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**First Look at Course (Players)**

Werenski SOT: Wow it looks different, huh? // still long // very much so

Nat- tee shot whack

Leishman SOT: the fairway is a different shape. // now you've got them bunkers to work off, these trees will be more in play off the left // but I think it's a more visually inviting tee shot than just that straight fairway

Horschel SOT: I think it looks pretty cool I mean when you look at the flowers and the way its shaped you sort of see a little of Augusta //

McCumber SOT: Man its gorgeous, it really frames the shot // from here it kind of looks like you want to hug the bunker to have a good shot in in two

Higgs SOT: Looks very different, at least I don't have to walk up a hill!

Fitzpatrick SOT: will be nice to be able to see whats going on // 290 we're alright then, doesn't affect me I am too short (laughs)

Ghim SOT: It doesn't look like there is a fairway, it looks cool! // I don't even know where to hit it yet, do I hit to those bunkers?

Horschel SOT: You can hit it into the bunkers, I wouldn't recommend it but...

Ghim SOT: (after hitting tee shot) I think I like it pretty good now!

**Course Changes**

LaRocca SOT:  Well, it was back to September 29th, 2019, the director golf, the superintendent, they were asked to see Jack on the putting green, and he said, "I want to do this one more time."// I said, "what!?"  He said, "we're gonna do the golf course one more time."

Mark SOT: He put his hand on my shoulder and said, "You know, we've done what we can with this place, but it's, there's some infrastructure needs. And we wanna get rid of the poa and you want to be perfect, and I want to be perfect and let's make it perfect."

Barbara SOT:  Well, I think that's been his attitude from day one.  It's been tinkered with for what, 40 years, but he just said, you know, he wanted one last kind of really dig at it. And I don't know anybody watching television at the Memorial Tournament last year they showed the sixth green which was already being dug up before the tournament was over.

Nicklaus Sot:  I sort of look at it like I might just have one last bite at the apple. So, I went into Muirfield probably mid-summer two years ago. I started thinking about, how can I get rid of this blasted poana? If I'm going to get it out of the greens, then I need to get out of the fairways to track it in. So, we need to redo the fairways.  We may as well redo the bunkers. The irrigation system's about due, and he says, "if you have any design changes," he says,  "let's do them at the same time."  I said, "okay!"

Cochran Sot:  Seven of the 18 greens were moved into a different position. All but maybe six greens had some pretty significant contour changes done to it. Every bunker was touched, repositioned, moved.  We were just gonna do a little bit of tee work, but as we got into it, and like I always see, Jack, when he'd see the bulldozers out there, we're pushing dirt anyway, he's like, "well, why don't we just go ahead and do this?"  So, we made dramatic changes to all the tee complexes as well.

 LaRocca SOT:  here we are, 2021, the project's complete, and if you couldn't think you could touch up the Mona Lisa, he did.  But now with the golf course where it is today, with all the new technology that the golf course now has, we are set up for a lifetime.

 Nicklaus Sot:  I'm about as happy as a guy could be to start a golf course July 20th, and have it ready the next year and do what we did, are you kidding?

 Cochran Sot: I think we did exactly what Jack wanted, so we'll see after the tournament and the Shotlink data and what the players say. And I'm sure we'll be tinkering with something.

Producer SOT:  He says, this is his last bite of the apple, but I don't think you believe that.

Cochran Sot:  No, no, not at all. He loves it too much. It's his baby.

**Morikawa Practice Round**

Morikawa SOT: Well it still looks nice and tough. Oh, bunker's now?

Caddie SOT: Bunker's now. Yep.

Morikawa SOT: Oh lovely.

Morikawa SOT: I like how I don't have to hit straight uphill though.

Morikawa SOT: I'll take four of those.

