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

COLD OPEN

ANNC: From 2 feet 8 inches for the win… What a win! The latest winner at Bay Hill!

HATTON: Incredible feeling to win on the PGA TOUR. To be sitting here next to the trophy now is an amazing feeling. It's just one of those days where you just got to stick in there and to think that I've shot 3-over for the weekend and ended up winning the tournament, it just shows how tough it was. To come out on top is a great feeling. You certainly feel like you've played a lot more than 72 holes by the end of it.

ANNC: Tyrrell Hatton is a winner on the PGA TOUR.

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT.**

WHAT TO KNOW

ANNC: Mr. Palmer’s ever present at his Bay Hill Club & Lodge. For 42 years, the game’s greats have been paying homage to the king. Befitting of Mr. Palmer’s place in a sport that he helped shape.

**THE PGA TOUR CONTINUES ITS STAY IN THE SUNSHINE STATE AS PLAYERS CONVENE IN ORLANDO FOR THE ARNOLD PALMER INVITATIONAL PRESENTED BY MASTERCARD.**

**AND AS THE TEMPERATURE IN FLORIDA HEATS UP, SO TOO DOES THE RACE FOR THE FEDEXCUP WITH THE NEXT 3 TOURNAMENTS MARKING THE HALFWAY POINT TO THE PLAYOFFS.**

ANNC: Leaving no doubt. Patrick Reed wins the 2021 Farmers Insurance Open.

**PATRICK REED’S WIN IN SAN DIEGO HAS HIM IN GOOD STANDING TO MAKE A RUN AT THE FEDEXCUP. LATER, AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT HOW REED PREPARES FOR A TOURNAMENT AND SWING CHANGES HE HAS BEEN WORKING ON.**

**LAST YEAR, TYRRELL HATTON EARNED HIS FIRST TOUR VICTORY AT BAY HILL. A MILESTONE FOR HIM AND HIS LIFELONG COACH…**

TYRRELL HATTON AT HOME

T. HATTON: So, this is my dad's studio called Hatton Golf. He started coaching me from since I was about 10 years old. So, you know, we've done a lot of our work in this place, and um I think it served us pretty well.

I was in the back garden, at 18 months, and I was like, always breaking the plastic clubs, I was just using them too much. And so this was my first little five wood. Let's see, using it a lot, I couldn't break it, so it was like perfect and I was just hitting away. And I'd take these up to Wickham Heights par three, and attempt to get around there, with my dad.

Normally, I'm in here if I'm not sort of playing that well, and we just look at how it compares to when I was swinging it well and playing, playing good golf. And we just try and get it back to sort of those sort of positions.

J. HATTON: I think over the years, we've found a place that works for both of us. There's nobody who’s in charge, we work together as a team. And that's how we get the best out of it. Because I can't work without his feedback, he can't work without my eyes, and between the two of us, we'll come up with with the solution and the trick is not to change anything, just for the sake of change.

T. HATTON: We've done really well since we've been working together. You know, since I was 11 years old, we've had good results. And I like to keep things simple and my dad's the same with, with how we go about working on the swing and getting it back to where it needs to be, and that works best for me and everyone's got their own opinions on how you should do things, but, you know, knowing yourself how how things work, and what works best is very important.

J. HATTON: Well a lot of players don't like playing in front of crowds. I think that's the difference between those guys that that go on and make it and those guys that are good enough and don't but I think he was he was either five or six playing in the junior masters and it was a playoff. Three-way playoff between three players. So there was quite a lot of people came out and watched and he just went up a gear.

T. HATTON: It was the ninth hole at Wickham Heights par three I think it's only like 80 odd yards, but at the time it was a punch 8 iron for me and hit it. Yeah about foot away.

