

2021 PGA TOUR: THE CUT #19

COLD OPEN

PRODUCER: You wanna just give that a play?

HOMA: Thank you

What's up Raymond, I'm Max Homa, winner of the 2019 Wells Fargo Championship and I'm happy to be the person to congratulate you as the grand prize winner for this year's Wells Fargo Succeeding Together contest.

JIN: Wooooah, what?

HOMA: As the grand prize winner, you will have the opportunity to play in the official Wells Fargo Championship pro-am in 2021 with the PGA TOUR professional of your choice.

RAYMOND: Wow that's so cool.

HOMA: I think I would be that excited too if I just finished an essay let alone won a whole contest, that's really really cool. It's nice to see genuine joy. I know he picked to play with Rory in the pro-am but maybe I could give him a little surprise and little dig, I probably would've picked Rory too so there's no hard feelings. That's really cool man, that's a great accomplishment and I'm excited he's gonna get to be out here.

WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT.

RORY & RAYMOND

JIN: Hello, not used to having a camera on me.

JIN: Nice to meet you Mr. McIlroy.

MCILROY: Nice to see you, everything good?

JIN: Yeah everything good, nice to meet you.

MCILROY: Good yeah looking forward to today, should be good fun.

JIN: Looking forward to today as well, just seems so surreal, I can't believe I get to have a regular conversation with you.

Starter: Please welcome Rory McIlroy.

JIN: Oh yeah, that's following the course outline. Cutting corners...oh haha don't play from the players' tees.

JIN: Just try to hit it down, try to hit it down.

MCILROY: Great shot.

JIN: Thank you.

JIN: On 7 and 9 the breaks were a little bit unclear so I asked Rory for help and Rory was just helping me read the green. And then we just decided on a final solution and I just had faith in myself.

MCILROY: Great birdie.

JIN: Thank you thank you.

MCILROY: Great job.

JIN: Thank you Rory...sit...wait what? That's mine? Wow I didn't know I could drive that far.

After 9 I just felt such a great sense of relief. I just felt all this euphoria flowing through my body.

MCILROY: Just like that, well done, we just need to read all the putts together.

JIN: Yeah yeah for sure.

JIN: Not only just playing good shots but being able to interact with people like Rory, and having the opportunity to converse with him on a 1-on-1 personal level.

JIN: Great playing with you Rory, thank you.

MCILROY: Good luck with everything, good luck with Yale as well, that's awesome.

JIN: Thank you

JIN: Hey, Mr. Homa how are you doing?

HOMA: Good to meet you

JIN: Good to meet you too

HOMA: Congrats man, that's awesome.

JIN: You saw my reaction?

HOMA: Yeah it was great.

JIN: I was just so surprised, I did not expect to win. Thank you so much for presenting that to me, that really made my day.

HOMA: That made my day watching the video, so my pleasure.

You played with Rory this morning? He's pretty good at golf.

JIN: Yeah I mean he hits it long, every ball is like a screaming eagle over your head.

HOMA: It's incredibly frustrating.

MCILROY WINS WELLS FARGO CHAMPIONSHIP

ANNC: Rory McIlroy we haven't seen him out here since missing the cut at The Masters.

MCILROY: I feel better about my game than I did flying home from Augusta on Friday night, put it that way, so I've worked a little bit on it. I guess trying to focus on my strengths and focusing on what makes me a good golfer and how I swing the club and how I move the club.

ANNC: I'm really looking forward to today to see how these changes are starting to materialize for McIlroy, new coach Pete Cowen, gonna be interesting to see if anything starts to look a little different.

MCILROY: It's all stuff that I've worked on before but maybe just gotten away from a little bit, but feel like I'm on a pretty good trajectory at the minute.

ANNC: We have a special leaderboard for you that includes Rory McIlroy, he's been slumping lately but on track for a special weekend here in Charlotte.

Here it comes...oh yes. And takes the outright lead.

