

2021 PGA TOUR: THE CUT #24 (U.S. Open)

COLD OPEN

REED: It's Torrey Pines. You have to hit the fairway, you have to hit greens, you got to make putts.

MICKELSON: A lot of pins you can't go to, you have to play 60, 50 feet away.

SCHAUFFELE: Got to be a little bit more, you know plot a little bit more management-wise than before.

SCOTT: It requires some strategy but more than that it requires really good execution tee to green and the greens are challenging, too.

REED: Any time you're playing a U.S. Open you know how penalizing the rough's going to be.

MICKELSON: There's a proper way to play it, I've seen it I just have the discipline to do it and I want to spend a little time out there to really develop a good gameplan.

SCHAUFFELE: The course just looks awesome. It's just that open feel you see more of the ocean. It's just got a cool vibe.

WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT.

TORREY PINES HOSTS THE US OPEN

BENTLEY: Being a municipal golf course, it's really special for us to be able to have the U.S. Open. Just holding the tournament is a big success for San Diego. The whole golfing world will be tuned in and see what a fantastic city we have, what a municipal golf course is all about.

It started right after the 2008 U.S. Open, the city sent out a letter to the USGA, saying we'd love to host another one. 2014 was obviously a big year, when Torrey Pines was selected for the 2021 U.S. Open.

We're going to be playing well over 7,700 yards. We have three par fours over 500 yards. The course is long and tough.

The time of the year is very important by the type of grass we have. In June, the rye grass is gone, we have kikuyu, kikuyu fairways, that's the big difference.

The rough right now, we're somewhere around 3 inches, maybe a little longer. It needs to be penalizing, when the players hit in it, they're gonna have a difficult shot, the greens should be

very firm, fast, when you're coming out of the rough you're not going to have control of your golf ball. So, it's gonna be a real challenge if you're not hitting the fairways.

We're really excited to have fans. We'll have some people out here cheering, making some noise and we're expecting maybe around 10,000 people, so that'll be a good number.

For us, it's all about the golf course, the conditions, and then having a great competition. You know we want it to come down, the last few holes, crown a great champion.

BRYSON DECHAMBEAU

NATS: Next to play, the 2020 U.S. Open champion, from Clovis, California, Bryson DeChambeau.

NICKLAUS: Bryson's a cerebral guy, as you know. Nobody else is going to think about that, to change their whole body, but he did.

ANNC: DeChambeau is just giving it a ride. Whoa.

SPIETH: He could swing it any which way and probably win plenty of golf tournaments and that's just his raw talent.

KUCHAR: Bryson's got unique thoughts and ideas and what he's doing is clearly paying off and working.

ANNC: So the reborn Bryson has his 6th career title!

VAN ROOYEN: I've got a ton of respect for Bryson for what he's done, for his incredible level of level of conviction to make such a big change.

FINAU: I just thought he was huge. He was jacked.

ANNC: In many respects it feels like he's just getting started. The brand-new Bryson DeChambeau.

DECHAMBEAU: In this whole process you have to get bigger and stronger so your body can tolerate more force. Second off, you got to learn how to swing faster without getting injured. Third off, you got to learn how to hit it straight. And then four, you got to learn how to play golf. It's a big process, and it's tough.

ANNC: Wow that is quite a weapon. If I could drive it like I'd just drive it.

NICKLAUS: Bryson figured out, if he hit it 30 yards further, and missed 30 percent of the fairways, he's going to hit wedge out of the rough. And he figured out that he would be better off with a wedge. And he was. He won the U.S. Open with that.

MCILROY: He's taking advantage of everything we have in the game right now.

WOLFF: Bryson you know is chasing distance and what he's doing is unbelievable

ANNC: Well over forty percent of his drives this season have carried 320 yards or more.

ANNC: Bryson hit the longest drive of the day, 303 yards!

FOWLER: I wouldn't say there's necessarily a golf course that doesn't fit him.

ANNC: Bryson DeChambeau indeed has the king's title at Bay Hill!

MORIKAWA: He's kind of taking these courses down and figuring out how to play it a different way.

DECHAMBEAU: When I say that I'm going to keep pushing the limits, I'm going to keep doing that. I'm going to see how far, how fast I can get and how straight I can hit it.

BUMP

HUBBARD: I'm thinking it's going to be a par 7.

