**2021 PGA TOUR - The CUT #20 (PGA)**

**Cold Open**

SIMPSON SOT: I love Kiawah. / I love the golf course. /it's super challenging, a lot of demanding not only tee shots but approach shots.

KISNER SOT: I think it's great to showcase our state. / I'm excited for guys to see what Kiawah has / to offer.

JOHNSON SOT: It obviously is great to play a major in my home state, and / Obviously a really good golf course, very difficult, and looking forward to going back.

RORY SOT: I've learned to love Pete Dye golf courses, even if that's only for a week. I think you just have to embrace it.  / the sort of mind games that he plays with his architecture, especially with the tee shots.

SIMPSON SOT: No matter how big a lead somebody gets, like anything can happen on that golf course. I feel like there's a 66 and an 80 every day for any golfer, which is exciting for a major.

**The CUT Titles**

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT**

**Kiawah Beauties Rip**

**Morikawa Lead-In**

NICKLAUS SOT: he's already proven that he's, a really good player//he's got a great future in front of him. He's got a beautiful golf swing too

ANNC: That's flush.

ANNC: He has a lovely, quiet position at the top.

ANNC: He is laserlike with the irons.

ANNC: Nice rhythm, great future.

HORSCHEL SOT: There's very few guys that at that age have a iron game that could challenge, maybe Justin Thomas.

THOMAS SOT: He does everything really, really well. Especially with being highlighted at such a young age

ROSE SOT: He's mature way beyond his years. I think that's what makes him great. //the way he plots his way around the golf course is impressive

TIGER SOT: I just see he's got his demeanor; the way carries himself. He's very confident in what he does and he trusts what he does. And in order to have the level of success, he's had out here, you have to have that trust.

**Collin Morikawa Zurich Feature**

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

MORIKAWA SOT: It shows that I can come out here and compete. What a week, my game felt so good but im just so excited right now.

JAKOVAC SOT: Hes a phenomenal hitter of the golf ball and its well known but more impressive with just how he handles himself. He handles adversity really weel for a young player. Defining moments you have to just say to win, I mean the way he won all of them were all different but all really cool.

MORIKAWA SOT: My first win at Barracuda, we were so focused that we were dialed in.

NAT: Want to do 6? Yeah.

NAT: Its ok if it gets off a little bit?

NAT: Its mostly off of the right so I like starting just right a bit and holding that in.

NAT: You like that? Yup.

ANNC: That is a tremendous golf shot!

ANNC: In just his 6th start as a pro, is now a winner on the PGA TOUR!

JAKOVAC: To win at Stableford by 2 points, birding the last two holes is pretty cool.

ANNC: Straight back in the winning circle, Collin Morikawa, second win on the PGA TOUR!

JAKOVAC: Collin just kept his head down and won that playoff with all of that drama, that was a really really cool one and then obviously the PGA.

MORIKAWA SOT: I think we were so dialed in and Ive never tapped into that focus so now I am trying to figure out how do I get back there?

ANNC: Collin Morikawa looks like hes going to be a four time winner on the PGA TOUR.

MORIKAWA SOT: Yes I’ve been focused in my life, Ive closed out tournaments I have won tournaments.

ANNC: Collin Morikawa is a World Golf Champion at the Concession!

MORIKAWA SOT: But this was on another level, that is where I want to be every single day.

JAKOVAC SOT: Hes got a great future in the game and its started already so its fun to watch.

MORIKAWA SOT: When you just make a small little step forward because in the long run its going to make a big difference so it might be tough today, it might be tough tomorrow but who knows in a year, in a month it might come naturally and that’s what we are trying to achieve. Whats great about our sport is that nothing is ever perfect. You wake up every day and you never know how its going to go and were just trying to get better and better each step of the way.

**Hideki Next Major Start**

ANNC: On the tee from Japan, current Masters champion, please welcome Hideki Matsuyama. That's gotta be a good feeling, first time being announced as a Masters champion in competition.

SOT: It was amazing. I want to be like him.

SOT: It's amazing how he hits the ball so far.

SOT: I was so impressed.

DAISUKE SOT: Hi everyone Daisuke here. We've come to hear some impressions from golfers and golf fans on Hideki Matsuyama's Masters win. Let's go see what they have to say!

SOT: Congratulations Matsuyama

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SOT: Do you know any players?

SOT: Who?

SOT: Hideki Matusyama!

SOT: I was really impressed, I don't know a ton about golf but it was amazing just seeing how well he played with so many people watching.

SOT: We just happened to be out playing golf with our boss that day, and on the way to the course we found out that he hd won. Our swings were much better that day.

SOT: His ability to concentrate and stay calm while he hits driver is amazing.

SOT: It was incredible seeing him get up and down with a great chip and putt after hitting his approach shot over the green.

SOT: I'm actually using the same shaft. Oh the same DI. That's how much I like him.