J. HATTON: Yeah, it was pretty close.

T. HATTON: I'm much happier going out on the course and just playing and rather than spending an hour or whatever hitting balls just sort of lose interest and like lose focus and then it's just not productive. So much rather going out and playing obviously that's that's what we do in tournaments. And, you know, it's good to hit balls on the range because that's where you can, you know, if you've got swing thoughts, that's where you try and grain them in and then when you go out into the golf course or try not to sort of think of anything and so the work that you have done on the range try and, that just sort of flows onto the course because it's not good for anyone to have swing thoughts.

PUERTO RICO OPEN WINNER

**GRAND RESERVE PLAYED HOST TO ANOTHER INSTALLMENT OF THE PUERTO RICO OPEN**.

ANNC: Oh going upstairs, Wooooah.

**THE SHOT OF THE TOURNAMENT CAME FROM EVENTUAL WINNER BRANDEN GRACE, WHO CHIPPED IN ON SUNDAY FOR EAGLE ON THE DRIVABLE 17TH.**

ANNC: This has a chance. Count it!

**IT WAS AN EMOTIONAL VICTORY FOR GRACE, WHO FINISHED EAGLE – BIRDIE TO TAKE HOME HIS SECOND TITLE ON THE PGA TOUR.**

GRACE: You know my old man passed away not too long ago. He always said I’m an aggressive player and I knew he was watching over me and at the end of it, it was enough.

WGC-WORKDAY CHAMPIONSHIP WINNER

**MEANWHILE, BACK ON THE MAINLAND AT THE WGC – WORKDAY CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE CONCESSION, THE WORLD’S TOP GOLFERS SHOWED UP IN RED AND BLACK IN SUPPORT OF TIGER WOODS AFTER HIS ACCIDENT EARLIER IN THE WEEK.**

MCILROY: For us it’s just a gesture to let him know that we’re thinking about him and we’re rooting for him. He’s meant a lot to us, he still does mean a lot to us and I think that was just a little way to show that.

**AND WITH A FIELD FULL OF BIG NAMES, COLLIN MORIKAWA SHOWED HIS TIGER MENTALLITY, RISING TO THE CHALLENGE AGINST THE BEST GOLFERS IN THE WORLD.**

ANNC: Morikawa just seems to have that it factor. Oh, and he is stoic in front.

MORIKAWA: This is what we love to do. We love to win and it’s a tough thing out here but it’s why you know this tournament means so much.

ANNC: And Collin Morikawa is a World Golf Champion at The Concession.

**THE KEY TO VICTORY FOR MORIKAWA WAS HIS CONFIDENCE IN HIS IRON PLAY AS HE LEAD STROKES GAINED: APPROACH THE GREEN FOR THE FIFTH TIME IN HIS CAREER, THE MOST OF ANY PLAYER SINCE 2019.**

MORIKAWA: My iron play has saved me a lot. It’s what got me out here, it’s what I’m gonna keep getting better at, keep working on because that’s the foundation of my game. I just feel as confident as I ever would.

FEDEXCUP STANDINGS

**AFTER FINISHING LAST SEASON 6TH IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS, THE WIN IN MOVES MORIKAWA JUST OUTSIDE THE TOP 10… WHILE BRANDEN GRACE’S VICTORY MOVES HIM UP 83 SPOTS TO 42ND.**

SAVING SHOTS

**THE CUT PRESENTS… SAVING SHOTS.**

**THE FIRST WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT OF THE SUPER SEASON DID NOT DISAPPOINT. THE FIELD PUT ON A SHORT GAME EXHIBITION ON THURSDAY AS PLAYERS TACKLED THE FAMED CONCESSION GOLF COURSE.**

ANNC: Wow… Woodland chips in for birdie.

**FLORIDA NATIVE BILLY HORSCHEL FINISHED IN THE TOP 10 IN BOTH SAND SAVES AND SCRAMBLING PERCENTAGE.**

ANNC: Beautiful, beautiful, beautiful shot.

**AND IT WAS TWO-TIME TOUR WINNER VIKTOR HOVLAND, WHO PRODUCED PERHAPS THE UP-AND-DOWN OF THE WEEKEND ON THE PAR-5 13TH.**

ANNC: Oh, this is gonna be pretty good, look at this, are you kidding? Got it, what an up and down, look at that smile.

