**PGA TOUR – THE CUT #47**

COLD OPEN

DAHMEN: Hey guys, I’m Joel Dahmen.

URLACHER: I’m Brian Urlacher.

DAHMEN: We're here in Scottsdale in the backyard and we’re going to have a putting contest on a course that was inspired by Augusta. May the best man win.

URLACHER: I will.

DAHMEN: Ah, he buried it. How good was that putt?!

URLACHER: Wow.

DAHMEN: That’s the weakest… there we go.

URLACHER: There’s the Phil right there guys.

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT**

DUSTIN JOHNSON WINS MASTERS TOURNAMENT

ANNC: You don’t get to number one in the world on accident. Dustin Johnson can play this game.

**DUSTIN JOHNSON SECURED A RECORD SETTING 5-STROKE VICTORY AT AUGUSTA ON SUNDAY, CARDING THE LOWEST 4-ROUND SCORE IN MASTERS HISTORY AT 20-UNDER PAR.**

ANNC: Dustin Johnson, has he been playing some serious golf.

**HIS 24TH CAREER PGA TOUR TITLE MARKS HIS 14TH CONSECUTIVE SEASON WITH AT LEAST ONE WIN, MATCHING TIGER WOODS AND LEE TREVINO FOR 3rd MOST ALL-TIME**

ANNC: He moonwalks into the hall of Fame if he never touches another golf ball again. It’s remarkable consistency.

JOHNSON: I always wanna be playing well going into big events. After Augusta I’ll take some time off. But until then there's so many big tournaments that I gotta stay sharp and stay focused on what I'm doing.

**DJ’S GREEN JACKET CAPS OFF A DOMINANT STRETCH OF 2020 IN WHICH HE’S EARNED 7 STRAIGHT TOP-6 FINISHES… INCLUDING 3 VICTORIES AND 3 RUNNER UPS DATING BACK TO AUGUST.**

ANNC: What a performance he put on late in the season and then punctuating it with a remarkable performance at East Lake.

JOHNSON: My iron play wasn't nearly as good as it has been in years past and so it's something that I worked on to try to get just back to where it should be.

ANNC: He’s really dialed in some of his short yardage games. He’s always had the power. Now with that short game to match look out for Dustin Johnson.

JOHNSON: It’s consistent shot patterns, consistent ball flight, spin rate and controlling the distance too. Cuz obviously that's a big part of a good iron play is controlling your distance, and something that I feel I've done a really good job of lately and, continue to do so.

FEDEXCUP STANDINGS

**WITH THE MASTERS WIN, DUSTIN JOHNSON TAKES THE LEAD IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS WITH JUST TWO TOURNAMENTS REMAINING IN THE 2020 PORTION OF THE SEASON.**

MINI AUGUSTA

**LAST WEEK, JOEL DAHMEN AND NFL HALL OF FAMER BRIAN URLACHER TEAMED UP TO CHECK OUT A MINATURE GOLF COURSE INSPIRED BY THE ICONIC AUGUSTA NATIONAL.**

DAHMEN: This is nicer than my backyard.

URLACHER: Yeah, same here.

DAHMEN: This place is bigger that I thought I’d be, as well. And this is where the patrons sit.

URLACHER: The patrons

DAHMEN: The bunkers even have like depth in them.

URLACHER: This is phenomenal. You’ll have to give me some of the reads on this, OK? You go first every hole.

DAHMEN: Well what is your handicap?

URLACHER: My handicap is a 2.6. What is yours?

DAHMEN: You know you’re an amateur when you say 2 point something. I’ll give you 2 a side.

URLACHER: OK, I’m fine with that.

HOWELL: The square footage of this course is about 6,000 square feet. 40 truckloads of material later, we had 500 tons of material back here, and we literally just started shaping it.

URLACHER: Oh no!

DAHMEN: I’m catching rough the whole way.

URLACHER: Don't go in the water. Ah, I did the same thing you did. I'm gonna do a Camilo Villegas and lay on the ground.

DAHMEN: I don’t think you could get back up. Ah, pure! That’s how we do it in the pros.

