**21CUTGEN PGA TOUR – THE CUT #7**

COLD OPEN

ANNC: “Yesterday he drove it out of bounds here.”

BERGER SOT: “I wanted to go out there and win that golf tournament today.”

ANNC: “That was brave gentlemen.”

BERGER SOT: “I wanted to be aggressive and I was going to go down swinging.”

ANNC: “Wow, what a shot. 253 and he flies it nearly hole high.”

BERGER SOT: “One of the best 3-woods I've ever hit in my life.”

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT**

WHAT TO KNOW

**ROLLING DOWN THE PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY TO LOS ANGELES, THE GENESIS INVITATIONAL TAKES CENTER STAGE THIS WEEK, AS ADAM SCOTT DEFENDS THE TITLE HE HAD LONG SOUGHT.**

SCOTT SOT: “There's a long list of great winners at Riviera //It's just one of the best courses out there.”

**AND L.A. NATIVE COLLIN MORIKAWA WILL TAKE HIS SECOND SHOT AT RIVIERA COUNTRY CLUB.**

**LATER, HOW HIS SUPERB IRON GAME MATCHES UP WITH THE FAMOUS COURSE. BUT BEFORE LEAVING PEBBLE BEACH…**

ANNC: “The 75th anniversary for this event being held right here on the Monterey Peninsula.”

**PLAYERS TOOK IN THE FULL BEAUTY OF THE AREA. WHICH INCLUDED A UNIQUE CLOSEST TO THE PIN COMPETITION BETWEEN TWO FORMER COLLEGE ROOMMATES AT THE ICONIC 7TH HOLE.**

TAYLOR AND DAHMEN 7-ON-7

TAYLOR SOT: “Hey there I’m Nick Taylor.”

DAHMEN SOT: “I’m Joel Dahmen.”

TAYLOR SOT: “This is the 7-on-7 challenge.”

DAHMEN SOT: “Do you want more than that?”

DAHMEN SOT: “The annual tee flip … That is really neutral, but I’ll give it to you since you won here last year.”

TAYLOR SOT: “I think we’re starting off with an L-wedge.”

DAHMEN SOT: “How far do we have?”

TAYLOR SOT: “97 with 7 miles an hour of wind … Pretty good. Go! Really good?”

DAHMEN SOT: “The best?”

TAYLOR SOT: “Go in.”

DAHMEN SOT: “Oooh.”

TAYLOR SOT: “Hot start.”

DAHMEN SOT: “You’re still hot … I’ll get your tee, Nick. Don’t worry.”

TAYLOR SOT: “Thank you.”

DAHMEN SOT: “Spin right somehow.”

TAYLOR SOT: “Kick right spin.”

DAHMEN SOT: “How good are we right now? … I think I lost but that’s the best shot I ever hit here.”

TAYLOR SOT: “Alright. One down.”

DAHMEN SOT: “I’m going to pitching wedge … Fade a little.”

TAYLOR SOT: “Too low. That’s big bouncing … That’s nice though … Oh that is deep and left.”

DAHMEN SOT: “That’s in the ocean.”

TAYLOR SOT: “That’s in Monterey. Sit!”

DAHMEN SOT: “Oh. You should lose a point for how bad that was.”

TAYLOR SOT: “I did.”

DAHMEN SOT: “Your choice there.”

TAYLOR SOT: “Seven.”

DAHMEN SOT: “7-iron.”

TAYLOR SOT: “Seven on seven at seven.”

DAHMEN SOT: “Why did we start saying seven like seven? … Crispy. Needs a big hop right. Sit! Oh, that was the worst bounce. I feel like you deserve a little bit better than that … Full disclosure – I practiced on the range for about 15 minutes, so.”

TAYLOR SOT: “This is to take a 1-up lead.”

DAHMEN SOT: “Oh no. That’s in the woods.”

TAYLOR SOT: “That’s too hard … I think you win that, still.”

DAHMEN SOT: “I mean you hit a better shot than me but … We’ll call it a wash.”

TAYLOR SOT: “Sure.”

DAHMEN SOT: “Tied 1-1 with a push that we’ll deal with later. I practiced with a five on the range so I’ll go with a 5-iron.”

TAYLOR SOT: “It’s not slicing so play less of a slice.”

DAHMEN SOT: “Is that your pro tip for the day?”

DAHMEN SOT: “Dunk it. Dunk!”

TAYLOR SOT: “That was pretty good.”

DAHMEN SOT: “Terrible. Fore left.”

