CANTLAY HAD THE WIN IN SIGHT.**

ANNC: These guys he’s trying to run down, they don’t have any let-up in ‘em.

CANTLAY: I enjoy the challenge of figuring out a golf course, sticking to the game plan and figuring out what I think my best chance to win the golf tournament is, tailoring my game plan around that.

ANNC: Cantlay the winner! His third win on The PGA TOUR.

CANTLAY: I felt comfortable all week here in California, growing up here, it means a lot and I’m really happy to have won this week.

FEDEXCUP STANDINGS

**WITH THE WIN, CANTLAY MOVED UP 51 SPOTS IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS, WHILE BRYSON DECHAMBEAU REMAINS ATOP THE LEADERBOARD.**

MUST SEE MOMENT

**IN THE OPENING ROUND OF THE ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP @ SHERWOOD, TIGER WOODS SANK AN 87-FOOT PUTT AT THE PAR-4 14TH IN THIS WEEK'S PGA TOUR MUST SEE MOMENT.**

ANNC: This is going to have a lot of turn from right to left. Try to maybe sneak a little bit back to the right. (Laugh) Ok. Snuck back to the right and straight down. That ball fed right in there like a rabbit running into its hole.

KAMAIU JOHNSON PROFILE

JOHNSON: You know, when I found golf, that's when my whole life changed. I had a pretty rough upbringing, but I had a great family. That was never the problem. My mom, she was always there, but she was just trying to work to make ends meet.

I wasn't a troubled kid but I was just kind of over it. I dropped out of school in eighth grade and then I found golf and that's what pretty much saved my life.

I was just outside of my apartment swinging a stick. And Jane Auger came up to me and said, you wanna go to the range and hit some balls. And I was like, yeah, of course. So she gave me a nine iron a bucket of balls and I never looked back.

I owe her everything. She was just trying to help this kid that she saw needed help. And she still does that to this day.

BENTLEY: Kamaiu Johnson has a story that will one day be a movie. Great talent, hits the ball a long way. And he just hasn't played a lot of golf. So the more golf he plays, the better he's going to get. We're going to see great things from him.

**EARLIER THIS YEAR, KAMAIU JOHNSON AND FELLOW APGA TOUR MEMBER WILLIE MACK III SIGNED SPONSORSHIP DEALS WITH FARMERS INSURANCE, HELPING THEM FOCUS MORE ON COMPETITION THAN THE FINANCIAL STRUGGLE OF PLAYING ON MINI TOURS.**

JOHNSON: Farmers Insurance changed my life this year. I mean, I feel so free when I go to golf tournaments now that not having to have to worry about financial. They treat us like family

I've had success in golf, but for them to see me and be hey man, we believe in this kid, let's give him the opportunity. And for that, that just means it means the world to me.

The goal is to make it on the PGA TOUR and I know if I can continue to get better and continue to compete week in and week out, that I'll reach that goal

**AND IN EARLY OCTOBER, THAT GOAL BECAME A REALITY WITH A SURPRISE ZOOM CALL FROM FARMERS INSURANCE CEO, JEFF DAILEY.**

JOHNSON: How are you?

DAILY: I’m good! I do want to catch up and congratulate you on your victory in Los Angeles. That’s fantastic.

JOHNSON: Your note that you left me, I’ll cherish that for the rest of my life.

DAILY: I always want to share a little bit of news about our tournament in January. We get the opportunity to provide an exemption to that tour event and we would like you to be our exemption and play in that PGA TOUR event.

JOHNSON: Are you serious?

DAILY: Yeah. Absolutely serious.

JOHNSON: Wow, that’s life changing. Jeff, I can’t thank you enough. You didn’t have to believe in me the way you did. I want to say thank you.

DAILY: You’re a great credit to the game of golf and a wonderful young man and we’re thrilled to be able to do it with you and have you as a brand ambassador for Famers.

JOHNSON: Thank you so much sir. Did you guys know that the whole time? Wow. That’s amazing. Alright, lets get to work.

SAVING SHOTS

**THE CUT PRESENTS… SAVING SHOTS**

**IN THOUSAND OAKS, CALIFORNIA AT THE ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP @ SHERWOOD, OUTSTRANDING SHOTS FROM THE TRAPS WERE IN ABUNDANCE.**

**DYLAN FRITTELI LED THE WAY CONVERTING ALL 4 OF HIS SAND SAVE OPPORTUNITIES.**

ANNC: Oh that’s nice hands.