MCILROY: 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: For a big ovation and a welcome back...the roars have returned in golf. It's good to have him back.

MCILROY: It's satisfying to see the work is paying off but it's just a start, there's so much more I want to achieve and so much more I want to do in the game and it's nice validation that I'm on the right track.

FEDEXCUP STANDINGS

MCILROY'S 3RD WIN AT QUAIL HOLLOW CLUB MOVES THE 2-TIME FEDEXCUP CHAMPION UP 34 SPOTS INTO 17TH IN THE STANDINGS.

COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10

BRYSON DECHAMBEAU REGAINS HIS POSITION ATOP THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10. DECHAMBEAU ENTERS HIS 20TH CAREER WEEK IN THE NUMBER ONE SPOT, 3RD MOST AMONG TOUR PLAYERS OVER THE PAST 5 SEASONS.

PLAY YOUR BEST WITH MAX HOMA

HOMA: I play my best and I also live my best life when I'm happy and when I'm when I'm, you know, calm and patient with myself and everyone around me.

So just trying to make sure that I'm, I'm living that off the golf course, and that seems to be playing a big part in me, you know, doing better and being a better PGA TOUR player on the golf course. My wife and Joe had actually been talking a bit about it and they didn't really think that I was putting enough time off the golf course into focusing on where my head was at. The biggest one's definitely my wife. If I start saying not so nice things about myself, or if I get down on myself, she she gets on me right away and makes sure that's not going to happen too much longer. I just feel like I have people who hold me accountable in my little tight knit crew. And I don't know, I love that. I like when people challenge me, I like when people push me. Because if I'm going to push myself, I want other people to give it back to me if I'm not, if I'm not holding myself to the right standard. It's been a fun journey too, because it's something I don't know a whole lot about so it feels fresh. It's almost like when you first started to learn how to play the game of golf, there's so much to learn. There's so much upside to it.

I can't remember specifically what I said to Joe, but I very vividly remember what he said to me. I can't say it exactly, because there's some things you probably have to bleep out. But, you know, he kind of grabbed me by the neck and told me that he had pretty much been telling everybody that would listen to him that I was going to win that year that I'm a winner, and you know, it was just really cool to hear that from him.

GREINER: He's such a fun guy to work with, and then I'm just lucky to be a part of something like that. He's pretty special, and there'll be bigger things that come next.

HOMA: It was just cool to hear at that exact time, you know. I had to talk to max on the phone in 2017 I think I think I just tell him you're doing the right stuff. And you just gotta stick to it because that was the hardest part, not knowing if what I was doing every day was actually right and it was gonna get me anywhere and sometimes I'd lay around just hoping that it was and and

having some faith in that. That would have been a big relief to hear that at least on the work I was putting in was the right stuff.

BUMP

POULTER: Nope. I'll have another breakfast ball Luke. You know I couldn't be more proud to do my job walking inside the ropes and have Luke with me by my side. Nice 3... hey!

WALK & TALK WITH WYNDHAM CLARK & CHRISTIAN MCCAFFREY

NAT: Next to play, please welcome Christian McCaffrey.

WITT: I think the fans might be a little excited. From high school, to the PGA TOUR to the NFL, you guys are doing pretty well for yourselves wouldn't you say?

CLARK: He's doing a little better than me but yeah it's pretty cool that we went to the same high school, coming out of Colorado not too many athletes come out of there so it's pretty cool to hang out, catch up and then he gets to see me in my element and I always see him in his.

WITT: Christian, you've known Wyndham for a very long time, I need some inside scoop on who he is

McCaffrey: Oh man, I'll tell you this, he's a competitor // In high school I would say we were number one, number two in ping pong

Clark: Well I was number one, he was number two

McCaffrey: Well that's debatable, we had a ping pong table downstairs at the high school, I mean some of these matches were impressive to say the least

Witt: Have you guys always been competitive when you play together?

