**2021 PGA TOUR: THE CUT #8**

COLD OPEN

ANNC: Patrick Reed! Patrick Reed. Patrick Reed.

ANNC: There it is.

ANNC: Hahaha. That’s a big putt by Reed.

ANNC: Spectacular and what a great moment for Patrick Reed.

ANNC: And Patrick Reed has it!

ANNC: And the 27-year-old Texan.

ANNC: You have to be kidding me.

ANNC: Getting off to a great start.

ANNC: Another huge step for Patrick Reed.

ANNC: For the 2nd time, Patrick Reed is a World Golf Championship Winner.

ANNC: And that’s your latest example of Patrick Reed rising to the moment.

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT**

WHAT TO KNOW

**FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS SEASON, TWO PGA TOUR EVENTS ARE TAKING PLACE ON THE SAME WEEKEND AS GOLF HEADS EAST.**

**OPPORTUNITY AWAITS AT THE PUERTO RICO OPEN, WHERE 8 OF THE 12 CHAMPIONS PICKED UP THEIR FIRST CAREER PGA TOUR WINS.**

ANNC: Viktor Hovland breaks through on the PGA TOUR.

**MEANWHILE WITH THE ONGOING PANDEMIC, THE FIRST WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP SHIFTS FROM MEXICO TO FLORIDA, WHERE MANY OF THE BEST PLAYERS IN THE WORLD WILL CONVENE.**

**LATER A HISTORY LESSON AND INSIDE LOOK AT THE HOME OF THE WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS-WORKDAY CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE CONCESSION.**

**AS PATRICK REED LOOKS TO DEFEND HIS WGC TITLE, HE ENTERS THE WEEK RIDING A WAVE OF SUCCESS FUELED BY HIS SHORT GAME, AND WORKING ON MORE**…

PATRICK REED

ANNC: He’s done it again. He’s fanned it open.

**RANKED NEAR THE BOTTOM IN TOTAL BALL STRIKING LAST SEASON, PATRICK REED CHANGED COACHES AND MECHANICS IN THE FALL, TEAMING UP WITH DAVID LEADBETTER TO HELP STRAIGHTEN OUT HIS BALL FLIGHT…. AND HIS WORK IS PAYING OFF.**

REED: When you’re making changes, it’s very easy to make quality golf shots on the driving range.  It’s one thing to put it into play at a tournament, in a final round at a demanding golf course like this.

ANNC: Patrick Reed, it’s a final round 68 today to win by 5.

REED: This one was pretty special.  Especially with making such a big swing change. To be tied for the lead and in that final group and seeing the swing kind of hold up throughout the round, it meant a lot.

**AT THE FARMERS INSURANCE OPEN, HE EARNED A TOP-10 RANKING IN DRIVING ACCURACY…AND A RESPECTABLE TOP-70 IN GREENS IN REGULATION.   THOSE NUMBERS, COMBINED WITH HIS TOP-TIER SHORT GAME, RESULTED IN HIS 9TH CAREER VICTORY.**

REED: It definitely allowed me to feel very comfortable and confident with how the game is and what’s coming forward. I’m on the right path. The swing’s going in the direction we want it to go and just try to continue building the golf swing, continue feeling comfortable with hitting certain kinds of shots.

ANNC: Textbook stuff. Yep, his wedge game, absolutely spectacular and on target.

**REED’S PROLIFIC SHORT GAME WAS ON DISPLAY AT TORREY PINES.  HE GOT UP AND DOWN NEARLY 70% OF THE TIME AND GAINED 80% OF HIS STROKES ON OR AROUND THE GREENS.**

**HE STILL STRUGGLES SOME WITH ACCURACY, RANKING 183RD IN BALL STRIKING – WHICH COMBINES TOTAL DRIVING AND GREENS IN REGULATION…. BUT IF THAT IMPROVES AS THE SWING CHANGE SETTLES IN, THE 30-YEAR-OLD JUST MIGHT BE UNSTOPPABLE.**

REED:  Instead of having to have the short game save me, more use it as a weapon. I've always loved to grind, and I've always been a competitor, always wanted to work try to get better, and when you hit it just right, man it's hard to explain. It sounds really pure.

