**2021 PGA TOUR: THE CUT #31 (WGC-FEDEX ST. JUDE INVITATIONAL)**

**COLD OPEN**

FEDEX ANNC 1: The WGC Fedex St. Jude Invitational. Part of the season long race for the fedexcup. Here in Memphis tpc Southwind.

Cam Smith: I love the golf course personally. I think it's very tough. It's very demanding off the tee. If you get yourself out of position off the tee that golf course becomes very hard very quickly.

Morikawa: It's a great course, it's a great test that's what makes a great WGC course is that you can come out and make a lot of birdies, but it also separates the field in the sense where if you're not on your game, it could really hurt you.

FEDEX ANNC: Top players in the world they are here, it’s a race to the finish at this point in the pga tour season.

Leishman: It’s a perfect venue for it and a place that we enjoy going to.

**THE CUT TITLES**

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT**

**WGC- FEDEX ST JUDE LOOKAHEAD**

KOEPKA WIN ANNC: “Brooks Koepka is the world golf champion!”

JT WIN ANNC: “He’s the 3rd youngest to win 13 wins in the last 60 years.”

Morikawa: I think as a top player and as any golfer any professional golfer you want to play against the best in the world, you want to see how your game competes against theirs

Leishman: It’s a perfect course for WGC. I think it tests every area of your game. The greens are perfect, the fairways are perfect, driving accuracy is also really important but judgement of the lies.

Leishman: “Bangs it into the bank. Makes eagle!”

Scott: It’s probably an easily overlooked golf course. But it’s a very demanding golf course it requires a lot of precision around there. I’ve always enjoyed the challenge because it does test you off the tee into the green.

Horschel: I think TPC Southwind, is one of the most underrated golf courses on tour // It just shows you that the best players that were playing well that week are rewarded and they usually wind up winning that week.

**FANDUEL:**

Spieth ANNC: “Jordan Spieth breaks the winless drought! What a win!”

Koepka ANNC – “that looks pretty good right here! How about 19, how about 19!!”

Berger ANNC- And it looks like he’s got it! That was not an easy putt.”

Kokrak ANNC- “And that’s from 231 look at this. How good is that.”

Poulter ANNC- “Oh!! From long range!”

Palmer ANNC- “Oh yeah club twirl gave it away!”

**TOUR PLAYLIST (MEMPHIS)**

**THE FINAL WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SEASON COMES ON THE HEELS OF A MEMORABLE EVENT FOR JAPAN AND THE MASTERS CHAMPION.**

**THE HIDEKI EFFECT:**

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: Things have changed a little bit, and I welcome that.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: He's been that one pro that's been on the PGA TOUR from Japan, that really could do it.

MASTERS ANNC: Matsuyama is Japan’s first Masters Champion!

JIM NANTZ: The story of Hideki delivering Japan its first green jacket was so gigantic. I can't even imagine how his hands weren't shaking the whole time. My hands were shaking and I was just broadcasting it.

JORDAN SPIETH: How big golf is there and trying to become a major champion. To win the Masters, I mean it's just otherworldly.

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: I realize now the responsibility that goes with a major championship. I’m flattered by the added attention, and I'll try my best to prepare well for what's to come.

Hitoshi Iwamoto: His last name is Matsuyama same as the name of Ehime's capital city. Our first daily newspaper was published in 1876, one hundred forty-five years ago, and we've been issuing our paper every day since then. We'd been waiting for that moment for forever

Ryuji Uruki: For my work, I try and not to take a day off. If you take time off, you become complacent. I was at home watching the coverage. I pushed back our operation time a little bit.

ISAO AOKI: I was up at 3:30 am every morning during Masters week watching him play.  When he made the last putt, I just looked down without saying a word. I managed to fight back my tears. I was just so happy.

ISAO AOKI: In my case, I was curious. I wanted to see how golf was played in the United States, and what kind of players were there.

ANNC: That’s a beauty. Oh, I don’t believe it, that’s in the hole.

