

2021 PGA TOUR: THE CUT #18

COLD OPEN

ANNC: This for par for Doug Ghim to fulfill a dream and head to the PGA TOUR. Oh my goodness! Courageous! What a putt, what a save! This is where all the hard work and sacrifice is worth it.

GHIM: The thing I told myself crouching down is this is exactly what you want is a chance and I just can't believe that I actually took advantage of it!

WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT

DOUG GHIM PUTT REACTION

GHIM: I remember this. I was so stressed out. I remember hitting 7 iron into that bunker and thinking that I probably lost my card right there, but was very fortunate to be in that bunker actually.

I don't actually remember hitting the putt, I just remember kinda thinking to myself, man I just wish I could sit here and not hit the putt as long as possible. It's really hard to pull the trigger, but next thing I knew the ball was already halfway to the hole. All the emotion came out. The first couple people I think about were my parents and what they did for me. It was a special moment, for sure.

To go through the ups and downs and understand that I accomplished a goal that I set out to do, since I was like six years old, just all that emotion coming out. There was so much jubilation in that moment.

DOUG GHIM & SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER PRACTICE ROUND

SCHEFFLER: So this is what Doug used to do in his college practice rounds. He'd come to the hardest spot.

GHIM: Were you not just right here though?

SCHEFFLER: Then he put it down and then he fluff it up.

GHIM: Except that was buried.

SCHEFFLER: Fluff it up. And then it's easy and he'd make it

GHIM: You know, this is why I don't play a lot of practice rounds with Scottie.

SCHFFLER: I remember our buddies used to make so much fun of you for that. That was good.

GHIM. What are you doing Ghim?!

Yes.

SCHEFFLER: Also one of Doug's greatest strengths is his misses are really good. He hated that shot. He's like 15 feet.

GHIM: I think we were playing a practice round at some Junior tournament.

SCHEFFLER: That was a long time ago.

GHIM: He didn't really talk to me, so I didn't think he liked me very much. But it's all good.

SCHEFFLER: Doug was a lot quieter back then. I would say in college, the best way for us to keep getting better and for our team to get better was to try and beat up on each other everyday. So like when we go out to the course and practice, we'd go out and play like I'm trying to beat up on him. And he's doing the same thing to me and it's like, we're both extremely competitive people, Doug's an extremely competitive guy, and so going from being teammates in college trying to beat each other to make each other better, we're really just doing the same thing out here.

GHIM: I always wanted to beat him. I felt like the best way we can be teammates is try to beat each other. So I don't think it's much different because I obviously still love seeing his name on the top of the leaderboard, and when he ever has a chance to win, he's obviously one of the top guys that I root for. In Austin, I mean I was glued to the TV. I wanted him to win so bad.

ANNC: There's the local knowledge. Wow. Yes.

SCHEFFLER: Doug's probably one of the most consistent players I've ever been around. And so just day in, day out, he always hits it really nice. He's a great putter, I don't really think he has a glaring weakness in his game. I think you're just gonna keep seeing him trending in the right direction. I think you're gonna see Doug be a guy out here that competes often and wins often. And I'm sure right after he gets that first win, the floodgates will be open and it'll be right back to where it was in college, just winning constantly and playing a lot of great golf.

ANNC: Look what I found at the 12th. Doug Ghim back-to-back birdies now.

SCHEFFLER: Being around Doug is relaxing. He's very easygoing, and just a lot of fun.

GHIM: I mean, yeah, I mean, I play on the PGA TOUR. Life's pretty good. It's awesome to be able to play with some of the best players in the world and know that one of my best friends is also one of the best players in the world too. And hopefully I'm on that trend, and I'll be up there in the big events with him very soon.

VALSPAR MONDAY QUALIFYING

VISACKI: Hey, Dad.

FATHER: Hey!

VISACKI: How are you?

FATHER: I'm all right.

VISACKI: I made it!

No words can say what I'm feeling right now.

Sometimes as much as I practice and then I'm not succeeding the way I want to, and then for this it makes everything so much sweeter.

