**2021 PGA TOUR: THE CUT #16**

COLD OPEN

ANNC: The Zurich Classic here at TPC Louisiana in Avondale. 15 miles from downtown New Orleans. t’s a golf course designed by Pete Dye has its share of troubles.

ANNC: 80 teams, 400 FEDEXCUP point per man for those winning teams.

ANNC: This was the putt that won it!

ANNC: Talk about chemistry and they had a lot of it.

ANNC: There’s a lot riding. It can make a season.

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**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT**

ZURICH TEAMS

ANNC: Avondale and TPC Louisiana hosting this event. The Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

ANNC: On the PGA TOUR you have those weeks that are kinda more like vacations and to be able to share it with a partner I think is a great format, to do it here in New Orleans, it’s incredible.

ANNC: Team golf. First and third rounds they’ll play four-ball, rounds two and four it’s foursomes or alternate shot. When it made the change in 2017 it was the first team event on TOUR in 36 years and players absolutely love it.

ANNC: Playing for somebody else, you either get in a lovely flow and it all works. But if you get out of flow, boy it’s a hard game.

CHAMP/ FINAU MINI:

Finau: I enjoy playing team golf actually. I’m excited to play this week and especially teeing it with this guy.

Finau: What do you think is a good team strategy? Is there a such a thing as good team strategy? I mean it’s always about execution I would say

ANNC: Teamed up, Cameron Champ and Tony Finau, the long hitters here this team is really one of the ones to beat.

Champ :I think if you try to get your teammate to play a certain way or go about it a certain it just kinda messes things up

Champ: It’s golf, you’re gonna hit maybe one good shot all round. The rest you just gotta manage, make as many birdies and some good pars when you have to

Champ: We got Tony with his shirt untucked ready to pound one down wind. Yeah so we’ll take 3 more of those.

Finau: Now your turn to hit it 25 by me

Finau: Oh that’s a beauty, that’s gonna be fun to watch. A low penetrating bullet that flies 330

Finau: Oh that’s a lot of wind

Finau: How far you got Champ?

Champ: I got 73

Finau: 73 yards, I got 103 and Cameron Champ has 73, so you guys do the math here.

Champ: Big hop, big hop, yea that’s ok.

Finau: Oh it hit something

Champ: Team golf, don’t get to do it much but we’re gonna enjoy it

Finau: A lot of bombs, gonna be a lot of bombs in this group

Champ: Hopefully straight, that’s the main plan. You can hit it long but you gotta hit it decently straight

Finau: That’s right

ZURICH- BILLY HORSCHEL PREP/ WORKOUT:

HORSCHEL NATS –Alex and I have been working together now for three or four years so there's the basic stuff that we do you know. We get the blood flowing first off get on the treadmill, get the blood flowing. We'll do some roll outs with some balls, engagement in the glutes, some light stretching.

BENNETT NATS –My main job is to work with Todd Anderson, and whatever he is trying to get Billy to do in his swing and need to make sure Billy's body is able to do it on a consistent basis.

BENNET NATS – “That’s good there.”

HORSCHEL NATS – “Doing this before a round, before any type of practice, just makes it easier, my body’s ready to go, my body’s ready to start making the golf swing, everything’s engaged.”

HORSCHEL SOT –we are always communicating. Todd and I are communicating what he's trying to get me to do in the swing. And then Alex is there to be involved in the sense of, hey, how can, what Todd and I are trying to do, how can Alex, interpret that.

HORSCHEL SOT –pre-tournament what I would normally do is, maybe one Monday, Tuesday I'm doing a really a full workout. Where I really feel I get a good sweat really feel like I'm getting stronger. And then before rounds is more just a light workout from there.

HORSCHEL SOT – Off weeks, we're really grinding.We're doing heavier weights. We're really trying to maybe become a little bit more explosive, get a little bit stronger, really make some gains.

HORSCHEL NATS – What we did there, thats the bare minimum to feel like everything is engaged, everything is warmed up , everything is ready to go, I can go and make golf swings

HORSCHEL NATS - this is now where we just get a little bit more activation

HORSCHEL NATS – I mean I'm 34 now thats not old by any means, but it’s my 12th year on tour now and I mean I can see a difference

BENNETT NATS – “Just hinge back as far as you can for that stretch, there you go.”

