**2021 PGA TOUR: THE CUT #26 (Rocket Mortgage Classic)**

**COLD OPEN**

“It’s wild how golf has evolved, you don’t have to look like everyone else when you’re out on the golf course. You don’t have to be put in a box. The new golfers are gonna have a different vibe. A little swaggy. Yeah they’re gonna wear Jordan, Nike’s, the latest and greatest piece of technology it’s crazy. Just being yourself and standing out playing golf that’s wild.”

**TITLES**

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT**

**Willie Mack and Olajuwon Detroit Tour**

“The younger generation seeing us in Detroit, seeing you don’t have to do all these other things, rap, play football or basketball to be successful. You can own your own business, or play another sport golf to make it happen. And now we can put that on full display in Detroit. Show everybody, older generation younger generation there’s a new wave coming.This is it.”

“Here we are Joe Louis statue, black fist, this is definitely a monumental piece of Detroit. It stands for what he stands for, black power. Him being the first black man to be in a PGA event and this being his statue, this is dope, it’s definitely a great symbol for Detroit.

“So how you playing dog? Played good in a Korn Ferry event last week. Yeah I saw that. First cut made. Congratulations, that’s huge. So hopefully this week and next week are good. They say once you make one it’s like a snowball, make the rest of them from there just gotta keep going.

“You’ve been here what 4 or 5 years? 4 years. When you first got here it was probably a little rundown. It was struggling a little bit. It shows how far Detroit has come. I mean truly, Detroit has definitely changed. Even over at DGC, Detroit Golf Club. Playing there for the last 10, 12 years they always talked about having an event again, so being able to practice there the last 10 years it’s exciting to be able to play a actual PGA Tour event there. All the support this week will be amazing.”

“That’s central kitchen over there, stock x building over here. Made it to Comerica bank park. Detroit tigers. Rich history in baseball, you know the whole city rich history in sports in general.”

“Growing up me and my dad used to come here. It’s fun to come out here with your dad and get father son bonding. And he coordinates an event so as a father it’s exciting.”

“I just can’t wait to get out there and play in front of my family and friends. This will be the first pga tour event with my family there, so this will be a special one. “

“That was great seeing Detroit, now I gotta congratulate you. You finally made it, it’s about to be a good week dog. Congratulations, got the exemption. I hope the best for you, I know the game is gonna speak for itself. I really appreciate it. You already know.”

**DECHAMBEAU ROCKET FEATURE**

ANNC: DeChambeau trying to push through he’s been so close.

Dechambeau SOT: I just had a weird string of events on the last, I’d say, 3 or 4 holes…

14.2 ANNC: He needs to slow down here. It’s running pretty quick at that penalty area. Bryson on the rocks.

14.BO ANNC: A disappointing six

ANNC: He had one hand on the trophy but Wolff trying to take it back

Dechambeau SOT: I was in a pretty difficult place at that moment. I’m trying to adapt and overcome, improvise it a little bit. I was able to stripe it on the drive on 16…

16 Tee ANNC: Permission to land

Dechambeau SOT: …And then hit a decent wedge shot in there

Dechambeau SOT: And I knew I had to make that putt. I knew if I was to make that putt, go birdie, birdie, birdie coming in, it’d be really difficult coming in to beat me.

16 Birdie ANNC: He is doing it with a putter. Can you believe that!

ANNC: If he does go on to win, it’d be his fourth year in a row that he’s had a win on tour

17 Birdie ANNC: Rock solid for Bryson DeChambeau. He heads into the 18th 22-under

Dechambeau SOT: I did a great job on 18 when I had to. Absolutely had to.

18 Tee ANNC: Longest drive of the week

Dechambeau SOT: If I hit in the water or a little left or a little right I’m struggling to make par but I was able to give myself a nice little wedge shot.