I’ve been to a lot of places that have maybe a putting green or chipping green in the backyard, but nothing like this. This is beyond what I imagined. The actual slopes out here that you can use, you have Rae’s Creek that comes through there. You could definitely see the similarities, for sure.

HOWELL: When I think of hole number 10 at Augusta, it goes really downhill and to the left. And then I wanted to get back into the corner so we could play Amen Corner sort of looking back towards the hump. It’s so easy to put it in the corner, but it was gonna so beautiful, let’s put it in the middle of the yard.

DAHMEN: We’ve arrived at the famed 11th, which is the beginning of the Amen Corner. We gotta find a way to keep this off to the right, which seems very Augusta-like.

URLACHER: I can’t read a green, I need a caddie, where’s Bones?! What do those guys do they walk in their lines or whatever they do?

DAHMEN: Technically, they avoid their own line. Oh, he poured it in!

HOWELL: I wanted people to come off of 11 and walk up to 12 and kind of feel like hey the gallery’s behind me, but then give them a bridge to walk over as well.

DAHMEN: I think we’re gonna be taking one of the great walks in golf, right? Once again! The pro has still got it.

It’s pretty incredible. This is a nice part of Scottsdale, but you would never think that this would be in a backyard. I need the guy’s number, I’m gonna come knocking on his door here in the future.

URLACHER: 13 was cool because you’ve gotta sling it up the hill there to go up to the hole, but the whole thing is really cool. I like the design of a short course for Augusta.

You gonna open the face up? What you gonna do?

DAHMEN: Kick it right and kick it left, yeah little flopper outta here.

URLACHER: Yeah I like it.

DAHMEN: Oh he’s still got it.

URLACHER: Oh! That was big.

DAHMEN: Bunker shot! Ah, he buried it. How good was that putt?!

URLACHER: Wow.

DAHMEN: That’s the weakest… there we go.

URLACHER: There’s the Phil right there guys.

DAHMEN: I remember watching Brian play football, he’s a Hall of Famer. We have a lot of mutual friends, so it was nice to hang out today.

URLACHER: I see him on TV all the time. He’s got a great personality which showed today as well. I pull for all the guys out there cause I know how hard the game is.

DAHMEN: I lost with a couple bad drives.

URLACHER: Ooh, bad drives.

DAHMEN: Ugh, disappointing, well great match sir. That’s nice you have a lot of hair.

URLCHACER: Yes.

BOTH: [Laugh]

BUMP

**COMING UP ON THE CUT…**

ENGLISH: It’s a roller coaster. When you are playing great you feel like you can never play bad and when you play bad you feel like you never play good again.

**HARRIS ENGLISH IS LOOKING TO GET BACK IN THE WINNER’S CIRCLE.**

**AND LATER, ENGLISH AND HIS FELLOW SEA ISLAND BOYS FLEX THEIR COMPETITIVE NATURE…**

POSTON: Yeah. Way to go Keith.

MUST SEE MOMENTS

**IN THE OPENING ROUND OF THE VIVINT HOUSTON OPEN, MARTIN LAIRD BROUGHT THE EXCITEMENT TO MEMORIAL PARK IN THIS WEEK’S PGA TOUR MUST SEE MOMENT.**

ANNC: At the par 3 second, Martin Laird. Two is the easiest hole on the golf course, but it’s not that easy! A hole in one for Martin!

**THE ACE WAS THE 3RD OF LAIRD'S CAREER**.

HARRIS ENGLISH

ANNC: We thought when he jumped out of the boxes with a couple of wins early in his career, that he would do some special things, but some injuries, struggled with his driver a little bit there for a while…

ENGLISH: The past few years has not been great on the golf course. Struggled tee to green a good bit.

Started working with a new guy at Sea Island and really just breaking it down to fundamentals and getting back to the player I know I could be and a player I was throughout college and my first few years on TOUR.