Morikawa SOT: Last year at this hole, it was more of a straightaway hole, and I feel like now it's almost like a mini dog leg even though there's no trees that get in the way. You have the big tree on the left, and it pushes you out to the right to hit it right, but in a sense you almost need to hit it a little more left than where we've ever aimed. Before I was aiming probably left edge of these bunkers and now, I'm aiming way left. Probably where the rough and fairway met last year. It just kind of sets up a little differently. I can't really hit my cut anymore like you almost have to hit it a lot straighter which is fine. I've been working on that tee shot. But it's definitely a very different visual, but I like it.

Morikawa SOT: There's gonna be holes, you know like this, where the tee shot is going to be completely different. It looks like the brought up the green or at least the front part of it. I want to say the creek comes in a little more on the right which could actually be a good little test with the right pins.

Caddie SOT: so 5 up.

Morikawa SOT: 5 wood doesn't get there does it?

Caddie SOT: Oh yea!

Morikawa SOT: It does?

Morkiawa SOT: My misses are getting better on this for some reason. I show up on new golf courses every week pretty much and you know I'm hitting a point now where I've seen a lot of courses but. I want to remember what I did last year, but it still is a completely different course. But I have a lot of good memories from here, so it just makes it a little more exciting to come back to a place that I know, you know, I feel comfortable at and that I've won.

**Thursday Action**

NATS: This is the 8:44 starting time. Now on the tee // Collin Morikawa.

ANNC: This is a ballstriker's delight right here, this group.

ANNC: Perfect read, perfect speed. Morikawa to -3. He looks pretty comfortable.

ANNC: Three birdies on the scorecard for Xander Schauffele.

ANNC: Another good looking golf swing. He's starting to get dialed in here. This whole group is, really.

RAHM SOT: The redesign's made it at least one to two strokes harder, but when the greens are receptive like now and you can fire at every single pin // you can take advantage of it.

ANNC: 7 seasons after Matsuyama's first victory on the TOUR right here, starts his day with a par.

ANNC: Boy, that's a good looking line right there.

ANNC: Masters champion, well done. And he's just ho hum. Another day at work.

ANNC: Morikawa to push it to 4-under here.

ANNC: Got a new wand in the bag this week.

MORIKAWA SOT: It's a new putter but it's the same blade I used actually last year at this tournament. // Overall it's a putter that // I feel comfortable with. // Obviously rolled a few in today.

ANNC: Here's a young man that's just 24 years old // and just continuing to evolve and improve.

ANNC: Hideki Matsuyama has had an up and down day

ANNC: Trying to avoid finishing bogey, double bogey. Ooh, that is a bitter, bitter finish.

ANNC: Nothing has looked too tough for Morikawa today.

ANNC: One of the better ballstriking rounds I've seen in a long time.

MORIKAWA SOT: If I keep it in the fairway, I feel like I'm hitting a lot of 9-7 irons and // when I'm able to put those irons in my hand I feel like can attack the pins // and give myself some closer birdies than other guys can.

ANNC: There's our solo leader, Collin Morikawa. An opening round 66.

NAT: (horn blowing)

ANNC: Some electricity in the area so // they have blown the horn suspending play here.

**Rules Officials Insight**

ANNC: This is a totally brand new complex.

SOT: I'm still trying to figure out exactly where I'm gonna go. I've got one in that vicinity there, I've got two up the back, I've got options in here and I've two in the front.

SOT: There's a lot of options to play with so it's fun.

SOT: As a committee, we're trying to provide a different look, a different feel every day. A nice balance of fronts, middles and backs, lefts and rights. Just bringing in certain features as opposed to getting into a situation on Saturday or Sunday where you're heavy on fronts or heavy on lefts or rights.

SOT: One of the greatest tools that we have is these heat maps. // It doesn't take a genius in terms of by looking at that, where are the areas we're probably looking to go. Obviously here, you've got the second here, you got this area in here, obviously you got this big flat portion in here. So the question is whether you can start to just shift some of these hole locations into areas over here or in here too.

SOT: The thing is with the players // before they knew where we were gonna go. Now I've got, they're gonna have no idea. Certainly on this green I have maybe as many as 8 or 9 solid hole locations that I can use so they're gonna be guessing a little bit.