TAYLOR SOT: “Fore!”

DAHMEN SOT: “That was pretty bad. I’m taking that one. That was awful, in fact.”

TAYLOR SOT: “We’re almost into the woods. I think we go 4-iron … We have about 95 yards.”

DAHMEN SOT: “What does it typically go?”

TAYLOR SOT: “My 4-iron?”

DAHMEN SOT: “Yeah.”

TAYLOR SOT: “Further than 95 yards … Oh. Pure but short.”

DAHMEN SOT: “Go!”

TAYLOR SOT: “Pure but short. Short right.”

DAHMEN SOT: “So Nick, you mentioned I needed a longer tee for my last shot so umm …”

TAYLOR SOT: “I don’t have a rules book on me but that looks …”

DAHMEN SOT: “I’ve been prepping for this a lot longer than you have, my friend … Oh I clipped it. Fore! Sorry you’re good.”

TAYLOR SOT: “No you’re not.”

DAHMEN SOT: “We’re tied 2-2 with two to play because we have a push out there.”

TAYLOR SOT: “We haven’t hit the green in a while.”

DAHMEN SOT: “I’m going to my trusty hybrid.”

TAYLOR SOT: “Good luck.”

DAHMEN SOT: “I really thought we’d be better than this so far … Go in. Go in. Oh! What a shot.”

TAYLOR SOT: “That was so good.”

DAHMEN SOT: “That was so feathery. Don’t act like you’re not impressed.”

TAYLOR SOT: “Very. I might miss this ball.”

DAHMEN SOT: “Oh he got so nervous with it. Alright good. Underneath the front lip again. I’m up one. OK, we’re going to driver. Let it be known, I haven’t beat Nick at anything in 15 years. Oh, fore left.”

TAYLOR SOT: “Fore!”

DAHMEN SOT: “That flew the world. OK, this would be impressive. Oh, be so good again. I mean, I am dialed right now.”

TAYLOR SOT: “Wow.”

DAHMEN SOT: “It missed the green.”

TAYLOR SOT: “That was really good.”

DAHMEN SOT: “Thank you. You may be the Pebble Beach champion of 2020 …”

TAYLOR SOT: “But you’re the 7-on-7 challenge.”

DAHMEN SOT: “7-on-7 challenge. 2021. This is my week.”

TAYLOR SOT: “Way to go.”

DAHMEN SOT: “Thank you.”

MAVERICK MCNEALY 17 MILE DRIVE

MCNEALY SOT: “Checking in here from point joe, this is on the 17 mile drive right off of the dunes course at monterey peninsula//The 17 mile drive is a special stretch of road no matter where you are or where you are from.”

MCNEALY SOT: “A lot of my first memories ever playing golf are from here. Sneaking out onto Pebble Beach when the last group had gone by and playing with my dad and my brothers here at MPCC. Lots of fun things that I remember.”

MCNEALY SOT: “I probably made this drive a couple hundred times at least // It's still really cool. I’m 25 now and I think I appreciate it more every year.”

MCNEALY SOT: “I think in golf there’s never really a point in which you've made it, but I feel incredibly fortunate to be on the PGA TOUR. It was 2 years of grinding on the Korn Ferry for sure.”

MCNEALY SOT: “I love the west coast swing. It's kind of the opposite of some of the Florida tournaments. It's turf that what I grew up on//that's an advantage and part of the reason I played so well on the west coast swing last year.”

ANNC: “Maverick McNealy putting together a great back nine.”

MCNEALY SOT: “Everyday you wake up and you're on the PGA TOUR you kind of pinch yourself because I feel like we’re pretty spoiled. We have the best fans, we have the best sponsors, and it's just so many cool things that comes with doing this it makes all the grind more than worth it.”

PEBBLE STAT TO KNOW

**MCNEALY’S COMFORT NETTED HIM A CAREER-BEST SECOND PLACE FINISH, TYING EVENTUAL CHAMPION DANIEL BERGER.**

ANNC: “How about it?”

ANNC: “In.”

ANNC: “Yes it is. To take the title…Daniel Berger takes the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am with a 3 at the 72nd hole.”

**AND EAGLES WERE THE THEME OF THE WEEK FOR THE FLORIDIAN.**

ANNC: “He’s great with his irons. He’s a great putter.”

ANNC: “I wouldn’t be surprised …”

ANNC: “He’s got a lovely short game too.”