SAVING SHOTS

**THE CUT PRESENTS… SAVING SHOTS**

**RIVIERA PLAYED HOST TO SOME MEMORABLE GOLF DURING THE GENESIS INVITATIONAL… AND THE ICONIC PAR 3 SIXTH SAW A NUMBER OF PHENOMENAL SHOTS INCLUDING JUSTIN THOMAS’ RECOVERY SHOT FROM THE IN-GREEN BUNKER.**

ANNC: Yeah, really good touch.

**AND TOURNAMENT WINNER MAX HOMA FINISHED TIED FOR FIRST IN SAND SAVES.**

ANNC: Surely no way he can keep this on the green. Got it clean. Hahah, best shot I’ve seen today!

MORIKAWA & MACK III

**PRIOR TO HIS SECOND PGA TOUR START, APGA MEMBER WILLIE MACK THE THIRD MET UP WITH 3-TIME PGA TOUR CHAMPION, COLLIN MORIKAWA FOR SOME ADVICE ON PLAYING FAMED RIVIERA COUNTRY CLUB AND GOLF AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL.**

MACK: There you go.

MORIKAWA: Fore! Yeah, he sees it!

MACK: That’s pretty good.

MORIKAWA: I saw you played at at Farmers, right?  (Yea.) Was that your first PGA TOUR event?

MACK: Yea, it was. I hit four fairways, but other than that it was, it was fun!

MORIKAWA: Not to be weird, I read up on your story, and like, (oh yea) it’s inspiring.

MACK: Right, thanks. Appreciate it.

MORIKAWA: It’s amazing. I mean we all go through whatever, but (yea) to hear your story like that, it’s cool.

I learned the most my first event at Safe… I got a sponsor invite to Safeway Open as a, as a junior in college, whatever. I learned the most those two days of missing the cut than I did in a lot of events that I’ve played. It’s crazy. But here’s the thing, it’s, it’s different out here because we have everything, (yeah, same shot) but at the core root of things, exactly, it’s just golf.

MACK: Right. Yea.

MORIKAWA: You normally play a little draw?

MACK: Uh yea, but I’m trying to play a fade there. Where you playing next?

MORIKAWA: So I’ll do WGC next week?

MACK:  Have you played Concession?

MORIKAWA: Never. You played there?

MACK: Yeah.

MORIKAWA: Tough I’ve heard.

MACK: Yeah, it is. It’s a good course though. (Nice)

MACK: It was just a great experience to get out here and kind of pick his brain and get some advice from him. He’s just a great guy.

BRIGHT FUTURE: JOHN AUGENSTEIN

**BRIGHT FUTURE, A SPOTLIGHT ON JOHN AUGENSTEIN.**

**IN HIS QUEST TO EARN SPECIAL STATUS ON THE PGA TOUR, AUGENSTEIN PARTICIPATED IN A 3-TOURNAMENT WEST COAST SWING… HOWEVER, THE 23-YEAR-OLD HAS STRUGGLED SO FAR IN HIS PRO DEBUT, MISSING ALL 3 CUTS.**

AUGENSTEIN: The hardest part for me right now is just trying to get settled in. I’m not getting off to good starts. I’m not maintaining momentum. I’m not doing those little things that are important to playing a full tournament.

Everybody I’ve talked to, buddies, my parents, Justin Thomas, all of them are like hey it’s your 3rd week don’t get hung up on little things and they’re right but it’s kinda tough to see in the moment because you know you want to come out here and you want to play well.

I’m actually very encouraged by what I saw on kinda the last 14 holes today and so I’m excited to get down to Bay Hill and excited for a week off to practice and get ready for it.

MAX HOMA WINS GENESIS

**IT WAS A WEEK TO REMEMBER FOR L.A. NATIVE MAX HOMA, WINNING FOR THE SECOND TIME ON THE PGA TOUR.**

ANNC: That’s a heck of a shot there. Tremendous from Homa.

**HOMA SHOT A BOGEY-FREE 66 ON SUNDAY BEFORE BEATING TONY FINAU IN A PLAYOFF TO TAKE HOME THE GENESIS INVITATIONAL TITLE**

ANNC: Max Homa his second win on the PGA TOUR, on his favorite course, Riviera.

**A KEY TO VICTORY FOR HOMA WAS PLAYING THE CLOSING STRETCH 7 UNDER FOR THE WEEK. TIED FOR THE BEST 15 THROUGH 18 HOLE SCORE BY A WINNER AT THE EVENT SINCE 1983.**

HOMA: It’s truly a dream come true, my dad’s been bringing me since basically I was a baby, so I think 8-year-old Max would be pretty darn proud.