SOT: I was surprised to see so many small kids out here practicing at such a young age. Seeing them out here at that age makes me believe that the next Hideki Matsuyama star golfer is out there someplace.

SOT: I have been teaching my children to golf and would love for them to one day be able to go into the world and compete, and seeing Matsuyama win the Masters is only going to help them. Their dreams are no longer just dreams, but are dreams that actually have a chance of coming true in the very near future.

SOT: Seeing a Japanese player win, even comparing to other sports, is such an unbelievable achievement. I was very moved. It was very courageous.

SOT: He's such a humble man, the entire Japanese culture is rooted in humbleness and he embodies that.

**Bump (Rory, 91 Ryder Cup)**

ANNC: Number 19 is said signifies success, breakthrough, and new beginnings.

POULTER SOT: it would be an amazing achievement for Rory to win a major again, which is inevitable, it’s a question of when exactly not if.

RORY SOT: Once you see progress and get that little spark of confidence then things can start to move pretty quickly.

**GS Bump In**

**Rory 2012 PGA Flashback**

ANNC: We have a special leaderboard for you that includes Rory McIlroy//on track for a special weekend here in Charlotte.

MCILROY SOT:  When you're playing bad you feel so far away, when you're playing good you always think to yourself how did I feel like I was so far away, it's such fine margins, especially out here.

ANNC: the roars have returned in golf. It's good to have him back.

ANNC: That was huge for him, obviously winning, gaining the confidence//especially for the PGA, he goes to Kiawah defending.

MCILROY SOT: this victory's very important going into Kiawah in a couple weeks' time. Obviously I played really well there last time.

POULTER SOT: I remember that it was super windy at a golf course that generally doesn't give up a ton of birdies, // knowing Rory having a lead, as dominant as he was and he is, and as good as he is from the front, it was tough to chase him down.

VAN PELT SOT: It was fun, it was the first time I was in the last group at a major so it was exciting to have that opportunity.

RORY SOT: I got it up and down a lot and my chipping and putting was really good.

ANNC: Keep going. Oh yes! He's starting to blow this thing open!

VAN PELT SOT: man, his putter was awesome. To see a guy putt that well, trying to win a major was awesome to see.

POULTER SOT: When someone's playing that level of golf, you kind of have to doff your cap to someone who's doing that incredible a job.

ANNC: Yes! The new ruler of the game of golf is Rory McIlroy!

VAN PELT SOT: I'm sure one of these days when my career's over // you probably be telling your grandkids, hey, I was that guy in the background trying to get out of his way on 18.

TIGER SOT: What an amazing talent he really is. // it's going to be fun to see over the next 20 years how this kid's career is going to pan out.

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**Players to Watch Rundown**

ANNC: Ahh that is incredible// The world's number 1 putting on a short game display.

JOHNSON SOT: It's obviously is great to play a major in my home state, //Definitely looking forward to it. //Obviously a really good golf course, very difficult, and looking forward to going back.

ANNC : Just perfect control that's what you look for, for a player that's swing well, that's playing well that's very confident , it's the distance control. / That's spot on//

SPIETH SOT: The sun peeking through for Jordan Spieth the slump may be over.

SPIETH SOT: //every year I go into that tournament it's like it's the one that if I could pick one more to win I would pick that one.

DECHAMBEAU SOT: Yup sometimes we get lost in all that power but he proved it at wing foot, the US Open last year,// of the touch the big man has as well.

DECHAMBEAU SOT: I feel like I'm ramping up. Every time I've had a few weeks in the row, that third or fourth week I seem to play pretty well. I am feeling really good going into next week.//

**HTA Morikawa Feature**

MORIKAWA SOT: Being in Hawaii, its where I want to be every single year. It’s a beautiful place, my grandparents on my dads side were both born in Maui so we have a lot of family out here, there is so much more than just what people see or hear about Hawaii. They put so much into the culture and they still want to keep that alive.

NAT: Everybody repeat after me, my cutty is all good all positive!

MORIKAWA SOT: Being able to participate in that is special.

CHUN SOT: Its true these kinds of cultural practices that we can all come together where stories are told, honored, it is these life surviving skills, that we need to pass onto our children whether you are Hawaiian or not.

MORIKAWA SOT: We have a lot of fun, we get in the canoe and go out to the ocean.

**The CUT Rejoin**

**Sung Kang Byron Content**

KANG SOT: I think for this we gotta score low on the front nine, it is very scoreable, par 5’s and couple short holes and play even par on the back it’ll be a great score.

KANG SOT: Hi guys, I’m Sung Kang, I’m the defending champion of 2019 AT&T Byron Nelson Championship. Welcome to my home course, TPC Craigranch. The normal wind this time of year would be south wind and right now the weather is not very good so when the weather is not good the wind blows from the north.

KANG SOT: What makes the course a little different even on 5 this hole if its south wind I normally hit right off the tee comfortable driver but today it is mostly not down its right off of the right side so gotta hit driver. The last probably 3 holes are going to be challenging because the wind is from the south.