**FOUR WAS THE MAGIC NUMBER FOR BERGER. IT WAS THE FIRST TIME HE MADE FOUR EAGLES IN THE SAME EVENT ON TOUR. AND HE BECAME ONLY THE FOURTH PLAYER SINCE 1983 TO MAKE FOUR EAGLES IN A WEEK AT THIS EVENT.**

BERGER SOT: “Just one of the best finishing holes I've ever played…to step up there and hit a great drive and then one of the best 3-woods I've ever hit in my life and then to make that putt was just as good as it gets for me.”

FEDEXCUP STANDINGS

**BERGER’S 4TH CAREER TITLE MOVED HIM UP TO 10TH IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS, AND BEFORE COMPETITION BEGAN, CHARITY WAS THE WINNER AT PEBBLE.**

PEBBLE CHARITY RECAP

ANNC: “Perfect weather for today’s AT&T Every Shot Counts Charity Challenge. // Three teams of two celebrities will play five holes.”

ANNC: “Alright let’s get this party started.”

ANNC: “If Bill makes, it’s $50,000 per team.”

ANNC: “Leave it to the Mr. Clutch here.”

NATS: “Oh nice swing.”

NEWTON SOT: “You got this … Yes! Kira.”

ANNC: “Oh look at this.”

NEWTON SOT: “We got so lucky to play with each other.”

DIXON SOT: “And we’ve won a lot of money for a really important cause.”

NEWTON SOT: “And this group. To have you announcing, too, I feel so cool.”

ANNC: “For the win. Oh yes! A walk-off half million-dollar putt. Incredible. Alfonso Ribeiro.”

RIBEIRO: “For that one, come on. Here we go.”

ANNC: “Bring out the Carlton. Let’s go.”

BUMP

**STILL TO COME ON THE CUT …**

**HOW DAVIS RILEY IS PREPARING FOR THE KORN FERRY TOUR’S RETURN**

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**AND THE HISTORY OF OPPORTUNITY PROVIDED BY THE CHARLIE SIFFORD EXEMPTION**

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SERVPRO

**THE CUT PRESENTS, SAVING SHOTS**

**THE MONTEREY PENINSULA DELIVERED YET AGAIN FOR ANOTHER SPECTACULAR SHOWING AT THE AT&T PEBBLE BEACH PRO-AM.**

**PHIL MICKELSON, A FIVE-TIME WINNER OF THIS EVENT, ADDED ANOTHER SHOT TO HIS HIGHLIGHT REEL. CHIPPING IN FOR BIRDIE AT 10.**

ANNC: “Nothing but net.”

**JASON DAY, WHO FINISHED T7 THIS YEAR, WAS JOINT SECOND IN SCRAMBLING PERCENTAGE.**

ANNC: “How good is this? Go In.”

**BUT IT WAS EVENTUAL WINNER DANIEL BERGER WHO LED THE FIELD IN SCRAMBLING. SAVING PAR OR BETTER, OVER 87% OF THE TIME OUT IN CALIFORNIA.**

ANNC: “Oh magical…”

COLLIN MORIKAWA FEATURE

WITT SOT: “If you could go back to Collin a year ago and tell him what you know now – what would you tell him?”

MORKIAWA SOT: “Just to have fun. / I didn’t appreciate my Barracuda win until, really, I finished BMW after the playoffs and I was cut and these guys out here that have played so long have learned to enjoy the moment.”

ANNC: “Collin Morikawa lives up to the hype this week.”

MORIKAWA SOT: “You look at me, Matt and Viktor last summer – we had the time of our lives. We were focused and we wanted to win as much as every other guy out there. But we were enjoying it. We were learning as much as we could.”

ANNC: “Straight back in the winner’s circle, Collin Morikawa.”

MORIKAWA SOT: “I’m not a veteran, obviously, but it feels like I’ve been out here for a while / but I think that just shows how comfortable I am with these guys.”

**AS THE 24-YEAR-OLD SETTLES INTO HIS THIRD SEASON WITH THREE WINS UNDER HIS BELT – MORIKAWA IS WORKING HARD TO CONTINUE GROWING HIS GAME.**

ANNC: “He is something special.”

MORIKAWA SOT: “Stepping out here having access to every technological thing we need to improve, hit the ball farther, hit straighter, putt better, whatever it is, it’s at our fingertips and it’s at our disposal so it’s definitely helped us kind of get out here very quick.”