FEDEXCUP STANDINGS

**HOMA’S WIN MOVED HIM UP 68 SPOTS INTO THE FEDEXCUP TOP 10, THE HIGHEST RANKING OF HIS CAREER WHILE FELLOW CALIFORNIAN PATRICK CANTLAY REMAINED ATOP THE LEADERBOARD.**

SALUTE TO AGRONOMY

**A SALUTE TO THE AGRONOMY TEAM OF THE RIVIERA COUNTRY CLUB.**

**BEFORE PLAYERS TOOK TO THE COURSE IN PACIFIC PALISADES, THE AGRONOMISTS AT RIVIERA WERE PART OF THE DEDICATED TEAM THAT MADE THIS MOMENT POSSIBLE…**

**LONG BEFORE THE FIRST TEE IS APPROACHED THE AGRONOMY TEAM DEDICATED COUNTLESS HOURS ENSURING THAT EVERY GREEN, FAIRWAY, AND ROUGH LIES PERFECT.**

**AND JUST LIKE GOLFERS ON TOUR ADAPT TO WHERE THEY PLAY, AGRONOMISTS MUST ADAPT TO WHERE THEY WORK.**

**BASED ON REGION, SOIL P-H, AND TIME OF YEAR, THEY MUST CONTINUOUSLY CALCULATE HOW MUCH AND HOW OFTEN TO FERTILIZE, WATER, AND MOW TO ENSURE A COURSE ALWAYS PLAYS THE SAME.**

**SO THE NEXT TIME YOU GAZE ACROSS A PRISTINE FAIRWAY… OR PAUSE TO ADMIRE YOUR OWN PROFESSIONALLY SERVICED LAWN… TAKE A MOMENT TO APPRECIATE THE WORK, AND SCIENCE, THE AGRONOMY TEAM PUT IN TO M​AKE THE TURF LOOK ITS BEST.**

MADELENE SAGSTRÖM

SAGSTRÖM: I remember sitting in a hotel room and I couldn't stop crying. I was so focused on preparing for the upcoming season. But I felt like I couldn't keep the secret inside of me anymore. I needed to tell someone what I've kept to myself for 16 years.

**FOR MADELENE SAGSTRÖM, REVEALING HER SECRET MEANT CONFRONTING HER PAST… AND RELIVING THE PAIN SHE SUFFERED ON THE MOST TRAUMATIZING DAY OF HER LIFE.**

SAGSTRÖM: One of those things I was just trying to like shove under the rug and just like, no, no, that probably didn't happen.

**SAGSTRÖM GREW UP IN KÖPING, SWEDEN, A COUNTRYSIDE CITY AN HOUR FROM STOCKHOLM. ONE DAY AS A YOUNG GIRL, SHE VISITED A FAMILY FRIEND'S HOUSE. SHE WAS JUST SEVEN YEARS OLD.**

SAGSTRÖM: I was by myself and I was going over to see my friend. A man that I was really close to. And it was one of those things to just like, come in, hang out. Nothing weird, nothing wrong and he ended up sexually abusing me. I went home and I acted like nothing ever happened for 16 years. I think the biggest reason why I didn't tell anybody, I think mostly shame. Like I should have known better.

**SCARRED BY HER PAST, SAGSTRÖM USED GOLF TO MOVE FORWARD. SHE BECAME A SWEDISH JUNIOR CHAMPION, AND NCAA ALL-AMERICAN, AND A MEMBER OF THE SYMETRA TOUR IN 2016.**

SAGSTRÖM: I'll get really, really absorbed in golf. So I think that that was kind of my savior in a sense, like I could really immerge myself in this world where I was when I played well, I was ok… and I really did not like who I was. I mean, I couldn't even put body lotion on my legs because I hated my body so much, due to what somebody else did to me.

**IN 2016, SAGSTRÖM’S COACH, FORMER EUROPEAN RYDER CUP PLAYER ROBERT KARLSSON NOTICED THAT SHE STRUGGLED TO CONTROL HER EMOTIONS ON THE GOLF COURSE.**

KARLSSON: The thing that I know was a goal for her and as human being. When we're on the first tee, yes we are the golfer, but you can't leave the person behind.