I mean, I live with my parents, so they keep on supporting me. They've been helped me out since I was eight years old. I've never once thought about finding a part time job. They've given up everything for me. They pushed me to be the best that I could. They sacrificed their dreams to give it for me to be able to play professional golf. Words can't describe how much their sacrificed for me and they, they've always known that I've been able to do it.

FATHER: Oh, my god. Oh, my god. I'm crying.

VISACKI: Thank you.

FATHER: Yeah, you deserve it.

VISACKI: Thank you. Is mom with you, or no? All right.

FATHER: She's is at the bank.

VISACKI: Okay. I'll give her a call.

She's gonna ball out crying and give me a big hug when I see her.

FATHER: All right.

VISACKI: All right. I love you.

FATHER: I love you too. Drive careful.

VISACKI: Thank you.

So to finally do it, here at Innisbrook 90 minutes away from me. It's truly amazing.

PRODUCER: How do you think the nerves are going to be on Thursday?

Nervous as probably.... I'll probably never be this nervous ever

NAT: On the tee from Sarasota, Florida, Michael Visacki.

ANNC: 27-year-old Michael Visacki. Bunker shot here. His first ever PGA TOUR event. Oh come on. Wow. And he will be one under par in his PGA TOUR career.

VISACKI: All the love and support that I have gotten through all of this. Everybody cheering me on, telling me great job, thank you.

I'm going to try to do a lot more Mondays now. Now knowing this experience. It's eye opening and it definitely makes me want to get out here and continue to be out here. This is amazing.

Knowing that I do have the game to compete out here. If I do, I can compete with the big guys of the TOUR and it will just keep on motivating me.

ULTRA MOMENT

ANNC: It's been an amazing week, some great scoring on a testing golf course.

ANNC: This is at the par 5 5th Brandt Snedeker at 1 under. Playing his third, and just like that Sneds gets to 3 under par with an eagle at the 5th as they are off and running at the Valspar Championship.

ANNC: And Homa's second, just 138, oh oh man what a golf shot! How beautiful was that shot? He's been in fantastic form all season.

ANNC: Keegan Bradley playing his final hole of the day second shot. Front hole location play it back and try to spin it back. Oh like that? Are you kidding me?! Leave the putter in the bag and go sign the scorecard.

SAM BURNS WINS VALSPAR CHAMPIONSHIP

ANNC: The first of many to come. And boy that feeling is so sweet.

BURNS: Wow, what a day. Just being on the putting green when you are 10 or 11 years old and like ahh, I have this putt to win. And I can just remember hitting that putt just so many times. And you just hope and practice so hard to have that opportunity.

So many people to thank. Just behind the scenes that people don't realize, and so I owe a lot of it to them.

ANNC: Continues today to dominate the par 5's Frank, that's what's gonna win it for him. He's got a swagger too, like he belongs.

BURNS: And after I hit the bunker shot on 18. I just got kind of choked up thinking about that moment and thinking about... You wanted to have that opportunity so bad and for so long and now you do. So it's really special for me.

FEDEXCUP STANDINGS

WITH THE WIN IN PALM HARBOR, SAM BURNS JUMPS 33 SPOTS IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS TO 14TH WHILE VIKTOR HOVLAND MOVES INTO THE TOP 3.

COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP TEN

AND JUSTIN THOMAS MOVES INTO THE TOP SPOT IN THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP TEN, MARKING HIS 42ND WEEK ATOP THE LIST IN HIS CAREER.

THE GREAT ESCAPE

SNEDEKER: Oh my goodness, look at that. That's better than I do from the fairway.

KELLEY: So, Brandt, every golfer even, PGA TOUR pros, find themselves in situations like this. The ball is resting up against the tree, 210 yards away from the flag. My first question is do you keep a left-handed three wood in your bag?

SNEDEKER: Obviously not I'm a right-handed player.

KELLEY: All right now see that's where you go wrong right there. I come in here, I'll take that left hand 3 wood, flip it upside down. So now faces vertical.

SNEDEKER: Yeah

KELLEY: So now it's like just the width of the golf ball.