**NOW IN HIS TENTH SEASON ON THE PGA TOUR, HARRIS ENGLISH’S 2019-20 CAMPAIGN WAS THE EPITOME OF A COMEBACK THAT SAW HIM NOT ONLY RECOVER FROM COVID-19, BUT RETURN TO THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2015 THANKS, IN PART, TO A RUNNER UP FINISH AT THE NORTHERN TRUST.**

ENGLISH: Obviously a huge goal of mine, starting every year, to get to the TOUR Championship. And to get back for the first time in five years, it's pretty incredible. I've had a really consistent year. Haven't won but getting to the TOUR Championship represents a culmination of really good play throughout the year.

**AFTER MISSING OUT ON THE FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS ENTIRELY IN HIS 2018-19 SEASON, THE GEORGIA PRODUCT RACKED UP SOME IMPRESSIVE NUMBERS ENROUTE TO 6 TOP 10 FINISHES LAST SEASON. HE HIT OVER 70% OF GREENS IN REGULATION… ACHIEVED THE BEST SCRAMBLING PERCENTAGE OF HIS CAREER... HAD THE SECOND-BEST PAR 3 PERFORMANCE ON TOUR… AND IMPROVED HIS ROUND 1 SCORING AVERAGE BY NEARLY 2 STROKES.**

ENGLISH: It's been awesome. Seeing results on the golf course, my stats have gotten a lot better. It’s worked out well. You just never know with this game it’s a roller coaster. When you're playing great, you feel like you can never play bad, and when you play bad, you feel like you can never play good again. So, I'm happy to ride it out to where I'm at and keep it going.

**WITH TWO TOP-10 FINISHES ALREADY THIS SEASON, HARRIS IS POISED TO KEEP IMPROVING.**

ENGLISH: I've definitely grown as a person, as a golfer on the golf course. I still enjoy playing the sport. I feel like I have as much fire now as I did when I first came on TOUR. I feel like next ten years, hopefully have a couple more wins. There's still some things I wanna accomplish in this game and still got a long way to go but I feel like I'm on the right track.

HUDSON SWAFFORD

**AS HARRIS ENGLISH LOOKS TO CONTINUE BUILDING ON HIS GAME, SO TOO DOES HIS CHILDHOOD FRIEND AND TEAMMATE, HUDSON SWAFFORD.**

ANNC: To make it another bulldog winning on the PGA TOUR, Hudson Swafford breaks through.

**THE FELLOW SEA ISLAND BOY BROKE ONTO THE SCENE AT THE 2017 AMERICAN EXPRESS, BUT JUST AS THINGS WERE LOOKING UP FOR SWAFFORD, A SLEW OF INJURIES SIDELINED HIM THROUGHOUT 2018 AND 19**

SWAFFORD: I’m not gonna lie. Being hurt out here’s not fun. I got hurt the year after I did win. I hurt my ribs. I had to sit out ten weeks. When I first came back after my rib injury, I finished 3rd at Sony and started getting going and the game was feeling good and then my foot just started bothering me. It was miserable walking. I felt like I had just gotten back and then that setback was there. I was out for 4 months with that.

It was a struggle, but the best thing that happened to us was our little guy was born. It’s been truly the best thing. That’s been fun to be a family guy, although that competitive nature in me wants to be out competing

 **SWAFFORD RETURNED TO COMPETITION AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 2019-20 SEASON PLAYING ON A MAJOR MEDICAL EXEMPTION BUT STRUGGLED MAKING THE CUT IN ONLY 5 OF 10 TOURNAMENTS.**

SWAFFORD: Came back and felt like every aspect of my game had gotten better and it just wasn’t showing. I was getting in my own way. I just kept thinking about the medical.

**BUT IN HIS SECOND START OF THE 2020/21 SEASON, HUDSON DIDN’T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HIS MEDICAL EXEMPTION ANYMORE…**

ANNC: Gut-check par at 18, and Hudson Swafford digs it out!

**RECLAIMING FULL STATUS ON THE PGA TOUR WITH A VICTORY AT THE CORALES PUNTACANA RESORT AND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

SWAFFORD: It’s amazing. the last two years have been tough. Life’s great and golf is really hard and to do this is fun.

BIRDIES FORE LOVE

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

ANNC: Oh Matsuyama holing out for the birdie at 5.

