**2021 PGA TOUR: THE CUT #9**

MATCH PLAY BALL DROP

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**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT.**

WHAT TO KNOW

**THE PGA TOUR’S TREK ACROSS THE SUNSHINE STATE COMES TO A CLOSE… AND FUN IN THE SUN WAS THE NAME OF THE GAME…**

ANNC: Let’s see if it stops. Let’s see if it drops. Are you kidding me?! Oh my goodness.

**BEFORE FLORIDA COMPETITIONS CAME TO AN END, KEITH MITCHELL AND SUNGJAE IM COMPETED FOR A TITLE OF THEIR OWN MAKING…**

**LATER, A RECAP OF THEIR NAME YOUR PAR BATTLE.**

**NOW TWO TOURNAMENTS ARE ON DECK AS THE TOUR MAKES A RETURN TRIP TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND TAKES AIM AT MATCH PLAY IN TEXAS.**

WGC-DELL TECHNOLOGIES MATCH PLAY BRACKET SHOW RECAP

COACHMAN: It is the most unique week on The PGA TOUR. The format plays out, a point for a win, half a point for a tie and if you lose that is zero points.

**GROUPINGS WERE ANNOUNCED MONDAY STARTING WITH GROUP 1 HEADLINED BY DUSTIN JOHNSON AND KEVIN NA.**

COACHMAN: The winner of this group on Saturday will take on the winner of group 16 Sungjae Im, Victor Perez, Marc Leishman and Russell Henley.

Let’s move over to group number 6 now… Scottie Scheffler is gonna be playing with Xander Schauffele, Jason Day and Andy Sullivan.

SCHEFFLER: I came into this week knowing that there’s a lot of good players in this field, so you gotta hit the ground running from the first match.

COACHMAN: Let’s go to group number 8 now. Tyrrell Hatton playing with Lee Westwood. Sergio a great match play player and Matt Wallace.

JT he’s your number one seed. We know how good Louis can be, Kevin is your defending Champion and Matt Kuchar rounds out that foursome.

Rory McIlroy, Cameron Smith, Lanto Griffin and Ian Poulter.

Group 3 Jon Rahm, Ryan Palmer, Shane Lowry, then Sebastian Munoz.

Patrick Reed is the top seed. This is a tough one. Joaquin Niemann, Christian and then Bubba Watson.

Group number 10. Patrick Cantlay, Hideki, Carlos Ortiz, and then Brian Harman.

Now here is Viktor Hovland, Abraham Ancer, Bernd Wiesberger and Kevin Streelman.

DeChambeau he’s taking on Tommy Fleetwood, Si Woo Kim, and then Antoine Rozner.

**PREDICTING A WINNER IS NEARLY AS HARD AS WINNING THE EVENT ITSELF – SO THE PGA TOUR WENT ABOUT IT IN A UNIQUE WAY.**

BALL DROP

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TOUR PLAYLIST

**IN THE MATCH PLAY FORMAT, THE ACTION GETS STARTED A DAY EARLY AS PLAY FROM AUSTIN, TEXAS IS SET TO COMMENCE ON WEDNESDAY.**

BUMP

**STILL AHEAD ON THE CUT…**

KISNER: It’s a big week, long week, and grueling so not only from the mental side but the physical side.

**DEFENDING WGC-DELL TECHNOLOGIES MATCH PLAY CHAMPION KEVIN KISNER REVEALS THE CHALLENGES OF WINNING THE TOURNAMENT… BUT FIRST, SUNGJAE IM AND KEITH MITCHELL PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS IN A LONG-DISTANCE BATTLE.**

MITCHELL: You gotta be better than that Sungjae. You gotta be better than that.

NAME YOUR PAR @ HONDA

MITCHELL: All right, we ready? You need to give me some Korean words to say. Gamsahabnida, isn’t that thank you?

IM: Gamsahabnida… Thank you. [Korean]

MITCHELL: You may not play over houses or out of bounds areas. Straight line distance from the green is 1400 yards! Alright, what's par, eight?

IM: Par eight.

MITCHELL Par eight. You like that. Alright, we’re going with par eight. Alright. Let's rock and roll. I’m hitting drive. You hitting driver?

IM: Yeah. Sure!

MITCHELL: You ready? Flip a tee, see who goes first? Oooo, me.

That was pretty good. I just hope it’s not in the water.

IM: (That's okay.) It's good?

MITCHELL: I think so. That looks good. Oh, no. I've been in the water a lot on the bear trap. I guess I was really lucky the year I won. Alright, I'll take it.