PATRICK REED PRACTICE ROUND

**PRIOR TO LAST WEEK’S WGC-WORKDAY CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE CONCESSION, PATRICK REED DEMONSTRATED WHAT HE WORKS ON DURING HIS PRACTICE ROUNDS.**

REED: I think the biggest thing is trying to get comfortable with how the golf course is going to play day in and day out and also for different conditions.

Did the first part.

For me right now, it’s just being at a place I haven’t seen before, just being comfortable. I think that’s the biggest thing, the more comfortable you are at a place the more confident and easier it is to go attack.

In practice rounds you try to find where is the correct miss to certain holes and to certain pin placements.

Bunker… I mean yesterday I felt like that left bunker looked better than right to that pin.

Every guy out here can play golf but the guys who win golf tournaments each week, not only do they have everything firing, but they also mentally know how to manage themselves around a golf course and have really done their homework to figure out where their misses should be.

Close!

That’s a good start. Swing hard and hope to connect. That’s how we’re trying to you know manage our way around this place?

**AS THE 2020 WINNER OF THE WGC IN MEXICO, REED CAME INTO LAST WEEK WITH THE RARE HONOR OF DEFENDING A CHAMPIONSHIP AT A DIFFERENT COURSE.**

REED: Ooo, there it is.

It’s just a new challenge. You go out and you get really locked in and then kinda really think about the process of what you’re trying to do. When it’s your home course or you’ve won there before or stuff like that, you kinda get lackadaisical when you’re out there because you’re like ‘I know what that does’ or I know how to hit that shot.

Should we hit full 6? You want to just to see how far it spins? Or should we hit a softie? (I think this is kinda a softie.) 56. This green will probably spin.

I think that’s the biggest thing with how fast you can adapt from week-in to week-out because you’re traveling around the country or around the world and certain places are about as hard as concrete and other places are really soft. So during practice round, you’re also trying to figure out how much is a ball going to spin

Kinda like that. It’ didn’t do that in Mexico, by the way

**ANOTHER CRITICAL PART OF REED’S PRACTICE ROUNDS IS WORKING WITH HIS SWING COACH DAVID LEADBETTER, WHO HE TEAMED UP WITH LAST FALL.**

REED: David and his team, they’ve been unbelievable. The clarity that we have with the golf swing now and the plan that David has kinda set for us to work towards. We now have a big picture of what it’s supposed to look like, what it’s supposed to feel like and now it’s just kinda build towards that and just continue getting stronger day in and day out.

LEADBETTER: Essentially we’re just trying to get more of the body involved and less of the hands. Because we looked at Patrick’s stats over the years and I mean as immaculate as his short game is, his long game varied, was inconsistent. So the whole key really is we can get his long game to somewhat match the short game, I mean what can he achieve? Amazing things in my opinion.

REED: Good work.

HALFWAY TO THE PLAYOFFS

**THE FLORIDA SWING SIGNALS THE HALFWAY POINT IN THE PGA TOUR SEASON, AS THE RACE TO THE FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS CONTINUES…**

ANNC: It’s hard to believe but indeed, the new super season begins today.

**STEWART CINK CLAIMED VICTORY AT THE SEASON OPENING IN NAPA. ENDING AN ELEVEN YEAR DROUGHT**.

ANNC: Win number 7 in his PGA Tour career and he is now back in the winner’s circle.

**AND CINK WASN’T THE ONLY PLAYER TO GET THAT WINNING FEELING BACK.**

ANNC: There it is, Harris English the winner in a playoff, the drought it over.

ANNC: What a putt, what a time, Brian Gay, it’s been a while.

ANNC: And now look at this lie, this is one of the worst breaks that I’ve ever seen...he may not get this out of the bunker. What a shot, he made it, he made it, yes he sure did.

ANNC: And Sergio Garcia, his first victory in more than 3 years.