BENNETT NATS – He kind of understands when he’s playing his best, what his body feels like and what he's good at iIt’s like doing the little things, the mobility things, the activations, he doesn't get too excited for but things we have to do to stay healthy and have that longevity in the game.

HORSCHEL NATS – If you have a process yeah it may take a little bit longer, but you do it the right way you're safer, injury prevention. I think it maintains or sustains longer.

BENNET NATS – “Good work bro.”

HORSCHEL SOT – We're trying to load better or more efficiently into my right glute, stay into my right glute my right leg a little bit longer.

HORSCHEL NATS – I don't have great internal rotation in either of my hips so I can't get a really massive hip turn, I just don't have that ability.

HORSCHEL SOT – What we're doing in the gym now, is there's certainexercises, that I have to do to feel like that glute’s loaded. To feel that glutes engaged, and it's gonna be ready to hopefully make the swing a little bit more efficient.

BENNETT SOT –Anything we can do in here where he is replicating that activation of that right glute and then keeping it there while he is unwinding into a rotation things like that.

HORSCHEL SOT –It takes a little time. Doesn't always show up right away, it takes a little time for it to, maybe ingrain or become a little bit more regular and I've seen the benefits of that in my iron play.

HORSCHEL SOT – Going forward, obviously we're making sure we stay injury free, but I'd love to get a little bit stronger. I would love to get a little more speed in my swing. And I'm not looking for a lot, two three miles per hour club head speed goes a long way

BENNETT SOT – We have been fortunate enough to have a good past couple of years, and i feel like he has matured as a player] he has no problem actually putting in the time to do those little things to be better at the bigger things.

HORSCHEL SOT –I think I've got a good chance of maintaining And maybe even improving my success so far on the PGA Tour.

BUMP:

FITZPATRICK SOT -  I've got data from PGA TOUR numbers and my own numbers from when I first came here in 2014, really, so, yeah, I would say I'd say I've got a lot, but it's one of those things, you know, when the more you play it, the more you know it

WOLFF SOT - “We’ve been pretty much at every stage of golf together, and so cool to be battling it out against all these guys.”

SEGMENT 2

FITZPATRICK YARDAGE BOOK:

FITZPATRICK: Well, you don't want to hit this one left, because there's water on the left. So it's a good start. Slight poor cut when it’s dry, that’s all that matters. Well, it's dry. That's all that matters.

You know, I've got data from PGA TOUR numbers and my own numbers from when I first came here in 2014, really, so, yeah, I would say I'd say I've got a lot, but it's one of those things, you know, when the more you play it, the more you know it and unless you kind of need to know the the numbers, I guess.

You got to think about where the pins are. They'll probably be two on this left side, you know, float with the water, and then one here, and then one in the back, right. And then really, just to get a gist of the pace. So hit a few putts, and then hit in areas where you might miss. So, for me, you know, the bailout on this hole is pretty obvious, you're not going to hit it left, you're going to hit it, right. If you hit a bad well, hopefully, if you do hit a bad one you go right and you’re dry, and then you got a chance, of getting it up and down really. Just always having options really and thinking, thinking what those options are and sort of practicing them.

The big thing that ShotLink doesn't give you is, it doesn't give you where the player is aiming. So that's one thing that we take into account is that I'll pick a target in relation to numbers. Five, left five, right, whatever it may be. And then I'll pace off how close it was to that target. Short or long left and right? And then we have that and from there, we can actually work out strokes gained to the target, which is more which is much more precise, and just gives us much better feedback going forward, really.

ANNC: And this just a moment ago, Matthew Fitzpatrick, a mighty lash out of the high stuff. Oh, that is not something you could count on here.

FITZPATRICK: As five wood to there I think, yeah. Run out. 265 finish. Yeah so we want to finish at 265 and off the right, so.

Should be alright.

Today, obviously you want to kind of just see how the how they're releasing on the fairways, and I thought they'd be a bit more help. I thought this would get further to be honest. I don't think the fairways are that firm yet.