IM: Good shot. Nice shot. [Korean]

MITCHELL: Watch this. I’m about to mess with him with the golf cart right before he takes it back.

[BEEPS] Oh it doesn’t even phase him! (Go) Maybe it does! It wasn’t in the rule book!

Yes, I got him in the bunker. I'm back.

That wasn’t me either. You can't blame me for that one. I have never seen him do that. I must have got in his head so I'm gonna take all the advantage I can get right now. Hard to beat this guy. I'm gonna try to hit it over this first grandstand into the second grandstand, probably get a favorable ruling and then hit it over on 17.

(Im coughs) You gotta be better than that time Sungjae. Gotta be better than that.

Oh, I love it. Anybody hearing it land on a chair?

Rare, rare opportunity for Sungjae to his a poor shot.

Oh and it is on the green. Now he has to drop in the rough.

You hit it like 20 yards out of the bunker.

IM: A lot of sand.

MITCHELL: Lot of sand.

Sungjae’s ball is on the green clearly. He always sits on the green but he gets free relief. He's gonna drop it right over here on the edge and then hopefully hit it on 17 Green.

IM: 117 meters.

MITCHELL: Oh he's in meters. Wow.

Oh stripe. A little left of the flag. (Stop) It landed on the green. Did it stay on the green? Good swing.

IM: Thank you Thank you

MITCHELL: Come on! All right, this is my ball ladies and gentlemen we are in good shape.

Nearest point on club. We have an ant hill too. I could get double relief here if we needed it. I don’t know, it's a dangerous situation.

IM: Yeah. Pitching wedge.

MITCHELL: No. Sungjae wants me to hit pitching wedge becase he wants me to hit it in the water. Oh, no. I fatted it. It needs to go hard. Did it get on the green? Wow, flyer… ant hill flyer. That's a first.

That's me right here? Oh let's go!

Yeah, I think I got two putts to win, right? Sit, sit. Oh boy. Oh, wow. Oh, wow.

Me? You think so? Look at this guy trying to gamesmanship me again. Yeah, this one matters now. This one is for the win and I got a shadow right in my line. Look at this guy. How much did you pay him Sungjae? Good grief!

Yes!

IM: Nice birdie.

MITCHELL: Thank you. I enjoyed itBuddy. There you go. Sorry. Her, this is good, Sungjae.

This is Name Your Par, with defending champion Sungjae Im. We decided it was gonna be a par eight. I made a seven . Sungjae, I gave him that putt, he made eight but it doesn't matter because I won.

IM: I think he was cheating.

MITCHELL: Hey, it’s the only way I can beat this guy. I mean clearly.

HONDA MONDAY QUALIFYING

**PLAYERS TOOK ON BANYAN CAY RESORT & GOLF COURSE IN THE MONDAY QUALIFIER FOR THE HONDA CLASSIC, WITH THE FIELD COMPETING FOR FOUR SPOTS AT PGA NATIONAL.**

**COLOMBIAN MARCELO ROZO, WHO HAS THREE WINS ON PGA TOUR LATINOAMERICA, LEAD THE FIELD SHOOTING 9 UNDER.**

ROZO: Thankful to have the opportunity to play in another TOUR event especially in the Honda, it’s a big event. It’s special, if you would’ve told me at the beginning of the year by March I would’ve played two TOUR events, I would thought maybe you were crazy.

**ROZO’S 63 SET A NEW COURSE RECORD, BEATING THE PREVIOUS ONE HELD BY DUSTIN JOHNSON.**

ROZO: The hours I’ve been putting off the course in the gym, eating well and doing the right things are paying off. So it’s special and obviously it gives me confidence and that belief that sometimes I lack.

**FORMER TOP-RANKED AMATEUR JUSTIN SUH WAS IN CONTENTION BUT ULTIMATELY FELL JUST SHORT.**

**AND AFTER ERIK COMPTON AND ZACH ZABACK BOTH CARDED 65S, IT CAME DOWN TO A TWO FOR ONE PLAYOFF BETWEEN STEPHEN STALLINGS AND MICKEY DEMORAT, WITH STALLINGS EMERGING AS THE VICTOR.**

STALLINGS: I thought I missed by one. I actually kinda got in the car and drove 40 minutes the other way. After I saw a few guys that were at 4 under thru 9 and didn’t get it, so I came back and just waited it out and luckily everything went my way.

THE HONDA CLASSIC WINNER

JONES: It was probably the calmest I’ve been for a golf tournament for four straight days.

ANNC: He has shown some backbone this week.

JONES: You can’t get a tougher golf course to win on than this one in these conditions.