NESMITH: I think we agree on that.

HUBBARD: 4 is impossible. So 5 seems like a good Eagle score. If you play it right, you should make 6. 7's acceptable. We'll probably make an 8 or 9. So let's go.

THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

DECHAMBEAU: Not Ready for this but I'm gonna have to do it.

When I got up here got to admit I was a little nervous pretty high high heights and not too comfortable with that all the time but it's fun.

This is insane, look at this.

It's raw emotion I mean you can't fake it it's just pure adrenaline and raw emotion. I'm kind of a lively guy and going over a couple of these lines truly made me express myself.

What did I just do, look at my hands. Whooooo!! They're moving.

And for me to be flying soaring through the air in Maui in a beautiful setting is quite unique.

Whooooaa baby!

Something that I remember the rest of my life.

Bryson out from Hawaii. Mahalo.

NAME YOUR PAR

HUBBARD: We don't know where we're going 16 please. I was right.

NESMITH: You were correct. We needed to go that way. I'm Matt NeSmith. I'm from Aiken, South Carolina. We're doing a name your par here at Congaree on 16, 17 and 18. And we'll see we got.

HUBBARD: And I'm Mark Hubbard since my playing partner so rudely didn't introduced me as well. I'm thinking it's going to be a par seven.

NESMITH: We'd agree on that.

HUBBARD: Four is impossible. So five seems like a good Eagle score. If you play it right, you should make six sevens acceptable. We'll probably make an eight or nine.

NESMITH: Let's go to lose a ball here there.

HUBBARD: And I always go rock.

NESMITH: You always go rock. Ready

HUBBARD: Rock, paper, scissors, shoot. Mind games! Trying to get my last bit of hydration before... I just destroy you.

NESMITH: Hydration station, man.

HUBBARD: I cannot believe you hit driver. Such a bad play.

NESMITH: All right, we're gonna find it in there. Hopefully.

HUBBARD: It'll probably be good.

NESMITH: That's such banana land.

HUBBARD: This play did not work out for me. I think the adrenaline was pumping and I hit it about 15 yards too far.

NESMITH: A little too far.

HUBBARD: But luckily, I'm really good at driver off the deck. A little low draw.

NESMITH: Can you draw it?

HUBBARD: We're going to find out.

NESMITH: That was amazing.

HUBBARD: That's it!

NESMITH: That was so good.

HUBBARD: I told you.

NESMITH: I mean, this is perfect. I don't think I can get three wood out of that lie.

HUBBARD: This was the worst best shot.

NESMITH: This was perfect. It wasn't exactly what I was looking for that thing

HUBBARD: You're good for that pin you're good for this hole, it's bananas. Pretty.

NESMITH: Perfect. We're literally gonna be in the exact same spot.

HUBBARD: Maybe.

NESMITH: Are we both in the bush?

HUBBARD: There's one.

NESMITH: That looks like me.

HUBBARD: There's two... well crap.

NESMITH: Okay, that's you. That's me.

HUBBARD: The prudent play I think would be to just hit like a 7 iron.

Mat: And then 7 iron again.

HUBBARD: Seven iron. So, you definitely have the advantage? Yes, you're gonna watch me not do what I should do.

NESMITH: Your rock paper scissors just backfired on you.

HUBBARD: Same thing as an 8 iron. Get out of that bush.

NESMITH: Oh, no. So now it's Matchplay? I don't know if that's too far or too short. Or just right.

HUBBARD: All right, smart. Some would say smart I would say boring.

NESMITH: Now I get to hit three wood over the tree.

HUBBARD: Honestly, it might be another driver off the deck to keep it low. What I want to do is hit... why do I want to play so aggressively for no reason? I want to just laser a two iron or a driver at those chairs?

NESMITH: That's the play

HUBBARD: But why?

NESMITH: Do whatever you want to do. I think it's I think it's the great play.

HUBBARD: You're right.

NESMITH: It's the play that makes champions or losers

HUBBARD: Nobody wants no one wants to see an eight iron from here.

NESMITH: Oh, you slipped but it worked out.

HUBBARD: I didn't hear anything.

NESMITH: I think it's perfect.

HUBBARD: I think so too.

NESMITH: See, now you just made me play more aggressively.

HUBBARD: Oh, that was nice. (Go) I think that's funny.

