

2021 PGA TOUR: THE CUT #27 (John Deere Classic)

COLD OPEN

ANNC: Downtown Detroit... revitalized, energized.

ANNC: Detroit Golf Club, once again hosting the Rocket Mortgage Classic. Back in the Motor City.

ANNC: Put some more burgers and dogs on the grill.

ANNC: Wow, hello!

ANNC: We have fireworks on the 4th of July.

WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT.

FIRST TEE DETROIT

PEEK: We're very proud of the relationship that we have with The First Tee. They have access to all three locations, Rakim, Chandler Park and Rouge Park for their programming. It's been a long-standing relationship with The First Tee. The Detroit chapter has always been very near and dear to my heart.

KOYACK: And how much do you personally enjoy seeing the young people from The First Tee here and participating in golf?

PEEK: Well, I love it, because I mean, I think it has so much value in in the community. I mean, this program started as an opportunity to introduce young kids to the game of golf who might not otherwise have the opportunity to be exposed. It's more than just learning the game of golf, it's learning about integrity and character, judgment, honesty, this is this is what they build with.

KOYACK: Give me a sense of what Rocket Mortgage has done for the area of Detroit and golf in Detroit?

PEEK: Well, I can't tell you how impactful it was, when they decided to bring a tournament to Detroit. There is a sense of pride within the community. And I think that really showed in year one with the level of participation. The interest level was tremendous. And what a showcase to me for the city for the community to see, this is a wonderful place. And within the boundaries of the city, we have, three exceptional golf courses.

KOYACK: How much does The First Tee children enjoy running around these areas and using the facilities and practicing their games?

PEEK: They love it because each session they create a rotation where a small group of kids, we'll start here at the putting green and then there's another group at the chipping green. And they rotate from each location, like every 15 minutes or so. They play games, they set up targets, they do things that the kids really, really enjoy.

KOYACK: And the golf course, what's the design like? How would you describe it?

PEEK: It's the consummate Donald Ross design. The greens are the thing. The greens are absolutely the thing. They're small, lots of undulation. They're in wonderful shape and the golfers comment all the time about how much they love the greens here.

KOYACK: Give me a sense of what your hopes are for the future in terms of both Rakim and golf in Detroit?

PEEK: Very simply I would say that we leave this golf course better, all of these golf courses better than we found them. And hopefully those young people that you're talking about, that are involved with The First Tee they enjoy being here, we show them that we like having them here and they continue to come out as they get older. I'm very excited about what we're doing. And you know, what our legacy will be.

KOYAK: Karen, thank you so much.

PEEK: My pleasure.

AREA 313 CELEBRITY SCRAMBLE

MICKELSON: Oh, no, oh, you're crushing my dreams Bryson. Like you got me so excited.

DECHAMBEAU: And I miss hit mine too.

MICKELSON: No!

VARNER: You tried to smoke that one!

FITZGERALD: I tried to; it didn't work out well.

WATSON: Oh, that hurt so bad! Holy cow.

MULLINS: This is my third 313. And every year it gets better.

IZZO: I'm gonna ride every pro that I got.

MICKELSON: Here's the thing coach.

IZZO: There's nothing like it, is it?

MICKELSON: You're aware of the chance to do something special, unique, and whatever, like when you have a group of kids that you know are special, they're gonna make a run at it, right? (Yep) Well you've gotta keep their mind in the process of it all, right? In the presence of what's important now. Because in four months, we want to be our best, we want to be healthy, play together as a team, play in sync. All that stuff, right? Well, in the day before a match you're like, all right, we're ready but we have to perform and execute, all of it, right? So, the whole thing is, it's not hard on the course, it's hard in-between rounds.

IZZO: Better players make you a better coach. So, I'm not one of the better players, so I think I'll coach my team.

SANDERS: The Rocket Mortgage holding this event, for me, it's just exciting to be a part of it.

MULLINS: I love that it's grown and there's more teams and more visibility of what's happening in Detroit.

DAY: It was interesting, you know, because we had like kind of people from all walks.

IZZO: I think what I'm most looking forward to is what this is going to do for the city of Detroit and what's happening in the city of Detroit and that's probably the most fun thing and the proudest thing I am of it.

FITZGERALD: Like golf always does, it connects good people, and, you know, I think just being a little walk around for three holes and you get a chance to get a small glimpse into what makes people special. And I think that's the thing I enjoyed most.
president ceo

TIRICO: Larry Burns, President and CEO of the Children's Foundation will now present the championship belt to Team Kenwall Steel, led by Jason Day.

DAY: Last year, Bubba and Harold beat us, so nice to be able to have a little bit of redemption. With all the fun and stuff aside, what, yeah, Rocket Mortgage, you know what they've done, not only here in Detroit, but for the PGA TOUR, It's been pretty special.

BUMP

INSTRUCTOR: The seat adjusted? You're good to go? Alright.

Full throttle, straight line, full throttle, straight line, brake hard, there you go, look right.

TARREN: I'll tell you what hard work this. My lefty oblique is absolute ruined.