SOT: So many more options. // Bring your A-game here, for sure.

**Spieth Presser Setup**

SOT: Just how different is the course? How different do you think you have to play it?

SPIETH SOT: There will be, obviously, a bit of learning to do on the new green surfaces on where some of the misses are and so I think the majority of it is on and around the greens. That's going to be probably the most important work to recognize where the pins are going to be and where you can miss to leave yourself the best chance to get a birdie.

**Friday Action**

ANNC: a lot of first round golf to finish today as well as begin the second round. Some fog is lurking out there at Muirfield village"

ANNC: you have to love the strategy that jack created but boy if you misstep just a little bit then you have to think what do you want to do

ANNC: Cantlay to push it to two under. Beautifully read

ANNC: get through that stretch 12,13,14 with three circles impressive.

ANNC: The second round is underway

ANNC: we got a couple obviously brand-new hole locations, couple of tough heres.

ANNC: first on the tee from dallas Texas Jordan Spieth.

ANNC: this for birdie. How much of a momentum shift could that possibly be for Jordan

ANNC: thats another birdie he can put on the scorecard for cantlay. A steady climb up the Friday leaderboard one back.

Cantlay SOT: We're out here a long time today fall asleep at the wheel so checking in with yourself, are you as focused as you can be, I think is key.

ANNC: this is some comeback from Jordan Spieth after opening round 76 (app to

Jack SOT: Im very happy for him, boy is he have a short game, woah.

ANNC: 76 67 for Spieth

ANNC: Patrick Cantlay won the Jack Nicklaus award ten years ago and now takes the lead.

ANNC: three straight birdies to close out his second round.

CANTLAY SOT: Im pretty tired, played 33 holes and this golf course was a harder walk so it was a pleasant surprise to birdie the last 3.

ANNC: just getting his day started

ANNC: should get that shot back that he dropped at the first

ANNC: Hideki Matsuyama has 6 victories on the PGA TOUR his first came right here in 2014 at the memorial.

**Hideki Flashback**

SOT JACK ON HIDEKI 21CBSMEM02 Hideki got here on a sponsor exemption. And he was a young guy, I guess 22 years old he came here.

ANNC MATSUYAMA – 82 – BIRDIE Wow Peter, he's filling it up today! Oh he's playing beautifully.

ANNC MATSUYAMA 184 – WINNING PUTT Matsuyama makes the Memorial his maiden voyage to victory!

SOT JACK ON HIDEKI 21CBSMEM02 When he won, I said he's gonna win a lot of golf tournaments and he's gonna win a lot of majors.

ANNC MATSUYAMA – 74 – BIRDIE He's a good young player. // Bright, bright, bright future.

SOT JACK ON HIDEKI 21CBSMEM02 As Hideki has grown // he's gotten more mature, he's learned to not have bad mistakes on the golf course // and he's learned to really play golf. Japan is gonna be very proud of him.

**Friday Action Pt. 2**

ANNC: Its feast or famine for Jon Rahm here trying to defend his title here at Muirfield village has to catch Cantlay

ANNC: what a run for the big man is on here

ANNC: Schuaffelle cashes that one in

ANNC: starting the see the payoff and reap the dividends of the fine iron play, hes hit more greens than all but three players this week

ANNC: one final birdie for the defending champion today to jump to the top of the leaderboard

NAT: Horn blows

ANNC: so the second round will spill into Saturday morning here at Muirfield Village

**Celeb Pro Am & Patient Champions**

FITZGERALD SOT: Arjun, you want to hit my tee ball for me? Can you put it in the fairway for me? Im going to put some pressure on you, No. 1 ranked player in the state of Arizona I want to see something man, come on. // might be a little too much shaft in there for you!

NANTZ SOT The pro-am out here on tour is a special part of the life-blood of the tour, it's a real tribute above all to our tour players that they do it every single week //

PEYTON SOT: I have always enjoyed playing here in Columbus // got to play with tony finau today he was awesome, great host.

