**2021 PGA TOUR: THE CUT #13 INTERNATIONAL**

COLD OPEN

ANNC: The Oaks Course at TPC San Antonio.

Wow!

Blending right into the hill country of Texas here, rustic look, challenging course.

Welcome to the great state of Texas and the Valero Texas Open at TPC San Antonio.

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT**

VALERO TEXAS OPEN LOOKAHEAD

ANNC: The Canadian Conners, looking for his first PGA Tour Victory. A great start for Conners who was a Monday qualifier to get into this tournament, could turn out to be an incredible story for him

CONNERS: Got off to a great start, go 4 under in the first 5 and then reeled of 4 straight bogeys and just told myself to stay patient and trust my game.

ANNC: Gotta think this is arguably the biggest putt of his life right here guys. Mallory can barely watch. The nervous rocking back and forth. Yeah, just the lip. Haha nice reaction.

CONNERS: It was quite a round, the last few holes are a bit of a blur at the moment.

ANNC: This is one of the craziest final rounds you’ll ever see.

CONNERS: I had a lot of confidence in my game, each step of the way and I’ve continued to get better and good things have continued to happen.

ANNC: And Correy Conners’ day indeed has arrived. In his 52nd PGA Tour event, he is finally a winner.

**FIRST TIME WINNERS HAVE BEEN A TREND AT THE VALERO TEXAS OPEN, WITH THE LAST 3 CHAMPIONS ALL CLAIMING THEIR FIRST PGA TOUR VICTORY IN SAN ANTONIO. INCLUDING TEXAS-BORN 2018 WINNER ANDREW LANDRY.**

ANNC: What a week for Andrew Landy, the 30-year-old Texan.

LANDRY: It’s obviously great to be able to get a win so close to home. It’s pretty special to be able to snag a victory with everybody being here to share it.

**SOME MAY HAVE A TOUGH TIME OFF THE TEE AT TPC SAN ANTONIO. PLAYERS FOUND THE FAIRWAY JUST UNDER 54% OF THE TIME IN 2019. THE FIFTH LOWEST RATE ON TOUR THAT SEASON.**

CHAMP: I’m very excited, this is obviously my new home course. It tests every aspect of your game ball striking, iron play, putting, chipping and also the wind.

**NOW IN ITS 99TH YEAR, THE 2021 FIELD IS STACKED WITH PLAYERS WHO HAVE STRONG TIES TO THE LONE STAR STATE.**

WALKER: It’s good to be home. It feels like you’re playing a golf tournament but you’re not. Being at home, doing the day to day things, it just all feels kinda like regular normal life and maybe that leads to playing better golf.

**AND THEY WILL BE LOOKING TO JOIN THE RICH HISTORY OF TEXANS WHO HAVE WON THIS EVENT, INCLUDING TWO-TIME CHAMPION BEN CRENSHAW AND THREE-TIME WINNER JUSTIN LEONARD.**

ANNC: What a putt.

TOUR PLAYLIST

**WITH 4 TOP 10S THIS SEASON, JORDAN SPEITH, ANOTHER TEXAS NATIVE, WILL BE LOOKING TO CAPITALIZE ON HIS RESURGENT SEASON AS PLAY FROM SAN ANTONIO BEGINS ON THURSDAY.**

WILL ZALATORIS

ANNC: This guy, Will Zalatoris, he has been red hot the last couple of months. He has no issue at all from tee to green. It’s been a remarkable run late last summer for the young man.

ZALATORIS: It's one thing to think that you belong but it's another when you actually start competing with the guys and start doing it. And so, a little bit of fake it till you make it for sure.

I get asked the question, you know, how do you do that? You know, how did you go from Monday qualifying on the Korn Ferry Tour to the PGA TOUR and I said, you know I've kind of stuck to the same practice routine for two years. When people say, what's different? I said, well, sorry for the boring answer, but it's more of the same, but that just speaks volumes to going from not having status to now playing on the PGA TOUR. It shows that I'm doing the right stuff.