**STATISTICS BACK-UP COLLIN’S IMPRESSIVE PLAY AS HE IS ONE OF TWO PLAYERS RANKED INSIDE THE TOPO 10 STROKES GAINED: APPROACH – THE – GREEN SINCE LAST SEASON… AND LAST YEAR TIED THE MOST NUMBER OF EVENTS RANKED INSIDE THE TOP-10 GREENS IN REGULATION PERCENTAGE.**

MORKIAWA SOT: “We’ve seen enough people succeed and fail at what is right and what is wrong that they can create, you know, kind of this basis for the general golfer for us to succeed and then you kind of taper that down to what is gonna be most beneficial for you.”

**AFTER FINDING THE TOP-15 THREE OUT OF SEVEN STARTS THIS SEASON – THE LOS ANGELES NATIVE PREPARES TO FACE THE CHALLENGE OF RIVIERA COUNTRY CLUB.**

ANNC: “Started back in the 1920’s / All of the history here. If you’re a golf fan, you know it well. And the holes, I mean, just a spectacular layout.”

**LAST SEASON, THE GENESIS INVITATIONAL WAS THE SECOND TOUGHEST COURSE FOR GREENS IN REGULATION – AND THE FIFTH TOUGHEST GREENS IN REGULATION FROM 125-150 YARDS. RIVIERA ALSO SAW THE SECOND-LOWEST AVERAGE FEET OF PUTTS MADE … AND CAME IN WITH THE THIRD LOWEST PUTTING PERCENTAGE INSIDE 10 FEET ON THE PGA TOUR.**

MORIKAWA SOT: “Never get ahead of yourself no matter what time of day it is, stay present, hit that shot and then you can worry about whatever’s next.”

**THAT PATIENCE PROVED BENEFICIAL LAST YEAR AT RIVIERA – AS MORIKAWA RANKED 2ND IN STROKES GAINED: APPROACH THE GREEN… AND 5TH IN GREENS IN REGULATION.**

TRUGREEN FEATURE

**THE CUT PRESENTS, TURF SCIENCE. RIVIERA COUNTRY CLUB.**

KORN FERRY TOUR RETURNS/DAVIS RILEY PAR-3 PAIRING

**AFTER A FOUR-MONTH HIATUS, THE KORN FERRY TOUR RETURNS FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE COMBINED 2020-21 SEASON. CREATED AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THE ONE-TIME WRAPAROUND SEASON CONTINUES THIS WEEK AT THE LECOM SUNCOAST CLASSIC.**

**ALTHOUGH NO PGA TOUR CARDS WERE RECEIVED IN 2020, 25 WILL BE AWARDED AT THE 2021 PINNACLE BANK CHAMPIONSHIP AND 25 AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE 2021 KORN FERRY TOUR FINALS.**

HARDY SOT: “I think it’s gonna be awesome. So many tournaments. Just got to pace myself and make sure I don’t play every week and get burned out. // I think it’s a great opportunity to get a ton of experience on a great Tour with so many great players. It’s gonna be a fun ride, that’s for sure.”

**IN ADDITION, THE TOP 10 PLAYERS ON THE POINTS LIST FOLLOWING THE 2020 KORN FERRY TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP ARE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY ALL OPPOSITE FIELD EVENTS FOR THE 2020-21 PGA TOUR SEASON.**

RILEY SOT: “If you can win out here, you can definitely win // those opposite field events so // since you can’t get your card this fall, it’s a great opportunity if you go play well, you can end up with a TOUR card by the end of the year.”

**WITH TWO KORN FERRY TOUR WINS UNDER HIS BELT, DAVIS RILEY SITS COMFORTABLY IN THE TOP 10 AND HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY IN THE 2021 WASTE MANAGEMENT PHOENIX OPEN ON A SPONSOR’S EXEMPTION.**

WITT SOT: “Davis, 2020 was a huge year for you and now 2021 could be just as big with the combined season on the Korn Ferry Tour. Have you thought about the magnitude of getting that third win to earn your TOUR card?”

RILEY SOT: “Yes. It's pretty hard not to think about because, you start to think about that third win. And obviously you want to get out here as soon as possible. So, yeah, it's nice to get off to a good start, get a win early. And then, you know, get that second one so. // I’m taking it week by week and, hopefully, I'll find myself in the winner circle.”

WITT SOT: “We have a little time before the Korn Ferry season starts up. And you've been playing on the PGA TOUR in the meantime. So how is your game been trending so far this season?”

RILEY SOT: “Yes it's been good. Obviously with Korn Ferry, we have quite a big off season. So it was nice to have that time to clean up things I needed to do better. And then just continue to get better in all aspects of the game. So no it was good, I'm itching to get back so it was a good time for me to get better so.”