I think the big thing is the feedback we're getting is so much more specific to me. And again, it's little things like that, with me pacing it off all the time and, and making sure that I do it's, I know it's accurate and I know it's the best the best data we can get really

RBC COURSE SETUP

COX: The beauty about Hilton Head is we have very little rough. It is very very tight. It’s mowed at 325 with a hand mower every day. You’ll see the balls being repelled away from these very very small greens. One of the smallest sets of greens we’ll have on TOUR. So the balls will release a little bit further away from the green. It will also present options to the player should he miss the green. Whereas before if he is in the rough, he’s forced to pretty much chip it. Here on the short cut, he’s got a number of different options.

ANNC: Conners now putting up the hill you said that would be a very makeable chip or putt depending on how he wanted to play it

COX Ordinarily if you come up against a manmade obstruction, generally speaking they’re going get relief, but as this is very much a design feature of the golf course, he’s going to have to adapt.

JOHNNY MILLER’S BANK SHOT

LONG: Are we trying to bank it off the wood here?

CADDY: Yeah Johnny Miller style. You remember it.

LONG: You weren’t born then.

CADDY: Nope.

ANNC: I want you to see this shot again because it's one of the greatest I've ever seen. Smash it against the boards and spin it down, six to seven feet from the hole and make just a routine par.

HUGHES: I’m thinking this piece of wood here. Is that the idea, to get it in the water over there?

BRYAN: I don't know how this worked out.

HUGHES: I don't think I’d be hitting this shot off the wood.

PUTNAM: You’ve got to really hit the right spot.

MCINTYRE: There ya go. Nah. Nah, that’s too hard.

CADDY: You’ve got to go \_\_\_\_ face.

HUGHES: Try to bank it off this one you think?

COACH: If you bank it off that one I think you better run left really fast.

BRYAN: I got pitching wedge. I also got another golf ball because I don't think the first one’s gonna work out too well.

PUTNAM: I’ll hit a 9 iron. Here we go. How is that even possible? I mean that's a lucky shot I’ve ever seen. How can he do that?

HUGHES: Do I close my eyes at impact or before?

CADDY: Both.

HUGHES: I would actually take that.

BRYAN: Keep your head on a swivel folks.

MCINTYRE: That’s too hard on that one.

CADDY:  They’ll edit it so your first one flies onto the screen.

BRYAN: I think I’m going to go for this one right here. Hopefully not take out the camera. Oh there it is. On the green. Look at that. It might go in the hole. Hey, no, look this way. That's on the green. It's a nice look at par. That's an easy shot. I will not be attempting that.

RBC WINNER FEAT:

ANNC: As usual lots of discussion there between son Reagan and dad Stewart.

ANNC: There ya go!

Son and caddie: Good stuff dad! What a week!

CINK: He and I have always just been on the same wavelength. I just can't tell you how much fun it is to have my son caddying for me.

ANNC:: Anything long right is totally fine.

Yea.

You got a grip on it just see it happen and make it happen.

ANNC: Oh that’s awesome! And the conversation made it sound easier than the shot actually was.

CINK: It was the same game plan that we've had for every round that we've had since the first tournament Reagan caddied for me back in Napa.We choose the right shot on the hole.

ANNC: Oh what a shot for Cink.

CINK The best thing here this week to make it more special he fact that it happened at my age and with Reagan caddying. To have a posse like that waiting at the end to celebrate with it's just an experience that you just don't get to have in your life that often, and I'm very fortunate to be one of the people that got to experience that.

FEDEXCUP STANDINGS

**CINK’S SECOND WIN OF THE SEASON MOVES HIM TO 3RD IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS. HE’S THE FIRST PLAYER AGED 47 OR OLDER TO WIN MULTIPLE TIMES IN A SEASON SINCE KENNY PERRY IN 2009.**

COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10

**CINK ALSO RETURNS TO THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10, AS DOES BILLY HORSCHEL COMING IN 10TH, WHILE BRYSON DECHAMBEAU CONTINUES TO TOP THE LIST.**

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**THE CUT PRESENTS, SAVING SHOTS**

ANNC: And that is where he earns his bread and butter. The ability to salvage par.