Are you alright Derek?

DEREK: Yeah it's all good.

TARREN: Derek's struggling in the back there. I love it.

MITO PEREIRA & JOAQUÍN NIEMANN WALK & TALK

PEREIRA: I think it was around, he was like 12 maybe I was like 15 playing in Chile just. Chile is so small so everybody knows each other. I remember he used to play with some yellow shorts, yellow pants and yellow shirt, he looked like a bee a little bit, but he was good.

NIEMANN: I remember when I was like 10 or 9 he was like 12/13 and I remember him coming here to the states and we would play like the junior world and he would win everything and I wasn't playing great at that age. But yea I was always looking at Mito kinda like a role model when I was a kid and it's nice to be competitive now and be more fun.

PEREIRA: I think the roles have switched. He's playing amazing golf so solid great career just trying to follow him now, you know?

NIEMANN: Yea but don't try to pass me please.

Every time we go back we go to our coaches academy and obviously they have a lot of kids there and every time we go back we go out and we play with them we have fun. I mean we all know each other because it's a small country everyone knows each other, and we have a lot of fun back in Chile. Now having Mito and me here on TOUR, I think it's going to help a lot to grow more of the game.

It's going to be our first Olympics and for us, for Chile, we're a small country it's going to be really nice to represent them and hopefully get a gold medal.

ANNC: Pack your bags Mito Pereira, you're going to the PGA TOUR.

NIEMANN: Mito what's up I just want to say congrats. It's amazing to watch you play on TV and how good you're playing and I just can't wait to be playing with you on the TOUR events here and all the practice rounds together so it's going to be fun and just congrats on winning again and again and again!

I gotta say, he's an unbelievable player. His whole game awesome. We actually play like a really similar game. We hit it pretty much the same distance. He has a really good game and I'm for sure he can compete here. He's going to do well. He will be alright.

PEREIRA ito: I was obviously on the Korn Ferry Tour and already knew everything and everybody and now get to another tour and have to do everything again. Having a really good friend here is easier.

CAM DAVIS WINS ROCKET MORTGAGE CLASSIC

ANNC: Cam Davis and his 3rd. Oh my gosh! More fireworks!

ANNC: Niemann has a putt for the win. Oh so close. Niemann in the playoff, yes.

ANNC: Alright, we're going to a 3 way playoff here in Detroit.

DAVIS: I just kept on hitting the shots that I was hitting in regulation, the same approach.

ANNC: What a great swing this is. Oh yeah, Cam Davis, another dart into the 18th green.

ANNC: Merritt misses and Davis does it in Detroit.

DAVIS: It was a long playoff. We did get close to last week, but I'm just glad I finished the way I did.

I've been in some good positions before, but to play the golf that I played coming down the stretch was just awesome. I'm really happy with where I sit right now.

FEDEXCUP STANDINGS

IN HIS 71ST START ON TOUR, CAM DAVIS EARNED HIS FIRST CAREER WIN AND MOVED UP 47 SPOTS, TO 34TH IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS.

COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10

478 POINTS SEPARATE 1ST AND 10TH IN THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10. THE CLOSEST SEPARATION WITH 5 WEEKS REMAINING IN THE REGULAR SEASON SINCE 2009.

SAVING SHOTS

THE CUT PRESENTS... SAVING SHOTS

ANNC: Oh, what a golf shot that is! Good grief! That's ridiculous. That's the only place he could have landed it to get it close.

ANNC: Oh, that was skillful, really skillful.

ANNC: Love the way he plays these. Into a low squat handle. Really low, blade open, thump that sand. The master class.

THE KORN FERRY TOUR ON THE CUT

ANNC: A TOUR level test.

ANNC: Can you step up and make one of the most important putts of your career?

ANNC: The singular goal remains the same, to earn a PGA TOUR card.

CALLUM TARREN AT THE BMW PERFORMANCE CENTER

TARREN: I am a massive car guy. The BMW driving school experience, so excited to do this year. BMW is an incredible brand. We did some handling in an M4. Body's a bit sore from hanging on for grim death-

INSTRUCTOR: The seat adjusted? You're good to go? All right. I am going to give you a lead around the track. Let you see it. May just end up letting you chase me out there and I'll coach you as we do that.

TARREN: I'm quite a confident driver, but like anything you can always improve. We had an instructor who was trying to help us navigate the handling track.

INSTRUCTOR: Racecar drivers are looking for ways to create straight lines in driving areas that way we can accelerate and brake in a straight line. Full throttle, straight line, full throttle, straight line, brake hard, there you go, look right. Level out, level out. Don't look at those cones and steer clear. Joy ride through there. If you straight line you'll hit the cones. You just hit 3 cones in a row there.

TARREN: Did I? Wow, haha!

This is insane. I'll tell you what hard work this. My lefty oblique is absolute ruined.

INSRTUCTOR: You're doing great Callum keep it up buddy.

TARREN: Are you alright Derek?

DEREK: Yeah it's all good.

TARREN: Derek's struggling in the back there. I love it.