ANNC: Should be 4 birdies in a row for Rory

**SO FAR, 8 PGA TOUR PLAYERS HAVE EARNED MONEY FOR CHARITIES AND ONE MORE WEEKLY WINNER WILL BE CROWNED AT THE RSM CLASSIC.**

HADLEY: 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.

NESMITH: What they do giving out money for charity every single week, for stuff like this is amazing.

**NEW THIS SEASON, BIRDIES EARNED AT THE RSM CLASSIC WILL COUNT DOUBLE TOWARDS THE OVERALL COMPETITION TOTAL WHERE THREE WINNERS WILL BE CHOSEN AFTER THE TOURNAMENT AND WILL RECEIVE ADDITIONAL 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.**

HYPERICE

**THE PGA TOUR HAS PARTNERED WITH HYPERICE, TO HELP PLAYERS ON TOUR MAINTAIN PEAK PERFORMANCE AND PROVIDE NEW RECOVERY TECHNOLOGY TO THE PLAYER PERFORMANCE CENTERS**

STODELLE: The equipment that we use in here is designed to help players both perform at their best and also recover more expediently. I can’t think of another company whose equipment we use more than Hyperice.

The percussors it’s called a Hypervolt. We use that to help alleviate muscle pain, assist with stretching and mobility.

The venom, it vibrates and heats up so we have them for just about every joint, a player might need a lower back, shoulders.

And they also have a vasopneumatic device called the Normatec boots that our guys love. They use that after their rounds to kinda get all of the blood out of their legs and back into their circulatory system.

The goal is to help them play at their best and also recover as quickly as possible. The players couldn't be more excited about this partnership.

SEA ISLAND BOYS – WORKOUTS & TRAINING

MITCHELL: Alright this is for beer tonight.

POSTON: Yeah let’s get an action going after I make it.

MITCHELL: Yeah that one didn’t count. GO! Did it go in?

POSTON: We do those kinda things all the time. It's good wedge practice. Anytime that we can make our practice feel as much like a tournament as we can, then that's gonna be better for both of our games in the long run. And we make it a competition by having something on the line.

KIZZIRE: It all comes back to competition. We’re trying to hit this shot or that shot and see who can do it better. It's all in good fun. It's nice to have really good golfers, good friends, good competitors that I can play with.

MITCHELL: JT helped me actually the Monday before I won my first tournament at the Honda Classic. And he just kind of looked at my alignment, said I was aiming a little left. So it's just little things here and there that just help with confidence and positivity and then sometimes physical stuff with our golf swing.

POSTON: How my body feels is something that I never really thought about or paid too much attention to until I moved down there. And now there's no going back.

MYERS: His aspirations are to do the best he can do at every single facet of his game and fitness has become one of his assets now.

MITCHELL: If you surround yourself with people you trust, then it's not that hard to kind of decipher what's working for you and what's not.

KIZZIRE: JT and Keith pay attention to how I do it, how Harris does it, how other guys that have been there before them have done it. And what works and kind of figure out what works for them. I think they've kind of found their stride and found out what works for them.

ENGLISH:I like to start the week of really doing my drills, practicing a lot. And then on the weekends, play a lot of the games, because there's so many good players there. You always have somebody to play with and compete with.

HEMMINGS: Harris is very, very consistent. When he’s back we look at getting, four to five sessions in a week, three of which are on the heavier side and on the more intense side. Where as days like today are more focused on what we're trying to improve on with his movement patterns. And obviously maximize what the swing coach is trying to do.

POSTON: Being out there and having success is rewarding. Knowing how much hard work that everybody puts in to play at this level, much less to win or have that success.

MITCHELL: You have some of the best instructors, fitness and golf swing instructions. You have some of the best facilities and some of the best golf courses, and then some of the best players in the world. And it's hard to find those anywhere else in the world in that concentrated of an area. The support of what you're trying to do is incredible, living in St. Simons.