ANNC: “For those who follow the Korn Ferry Tour, // this kid’s gonna be something else on the PGA TOUR.”

WITT SOT: “You played at Alabama. You didn't play the same time that Justin Thomas was there, but you guys have a friendship. So does that give you more comfort being out here and knowing a few players that are already on the PGA TOUR?”

RILEY SOT: “Sure, yeah, obviously it's nice having a friend that's obviously done so well out here // as I'm starting to play these new TOUR events it's nice to have him. If I have any questions about just kinda the main stuff. Cuz he's been around a lot longer than I have. So it's nice to pick his brain, learn a few things. So it’s been a good friendship.”

RILEY SOT: “Got a good look here, so maybe I can make something of it.”

RILEY SOT: “I’ll take it.”

WITT SOT: “Crowd goes wild.”

RILEY SOT: “All the crowd.”

WITT SOT: “Davis, thanks for hanging out with us.”

RILEY SOT: “Thank you. Thanks so much for having me.”

ADAM SCOTT MINI

ANNC: “It’s official! Victory number 14.”

SCOTT SOT: “It was a big win for me. You know, I had not won on the TOUR for nearly four years - a few close calls. And to win at my favorite course on TOUR, Riviera, certainly is something that I kind of crossed off the list last year.”

**AFTER AN UNOFFICIAL WIN IN 2005, PLUS 2 RUNNER-UPS, ADAM SCOTT FINALLY ADDED HIS NAME TO THE LIST OF PLAYERS TO CONQUER THE CHALLENGE OF RIVIERA.**

SCOTT SOT: “You've got to be really spot on. Obviously, it's helpful, then, to be in the fairway. It requires some strategy but more than that, it requires really good execution tee to green.”

**SCOTT’S IRON PLAY WAS DIALED IN, AS HE LED THE FIELD IN GREENS IN REGULATION PERCENTAGE, WHILE RANKING SECOND IN PROXIMITY FROM THE FAIRWAY, AND THIRD IN STROKES GAINED: APPROACH.**

SCOTT SOT: “There's a long list of great winners at Riviera and it's host of major championships. It's just one of the best courses out there.”

**RETURNING TO DEFEND HIS TITLE, SCOTT AIMS TO JOIN THE 16 PLAYERS WITH MULTIPLE WINS IN L.A., INCLUDING NAMES LIKE HOGAN, PALMER, MICKELSON, AND WEST COAST KID COUPLES.**

TIGER SOT: “I had seen Boom Boom around here as a kid, my dad would bring me up to the L.A. Open, and Fred’s got the dark hair, the relaxed swing, and just bombing it.”

ANNC: “Fred Couples the champion, that’s his 7th!”

COUPLES SOT: “I feel like you have to be a really, really good iron player here, I was always up there in greens hit in regulation, if you miss these greens you kind of know where to miss them, if you can, and I think I love that about the course.”

TOUR PLAYLIST

**AS HE DEFENDS HIS TITLE, ADAM SCOTT WILL AIM TO BECOME THE FIRST TO GO BACK-TO-BACK AT RIVIERA SINCE PHIL MICKELSON IN 2009.**

WILLIE MACK SIFFORD EXEMPTION

**CHARLIE SIFFORD MADE HISTORY AS THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN PLAYER TO COMPETE ON THE PGA TOUR AND HIS LEGACY LIVES ON TODAY.**

WOODS SOT: “I owe a lot to Charlie. I always called him my grandpa that I never had, so for us to honor Charlie and what he’s done and what he’s meant to the game of golf and to do it here / is special for all of us.”

**SINCE 2009 THE CHARLIE SIFFORD EXEMPTION HAS BEEN AWARDED TO A GOLFER REPRESENTING A MINORITY BACKGROUND TO PLAY AT THE GENESIS INVITATIONAL – WHERE HE WON IN 1969. PLAYERS SUCH AS HAROLD VARNER III… JJ SPAUN… AND CAMERON CHAMP ARE JUST A FEW WHO HAVE HELD THIS HONOR IN RECENT YEARS.**

**THIS WEEK, WILLIE MACK III – A MEMBER OF THE APGA TOUR, WILL TEE IT UP AT RIVIERA COUNTRY CLUB IN MR. SIFFORD’S HONOR – MARKING MACK’S SECOND START ON THE PGA TOUR.**

MACK SOT: “Him being the first African American on TOUR, / to be honored for an award just like his name and his legacy / it just means a lot.”