SAGSTRÖM: He was really pushing me on. Okay, dig deeper, and like how, why do you think you react this way on the golf course. And I have this thing come up in my mind, I was like, I don't think that's important, let’s just put that on the side. But it kept coming up, kept coming up, and I was like, maybe there is something there. Maybe I should tell him. So one day, I did tell him I was like, I have this thing from when I was a child. I don't think it matters very much, but maybe. So I told him and, and he looked at me and I literally just bursted into tears. It when I sat there, I'm like, this was important. This was a massive step.

KARLSSON: It was kind of, ah that was what it was. I could see it was a relief for her to talk about it. I mean, it was a strong emotional thing for me, yes, she trusted me.

SAGSTRÖM: I think that he just felt that pain for me. He understood the pain that I've been carrying for so many years.

I felt like nothing I will ever say from now on is gonna matter. Like I've said the worst thing I can say, and I just felt like so free.

**IN HER ROOKIE SEASON ON THE SYMETRA TOUR, SAGSTRÖM, SET A RECORD FOR SINGLE SEASON EARNINGS, AND SECURED HER LPGA TOUR CARD.**

SAGSTRÖM: It’s part of the thing that people don't see about my career. Had a really good 2016 because I wasn't hiding anymore. Being able to share my story, Robert and tell my secret just opened up all the doors for me. I was on cloud nine, I was flying, I was, nothing could stop me at that point.

KARLSSON: She proved to herself that, I got nothing to fear, feel ashamed of, or that I need to hide. And it definitely took her on a different path in life which is more stable in herself and more accepting of herself.

SAGSTRÖM: I think the Madeleine that went into the hotel room was scared. She didn't really know who she was. But when she left, she was stronger than she had ever been, and that has been a big step for me.

CHASE THE ACE 50/50

**JUSTIN THOMAS AND RORY MCILROY WILL BE PART OF A FEATURED GROUP WITH MAX HOMA WHEN THE WGC-WORKDAY CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE CONCESSION TEES OFF. FOR THOMAS AND MCILROY IT’LL BE ANOTHER CHANCE TO SQUARE OFF IN COMPETITION…**

MCILROY: So how many hole in ones have you had?

THOMAS: Um, I don’t know. I just have been making so many that I’m kind of losing count.

MCILROY: That’s nice! (Yeah) That’s a good problem to have. Ahhhh.

THOMAS: No! Hello! HELLO! Come on, come on, come on! It’s in. What in the world just happened?!

MCILROY: No!

NAT: It paged about an inch from the hole and stopped dead.

THOMAS: That sucked!

MCILROY: FORE RIGHT!

THOMAS: I want to throw my club so bad.

MCILROY: Short!

THOMAS: Frustration is starting to set in. Oooh that was pretty.

MCILROY: Spin left. Spin left (Oooh might not need it!) Ooh! No no no!

THOMAS: Did that lip out?

NAT: 3 inches. If it skips by it would have gone in.

WGC @ THE CONCESSION

**THE FIRST WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE CALENDAR YEAR HAS A NEW HOME FOR 2021 WITH THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC RELOCATING THE EVENT FROM MEXICO TO FLORIDA.**

**THE CONCESSION GOLF CLUB HOSTS ITS FIRST PGA TOUR TOURNAMENT WITH THE WGC-WORKDAY CHAMPIONSHIP.**

WEIMANN: The Concession is a stern but fair test, and I think that you know is true for the top 72 players in the world. So I think it will really challenge their games. It’s going to you know make them think and kind of make them play quite strategic and keep them on their toes as they go around for the week.

DAY: The Concession Club is a very very difficult golf course. I think the guys are gonna enjoy it but it’s quite difficult when the wind whips up there. So, it’s nice to have the WGC move to Florida and be part of the Florida swing again.

**THE COURSE, WHICH OPENED ITS DOORS IN 2006, GETS ITS NAME FROM A FAMOUS GESTURE OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP.**

WEIMANN: The Concession came from the Ryder Cup which was played in 1969 in Royal Birkdale.

NICKLAUS: My first Ryder Cup actually and I played Tony Jacklin and we came down to the last hole, and the match was to be decided on how we finished the last hole.

WEIMANN: Tony had about a 2-and-a-half-foot putt to tie or lose the Cup.

JACKLIN: Like the man he is, he rammed it straight in the middle of the hole and picked my marker up and gave it to me, he said, “I don’t think you would have missed that putt but, in these circumstances, I would never give you the opportunity.