NESMITH: It was pretty nice. I hit it solid.

HUBBARD: How good are we?

NESMITH: Dude, to have these to have this type of shot after four strokes is pretty good.

HUBBARD: I feel like this is harder than the last time they did it. A we knew the Honda course. Like those guys knew the Honda course.

NESMITH: Yeah.

HUBBARD: And B I feel like they like the most had to go over was a grandstand not like 300 yards of weeds and trees. (Sand) Oh, that's nice.

NESMITH: Go Go Go sit.

HUBBARD: Good play. That is not great. These are both for birdie.

NESMITH: We played what feels like quite safe.

HUBBARD: I hit driver off the deck through the trees, two iron through the trees, and three wood out of the bunker.

NESMITH: Well that's the next question.. Dude, we're the first group out there's no ball HUBBARDs?

HUBBARD: That's got to go. That is such a lag.

NESMITH: Well done. Well done. Putt for the win

HUBBARD: Wow. birdie. That was a very nice putt.

NESMITH: It was all the strategy that you told me. Driver off the tee. , driver off the tee was the play.

HUBBARD: We set our par seven. I made par, which I'm happy about, especially with all of my reckless efforts to make a nine or a 10. But unfortunately, I got I got beat by, frankly a better putter.

PALMETTO CHAMPIONSHIP AT CONGAREE

ANNC: This for a playoff. Ohhhh. And we've got a new champion on the PGA TOUR. Doe he know yet? Gerrick Higgo is South Africa's newest sensation in professional golf!

HIGGO: It's amazing, I just stayed patient all week, I worked so hard with my coach, on my short game and my putting and I guess all of that has paid off.

ANNC: He gets to 11 and look at that, he dodged 6 guys at 10 under right behind him.

HIGGO: It was tough all the way from the start. I enjoy scrambling and making a couple of putts which I did, which was awesome.

PLAYER: Garrick!

HIGGO: Hey Gary.

PLAYER: I don't think I've ever in my lifetime been more excited about anybody winning a golf tournament. I tell you, I had tears in my eyes, really because you really deserve it and you are destined for greatness. You gotta keep working and set your sites set your goals higher all the time.

HIGGO: Thanks Mr. Player. (Take care) Always special when I get to speak to that guy.

FEDEXCUP STANDINGS

GARRICK HIGGO'S WIN IN SOUTH CAROLINA GIVES HIM AN INVITE TO THE PGA TOUR, WHERE HE'LL ENTER THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS IN 80TH PLACE WHEN HE ACCEPTS HIS TOUR CARD.

COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10

IN THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10, PATRICK CANTLAY REMAINS IN THE TOP SPOT FOR THE 2ND WEEK IN A ROW, AND 5TH WEEK OVERALL THIS SEASON.

THE GREAT ESCAPE

KELLEY: Ah just what I thought right behind the tree. Could not be in a worse spot here. But I don't think I have any shot of getting this on the green, I think I may be able to punch out and get it up and down for bogey but I think I have a shot of making par here. Let's try something.

Alright, here goes nothing. Come on break! Break break break! Ahhhh, alright we'll take that that's a tough recovery shot, off the tread of the tire had to hit it in the perfect spot. Hey is it legal? No, but hey its better than a foot wedge the buddies will be impressed, try it next time you're on the course.

JUSTIN ROSE PREPERATION

ROSE: You know what I feel like this sand is?

CLARK: Go on?

ROSE: Sunglasses sand.

CLARK: Yes.

ROSE: Don't you think?

CLARK: It is sunglass sand.

ROSE: It's bright.

CLARK: It's very bright.

ROSE: Oh, nippy!

CLARK: How does that, how does that sand feel this week mate?

ROSE: You know I've always, it feels like fast sand. You know so I feel like you can flight the ball a little bit further and I feel like it comes out with spin so I feel like you can play aggressive bunker shots to be honest with you.

The thing I try to key into the most is the conditions where the ball is on the ground, speed of the greens, the grain around the greens, the sand and the bunkers. Those are the variables.

CLARK: Looks like you can get plenty of purchase on it. So for these pins that are a bit tight...you know that if it does go into the...

ROSE: Can nip it a bit?

CLARK: Yep.