McCaffrey: We haven't played together enough, I know not to be competitive in golf because I don't practice, for me I got to have fun with it, I get too upset you know a club would go in the woods

Clark: He's come a long way, he used to get upset all the time

McCaffrey: I used to have a big temper; I try to manage that but it depends who I'm playing with

Clark: Just let the club create the loft and that will get it up in the air, most people will lean back and try and help it up and then blade or chunk it

McCaffrey: Got it

Witt: Can you believe, thinking back to high school, you and Christian that you guys would be in the positions that you are today?

Clark: Yeah I mean I think we both individually thought we would be here. It really is a dream come true for me to be out here playing and then to have a buddy out doing the same thing and we're both succeeding and having success in our sport

ANNC: Now Wyndham Clark, beautiful ball flight. You heard his man say perfect, well it was perfect

Witt: If you look ahead to the rest of the season, rest of your career, what are some goals that you have for yourself?

Clark: This year one of my main goals is to get inside the top 30 by the end, that's one of my goals, obviously a win has eluded me a little bit. But I think the more you try to seek a win the more it does that, the more it kinda gets away from you so I'm just gonna focus on the things I do really well and hopefully that breeds success, I wanna be one of the best players and hopefully in a couple years maybe I'll have a little different answer or have accomplished some of those things.

IAN & LUKE POULTER

Ian: Nice three... nice three, hey!

Ian: You know, I couldn't be more proud to do my job walking inside the ropes and have Luke with me by my side. It's an amazing experience and one that not only am I going to enjoy but hopeful I can pass on a little bit of knowledge onto Luke and he can enjoy as well.

LUKE: That's good caddie work right there, thank you!

LUKE: Yeah but..

IAN: Yeah but what? What do you mean yeah but?

LUKE: That was coming off the greens.

IAN: What do you mean yeah but?

LUKE: Shut up, come on.

IAN: Where is it?

LUKE: It's in the hole.

IAN: Nope I'll have another breakfast bowl Luke. Tell you what it's just like a magnet over there.

IAN: What do you reckon Luke?

LUKE: Not bad.

IAN: It's a hard school this isn't it, yeah not bad.

IAN What do you reckon Luke? Come on give me a good read. Let's see if we can steal a little birdie here.

LUKE: A little downhill right to left.

IAN: You know what a successful week, it's already going to be a successful week. It doesn't really matter to me on the finish position, what matters to me is that he gains some experience, he enjoys the week.

LUKE: not my fault. Had the line you just needed the pace.

IAN: Had the line, no pace.

GREAT ESCAPE

KELLEY: Come on. Sit. Sit. Oh come on go in! Haha Let's go.

Recovery shots can be tough, but I think this one here takes the cake. 15 feet up in the tree. I got to flip my right-handed and six iron upside down, hit it left handed underneath the branches over the car path to a tuck pin location with water on the other side. Here goes nothing.

Come on sit. Sit. Oh come on go in! Haha Let's go.

This is a tough shot but since I'm up in a tree, I kept my lower body stable. My stance was wide open, so I had to push my hands forward to square the face towards the target and got a little bit of luck there as well. We'll take that all day and best of all, I didn't fall so I got that going for me.

FAVORITES & SLEEPERS

ANNC: The AT&T Byron Nelson. Named for the great Lord Byron.

Confident swing right now. He's a man on a mission.

And that's going to be (how bout it!) yes it is!

Young rising talent. A lot of people think might be the next young player to win out here.

That is a fantastic shot. That can definitely kickstart the round for J-Day.

That's a really good putt right there.

Out of the University of Texas, Doug Ghim. All smiles.

TOUR PLAYLIST

THE AT&T BYRON NELSON MOVES TO A NEW COURSE AS PLAYERS TACKLE TPC CRAIG RANCH FOR THE FIRST TIME ON TOUR. ACTION FROM MCKINNEY TEXAS GETS UNDERWAY ON THURSDAY.

SALUTE TO AGRONOMY: TPC CRAIG RANCH

A SALUTE TO THE AGRONOMY TEAM OF TPC CRAIG RANGE.