ANNC: The way he plays is so refreshing… he gets up and he gets his business done.

JONES: To be able to do that on this golf course is amazing and something I can build on for the future hopefully.

ANNC: Matt Jones is gonna take care of business for his home country.

**JONES JOINED STUART APPLEBY AND ADAM SCOTT AS AUSTRAILIANS TO HOIST THE TROPHY AT THE HONDA CLASSIC… AND CONTINUES A 34 SEASON WIN STREAK BY AUSTRAILIANS – THE LONGEST STREAK BY ANY COUNTRY OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.**

ANNC: And Australia has another multiple winner on The PGA TOUR.

**THE WIN IS JONES’ SECOND AS HE BECOMES THE 6TH PLAYER THIS SEASON TO BREAK A 6 YEAR OR MORE WINNING DROUGHT ON TOUR.**

JONES: I’ve had some tough times in between that and now but worked hard and it’s finally paid off.

**TO MAKE THE WIN EVEN SWEETER, JONES GOT A SPECIAL CALL FROM A CHILDHOOD IDOL.**

NORMAN: Hello champ!

JONES: How ya doin’ Mate?

NORMAN: Very well buddy. You took me away from the snow and my grandkids to watch the Bear Trap.

JONES: I’m sure it was easier for you to watch, than for me to play it. It was tough.

NORMAN: Listen buddy, go enjoy and I’ll see ya in Augusta.

JONES: Thanks mate, I’ll speak to ya later.

NORMAN: Proud of you.

JONES: Thank you very much. Buh bye.

FEDEXCUP STANDINGS

**JONES’ WIN IN PALM BEACH GARDENS FLORIDA MOVES HIM INTO 11TH IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS WHERE HIS CAREER BEST FINISH CAME IN 2013 WHEN HE FINISHED 32ND.**

SAVING SHOTS

**THE CUT PRESENTS, SAVING SHOTS.**

**PGA NATIONAL PROVED TO BE A WORTHY ADVERSARY FOR THE GAMES BEST AND MANY PLAYERS WERE IN NEED OF RECOVERY SHOTS.**

**ZACH JOHNSON FINISHED THE WEEKEND 5TH IN SCRAMBLING PERCENTAGE AT NEARLY 75%.**

ANNC: That was beautiful.

**WHILE PAT PEREZ HELPED HIS SCRAMBLING PERCENTAGE BY MAKING FRIENDS WITH THE FLAG STICK.**

ANNC: That is a look what I found shot.

**AND HARRY HIGGS CONVERTED 3 OF HIS 4 SAND SAVE ATTEMPTS INCLUDING ENDING HIS TOURNAMENT WITH AN EAGLE FROM THE BUNKER.**

ANNC: Double H providing a lot of fun here.

PUNTACANA LOOKAHEAD

ANNC: From the Dominican Republic… a beautiful spot

**THE CORALES PUNTACANA RESORT & CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE PLAYED FOR THE SECOND TIME IN THIS PGA TOUR SUPER SEASON, JOINING THE US OPEN AND THE MASTERS AS REPEAT TOURNAMENTS DURING 2020-2021.**

ANNC: Are you kidding? He made it look like a piece of cake.

**PLAYERS WILL FACE A DAUNTING TASK AS THEY COME DOWN THE STRETCH AS THE 18TH HOLE IS ONE OF THE LONGEST CLOSING PAR 4S ON TOUR, AT 501 YARDS.**

ANNC: You’ve gotta play safe because of that cove, it’s carry the whole way.

**REIGNING CHAMPION HUDSON SWAFFORD BECAME THE FIRST PLAYER TO CARD FOUR ROUNDS IN THE 60S.**

ANNC: He wins the Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship. Boy that is gutsy right there.

**AND WHOEVER WANTS TO WIN THIS YEAR, WILL HAVE TO GO LOW, WITH ALL 3 WINNERS OF THIS EVENT POSTING 18 UNDER TO TAKE HOME THE TITLE.**

TOUR PLAYLIST

**HUDSON SWAFFORD BEGINS THE DEFENSE OF HIS TOURNAMENT TITLE IN THE SAME SEASON AS HIS FIRST AS ACTION FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLICAN STARTS THURSDAY.**

BRIGHT FUTURE: JOHN AUGENSTEIN

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

ANNC: John Augenstein just 23 years old making his way. When you go from the amateur ranks out here on TOUR it is a whole new world // take a little while.