18 Approach ANNC: Lob wedge to finish in style

Dechambeau SOT: When I got to the last putt, I told myself ‘do not hit this thing two feet by. Just don’t do it. And luckily I hit a good putt and it went dead in the middle and I knew there was no way he could beat me after making that putt

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

**BUMP**

Hank Lebioda: Temp looks good liking what I’m seeing. Oh yea it’s nice good height right on line 83 yards for par curve. Perfect

Knox: what happened next was like the most bizarre 10 seconds of my life, like obviously I kind of went like I was fist pumping and off I went, and then the walking scorer in my group hands me my hat, and I’m like, how did you get my hat?

**TRAVELERS 15 1/2**

Host: What’s up guys. Welcome to 15 ½.

Host : So for this, everyone gets two balls. The first one is the practice one. Sign your second one. That’s the one that counts. The golfer that gets closer to the pin gets a 10k donation to the charity of their choice. The caddie that gets it closest to the pin gets 500 dollars

Maverick McNeeley: I see a lot of water and I see a red umbrella. 85 yards off the right, let’s go.

Sung Kang: Too narrow

Scott Stallings: “I’m going lob wedge”

Chesson Hadley: I need to hit it like where I’m trying to hit it

Tyler Duncan: No good

Luke Donald - “Oh my word”

Chesson Hadley - (hits in the water) That was fun

Hank Lebioda – Swings “Yeah! There we go!”

Lebioda talking through shot tracer (Thoughts on split screen????) - Setup looks good. Oh yeah. That’s nice. Good height. Right on line. 83 yards. Two feet of spin. Perfect.

Lebioda hitting right handed: “Oh! Are you kidding me right now?”

Ryan Armour swing - It’s on. It’s on (Drone shot for landing)

McGirt - “That’s the first time I’ve ever hit that thing

Maverick McNeely’s Caddie - (Swing) Ohhh I like this one. That’s in! it’s about like this (fist bump) (Drone Shot for landing)

Kevin Chappell – We’re on land (drone landing)

Jason Day – Oh, that is garbage *(can lose this one if we’re heavy)*

Peter Malnati: “Oh that’s the worst one I’ve ever hit here. (runs into bucket of balls) Did you get that on camera?”

Keith Mitchell - “I hit it but it doesn’t matter”

Adam Schenk’s caddie – Hits pin. “Did it go in the hole?”

Chris Caman - “Just trying to hit the green…(swing) (drone land) Winner!! (hi-fives)

Michael Kim: I really need the wind to calm down (swing). Oh this is right at it. Oh right at it./// I don’t think that’s gonna do it. (Drone shot for landing

Michael Kim watching shot tracer “Hit it really solid. A full 60 between 95 and 100 and it was really good”

**RUSSELL KNOX COURSE TOUR**

Abby: “Russell, 5 years ago was your win at the Travelers Championship.  I think we should get a course tour from the past champ himself, and you show us the best spots from that Sunday finish.”

Knox:“Relive those good memories.”

Abby: “Relive the glory days, let’s do it.” “Do you always like coming back here being a past champion?”

Knox: “Oh absolutely, you get treated great, I have a nice parking spot right out front there which is great, and then, no, obviously coming back to a place where you’ve won, such great memories, you get treated well, the tournament director, everybody knows you as being a past champ, so that part of it is special.”

Abby: “So as we’re driving down the 13th hole, this is the hole that started to shift in your direction a little bit because you birdied it to take the solo lead, so what was your approach on this hole?”

Knox:“So I drove it pretty well, but I ended up in one of these bunkers here on our right, the left side of the fairway, and from there I played a slightly more aggressive layup than I normally would.So I was able to kind of pitch and kind of run it up there and I was able to give myself maybe 10 feet, and very quick little putt down the hill and was able to get it to go.”

ANNC 13 BIRDIE – “Just hangs it on the left side so our new leader, the scotsman Russell Knox!”

Knox: “then I took my birdie momentum and went on to the next hole, 14, by being aggressive with the driver and hitting it good, I was able then to really attack with my second shot.”