FINAU SOT: I am a big sports fan in general so its really cool to be out here with Peyton // you get lucky sometimes and play with guys you look up to and this is one of those times for me so this is pretty cool for me // excited to finally tee it up with him

ELI SOT: I assume you are a cowboys fan //

SCHEFFLER SOT: oh yeah (laughs)

SCHEFFLER SOT: Yeah die-hard cowboys fan so watched Eli play a bunch of times. // looks like the retirement game is in good shape (laughs)

ANNC: wow good ball!

CURRY SOT: I am a golf junkie, I love the game and have an appreciation for Jack Nicklaus // and his legacy and knowing how / ive never been here it's the first time and its an awesome experience

CURRY SOT: Ahhh! Bunker...

CLARK SOT: i am a huge basketball guy so watching steph // its fun to see not only someone i watch on tv great at his sport but hes also great at our sport so it was a lot of fun today // i was really impressed he hits it far and made a few brdies and pars like hes a legit player hes the real deal.

CURRY SOT: Its just 180-some miles an hour.

CURRY: I swing faster (laughs)

NANTZ SOT: // to have them here at memorial I think it's a tribute to Jack, it's a tribute to this golf course // I know it was a special pro am here for everybody

**Honorees Ceremony**

Monahan SOT: It's my great honor and please join me in congratulating Nick Price as this year's Captain's Club Honoree.

IRWIN SOT: The Captain's Club and this event have all been focused to take the game forward, to take those people in the past and honor them for their contributions to the game.

PRICE SOT: I can't tell you how important this is to me and my family to be honored here. Jack was a huge inspiration for me, he was the one we all looked up to.

NICKLAUS SOT: Nick Price is a Hall of Fame golfer, he's always been in the game of golf, he's been a great ambassador that deserves to be recognized.

PRICE SOT: I remember coming here to Muirfield, it was my first year on the US Tour. And I thought to myself, "man this is really great that Jack honors these old guys (laughter) and here I am 38 years later!" I can't tell you what a wonderful ride it's been for me and certainly this a cherry on the top of the cake. So thank you.

**Saturday Feature**

SET UP SOUND: We welcome you back to Muirfield Village Golf Club Saturday morning here and it is the continuation and eventual completion of the second round.

HIDEKI ANNC: Matsuyama, touchy little shot right here, played it well.

MORIKAWA ANNC 14  He’s not a particularly aggressive putter but you’d like to see him get aggressive here.  Pours it in.  Back within 3.

RAHM ANNC 16: Go in…oh, it is!!! The big man had something spectacular in mind!  How about that! And that sends the big man to the top of the board.

RAHM QUICK QUOTES:  I just aimed between the pin and the edge of the bunker, hit a straight 8-iron and let the wind do the rest.  I was pretty sure that ball was going past the hole by 15 feet.

MORIKAWA ANNC: Another exquisite day of ball striking for this young man.  Just another day at the office for him huh John.  Morikawa to get in for a level par 72 here.

RAHM ANNC:  Brilliant round of 65 for the defending champion and the leader Jon Rahm.

ANNCE:  Round 3 is back on schedule.

MATSUYAMA ANNC:  Tough day.

XANDER ANNCE 18.3:  Rough day then you look up at the leaderboard and that will really sting.

CANTLAY FRONT NINE: ANNCE 6.3
His game is rock solid, good driver of the ball, excellent iron player and that putter can run hot. He knows how to compete too.

MORIKAWAY FRONT NINE:  ANNCE 9.3

He’s on a nice run here with birdies on the last two holes, can he make it three in a row, yes he can!  He sure has been putting it well this week!

Good feeling about this man’s stroke today he’s looking really good isn’t he.
This would give him to 5-under on the par 3’s this week, that’s incredible

CANTLAY ANNC:  If anybody’s gonna make a challenge Morikawa’s gonna have to do something or Patrick Cantlay.  Here’s Cantlay to join Morikawa tied 2nd …this is good, this is great! Cantlay, round of 68.