SCHEFFLER: Yeah I mean, Will’s been on a heater since the beginning of the year. He's always been a tremendous ball striker.

ANNC: And he’s gone right down the narrow side. How about that one? Still going strong.

ZALATORIS: So I play a Vokey 60 degree. It’s a T Grind. I know that that thing goes about 100 yards when I hit it full. I love obviously putting a lot of spin on it since I'm a high spin guy. If I had some buddies out here, right now, we'd be trying to land this thing all the way on the back edge and see if we could rip it off the front.

There we go.

I'll hit two shots here. One of them we’re going to have a little fun with. I’m gonna try to land this thing as far back as I possibly can and just try to bring that ball back 40 feet. There we go. [LAUGH]

All right, the other one is more realistic. Gonna go up a club, go about 55. Choke up on it a hair.

Grew up in Texas have a lot of wind so I like keeping the ball down a little bit, keep the spin down on top of that. The new ball’s got a few more dimples, just a hair more spin around the greens, which I love. Knowing exactly how balls gonna react every single time. That's, that's massive. A lot of these guys out here is they know how far that ball’s going. It's the biggest reason why a lot of us have success quick.

Just give me another hour I’ll make one.

It's kind of nice to have that little success of knowing, hey, I've done this before. I've birdied the last hole to make that cut and I've turned in a couple top 10s. I attribute a lot of my success over the past 15 months to knowing exactly how that ball’s going to react when it gets on the green.

WGC-DTMP IMPACT FEATURE

ASHLEY: When I got the call in the hospital, I honestly didn't even hear what the doctor said.

DYLAN: I have Hemophilia A, and it's a condition in which my blood does not clot well. It's too thin, and so whenever I bleed, I bleed a lot more than someone normally would.

ASHLEY: We've had a lot of hard times here, and a lot of scary times, they're here for us, they listen to us, they help us get through and I don't know what I would do without it. I don't know what I would do without Dell Children's.

DYLAN: Of the sports, it's probably the easiest on joints. It's always just been a great, fun game that I can always play. My favorite player is Rory Mcllroy. On the course, I think two, two years ago and playing a little par four, and I walked up and I said, hi, and he handed me a golf ball and that was one of the best days I've ever lived.

MCILROY: Hey Dylan.

DYLAN: Rory how are you man?

MCILROY: Good, how are you?

DYLAN: Awesome.

MCILROY: Good stuff, how’s your golf?

DYLAN: How is it? I think it’s pretty good but good is relative”

MCILROY: Haha I guess so, I think mine is pretty good too but I guess it is relative. I’m sorry you can’t be here this week. I know you’ve come out a few years and obviously got that golf ball of me a couple years ago, so I’m gonna sign a flag for you and send it your way and hopefully that’s a nice little memento and an inspiration you to keep going and keep playing and keep practicing and trying to get better.

DYLAN: Yeah no definitely, I’ll frame it and everything.

MCILROY: Awesome, cool. There we go, it’s coming your way. I wish you were out here, but I’m sure you’ll get out here again, hopefully we’ll see you for the next few years out here.

PUNTACANA IMPACT FEATURE

PETTERSSON: Hello guys! How are ya?

TRANSLATOR: Perfect, now we’re on. Hi guys!

**TOUR PLAYERS IN THE DOMICAN REPUBLIC FOR THE CORALES PUNTACANA RESORT & CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TOOK SOME TIME TO MEET WITH PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO HAVE BENEFITED FROM THE RESORT’S NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION.**

MCLACHLIN: Me llamo Parker McLachlin

MERRICK: We all heard about your story Jailed and we’re all thinking about you. Hoping you have a great day today.

TRANSLATOR: He’s blowing for you guys. He’s happy.

PETTERSSON: Keylor how are you?

My name’s Carl Pettersson.

PRIDE: I’m Dicky Pride.

PETTERSSON: And Ted Purdy.

FAMILY: My name’s Kelvin, Keylor, Emily, and my wife Addie.