**WHILE BRENDAN STEELE HOLED OUT FROM THE BUNKER.**

ANNC: All kinds of ways to make birdies around here.

**AND COLLIN MORIKAWA CARDED AN EAGLE FROM THE SAND ON FRIDAY.**

ANNC: That’ll be on the highlight reel for the rest of the day!

 BERMUDA CHAMPIONSHIP PREVIEW

ANNC: There aren’t many places like Bermuda. High 70s with blue skies to match the azure waters.

**THE BERMUDA CHAMPIONSHIP IS BACK FOR ITS SOPHOMORE APPEARANCE ON THE PGA TOUR.**

**THIS YEAR, THE EVENT HAS BEEN ELEVATED WITH 500 FEDEXCUP POINTS ON THE LINE.**

ANNC: Brendon Todd has won the Bermuda Championship.

**INAUGURAL CHAMPION BRENDON TODD IS BACK TO DEFEND HIS TITLE… WHILE MANY PLAYERS WITH MULTIPLE TOP 10 FINISHES IN THIS YOUNG SEASON WILL BE SEEKING A WIN INCLUDING SANDERSON FARMS CHAMPIONSHIP RUNNER UP, PETER MALNATI**

ANNC: Why not. Just perfect speed. Look at the emotion there.

**AND, MANY EYES WILL BE ON KORN FERRY TOUR POINTS LEADER WILL ZALATORIS, AS A MADE CUT WILL EARN HIM SPECIAL TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP ONTO THE PGA TOUR**

ANNC: Will Zalatoris the young 24-year-old. Incredible run of golf.

TOUR PLAYLIST

**AFTER TWO WEEKS OF LIMITED FIELDS AND NO CUTS, 132 GOLFERS ARE SET TO TEE OFF AT PORT ROYAL GOLF COURSE ON THURSDAY.**

BRENDON TODD

ANNC: Back from the brink! Brendon Todd has won the Bermuda Championship.

**LAST YEAR, BRENDON TODD ENDED A 6-YEAR VICTORY DROUGHT AT THE BERMUDA CHAMPIONSHIP … AND PICKED UP ANOTHER WIN TWO WEEKS LATER.**

ANNC: If there was any doubt that he was gonna get it back, it should be gone now, because he is back.

TODD: I went down there and just played lights out, shooting 24 under with 62 I think the last day, which was just really special to put that round together in the final round when you really need it. Had another week off then went to Mayakoba and was able to just play just some really steady golf down there and come out on top against two great players Harris English and Vaughn Taylor.

ANNC: And what a roll he is on right now, Brendon Todd!

TODD: The confidence I gained from those two wins wasn't just hey, I won. It was I just played 72 holes of hitting fairways and greens and holing putts, and I really never wavered, I never backed down. That's what makes so difficult to win on TOUR is you have to do it for 72 holes.

**AFTER A STRETCH OF LOWER POINTS IN HIS CAREER, TODD SPENT TIME ON THE KORN FERRY TOUR, BUT BATTLED BACK TO SECURE HIS PGA TOUR CARD FOR THE START OF THE 2019-20 SEASON.**

ANNC: This is Brendon Todd, had to go back to the Korn Ferry Tour... That takes some guts there. Wow, look at that! That did take some guts! Guts and execution.

TODD: I didn't really know what this first full season back on the PGA Tour for me was going to have in store and obviously my goal was to finish the regular season in the top 10 and make Eastlake and the FedExCup...

**TODD REACHED HIS GOAL. THE 2019-20 SEASON WAS TODD’S BEST AS HE NOTCHED HIS LOWEST CAREER ROUND, FINISHED 9TH IN THE TOUR TOP-10 AND 20TH IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS.**

TODD: When I’m hitting the ball where I'm looking like I have been lately, I can contend, and shoot really, really, really good scores. There's been times where maybe I got, I tried to work on my swing and it didn't really go right. This is a very difficult tour to flip the switch and turn it back up the hill. That's why you know the PGA TOUR is the best tour in the world.

**TODD IS OFF TO A STRONG START IN THE NEW SEASON, WITH A TOP-25 FINISH AT THE US OPEN ALREADY.**

TODD: I've been playing this game since I was a kid. I've succeeded at every level in a pretty substantial way so I think the baseline is that I'm good enough to play out here. And then the second part is the confidence in my game and the repeatability of my shot making.

For me it's always been about playing well to get out here and believing and having just the right process to have solid, repeatable results that you contend week in, week out.