INSRTUCTOR: Callum you're killing it I wish all my students responded to feedback like this.

TARREN: This is not my first rodeo boys. This thing is an absolute beast!

INSRTUCTOR: Follow me Callum. Ok we're going to go do a little off-roading.

Our first obstacle is the water crossing and the first rule to the water crossing is no splashing. It's kinda like the kid's pool.

Coming up next the frame bender. If you stop at just the right point on this, you can actually balance on two wheels. But if you go a half inch too far it will peter over.

We call this the extreme hill for reasons you cannot see. BRAKE! Ohhh. That's what we call the pucker effect. Hahaha. If you don't know what the puck effect is I can tell ya off camera.

That was nice. Maintain stability going down the very steep incline.

TARREN: That's insane, isn't it? These vehicles are insanely impressive. We'll see a real driver in action.

INSRTUCTOR: Everybody belted up and ready? (yeah) You sure?

TARREN: The hot lap, I mean you get to ride with a professional driver, who's just incredible. I'd love to be able to drive just half the level he can. It was just insane.

That was unbelievable. Oh man. That's crazy. Absolutely wild. Thank you bud! Appreciate it. That was awesome, thank you!

FAVORITES & SLEEPERS

ANNC: The John Deere Classic. It is a TOUR favorite. The players love it.

ANNC: Alright, good shot from Daniel Berger.

ANNC: This guy's got one of the smoothest putting strokes out here.

ANNC: Si Woo Kim, perfect off the tee.

ANNC: What a shot!

ANNC: He is dialed in right now with that swing.

ANNC: And no problem for him.

50 YEARS OF JOHN DEERE CLASSIC

SPIETH: Just want to give a big congratulations to John Deere for the support of the John Deere classic in your 50th anniversary. We love coming there and we hope to see you guys soon.

DECHAMBEAU: I've just been working so hard my whole life to try and do this and to finally have it happen at the John Deere Classic was just incredible.

BEMAN: It is a perfect example of what golf stands for and what an event can do for a community. They have carried this event to be one of our best and I'm proud to be a former winner there and proud to have played in the first one.

ANNC: Looking good. Oh my goodness. 3 in a row. Steve Stricker!

ANNC: A local boy, his 9th victory. And he's done it.

JOHNSON: I just want to say wow! Congratulations to everybody at John Deere. To everybody at the John Deere Classic. Congratulations on being a part of the PGA TOUR. For showcasing your great event in a great area. I'm biased, but right there in the heart of the Midwest, and doing it for all the right reasons: to serve others and give back to the community that's given you so much. I applaud you and look forward to 50 more.

SPEITH: The John Deere classic being my first win in 2013 and then being able to go back in 2015 and also close that one out, it's the only place where I have won multiple times and great memories from that finish. I love the people there. I love the golf course there and it is always a good time.

TOUR PLAYLIST

AFTER A SEASON AWAY DUE TO COVID-19 SCHEDULE CHANGES, THE JOHN DEERE CLASSIC GETS UNDERWAY ON THURSDAY WITH 2019 CHAMPION DYLAN FRITTELLI LOOKING TO DEFEND.

BEST OF DYLAN FRITTELLI ALL-ACCESS

ANNC: Just calmly knocks it in. What a great day. And Dylan Frittelli gets his first victory on the PGA TOUR.

FRITTELLI: Hey guys, Dylan Frittelli here. I'm going to be taking you all on a little journey. I'll be heading to the gym in a little bit. First, we've got to fuel up though, we've got some overnight oats and a smoothie. Let's go!

I think you're gonna see a lot of original content, a lot of stuff inside the ropes, a lot of in the action stuff behind the scenes. I like to try and give some good angles with that in mind. I like to do some live stuff. But yeah, just try and keep it exciting, to be honest.

Get in the hole!

What are you doing? Come on! Good boy.

I'm a crazy south African guy, pretty meticulous, pretty pedantic, pretty fun-loving guy that's trying to play the best golf he can, and travel as much as I can, experience everything the PGA TOUR has to offer and bring some enjoyment to the fans out there.

Hey guys been waiting the longest time to get busy on this mustang. I Built this VW bug at the end of last season, I had 2 weeks off and probably took 10 or 12 hours to build this thing. Super intricate, some cool features on it. Living quarters, all kinds of fun things and I'm sure this Mustang is gonna be just as intricate. I know most people are not into LEGO but I love it.

EMPLOYEE: Just to let you know we're actually not doing any cups or cones today. We're doing a kitchen sink sundae.

FRITTELLI: Oh no!

WITT: Surprise!

EMPLOYEE: It comes with 12 scoops of ice cream, all our toppings dry toppings, wet toppings, like hot fudge, caramel, and whatnot and we also have some brownies and cookies in there.

WITT: What was that?

FRITTELLI: Raspberry.

WITT: Raspberry.

FRITTELLI: Ya'll want some raspberry?

Let the pro finish up.

I still live in Austin, Texas. I'll pretty much play every tournament in Texas that's on the PGA TOUR. And it's home right now and I don't see myself leaving anytime soon.