PRIDE: We want to hear how the center has made you and your families’ life better.

EMILY: [Spanish] (Well I feel very secure because my brother is in good hands. They give him his medications and our lives have changed a lot since my brother started visiting this hospital.)

MCLACHLIN: Can I get a thumbs up man? Thumbs up. Thumbs up buddy. We’re thinking about you man. Hang in there.

TRANSLATOR: You’re here by zoom, but someone is here to deliver something from you guys.

CHOPRA: It’s something that’s going to help him with his therapy.

MCLACHLIN: On behalf of all the players and the tournament to help Jailed.

TRANSLATOR: He says thank you!

MCLACHLIN: You’re a champion Jailed. Keep fighting buddy.

TRANSLATOR: Bye!

PLAYERS: Bye!

JOEL DAHMEN WINS CORALES PUNTACANA RESORT AND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

ANNC: Joel Dahmen looking over this from left of the green. That’s really well played. Might go in. Ohhh.

DAHMEN: I was so in control. I felt calm all week. I’ve been close a couple times, but the breaks didn’t quite go my way. Today they definitely went my way for sure.

ANNC: Joel Dahmen is a winner on the PGA TOUR for the first time! You can see exactly there what it means to them

DAHMEN: I know it hasn’t sunk in yet. I was pretty emotional there after the put went in. Obviously hugged Gino. Wife came running out. I mean that’s what we dream about right?

For Geno, just two dudes growing up together who are golf dorks, somehow winning on the PGA TOUR. He cares more about me then any golf shot I’ll ever hit. And just to be able to do that together was pretty darn cool.

I think that there will be a lot of validation that I can close one out. I don’t know if it gets easier, I hope it gets easier because that was really hard.

BILLY HORSCHEL WINS WGC-DELL TECHNOLOGIES MATCH PLAY

ANNC: Just 2 remain with a chance at this second World Golf Championship of the season.

**BILLY HORSCHEL AND SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER WERE LOCKED INTO A TIGHT MATCH BEFORE HORSCHEL’S BIRDIE AT THE 5TH SET HIM ON A WINNING COURSE.**

ANNC: Should get this up and down…or in…how about in!

**HORSCHEL MADE THE TURN 2 UP ON SCHEFFLER AND NEVER LOOKED BACK.**

HORSCHEL: Fight hard. I never give up and I always think there's a way I can get the job done and that mentality just allows me to play well in match play.

ANNC: PGA TOUR victory number 6. Billy Horschel indeed outlasts them all, the last man standing at Austin Country Club.

**THE VICTORY IN AUSTIN IS HORSCHEL’S 7TH CONSECUTIVE TOP-25 FINISH IN A WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS EVENT, WHICH MARKS THE LONGEST ACTIVE STREAK ON TOUR.**

HORSCHEL: It's just nice to be a Match Play champion. I was close a month ago, it just wasn't my time and today just happened to be my time.

FEDEXCUP STANDINGS

**HORSCHEL’S WIN IN TEXAS MOVES HIM INSIDE THE FEDEXCUP TOP 10 FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OVER 2 YEARS. WHILE DAHMEN’S WIN IN THE ISLANDS CATAPULTS HIM 67 SPOTS TO 59TH.**

SAVING SHOTS

**THE CUT PRESENTS… SAVING SHOTS.**

**COMPETING IN MATCH PLAY IS A DIFFICULT FEAT ON THE PGA TOUR AND MANY PLAYERS HAD TO PULL OUT THE STOPS ON RECOVERY SHOTS TO PICK UP HOLES.**

**BRIAN HARMON WON GROUP 10 THANKS IN PART TO A TOURNAMENT LEADING 90% SCRAMBLING PERCENTAGE.**

ANNC: Oh seriously? Wow Mickelson’s not the only left hander.

**WHILE GROUP 3 WINNER JON RAHM CONVERTED 7 OF HIS 9 SAND SAVES.**

ANNC: Oh he mustered all right. That just clips the edge.