ROSE: Your golf swing and anytime the ball is in the air, that replicates week to week to week, but anytime that ball's on the ground, that's what you're trying to pick up and learn. And that's the definite big difference between tournaments so Monday, Tuesdays Wednesdays are very much dedicated to that. I typically go to the putting green first, just dialing in the feel for the day.

This is really important for me to do as soon as I get to a venue. So, new venue every week. Monday, Tuesday, whenever we arrive. Timeline drill meaning that, all that I'm trying to do is keep the speed of the Green. So the idea is I hit a putt. And I look up, as it makes us last revolution. That was pretty good, obviously I missed the hole but the timeline was perfect, as I looked up the ball was just. Just turned over.

CLARK: And obviously very important here, because of every week different grass.

ROSE: Yeah, so, pretty much looks good to me like I've keyed in straight away to the speed, which I like.

The practice facility is sort of work that's going to carry you through 52 weeks of the year. It's sort of its general maintenance work. And I think the time on the golf course is very specific to that particular week.

Do you know what I think might be a good idea this week is to try a 10 degree bounce wedge.

CLARK: Less bounce...more, more bounce.

ROSE: I play 6 degrees, I just feel like there's nice sand...

CLARK: And that will help you because there's so much sand or...

ROSE: Yea just based on this trap but also I'm thinking about the surrounds here, it's quite grainy.

CLARK: Yea.

ROSE: And also it's very soft. So that little bit of extra bounce might just give me a little bit of help.

CLARK: Absolutely.

I'd normally meet Justin. Tuesday morning, normally play nine on Tuesday, and then, on a Wednesday would use the pro-am as our practice round, per se. And then off to the races on Thursday morning.

Justin for some reason is the worst Tuesday, Wednesday golfer I've ever seen in my life. But when that gun goes on Thursday, it's unbelievable.

NATS: From England, Justin Rose!

CLARK: It's one of the reasons why he's so successful, and you'll find that the big boys can turn it on and turn it off at their will.

ANNC: Wow. Hello! Serious bonus on the 4th. Wow!

ROSE: Everyone's out there trying to work on narrowing the miss. Our good is all really, really good. The good shows up once in a while. It doesn't show up enough, but what shows up a lot are the misses and if you can just narrow them, just a touch, with that comes confidence and I think confidence is huge.

ANNC: Oh!! Down it goes at 11! Justin gets into the act!

ROSE: I think that's probably the biggest difference between making cuts, to then top tens, to then winning regularly.

FAVORITES & SLEEPERS

ANNC: What a beautiful site it is as always. San Diego and Torrey Pines Golf Course.

ANNC: Beautifully played. Played the break, got the spin. Made it look easy.

ANNC: This is bold! Oh boy. This guy, Viktor Hovland!

ANNC: Patrick Reed out of the bunker and into the hole!

ANNC: Oh that looks healthy. How about it?! Do it Louis!

ANNC: Beautiful swing wasn't it. You couldn't walk it out and drop it in a better spot.

ANNC: Is he gonna take us Homa Jim? Oh he does. How about that?

TOUR PLAYLIST

AFTER 3 FINISHES OUTSIDE THE TOP 25 IN MAJORS, BRYSON DECHAMBEAU BEGINS THE DEFENSE OF HIS 2020 U.S. OPEN TITLE ON THURSDAY AS ACTION FROM TORREY PINES GETS UNDER WAY.

TORREY PINES PATRONS

LEE: First time playing here, beautiful place, crazy hard,

YI: If it's not in the fairway, you're in big trouble.

GILESPIE: 5-6 inches of rough, just past the intermediate.

HORN: The fact of the matter is this course is brutal. If it plays with wind, we were talking about this, I'd be surprised if anyone's 3 under for the tourney.

CERCHIO: If you get in it, you can barely find your ball.

COONS: They shrunk the fairways about 20 percent.

LEE: I have mad respect for these PGA pro players. Now I really appreciate their skill and their talent.

COONS: Whoever has the best fairway frequency in the field will have the best shot here.

LEE: I'm rooting for Collin Morikawa.

CERCHIO: I'm looking for Spieth. I like Spieth I think he's improved quite a bit in the last few tournaments.

GILESPIE: I have to go with my guy Tony Finau, he's gonna break through.

YI: I'm gonna go with Brooks Koepka.

SCOTT: Lefty is a fan favorite.

HORN: It's Phil, baby! It's Phil! Let's go!