ANNC 14 APPROACH – “Beautiful look at it.” “Right you are, 5 feet.”

Knox: “that was when I really was like, whoa I’m leading, like and by a couple, I think 2 or 3 at that point, so that was my big moment of focus, I’m trying to win.”

Knox: “Tell me we’re going to stop and eat pizza.”

Abby: “I mean that’s what I’m here for.”

Knox:“The most famous food stop on the PGA TOUR.”

Abby:“It actually is?”

Knox:“100 percent, if you talk to anyone//the pizza on 15 at Travelers is world famous.”

Abby“Ok, then I think we need to stop and try that pizza.We heard great things about this pizza spot.

Pizza man: Alright what do you like?

Abby: Russell, what’s the best.”

Knox: “Well I like everything.”

Pizza man: That’s new haven style pizza, that’s grated cheese and sauces, that’s peperoni , broccoli, sausage, fresh mozzarella, tomato basil. Poatato, mashed potato bacon carmalized onion. That is egg plant tomato and basil. Barb cue chicken

Abby: Wow!

Knox:“I’m gonna try this one.”

Abby:“I want to try the potato one.What’s the review Russell?”

Knox “Oh this is a 10, this is the best pizza in my life!”

Abby:“Alright 18, nerves, pretty high.”

Knox:“Oh heart’s pounding, obviously I knew at this point what I needed to do//I hit a terrible shot.”

Abby: “You hit the crowd.”

Knox:“I mean it was way to the right, thankfully it was right of the bunker. I was able to kind of advance it into the greenside bunker, and it turned out to be an ok shot.”

Knox:“what happened next was like the most bizarre 10 seconds of my life, like obviously I kind of went like I was fist pumping and off I went, and then the walking scorer in my group hands me my hat, and I’m like, how did you get my hat?  And I had no idea, I don’t even remember throwing it// it was just an amazing relief and like explosion of joy, and it was just a feeling that I wish everyone that played golf could feel just that, just amazing happiness.”

Abby: Well Russell thanks for hanging out with us and thanks for reliving the 5 year anniversary of your win.

Knox: Would be great if we could do it again.

Abby: Let’s do it.

**STAT TO KNOW: ENGLISH WIN**

ENGLISH 18.3: For the lead, for the lead yes indeed!

HICKOCK 18.3: Right into the shadow and right into the hole.

ENGLISH SOT: 18 is such a good finishing hole created by the amphitheater around the 18th green, and the fans stayed out there. They were in full force, and it was an awesome experience.

ENGLISH 18.3: That’s a beautiful play.

ENGLISH BITE: It seemed like every hole we played one guy had the advantage and the other one ended up making a six- or seven-footer to keep it going.

HICKOK18.3: Is it there? Are you serious?! Oh no!

ENGLISH 17.4 : And another one finds the center.

HICKOK 18.4: this is not possible my God what a shot!

English:  It's hard. It's hard to stay mentally into it and not to lose focus, but I tried really hard to stay focused and stay sharp

ENGLISH 18.2: Oh he nipped that beautifully. It’s going to spin back close!

ENGLISH BITE:It was a good fight, and came down to somebody making birdie finally.

ENGLISH PLAYOFF 18.3 :  Here it is! It’s over Harris English ends it with a birdie on the 8th playoff hole!

English BITE : think this is a validation win. It took me seven years to win this year in Maui, and I think this is a validation of where my game is right now.

**FEDEXCUP STANDINGS**

**ENGLISH BECAME THE 4TH MULLTIPLE WINNER THIS SEASON BY CAPTURING HIS 4TH TOUR TITLE, AND MOVED TO 2ND IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS.**

**COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10**

**PATRICK CANTLAY CONTINUED TO LEAD THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10., WITH 8 EVENTS REMAINING IN THE REGULAR SEASON.**

**SERVPRO FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION:**

**THE CUT PRESENTS, HONORING OUR HEROES**

JULIE CAMERA A Today we announced a special partnership between SERVPRO and the Northern Trust where firefighters and first responders will gain free access to the tournament through free tickets. This partnership idea came a couple years ago because we said we wanted to honor the first responders because of 9/11.