NICKLAUS: I felt like that was the spirit of what the game is all about. It was the spirit of sportsmanship and the Ryder Cup and it’s supposed to be a good will match.

JACKLIN: It was one of the few times I put pen to paper afterwards once the whole thing and the dust had died down just to say that the gesture was something that I’d certainly never forget.

WEIMANN: It went down as kind of one of the great moments of sportsmanship in golf history. Fast forward 30 years, Jack and Tony came together, and they wanted to do something around that moment and hence The Concession.

TOUR PLAYLIST

**2015 N-C-DOUBLE-A NATIONAL CHAMPION BRYSON DECHAMBEAU RETURNS TO THE SITE OF HIS COLLEGE CHAMPIONSHIP AS COVERAGE FROM FLORIDA STARTS THURSDAY.**

PUERTO RICO OPEN PREVIEW

ANNC: Some of the locals enjoying a sunny Saturday afternoon here in Puerto Rico.

**SINCE THE INAUGURAL TOURNAMENT IN 2008, THE PUERTO RICO OPEN HAS PROVIDED PLENTY OF ENTERTAINMENT FOR PLAYERS, FANS, AND EVEN A FEW REPTILES.**

ANNC: That’s got to be a shot of the day candidate.

**STARTING THE ROUNDS HOT IS PIVOTAL AS LAST SEASON THE FIRST HOLE AT GRAND RESERVE COUNTRY CLUB PRODUCED 24 THREE PUTTS … THE SECOND MOST THREE PUTTS OF ANY OPENING HOLE ON TOUR.**

ANNC: A lot of players have struggled here at the first hole. It’s the hardest hole on the golf course today. Only five players have made birdie.

**AFTER EARNING SPECIAL ELIBIBILITY TO PLAY ADDITIONAL PGA TOUR EVENTS FOR THE SEASON, EIGHT KORN FERRY TOUR PLAYERS WILL TEE IT UP IN SEARCH OF THEIR MAIDEN PGA TOUR VICTORY.**

PEREIRA: It’s gonna be a great opportunity. If I can play a couple events on the PGA TOUR, you never know. You can win one of those, you’ll go up there for next year.

TOUR PLAYLIST

**300 FEDEXCUP POINTS ARE ON THE LINE IN A FIELD OF YOUNG PLAYERS LOOKING FOR BREAKTHROUGHS AND SEASONED VETS TRYING TO ADD TO THEIR RESUMES.**

ERIK VAN ROOYEN

VAN ROOYEN: That might actually go in…. No No sorry.

WITT:  It’s kind of a new world that we live in now and you’ve had some time to adjust but what’s that been like for you?

VAN ROOYEN: I think for me it’s been easy, because we still get to play golf and it’s outside, so it doesn’t affect us as golfers as much as it does people. I think we’re in a quite privileged position to be able to do what we’re doing.

WITT: As a South African today you’re playing with Dylan Fritelli, do you like have fellow South Africans around to kind of do things with?

VAN ROOYEN: Yeah, I love having you know, Dill here or Charl Schwartzel is playing a group or two behind and where I live in Jupiter, Florida there’s a bunch of us there as well so that’s part of the reason we decided to move there. When you’re this far away from home, it’s just great to be able to share some of the things and interests from home, so it makes it easy.

WITT: Last season you had really good finishes at the WGC events. (Yeah) It's an international field, and as an international player, does that mean a lot to you to be able to perform against the best in the world?

VAN ROOYEN: Yeah, I think that's what we're all trying to do here, right. It's part of the reason why I'm focusing on the PGA TOUR this year as well. You've got the best in the world playing it, so but the WCC in Mexico last year was truly special. To get a good finish, there was special, and I know that it moved to the Concession this year. It's a course we played in college as well. We played BIG TEN match play there. So, I'm pumped to get back.

WITT: Show us your putting game.

VAN ROOYEN: Alright, let's see.

WITT: Walk us through your process.

VAN ROOYEN: I don’t know what Dill did. Dill did you make it? You did make a 2? Haha

VAN ROOYEN: It looks very straight from here but yeah. Especially the last sort of four feet just wants to trickle that way. It's more than just on top.  All right. Not too shabby.

WITT: Nice Par. Alright Erik, thanks for hanging out with us.

VAN ROOYEN: Thanks Abby. Appreciate it. Thanks for the time.