SHIGEKI MARUYAMA: I was able to make it to the PGA TOUR because I saw Aoki-san win the Hawaiian Open when I was a kid, and I wanted to be like him. Then, Naomichi Ozaki-san came along. That's what made me think I should try as well.

MARUYAMA WIN ANNC: Shigeki Maruyama – wins for the first time on the PGA TOUR.

SHIGEKI MARUYAMA: Nobody before me had won a PGA title in the mainland, but after I did, more players started winning tournaments in the U.S. I was glad to see that.

RYO ISHIKAWA: Hideki and I are the same age, and we've competed against each other since we were juniors.

ANNC: Matsuyama, makes the Memorial, his maiden voyage to victory. Masterful performance by Matsuyama. A star shines brightly over Japan.

RYO ISHIKAWA: During the 4 years I spent in the U.S., I was a bit overwhelmed by the number of great golfers around me. Hideki on the other hand succeeded because of his strong commitment to stick to his own game.

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: I just tried to stay patient because certain aspects of my game were improving little by little, and I was expecting that everything would eventually fall into place.

ISAO AOKI: It’s been 85 years since the first Japanese player appeared in the Masters, but when the history books are written about Japanese athletes in the Masters, a new era has begun with Hideki’s win, and I’m sure there will be many more behind him who'd like to follow in Matsuyama's steps.

SHIGEKI MARUYAMA: Because of him, golf courses in Japan are crowded, driving ranges are packed, and golf shops can barely keep products on their shelves. Japan's experiencing a golf boom right now thanks to Hideki's win, and it's only going to continue to get bigger.

ISAO AOKI: I want him to get a gold medal. I expect him to do his best and we’re all here to support him.

SHIGEKI MARUYAMA: The fact that he won that title as well as Japan Junior means the course matches Hideki's play style. That should be an advantage.

ISAO AOKI: I want each younger generation to establish their own era. I want to see multiple great players working hard together to grow the game.

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: I'm after all of them. I want to work hard and keep up my performance so that I can take my mind off the past.

**BUMP**

WERENSKI: I grew up kind of in the middle of nowhere in Massachusetts. I've just always liked being outdoors and, ever since I was a kid I was just outside every chance I got.

**SEGMENT 2**

**OAKLEY WERENSKI FEATURE:**

WERENSKI: It's kind of my way to get away from golf. We travel so much during the year and it's tiring. So this is my way to kind of unwind. This is definitely my dream.

**BRIGHT FUTURES:  A SPOTLIGHT ON RICHY WERENSKI**

WERENSKI: I grew up kind of in the middle of nowhere in Massachusetts. Ever since I was a kid I've just always liked being outdoors. I was just outside every chance I got.

JORDAN: I feel like he was just transplanted.

RICHY NAT: Come on, here, hey, good boy, good boy.

JORDAN: He's the most southern northerner I've met.

WERENSKI: I remember we had a house in Cape Cod and my dad would take us fishing on the jetty out there.. I always loved going and since then when I came down here, I started fishing a lot more.

Richy Nat: Yea I don’t know if I can get him. There’s lilly pads everywhere and he’s caught up in a lilly pad and I don’t have a strong enough line on here. Yea nope, broke. I didn’t expect to catch one.

ABBY: 01;52;53 Richy we’ve heard you talk about the farm but now I actually want to see the farm. Will you give me a tour on the 4 wheeler and dirt bike? Alright Richy as we drive around and see the farm what are some of your favorite spots on the farm?

WERENSKI: All of it. We got a lot of fields and when you get back to the woods there’s a lot more woods and trees and stuff. But I just love it all.

Nat: Doxin, Dox. Let’s go! Come on.

WERENSKI 01;18;51 We got my dog who loves being up here too and he's got so much energy so I kind of run him all throughout this property and he just loves it.

ABBY: 02;01;49 This is a good balance from something like fishing that takes a little bit more time and patience to being able to take these bad boys out and just have a good time. How often do you get to take these out?