OSBOURNE: From the first golfer to the last golfer, we want to provide the best conditions possible.

In Texas, we play golf year around, so peak season is January to December.

Our goal is to be one of the best conditioned facilities on the TOUR every year. I think that's going to be a 12-month effort every year. It's nonstop for us.

Every day is a new challenge. There's always something different.

We're managing bent grass greens. Zoysia grass fairways, Bermuda rough, Bermuda tease, and Bermuda and Fescue native areas. So, we have a very wide variety and every little area requires, and every different grass type requires a specific amount of attention and that's different at different times of the year. It can be a little challenging.

Tournament week for us should be a celebration of what they've done. It really should be a chance for them to go out and polish it up and present it in a fashion that they can be proud of.

MACKENZIE HUGHES

HUGHES: I read a book called "Take the Stairs" on being a better version of you. One of the quotes in the book was success is never owned, it is rented, and the rent is due every day. And it just stuck with me.

Working hard towards your goals and there is basically no shortcut.

In one second golf can throw you right back on the ground and you better get back up and start working hard.

Paying the rent might involve my obligation as a father.

NATS: Daddy!

HUGHES: To live in a way that I feel I'm staying active...

It's still something I look at and resonate with that's something I always try to live by.

ANNC: Rookie is rock solid.

SANDRA: At RSM, I was there for all four days, and I picked up an acorn every time he got a birdie. Minus 21 was the four-day total...I have 21 acorns that I decided to bring home.

ANNC: One tough customer, Mackenzie Hughes, it's all over.

HUGHES: To do it that fast, I was just kind of overcome with emotion didn't really know what to expect going forward, what that would mean for my life and obviously things really changed quickly.

One day you win a tournament and then the following year you're wondering where that guy was that won that tournament. I went through a couple of years of a sophomore slump. I also was dealing with a really high expectation for myself from within and it made for a tough go mentally.

There were certainly an adjustment to a new schedule, to a new lifestyle, which was amazing.

NATS: You push this one up.

HUGHES: Paying the rent has a bit of a different definition. The biggest thing for me being a new father is just time management and I'm just working smarter and trying to be more efficient with my time.

JENNA: He is a great father. He is so hands on. From the moment he comes home, he tries to lead by example every day.

NATS: Uh, oh, ohhh.

HUGHES: That's a lot of playing in the morning with Kenton. Kenton's in daycare, few days a week...

If I work out in the morning before his day care I can time out pretty well to get him over to day care.

NATS: By Buddy (blows kiss), have fun!

HUGHES: And I tried to build my practice around that if I can practice when he's at daycare or even napping.

I wanna be purposeful about what I'm doing, but the desire is still there to achieve some heights and goals and I've got expectations for myself so it's just a different way of going about it.

NATS: Come on, enter...ehhh!

THE ADAPTED FRAME OF MIND REFUELED HIS GAME EARLY IN 2020.

ANNC: Ohh.

HUGHES: I missed five cuts in a row, but obviously we've proven that we can do this at a high level, so we're not gonna just drop it, with a little bit of adversity.

ANNC: Yes! All of Canada is on their feet with that one.

HUGHES: The next thing to do is to get win number two and I've been kinda close there, knocking on the door, and that's my first and foremost concern and then that takes care of a lot of the other goals.

SANDRA: He's willing to work so hard and it's not just that the physical game. It's at the mental and the emotional side and he's trying to grow himself to be the player that he wants to continue to be. And all of that is only gonna parlay into his success as a husband and father.

JENNA: I knew all along he had what it took to get back there, I'm very excited and happy for him and happy for our family.

HUGHES: As my kids grow up, I want them to know that they can really do anything they want I don't think a lot of people saw me on the PGA TOUR, as a young kid, but here we are, year five. And the way you carry yourself, your attitude, just your overall way of being, if they learn those things from me, then I've done all right as a Dad