**AND 3RD PLACE FINISHER MATT KUCHAR CONNECTED ON 5 OF HIS CHANCES FROM THE BUNKERS.**

ANNC: Yep, very nicely done!

CAMERON SMITH WINS GREG NORMAL MEDAL

ANNC: How about it, no quit in this guy.

**WITH ONE WIN AND 8 TOP 25s, LAST SEASON WAS ONE TO REMEMBER FOR CAMERON SMITH.**

ANNC: It is a crazy finish, with Cameron Smith taking his second PGA TOUR title.

**AS A RESULT OF HIS STELLAR PERFORMANCE, LAST WEEK SMITH RECEIVED THE GREG NORMAN MEDAL, AWARDED ANNUALLY TO AUSTRALIA’S TOP-PERFORMING PLAYER.**

NORMAN: Hello mate.

SMITH: Hey mate, how are ya?

NORMAN: I like the global map behind you. Does that tell me you’re a global player?

SMITH: I’m trying but I can’t at the minute.

NORMAN: Wondering why I’m on this call?

SMITH: I have no idea. I was not nervous until Jordan showed up next to me.

NORMAN: Hahah ok alright. There is a reason why I’m on this phone, and that is basically to present to you the Greg Normal medal.

SMITH: Oh that’s awesome. That’s unreal. I was wondering where she went this morning.

NORMAN: So buddy I’ve been a big huge of yours you know that for a long time. I watch every tournament you play, I just love the, your tenacity on the golf course. You know the game of golf is more than just power. But your consistency has been unbelievable. It wasn’t too hard a decision for me to give the nod to you and I’m just proud of it for you and I hope you’re just as proud how I feel for you.

SMITH: All the guys at home, thanks for your support. They know who they are. Bloke, Jonah, Nick, all the guys at home. Ian. Miss everyone, wish I was at home.

NORMAN: You mention a lot of names there right and a lot of people don’t realize the team we need behind us to make us, to allow us to perform to the level that we want to. And then we don’t have that team behind us. It’s hard because it’s down to us eventually. But if you know you’ve got that support behind you, you know you’re gonna have a leg up on everybody else. So kudos to you on that one bud. Proud of you to be the Greg Normal medal winner for this 2020 season and I hope you repeat in 2021.

PHIL MICKELSON MEETS STACY HURT

HURT: I didn’t even think I would see 50. Not only did I live 5 years, but I just achieved cancer-free 5 years in October and I’m so excited to have hit that milestone. Colon Cancer Coalition asked me to submit my name as a survivor to be paired virtually with a golfer. I found out that I was going to be paired with world hall of fame golfer Phil Mickelson. I didn’t know if I’d be able to meet Phil, but I just wanted to show up because him wearing my name as a survivor and what I’ve gone through to be here it meant everything to me.

It’s starting to hit me now…I’m freaking out. (What are you freaking out about?) Meeting Phil!

MICKELSON: Oh Stacy you gotta bring it in.

HURT: I would love to.

MICKELSON: I actually have something for you here, hey bro, hey Tim will you bring the souvenir for ya. (What?) I just wanted to know we’re always pulling for ya and I’m happy you’re doing well in your struggle and I’m sorry you had to go through that, that’s awful.

HURT: Oh thank you.

MICKELSON: We’re so happy to have you out here.

HURT: It means the world to me that you’re wearing my ribbon, can I see it?

MICKELSON: Yes, I had one yesterday with your full name on it.

HURT: oh my gosh and I’m wearing one for Amy.

MICKELSON: Oh that’s sweet, she should hopefully be out here later today.

HURT: Oh yeah.

MICKELSON: Stacy, very nice to see you, let’s have a good day today

HURT: Can I have another hug?

MICKELSON: You got it.

HIRT: God luck man. Go get it, thanks Phil.

MICKELSON: Glad you’re doing well.

HURT: Thanks so much.

HURT: I can’t believe what I went through to be here…those dark days…I can’t believe it, I can’t believe I’m still alive.