WERENSKI: Most of the time these are quick and easy we usually just take these around the propertyI wanted some open fields but you also want some trees you don't want just fields but just kind of got it all here.

WERENSKI: I think, everybody at this level has that desire to win and it's kind of that like fire inside that will drive them and it's what drives me. That's what I practice for. I mean, that's why I play golf.

2020 BARRACUDA CHAMPIONSHIP WIN ANNC: And Richy Werenski has won the Baracuda championship.

JORDAN: 02;13;45 I was dying, cuz I was all by myself [LAUGH] in Florida, it was just me and the dog and I was so far away. I wish I could have been there. But it was just such a surreal moment to see one of his dreams come true.

WERENSKI 01;23;24 I mean, top 70 is, really like my main goal this year. wanna win again, that's always gonna be a goal but I would be really happy finishing top 70 again this year.

WERENSKI: For me being out here on the farm is like, you need a way to reset. I think everybody. Needs that in their life no matter what. It's nice to just kind of come back here, spend some time with your family and just kinda reset your mind.

**TOUR PLAYLIST (BARRACUDA)**

**WERENSKI DEFENDS HIS TITLE THIS WEEK AS PLAYERS CURRENTLY OUTSIDE THE FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS LOOK TO QUALIFY WITH TWO WEEKS REMAINING.**

**SEGMENT 3**

**XANDER TAKES THE GOLD**

XANDER: Yeah, he was a good athlete.He was a decathlete.

STEFAN: Well, growing up in Southern Germany they evaluated me for the Misty Developmental Group of Determined Decathlon Team. I started training, And then 3 month in a drunk driver passed on the way to the training center and hit me head on. And that was the end.

XANDER: I think a lot of what I take from it is the mental aspect that he brings to the table. Along with his coaching as well anyone that's been through something of that nature, and to be able to bounce back it's definitely someone you can take advice from.

XANDER: I got my grandparents in Japan, on my mom's side. I love Tokyo, I love going there. In terms of representing my country. It's something new, something I've never accomplished, and never done  once the Olympics were announced for golf, it’s something my dad and I discussed, and a true honor to compete.

Annc: Xander Schauffele is the champion

**SCHAUFFELE’S GOLD MAKES IT THE SECOND STRAIGHT OLYMPICS THE U-S HAS CAPTURED A MEDAL.  SLOVAKIA’S RORY SABBATINI CAPTURED SILVER WITH A FINAL ROUND 61, AND C-T PAN FROM CHINESE TAIPEI TOOK BRONZE AFTER A SEVEN WAY PLAYOFF.**

**FEDEXCUP STANDINGS**

**LOOKING AT THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS, COLLIN MORIKAWA TOPS THE TOP 10 AFTER NEARLY CAPTURING THE BRONZE IN TOKYO.**

**COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10**

**MORIKAWA ALSO LEADS THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10, WITH ONLY TWO WEEKS LEFT IN THE REGULAR SEASON.**

**SERVPRO**

**THE CUT PRESENTS, SAVING SHOTS**

XANDER ANNC: “That is really nicely done.”

REAVIE ANNC: “That’s a pretty good play there.”

DAY ANNC: “Fantastic bunker game this man has always had.”

**OLYMPICS PROMO:**

Annc: Team USA is ready to go!

Annc: Nobody’s going to catch Noah Lyles

Annc: The young female is served.

Annc: That is Dalilah Muhammad and everybody else.

Annc: Michael Norman with his victory.

Annc: Bromell the fastest man in the world.

Annc: What a performance.

Annc: That’s dominance by the united states.

**SEGMENT 4**

**NAME YOUR PAR CHALLENGE:**

Scottie: Give this one the tiger whack.

Garrick: Yeah, club twirl.

Scottie:I don't know how to do that actually. Hey Garrick. We're here at the Renaissance club for the Aberdeen Scottish open and we're going to do the European tour's twist on the PGA Tour name your par challenge. We're staying here on the 10th tee. We're going to the 13th Green, which is about 1500 yards that way. What do you think the par should be?