ANNC: Elected to chip this time too. Just about every green he has missed pulled a par out.

ANNC: He’s been perfect from the bunkers this week.

SEGMENT 3

ZURICH LOOKAHEAD:

ANNC: The competitors on the PGA TOUR will have a little help this week. A rare team event.

ANNC: Most of the year you’re in your own world. This is the one week where you’re rooting for someone else.

CANTLAY: I thought the team event was fun. I like the alternate shot and best ball. I thought it was a nice change of pace. I've been looking forward to coming back and having a chance to win.

ANNC: Oh some shot.

HORSCHEL: I think chemistry helps. Do you need it to play good team golf, no, but I think if you do have a good strong chemistry with somebody, you know there's good mojo between you two, I think it can only enhance the teamwork type deal.

ANNC: Looking good, oh yeah.

RAHM: For the most part golf is an individual sport, but to share that win with a partner you've been playing with, it's both of our score, and know that we both played our best this week to be able to get it done, it's something special.

ANNC: There’s your champions. Another memorable week, TPC Louisiana. They win by 3.

RAHM: To win as a team, it's something you don't get to feel very often in golf. I hope it happens again.

TOUR PLAYLIST

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TRUGREEN TPC LOUISIANA:

**A SALUTE TO THE AGRONOMY TEAM OF TPC LOUISIANA…**

REESE: It's our goal to provide tournament conditions 365 days a year, which is a challenge and a tough bill to live up to.

We’ve had this long term approach to improving the golf course. We renovated all the short grass areas and the putting surfaces in 2019. And then over the course of the fall and the early part of this spring, we renovated the bunkers. We're always thinking one to two years ahead, because we are just consistently renovating the golf course to constantly improve it.

When our players show up, they're gonna be able to see a completely different golf course.

We chose Celebration Bermuda grass for this climate. It performs well in this environment. And it's been pretty tested. And then we renovated the greens we went to Tifeagle which for us this time of year is overseeded with Poa Trivialas and Velvet Bentgrass.

Our guys take a lot of pride in what they do. For them being able to see everything kind of come to fruition and get through tournament week, that's the most rewarding thing I think for everybody.

SEGMENT 4

ZURICH FAN DUEL:

ANNC: It’s the Zurich Classic of New Orleans

ANNC: Xander with a dart here

ANNC: That was walloped, might have a candidate for long drive of the day

ANNC : That is a touch of class

ANNC: Nice birdie, moving up the leaderboard

ANNC : What a shot that is, crafty touch there

ANNC: Pretty aggressive play, beautiful shot

WOLFF/ MORIKAWA MINI:

ANNC: These young kids are really showing up and showing out.

RICK SESSINGHAUS :Matthew and Colin got to play in Southern California, where the competition was always good.

Collin: I grew up 30 minutes from Matt. It's really cool to kind of see both of us out here now from Southern Cal. We've all learned so much and been able to kind of grow our games the past few years.

WOLFF:  No matter who wins that week it was just about we’re going to be doing this for the next 20 years.

RICK: When Collin missed on 17 you could see Matthew’s reaction in the background.

ANNC: That looks really good, that looks really good. Oh no!

RICK:  I love seeing the comradery of you support each other yet you still want to beat him.

Collin: We were walking down 18 and we just looked at each other and smiled because this what we wanted to do forever.

ANNC: Not easy to make that for 3

WOLFF: I like being able to prove people wrong and give the people what they want to see.

ANNC: Oh he putts it in! My goodness.

ZAMBRI: Then you Collin winning what like 4 weeks later.

ANNC: Collin Morikawa lives up to the hype this week!

ZAMBRI: I have no doubt that both of them will end up with 10 plus wins when all is said and done on the PGA TOUR.

MATTHEW BITE: We've been pretty much at every stage of golf together, and, its so cool to be battling it out against all these guys.

COLLIN BITE: It’s cool now that we took different roads but it’s gotten us both here. We both want to win and we trully believe in ourselves and that’s what’s cool