GARCIA: Angela, Azalea, Angel, I love you and all my family in Spain. I feel like I’m starting to be the old me. Any win you can get, it’s always something to really have in your heart.

**THIS SUPER SEASON HAS ALSO SEEN A PAIR OF FIRST-TIMER WINNERS**.

ANNC: Carlos Ortiz closes it out in style. If you have any question about how much it means, you can see it on his face.

KOKRAK: Pretty special win, 10 years out here on the PGA TOUR. It’s been a long career so far to wait so long for my first win it’s a pretty special thing.

**AS WELL AS PLAYERS ADDING TO THEIR VICTORY TALLIES.**

ANNC: Oh what a shot!

STREB: It’s really nice to say I got more than one. Obviously it’s great to win one but winning more than once validates what ability you have.

ANNC: A win it is and he wins for the second time on the PGA TOUR.

ANNC: That’s gonna be in. How about it? Yes, it is, to take the title!

ANNC: Cantlay the winner, wow!

ANNC: And Hudson Swafford digs it out!

ANNC: For the first time since the shut down last spring, there is a significant golf crowd of 5000 here each day.

**THE WASTE MANAGEMENT PHOENIX OPEN ALSO SAW THE RETURN TO FORM OF A FAN FAVORITE**.

ANNC: There’s lot of people rooting for Jordan Spieth and Jordan Spieth gave us all reason today to believe that he is back.

SPIETH: It's a work in progress. It's pretty cool to be able to shoot 10-under saying it's a work in progress out here.

ANNC: Koepka has won the Waste Management Phoenix Open for the second time.

ANNC: Final round 68 it is, winner by 5.

ANNC: Si Woo Kim is now a three-time winner.

**WITH HALF THE SEASON TO GO, THE RACE FOR THE FEDEXCUP IS JUST BEGINNING.**

ARNOLD PALMER INVITATIONAL LOOKAHEAD

ANNC: A look high above Bay Hill Golf Club & Lodge, the home of the king.

**FROM BRADENTON TO ORLANDO, GOLF IN FLORIDA ROLLS ON THIS WEEK WITH THE ARNOLD PALMER INVITATIONAL PRESENTED BY MASTERCARD.**

ANNC: And is that the tournament winner? Francesco Molinari holes it!!

ANNC: Leishman knows it could be the winning stroke.

**INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS HAVE DOMINATED THE FIELD OF LATE, WITH THE PAST FIVE CHAMPIONS COMING FROM OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.**

MOLINARI: Coming from Italy, we weren't exposed to that much golf. Obviously, Arnie was such a global icon that he was there and this tournament was one that we watched, my brother and myself, at home many times.

It's always a pleasure for us to come back here to his place, even now you can feel his presence and, hopefully he's proud of what we did out there.

**2-TIME CHAMPION ERNIE ELS BECAME THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL PLAYER TO WIN AT BAY HILL IN 1998.**

ELS: I have a lot of great memories from the Arnold Palmer Invitational. I got an invite from the King himself back in '92 and then eventually won there in '98 and then 2010.

**THE COURSE CONTINUES TO BE A CHALLENGE FOR TOUR PLAYERS AND A CONSTANT REMINDER OF HOW PLAYING BOLD CAN RESULT IN VICTORY.**

ELS: The Bay Hill course if you go for it you can look like a hero, very much like Arnold’s style of play. Like Arnold did, mostly went for all his shots and the times that I did well there I was quite aggressive with my 2nd shots and it came off in the times when I won.

TOUR PLAYLIST

**RORY MCILROY & TYRELL HATTON ARE AMONG THE PLAYERS FAVORED TO KEEP THE INTERNATIONAL STREAK ALIVE, WHILE JORDAN SPIETH IS SET TO MAKE HIS BAY HILL DEBUT.**

PAR 3 CHALLENGE

WOODLAND: Did you hit balls yet?

LOWREY: Yeah.

WOODLAND: [Beep]

WOODLAND: Oh, see how limber you are to get in there.