SNEDEKER: Oh, be as good as you look. What a shot. Wow.

KELLEY: All right. I think we're on the green. We're dancing. What do you think? A left-handed 3 wood is going in the bag or what?

SNEDEKER: Not anytime soon. I certainly won't be able to do that with it.

KELLEY: Wow, look at that.

SNEDEKER: In my world, it's a triple bogey.

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA | PRIME MINISTER'S AWARD

[Japanese with English subtitles]

PLAY YOUR BEST WITH MAX HOMA

HOMA: I think my driving motivation has been kind of the main piece that's never really left.

I've had times where I haven't putted well. I've had times where I haven't hit it well. I've had times where I was maybe down in the dumps, and I've had times where I was, you know, confident, but I think that the one thing that's always been there is the driving motivation.

ANNC: Great place to start your winning career. One more time, yes, indeed, how fantastic!

HOMA: I didn't know it was going to be that week, but I knew it was going to happen. Going from kind of a dark spot in the game of golf to kind of the euphoria, in a way. I don't yell typically too much. I just felt like it was all kind of coming out of me and that felt pretty good because I feel it was somewhere I was holding on to. 100% was a breakthrough. It not only changed my life, but it changed my mindset which has kind of propelled me going forward to to believe myself and to know that when I play well that you know, I can win big golf tournament against great players.

We're transplanting myself back to one of my better, finer moments, so we're going to pretend like we're at 18 at Quail Hollow for the Wells Fargo Championship. Knew I had a lead and I knew if I hit that fairway I kind of won my first PGA TOUR event and that sounds nice easy until you're at 18 at Quail Hollow which is one of the hardest tee shots I've ever had to play, especially in that moment. Got a three wood in my hand because I missed that fairway all three days prior I think with driver. I was obviously nervous but at the same point excited I knew in a weird way I was one swing away from, from winning. That's the easy way to get confident you got to make one good golf swing.

ANNC: Second shot played that led to a birdie. Little draw this time but it's gonna be fine. How cool is that? You know you've got the extra width because it's extra few yards.

HOMA: I don't know how to explain it but every once in a while you just walk into a golf shot and you feel you should be incredibly nervous and when you're not you kind of just know you're gonna you're gonna pull it off. I just kinda hit a good one.

I twirled it right about there. I just I think my body was very, very excited at what it just done. And as I'm walking off, Joe came running up behind me goes 'are you kidding me? Are you kidding me? You know, that was the coolest thing I've ever seen in my life' he said and I started to laugh. If you have an opportunity to do something special. You want to accept that challenge, so you have a memory like this that I get to kind of live with forever which is which is awesome for me.

TOUR PLAYLIST

AFTER THE CANCELATION OF THE 2020 EDITION OF THE WELLS FARGO CHAMPIONSHIP, MAX HOMA WILL LOOK TO DEFEND HIS 2019 TITLE AS THE TOURNAMENT GETS UNDER WAY THURSDAY.

FAVORITES & SLEEPERS

ANNC: We welcome you to the Wells Fargo Championship. A tournament that dates back to 2003.

ANNC: Rahm can be an intimidating player, he crushes you off the tee, he gets you into the green.

ANNC: Bryson DeChambeau, if someone is going to do a little something special, you are looking at the right guys right there.

ANNC: Tony Finau bouncing back beautifully.

ANNC: Cameron Tringale, having a fine week, wow good putt there! That's a rare birdie.

ANNC: Bubba Watson, all of a sudden has got the flat stick working. This is the best I've seen him putt in a while.

ANNC: Cameron Davis right at it. Perfect! That helps, and the crowd goes crazy.

FOOD WITH DOUG GHIM

WITT: Hey there CUT fans, tonight is extra tasty because we're joined with one of the PGA TOUR's self-proclaimed foodies, Doug Ghim.

GHIM: I've never been in Tampa before and so to get some local food I'm really excited!

WITT: How bout we mask up and head in.

GHIM: Let's do it.

WITT: What's your favorite kind of food to eat?