Garrick: I think it's a par 8. But we'll see if we can if we can score that.

Scottie: Yeah, see if we get in the fairway. You go first.

Garrick: Oops I'll get on the path. Should be alright.

Scottie: I forgot You were a lefty there for a second. Yeah, you're gonna hit me.

Garrick: Confusing. My opponent. Should be pretty good that.

Scottie: We'll see.

Garrick: Somebody found a fair way.

Scottie: Oh, maybe.

Garrick: Perfect. Nice.

Scottie: We're off.

Garrick: Here we go. Good strike.

Scottie; There it is

Garrick: Sit down a little bit. Oh, that's perfect.

Scottie That's perfect.

Garrick: Back in play.

Scottie: Stay sit!

Garrick: The space there should be fine. Yeah, that's perfect. Got a nice, long third. See if I can get it to the front of that fairway.

Scottie: Let's see it. Everybody wants to drive off the deck. Oh, that was nice.

Garrick: Hammered it. Go go.

Scottie: Did you draw that?

Garrick: Yeah, I mean, I was trying to not miss out so

Scottie: I saw it bounce that was a good shot nice work!

Garrick: Sweet. Bit of a flyer there as well. Go. That's perfect.

Scottie: Couldn't tell you where it is.

Garrick: Stayed straight. Okay, actually perfect if it stays right.

Scottie: Sit! Yeah, looks like it stayed shorter

Garrick: Should be alright. Yeah. It's a bit of a bowl there.

Scottie: Should be fine. And the trek continues.

Garrick: Yeah.

Scottie: Oh, hang on. Stay right it's heading to the porta potty.

Scottie: I saw it bounce.

Scottie : You did?

Garrick: Yeah

Scottie: That's good news.

Garrick: So I mean, I think he got lucky there.

Scottie: We'll see.

Garrick: Be as good as you look. Hopefully, somebody tell us the good news. Sheesh that came out really good.

Scottie: Came out hot.

Garrick: Yeah, that's perfect.

Scottie: Back in play.

Garrick: Are we both lying the same now?

Scottie: Yeah

Garrick: Yeah. Dumb question.

Scottie: Tight match.

Garrick: That's hammered just got to draw.

Scottie: Just barely left to the pin. Oh!

Garrick: Big balance.

Scottie: Just long.

Garrick :Things in the bush?

Scottie: It took a big bounce. I don't know. It was close. Uh oh!

Garrick: Get a big bounce.

Scottie: That's going to be a huge bounce.

Garrick: It might be all right.

Scottie: That looks nice.

Garrick :Come back. Be good.

Scottie: Oh that could be good. Keep coming.

Garrick: I've read it correctly as well. Look at that.

Scottie: Oh that was nice. Oh, very well played, very well played.

Garrick: 10 feet. Here we go.

Scottie: Get up!

Garrick: In full we'll be happy with that.

Scottie: Oh, that was nice.

Garrick:Oh, good. Is that Sheesh.

Scottie: Very, very pleased with that one.

Garrick: Activate the thumb. Alright Scottie got a 12 footer here for par for 8 don't like making 9s. So

Garrick: No.

Scottie: Nines are no fun.

Scottie: Should knock this one in.

Garrick: Let's see if I can make this.

Scottie: Let me get the read from you. All right down the line. Oh, nice put. That's a big one. You can't you can't make a bogey on a "name your par" challenge should be a rule.

Garrick: I love making 8s when its for par. Oh, solid as a rock.

Scottie: Well done.

Garrick: Thank you.

Scottie: Yeah, there you go.

Garrick: Have a great weekend.

Scottie: Have a wonderful week. That was a lot of fun.

Garrick: Yeah.

Scottie: Name your par challenge.

Garrick: That was awesome.

Scottie: I'm glad neither of us made a bogey.

Garrick:Yeah, that's a bonus.