LOWREY: Yeah, it was obviously quite mean. Do you want me to do it? (Yeah sure, go ahead) Hi, I'm Shane Lowry

WOODLAND: And I'm Gary Woodland.

LOWREY: And we're ready to take on the Par 3 challenge at The Concession.

WOODLAND: We're going to start here with the replica from TPC Sawgrass of number 17 Island green. Personally, I've had mixed history there. Hit some balls in the water, made a couple birdies.

LOWREY: Oh me, I've personally I've got a pretty bad history of 17 at Sawgrass. Quite intimidating hole. You play it in practice and feel like you know, it feels pretty easy and then you get there and the tournament's quite intimidating

WOODLAND: Today we got 104, a little into the wind. Shane's gonna lead us off and see how close we can hit it.

LOWREY: Thanks Gary. I just hope I keep it dry to be honest. Ballooned it. (That's perfect) Okay. Eight feet, pretty happy.

WOODLAND: Shane was saying that wasn't a great number for him. It's a really good number for me. Difference is, I haven't hit a golf shot today. So

LOWREY: That looks like a new wedge as well.

WOODLAND: It is a new wedge. Might get a little...

Is this the first shot with it?

WOODLAND: No yesterday yesterday. It's gotta go. How firm is that green?

LOWREY: It is firm, isn't it? One nil me, I think.

WOODLAND: I think the problem is.

LOWREY: It ended up in a little bit downwind. So I actually had a good number.

WOODLAND: The problem is, I'm so used to just trying to hit the middle the green on 17. I wasn't trying to get it close. So for me I won.

LOWREY: In your own head.

WOODLAND: In my own head.

LOWREY: We're gonna go through the road hole bunker next, probably one of the most intimidating bunker shots in the world. So let's see how we get on. You see quite a steep face. So if you get up against the face, it's quite hard to get it up and over and out towards the flag. Yeah, it's a bit easier without the hotel in the background feeling like you… over the wall, so.

WOODLAND: We're gonna make it a little interesting. I'm going to toss Shane's ball and see how he hits it. He's gonna toss mine in and give me a good lie so we can get back to even since I'm one down right now so you can go first you toss first and then I'll I'll hit first.

LOWREY: Ah, no came back.

Oh, go in. Pete would be happy with that. That's like a 6 out of 10.

WOODLAND: Let's see how limber you are to get in there.

LOWREY: I see Gary's, given me a nice lie here.

WOODLAND: Yes.

Yeah it was obviously quite mean. That's how these Americans like to play.

WOODLAND: Tough lie. That's what happens on the road hole. He hit a bad shot in there rolled up against the lip. So he was he was in a tough spot. But fortunately, I was smart enough to hit my ball up on the upslope and get it out of there. So one all and we'll go to the last. Number six at Riv's one of the greatest par threes we play it's just, the imagination you can have on the hole's phenomenal. The front pin, you know's, obviously the bunkers in the middle of the green. You get behind it you're going to be chipping. So...

LOWREY: Chipping off the green. Your favorite then.

WOODLAND: You actually got it up and down that week too.

LOWREY: I holed it.

WOODLAND: Oh you holed it?! Even better. One better. So we both have experienced chipping off greens. So we'll see how we do. You see we got the bunker in between us and the hole. We're gonna have to use some slope here. Get some imagination and see how good we are chipping off the greens today. How are they gonna be when I take a divot out of this one?

LOWREY: Yeah, not bad.

WOODLAND: Take that.

LOWREY: Yeah, a little bouncy, but it wasn't bad, was it? Ah, drilled it.

WOODLAND: Squeaked it.

LOWREY: Drove it. Pete would not be happy with that one. Two-one.

WOODLAND: It's fun, you know, to come out here and see. This is not something you see every day. The condition of this place is phenomenal. But you have a bunch of replicas of some of the greatest par threes in the world. To come out and do it with a good friend, Shane. We uh, It was a fun day.