STARTER: This is our 11:19 starting time, we have one honorary observer going with this group, please welcome Stacy Hurt from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. First on the tee, a member of the World Golf Hall of Fame from Rancho Santa Fe, California: Phil Mickelson.

HURT Ok, let’s go…thank you.

HURT: (What did he write on the glove) I didn’t even look, I was freaking out. Stacy, pulling for your success. Can you believe this? I can’t even believe this…I can’t believe this, I just can’t stop crying, I gotta pull it together.

This is definitely a once in a lifetime opportunity and I just really want to thank Phil for bringing awareness to colorectal cancer because that’s what we’re all here for is to raise awareness for this disease that is hitting younger and younger people.

COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10 LAUNCH

**FOR THE 3RD SEASON IN A ROW, THE PGA TOUR IS REWARDING PLAYERS FINISHING THE REGULAR SEASON ATOP THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS WITH THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10.**

ANNC: He’s gonna make it…yes.

**WEBB SIMPSON, RORY MCILROY, AND JON RAHM ARE LOOKING TO MAKE IT 3 YEARS IN A ROW INSIDE THE TOP 10 AT SEASONS END….**

ANNC:This would be a nice time to do something special, that’s pretty darn special.

**WHILE THIS SEASON, THE ONLY PLAYER WITH MULTIPLE WINS, BRYSON DECHAMBEAU, SITS IN THE TOP SPOT HAVING HELD THAT POSITION FOR 12 TOTAL WEEKS.**

ANNC: Bryson DeChambeau indeed has the king’s title at Bay Hill.

**AND LAST YEAR’S COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10 WINNER JUSTIN THOMAS IS AIMING TO GO BACK-TO-BACK, AS HE SITS IN 2ND FOLLOWING HIS WIN AT THE PLAYERS.**

ANNC: And Justin Thomas has it, eagle at 11 to take the lead at THE PLAYERS.

*[LEADERBOARD]*

**5 OTHER PLAYERS INSIDE THE TOP 10 HAVE WINS ON TOUR THIS SEASON, WHILE XANDER SCHAFFLE SITS AT 5TH WITH A TRIO OF RUNNER UP FINISHES.**

DROP IT IN WITH JIMMY FALLON

FALLON: Hey guys, THE PLAYERS Championship was this weekend, and we wanted to do something fun with that. So we gave a bunch of the players weird phrases, and asked them to sneak those phrases into their interviews as casually as possible. No one knew we're gonna do this. Here, check it out. It's time for Drop It In.

ROOTS: Drop it in, drop it in, dddrop it in!

REPORTER: Florida Golf and California golf. Can you compare and contrast?

SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, I mean, it's interesting this this week. Compared to when we normally play this event, the, it's more green. You know, I'm used to being a little more bone dry. The rough just seems to be so sweet sassy Malachi.

REPORTER: Just talk a little bit about how excited you are to be back and also to have the fans here this week.

CANTLAY: Well, yeah, you know, I'm just a corndog live a hot dog life out there now again.

REPORTER: Now that we're at 20% capacity. How much are you looking forward to that aspect?

MORIKAWA: Yeah, well, you know, to be honest khakis with the pleats and feet in the cleats keep butts in their seats.

REPORTER: Putting you take great pride in. Can you talk a little bit about that part of your game?

DECHAMBEAU: Well, I love putting I'm a putt putt nut nut. Can I get what what?

SIMPSON: I think I've just learned that. You have to respect the golf course. There's trouble on every hole. You can try to pin the tail on the donkey, but eventually you're gonna get kicked in the teeth.

JOHNSON: I've never been known to skip on the dip.

ANNC: Just curious your thoughts on the 17th tee shot if it's intimidating or not?

RAHM: Simple truth is, you know, we have the meats. We have what we need, you know, you got go out there and be great. Simple as that.

FALLON: Simple truth is, we have the meats. Oh my goodness. That was great. Thank you to all the players who helped us with that.