GHIM: I'm partial to Korean food but I like all foods. One of the biggest things we've been doing for nutrition is just eating a lot of lean proteins, a lot of steaks, a lot of chicken breasts. I mean I like sweets. We worked really hard to stay away from them but...

WITT: So we're just gonna stay away from that tonight?

GHIM: Well, whatever my nutritionist doesn't know, won't hurt him.

WITT: I did find a pretty healthy spot for us that I think would be good.

GHIM: Ok.

GHIM: It's like whole foods in a little... little box.

WITT: Yea.

GHIM: That's cool.

GHIM: Can I get brown rice, sweet potatoes, and the beef?

Cashier: Yea.

GHIM: Thank you so much.

WITT: This is kind of like a redemption rookie year because yours got cut short with covid so what are some of the lessons that you've learned?

GHIM: It's so easy to sit there and compare yourself to each top player and see where you fall short. You've just got to be a good version of yourself, you got here for a reason and if you keep doing what you're doing, you're going to be out here for a long time.

WITT: What are the things that make Doug Ghim a special golfer?

GHIM: I came from humble beginnings, my parents sacrificed so much for me to be able to be in this position and so whether or not I look like I'm going to make the cut or I'm competing against JT in the Players Championship on Sunday, I just know that I'm just never going to give up.

WITT: And speaking of The Players Championship because we can't not talk about that Incredible event that it was for you or your nerves going into Sunday?

GHIM: It was very nerve-wracking just to be competing on Thursday. It's an experience I'll never forget, and I don't think I would trade it for the world.

WITT: You're the happiest guy on tour, you're always smiling. Are you actually just genuinely happy to be here?

GHIM: I mean it's fun. I do this because I think it's fun, and so if I'm not having fun when I shouldn't be doing it anymore.

WITT: When did you first pick up the game of golf?

GHIM: When I was 6 years old, I think it was 2002. It was actually Labor Day, and it was kind of ironic because when I got my card is also on Labor Day. It felt like only fitting that I would end up getting my card on the same day that I basically started the game. And my dad means everything to me. He basically did a everything possible so that I could get to this point. It's always been a family effort just to think about all the things my parents did for me. They just always believed in me and I'm always forever grateful for that.

WITT: Well Doug, thank you so much for hanging out with us tonight. I hope your stomach is full and I hope you're ready to kick some-butt this week.

GHIM: Thanks so much for having me. It's been a blast and yeah. I would say the Cuban is the best here, too.

WITT: You heard it here first.

SNAKE PRANK

HADLEY: Hey guys, I'm Chesson Hadley and we're here in Tampa this week for the Valspar Championship. We're going to do a little snake prank here at the Copperhead course. Try and get some good reactions try to scare a few people. And yeah, let's go. Let's do it.

We are hoping that he kind of fans one to the right over here. And I am going to go put a snake kind of like somewhere over there near his ball. Oh, it's right. Yes!

Goose egg. Nothing!

NAT: That's why they were looking.

HADLEY: Dag gummit

HADWIN: Sorry to get over Chesson I gotta jump.

HADLEY: Nothing. Didn't even see it. You never even saw it. Did you?

HADWIN: Is there actually one there?

HADLEY: I mean, I put it there. Oh, never. I mean, literally both of you guys.

This snake is over here. Right there and we got fishing line attached to it going all the way across here. Maybe he'll pee pee his pants. That would be pretty exciting. I think we have him I think we're gonna see if we can...

GOOCH: Good try.

HADLEY: I mean like heart rate give me anything. Was there any elevation at all?

GOOCH: Just the slightest, (minimal) just the slightest.

HADLEY: It's fake. We got them. We got them more than we got Taylor.

Oh my gosh, this is so perfect.

You got to be kidding me.

It still got him, are you serious?

Last guy. We are going to try to get Charlie Hoffman. He is our last hope.

0 for four.

HOFFMAN: I mean, you think it's really gonna be trick me?

HADLEY: Buddy... It's just, we did. We've done it all. Every idea that you could come up with, I have already done.

HOFFMAN: You're a better golfer than you are prankster.