KANG SOT: Craigranch s a typical TPC golf course so greens are big and its got some slope to it so this is a reachable par 5, when the pin is back, if you leave your self on the right side its nearly impossible to get to the pin up and down and also if you leave it short its kind of tricky to get the speed right so when the pin is back, you want to be a little long.

KANG SOT: You can just think there are probably three different greens on the green. So three different parts, you really got to think where you want to leave yourself to have a potential to make a putt and all of that.

KANG SOT: My first win in 2019 was actually really memorable because when I was a child I definitely dreamed of winning on the PGA TOUR. And also I live in Dallas so I won an event in front of my family so that was very special. So itll be very memorable forever.

ANNC: Breakthrough win for Sung Kang!

KANG SOT: My son is absolutely really special to us, lately hes really interested in playing with animals like whales, dolphins, dinosaurs hes really into dinosaurs lately and the he also likes numbers a lot, its just same as every little kid I try to get him out to the golf course some more. See if he has an interest in it but right now he likes some other things more.

KANG SOT: I started practicing at TPC Craigranch probably at least the ten years or a little more. I think I know the course really well. I’ll be really excited and be very comfortable on the golf course it’ll be very fun this week.

**Byron Nelson Stat To Know**

ANNC: Looking for his first win on the PGA Tour. Couple of wins in Japan, couple of wins in Korea. He would be the 3rd Korean born player to win the AT&T Byron Nelson.

LEE SOT: Very appreciate when I putt or good shot, they clap and a lot of good energy for me. Very thankful all the fans here.

LEE SOT: I hit 17 on pitching wedge, yes very important shot 17, I play 16 and make bogey and feel like I lose momentum, but get more aggressive 17, 18. / so good momentum and good finish.

ANNC: A dream come true for KH Lee. His first PGA Tour win!

LEE SOT: So excited now and a long time waiting in this situation, so very thankful and excited. Unbelievable feeling now.

**FedExCup Standings**

**LEE’S VICTORY CAME IN HIS 80TH TOUR START, AND MOVED HIM INTO THE TOP 30 IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS FOR THE FIRST TIME.**

**Comcast Business TOUR Top 10**

**MEANWHILE, BRYSON DECHAMBEAU CONTINUES TO LEAD THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10, WITH SAM BURNS MAKING HIS DEBUT IN 5TH.**

**ServPro Feature**

NAT: Do it, do it! Oh!

SOT: Most recovery shots require a good chip and a good putt, but with this lie here, ball below my feet, I cant get a stance in the sand. The ball is actually plugged, I am going to have to start with a putter. So what we are going to do is actually flip it around, use the back edge of it and hit it lefty, explode it out, and hopefully get lucky.

NAT: Come on, do it, one time! Wow we’ll take that! Wow that worked out way better than I thought it would, almost went in!

SOT: Since we hit with the putter out of the bunker, we can tap it in with the wedge. There it is, a classic putt and chip.

**FanDuel Feature**

ANNC: A great shot and a great chance for birdie for DJ!

ANN: What a shot! A little birdie, ace!

ANNC: The hits keep coming for Daniel Berger!

ANNC: That's great concentration I don't know of many players that could do it!

ANNC: And that's an impressive shot!

ANNC: Brilliant, majestic from Watson!

**TOUR Playlist**

**30 YEARS AGO, KIAWAH ISLAND WAS THE SITE OF THE RYDER CUP, AND A DRAMATIC FINISH THAT CAME DOWN TO THE FINAL MATCH.**

**Langer and Irwin on '91 Ryder Cup**

HALE SOT: Who's this, I don't know this guy he has dark hair.

LANGER SOT: I don't know you're better looking than me what happened.

HALE SOT: Oh I know my shirt is a little looser now, I wear skin tight shirts now.

LANGER SOT: It was a very contentious Ryder Cup I think. Me playing this great player here my good friend.

HALE SOT: Bear in mind the ocean course at Kiawah we were the first to been on there. It was a real new golf course, very raw, very difficult//But those finishing holes were really really difficult. They were back into the wind and that's where I felt like he had the advantage. I wasn't striking the ball the way I wanted to, I was managing what I had very well. // But he battled like he always does and got the match to even.

LANGER SOT: We went all the way and I missed a 6 foot putt that really decided the whole tournament. If I make it Europeans retain the cup if I miss the Americans get the cup

HALE SOT: But I will have to say he handled as about as anybody could ever handle. //. But the weight of that putt was very big cause the Ryder Cup your not just playing for yourself your playing for your team as well. And I know he felt disappointed that he didn't make that putt but I'll have to give him credit. We went to Germany the next week and who wins the tournament this one so he didn't dwell on it too long.//

LANGER SOT: Time has just flown so it's amazing how fortunate and blessed we are to be doing this. //

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