MORIKAWA ANNC:  (NICKLAUS) He’s got a beautiful rhythm, you know he’s not a big guy so he has to be able to swing the club and gain his power from a good swing and he’s certainly got one.

RAHM ANNC:  Oh yes!  Rahm is in a different class right now.

RAHM ANNC:  And it’s another.

RAHM ANNC:  Probably most of the complete golf we’ve ever seen him play isnt it.

DOTTIE PEPPER SOT:  I have confirmed through the PGA TOUR that Jon Rahm has tested positive for Covid 19.
NANTZ:  That means he will have to withdraw from the tournament.

PATRICK CANTLAY SOT:

NANTZ SOT:  We now have transitioned to a whole new leaderboard.  We’ll go into tomorrow with Morikawa and Cantlay tied for the lead.  Stunning.

**Sunday Feature**

BEAUTY | COURSE PANS, GFX COMMENTATORS 14:32:06 Still many people trying to get their minds around what happened yesterday but there is // an important tournament title at stake here today.

FRONT NINE SCENE SET 14:34:45two fine players, former champions here. And they’ve started poorly today,

Morikawa, Collin | 6.3 | par 4 | Chip 15:01:41 I believe that was a whiff. He’s gone straight underneath it.

MORIKAWA FIRST NINE 15:50:20 It has been an un-Morikawa-like first nine.

LEADERS 9TH HOLE 15:46:20 Oh dear. // That will get the mind racing a little bit. 15:46:42 Both of these guys have missed putts in that vicinity.

FRONT NINE RESET 14:34:57 They’ve gotta get their mind in the right of wow, I’m playing to win at Muirfield Village, Jack’s tournament.

SOT PATRICK CANTLAY I missed a number of short or mid-range putts today and usually if you miss that many inside 10 feet you're probably going to fall a few short...

SOT PATRICK CANTLAY … But I was able to make some of the longer ones today and sometimes it's just how golf is.

CANTLAY 13 BIRDIE 16:47:56 Ohh yes! Now we got a ballgame.

MORIKAWA 11 BIRDIE 16:20:00 How about Morikawa? He’s had three bogeys on the first six holes and he’s got this for the outright lead. // And he has made it!

CANTLAY 17 BIRDIE 17:52:57 And he’s buried it! // Patrick Cantlay from 24 feet at the 71st hole!

MORIKAWA 17 PAR 17:53:56 Now this one to remain tied. 17:54:09 That is pressure-packed right there!

CANTLAY 18 MISS 18:07:24 Cantlay 18:07:34 to take the title (groans)

HEADING TO PLAYOFF 18:08:55 They start the day tied, and they finish 72 holes tied.

PLAYOFF SETUP 18:16:45 The 5th playoff in this tournament since 2014. // You’ve got two upper echelon players about to tangle here for an extra hole or who knows how long it goes.

SOT PATRICK CANTLAY 19:08:56 It ended up being // a tough playoff where Collin and I were really trading blows. 19:09:05 I stayed within myself and comfortable and confident and I really did my best to stay present.

PLAYOFF GREENS 18:30:19 Dottie, who’s away? It’s definitely Patrick. For sure.

SOT PATRICK CANTLAY 19:11:33 The putt was extremely similar to regulation on a slightly different line, but I just had seen it, so I had a good picture in my head.

CANTLAY PLAYOFF PUTT HOLED 18:32:09 Beautiful! Tremendous amount of trust from what he saw 15 minutes ago. And now Morikawa must make.

MORIKAWA PLAYOFF MISS 18:33:12 (groans) Patrick Cantlay is the winner. // Just the 7th multiple winner of this event.

SOT PATRICK CANTLAY 19:15:18 It's always special coming off the 18th green and shaking his hand.

MORIKAWA PLAYOFF MISS 18:33:50 (NATS) Nice going, proud of you.

SOT PATRICK CANTLAY 19:15:35 To do it at his place with the advice and encouragement that he's given me over the years is very special for me.