**AUGENSTEIN’S 4TH PROFESSIONAL START AT THE ARNOLD PALMER INVITATIONAL PRESENTED BY MASTERCARD, SAW ANOTHER MISSED CUT WITH THE WORST AND BEST ROUNDS OF HIS PRO CAREER. AFTER THE TOURNAMENT, HE SPENT TIME BACK IN NASHVILLE WITH HIS COLLEGE COACH.**

AUGENSTEIN: I’ve been struggling to get off to those good starts like the Thursday of Tournaments. Pressing, trying too hard. Wanting to play good, trying not to play bad. Just not the stuff you’re supposed to do.

LIMBAUGH: I think the biggest thing about that is just being aware and you are. Can’t be better if you’re not aware of what needs to be better.

AUGENSTEIN: Yeah I mean that Thursday was the toughest round of golf I’ve played in I don’t remember when.

AUGENSTEIN: Went out kinda the next day with a lot of confidence. The only thing I thought about all day was the target I was trying to hit my shot at regardless of where the pin was or regardless what the wind was doing (I like that) and I played so well.

LIMBAUGH: We always said, there’s always something to learn. Making the cut, not make the cut but there’s still an opportunity you play a good solid building block, you need that right now. That way good golf doesn’t seem so far away.

AUGENSTEIN: I know it’s coming, it’s just tough to be patient.

KEVIN KISNER DTMP FLASHBACK

ANNC: Those intense big brown eyes for Kisner that we’ve been seeing all week long but can he finish this week off?

KISNER: It’s a big week, long week, and grueling so not only from the mental side but the physical side. A lot of golf and a lot of stressful holes and stressful putts.

ANNC: He’s done it again. Wins the opening hole.

KISNER: You’re not really playing for a score you’re play more to situational golf in match play than you are trying to go shoot 68 or 9 or 7 or whatever.

ANNC: That’s a nice play. Clutch shot after clutch shot. Not giving Kuch any kind of room.

KISNER: Bogeys in a stroke play event I feel like you can come back from them here you feel like you’re giving away a hole. A hole’s a hard thing to attain for some reason in match play. The aspect of the mental side of dealing with that is a lot different.

ANNC: And that does it! Kevin Kisner, the champion!

ANNC: I was thinking out there it might be the hardest one. but I prevailed and I’m a World Golf Champion.

THE BUNKER PROMO

TURNBULL: Welcome to the Bunker. I’m here with my man Louie our stats expert and we are fresh off The Honda Classic stream where the star of the week so far been PGA National, the champion course and of course the famous Bear Trap, 15, 16 and 17. We want to give you a little bit of a preview of what The Bunker is. The Bunker is an interactive, data drive, live stream of PGA TOUR events where we use everything but the telecast to enhance your experience at home.

The first thing we’ve got here is TOURCast. TOURCast is every single shot for every single player in the field. Live, real-time stats analysis. Really cool tool, all in 3-D.

Next thing we’ve got here is Louie is our ShotLink tracker page. Tell us a little bit about that.

RIVERA: Awesome. This is our go to source for all of our ShotLink data. This give us everything from tournament records, to live tournament standings as is on the golf course with live stats.

TURNBULL: As we transition to later this week, we want to take everybody to tell them what’s going to happen at the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play. We’re going to do a Sunday preview on the PGA TOUR’s Twitch channel right here on The Bunker and I’m really excited about this because Sunday morning we’re going to do a deep dive into the semi-final matches. You’re going to have 4 players left. You’re going to see who advances to the championship match and who battles for 3rd place.

Let’s take a look at the past 4 champions, and Louie, why don’t you give us some info on each of these guys and how they’ve each won.

RIVERA: One of the best courses on TOUR, Austin Country Club. You’ve got the 4 last champions there at Austin Country Club where you do have 4 different types of winners. You have Kevin Kisner which he ranked in the top 30 in driving accuracy. You’ve got Bubba Watson, he did it with distance. You’ve got Dustin Johnson who led the PGA TOUR in 2017 when he won in strokes gained tee to green. And then you have Jason Day who basically owned the greens in 2016 leading the TOUR in strokes gained putting.

TURNBULL: We want to take you guys out to one of the most controversial, drivable risk reward holes at Austin Country Club. The drivable 13th hole and we’re going to see if we can have a rip at driving this hole right now. Let’s see what we got here Louie.

RIVERA: That looks like it hit the center of the club face. Nice and high.

TURNBULL: Looks like I got it.

RIVERA: Oh he’s there. That’s like a what. 285-yard carry?

TURNBULL: 307-yard drive not too bad.

ALEX [00:00:25]: We can’t wait to see you Sunday on PGA TOUR’s Twitch Channel. For an all-new episode of the Bunker.

LUIS: Thanks everyone! See ya then!