RICK CAMERA A: SERVPRO and our 16,000 teammates are very passionate about 1st responders and what they do in communities because we work so closely with them we see what they do up close and personal. So when the Northern trust and the PGA TOUR  had this idea we said absolutely we will support it.

STEVEN CAMERA A: We are at the 20 year anniversary of 9/11 anyone who remembers that day will remember the bravery of the firefighters who were running into that building while everybody else was running away from the world trade center this is a small recognition of gratitude towards 1st responders.

**ROCKET LOOKAHEAD:**

NANTZ ANNC: We are in Detroit proper. Just a straight line out to this historic golf course called Detroit Golf Club a Donald Ross design //which opened back in 1916.

BRYSON DECHAMBEAU: Well, the conditions are really nice, they're beautiful. Greens are beautiful, fairways are perfect. It's a golf course that I enjoy. I do really well on country club-style golf courses. It's a golf course that I enjoy

Booth, JIM NANTZ AND NICK FALDO: For the golfers to come to an old school golf course, if you can pound it down a fairway you can score 20-under won’t win this, probably above that

WEBB SIMPSON: I love playing golf courses every once in a while that you can go make birdies. You know, most of the weeks on the PGA TOUR, they're very challenging and tough to make birdies, but this week is a great mix of the fairways are pretty wide, but there is rough, it is penal if you miss the fairways and the pins have been very tricky.

**FAN DUEL :**

Beauties of course ANNC: The Detroit Golf club/ history runs deep and now the pga tour is part of that history

DECHAMBEAU 14.4 trav rd 3: Nothing to it.

SIMPSON 15.3 her rd 2 This is where he get’s the job done. //

NIEMANN 5.4 vals round2 Here’s a guy that is just good in all aspects/

SI-WOO KIM: 1.2 players rd 4 Si Woo Kim just perfect off the tee

LANTO GRIFFIN 4.4 api rd 2 Lanto taking care of business.

CAMERON DAVIS: 18.5 rd farm OOOh sweet shot Cameron Davis!

**TOUR PLAYLIST**

**THE FINAL SPOT IN THE ROCKET MORTGAGE CLASSIC’S THIRD PLAYING IN DETROIT WAS CAPTURED IN A SPECIAL TOURNAMENT SUNDAY AND MONDAY.**

**JOHN SHIPPEN WINNER HIGHLIGHT :**

Woods bite:  The John Shippen was created in order to elevate the conversation about the representation of blacks within the game of golf, We have the National Invitational side, where we're gonna host 33 players from all over the nation, that will be participating professionals and amateurs, here are the Detroit Golf Club. We also have the sports business summit which is marketed towards students of color, that are interested within the sports industry, there are high school students or college students as well.

We know that it's important to these players because there's a lot of riding on this, right you have the men that can earn an exemption to play in Rocket Mortgage Golf classic this week as well as for the women. There's two exemptions on the table for the women, the Dow Bay Invitational in Midland, Michigan, as well as the kindness of founders cup in New Jersey, so they know as a lot of riding on and so, a lot of them are anxious to come out. And we're definitely excited to be able to provide an opportunity for them to slush through the water to get a little bit of perspective on the golf course as well.

Oneil: It was a little stressful today. I didn't play that well on the front nine had a hiccup on 14 and had the ball spin back in the water, but after that I rebounded and made a couple birdies coming down the stretch and was able to get the win. So super happy, excited to play Rocket Mortgage.

Oneil: With Shippen coming along and having this exemption for a lot of players getting exposure to play in the Rocket Mortgage I think is huge. Oh, I know this is the first time that they're having this tournament and being the first one to qualify for it means a lot. I'm definitely looking forward to playing in the tournament.