SAVING SHOTS

**THE CUT PRESENTS… SAVING SHOTS**

**IN 2019 AT THE RSM CLASSIC IN SEA ISLAND GEORGIA, THE SAND IN THE BUNKER SAW ALMOST AS MUCH ACTION AS THE SAND ON THE BEACH.**

**TOURNAMENT CHAMPION TYLER DUNCAN WAS EFFICIENT FROM THE BUNKER CONVERTING ALL 4 OF HIS SAND SAVE ATTEMPTS.**

ANNC: Beautiful shot there. What a shot that was.

**WHILE BRENDON TODD SHOWED OFF HIS FINESSE WITH THIS SHOT FROM THE TRAP**.

ANNC: Excellent shot!

**AND DOC REDMAN HOLED OUT ON THE PAR 5 15TH**

ANNC: Alright, that’s a way to get the eagle!

THE RSM CLASSIC PREVIEW

ANNC: It is always nice to be in the golden isles along the Atlantic Ocean midway between Savannah and Jacksonville, Florida. 100 mile stretch of beautiful coastline in Georgia.

**JUST 2 FEDEXCUP POINT EVENTS REMAIN ON THE PGA TOUR SCHEDULE IN 2020 AND THE HOMESTRETCH GETS UNDERWAY IN SEA ISLAND AT THE RSM CLASSIC.**

**6 OF THE 10 FORMER CHAMPIONS EARNED THEIR FIRST CAREER VICTORY AT THE TOURNAMENT INCLUDING LAST YEAR’S WINNER, TYLER DUNCAN**.

ANNC: He has done it! Tyler Duncan. The RSM Classic Champion and he does it in style!

**DUNCAN IS IN THE FIELD ALONG WITH 6 OTHER PREVIOUS WINNERS LOOKING TO REPLICATE SUCCESS AT SEA ISLAND GOLF CLUB.**

**500 FEDEXCUP POINTS ARE ON THE LINE AS REMAINING OPPORTUNITIES TO MOVE UP THE STANDINGS IN THE FALL DWINDLE.**

ANNC: Yes! At long last, Charles Howell III is back in the winner’s circle!

TOUR PLAYLIST

**9 PLAYERS IN THE FEDEXCUP TOP 20 WILL TEE OFF AT THE RSM CLASSIC WHEN PLAY STARTS ON THURSDAY FROM THE GEORGIA COAST.**

SEA ISLAND BOYS – FUN

NATS: Yes! My goodness. That curve on that too!

**WHEN SEA ISLAND LOCALS KEITH MITCHELL, JT POSTON, HARRIS ENGLISH, AND PATTON KAZZIRE GET TOGETHER, IT’S ALWAYS COMPETITVE.**

NATS: Yes! Oh. House rules, house rules! No. House rules, right?

**EVEN AWAY FROM THE GOLF COURSE.**

MITCHELL: Who's better at ping pong? I mean that's probably the biggest competition that we have at home. We get on the table and we'll be sweating, and then yelling, and slamming things.

POSTON: It's ping pong. And we're sitting there and we all wanna beat each other's brains in

MITCHELL: I think that's just part of who we have become.

KAZZIRE: It's just fun to compete and have it all come down to the last hole or the last throw or the last anything.

NATS: That’s it baby! Go! Woooo! Nice Keith. Y’all are good. That was a strike? Yeah.

POSTON:Yeah, I don't really wanna talk about bowling. I didn't bowl very well. I'm blaming it on the lanes. The lanes were a little too oily. The ball wasn't getting the bite on it..

MITCHELL: Patton’s personal bowling shoes.

ENGLISH: I thought Patton was gonna be bringing his own shoes and seem to know all this stuff about bowling. But Keith had a pretty good right to left hook spin on it.

POSTON: Keith was the best bowler and it did not look like it before we started. I would have said for sure he was worst. But when it was game time, he delivered.

MITCHELL: To bowl 172 when Patton had his own bowling shoes and he bowled 120. I mean talk about a confidence booster.

Wow this is gonna be a close game.

That a way Post. Come on finish it off.

Man, we’ll send this one to you Patton.

POSTON: What’s Patton’s email address? I need it.

MITCHELL: P-Kizzire at not very good at bowling dot com