

2021 PGA TOUR: THE CUT #35

COLD OPEN

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WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT.

BMW CHAMPIONSHIP OPENING ROUNDS 1

ANNC: The second leg of the FedExCup Playoffs at the The BMW Championship. Caves Valley Golf Club just outside Baltimore for the very first time and Jon Rahm remains as hot as the weather. For birdie at the 6th. 2nd in the FedExCup points standing coming in. Another birdie drops.

RAHM: If the putter gets a little hot you know you're gonna put some good low scores.

ANNC: Tony Finau broke through last week for the first time in 5 plus years!

VAN VALKENBURG: The conditioning is always great. The elevation changes here are very cool. You see a lot of land movement as you walk the course.

ANNC: Oh what a shot. That had some speed. Tringale with a nice tip of the hat!

CAMERON TRINGALE

TRINGALE: I've played really consistently this year.

ANNC: Cameron Tringale having a fine week. Wow! Good putt there!

TRINGALE: I've given myself a lot of chances to have good finishes.

ANNC: How about this shot?! Tringale!

TRINGALE: It's been a lot of fun.

When I started, I didn't think this far ahead. It was pretty tough and so I was just trying to keep my head above water out here that first year. I mean, I never really planned or got too far ahead myself, in terms of years.

I had some some dark moments for sure, this game will definitely do that to you. But I was lucky I had friends and family who tried to remind me of why I played.

One of the biggest things is just learning to be more present when I'm here at the golf course. My daughter's just a little over one. So, if I'm here then I'm not at home with my family, so I'm really wanting to maximize my time and my output while I'm here so that I can spend more time at home.

I would say, I'm on track for some of the goals that I set at the beginning of the year. I'm trying to just keep plotting and working on the things in my game that are helping me right now and I feel like I'm close to a really, really a good week. Yeah, it's been a good year.

BMW CHAMPIONSHIP OPENING ROUNDS 2

TRINGALE: Nothing's really clicking out there and doing my best and fighting hard but it was a struggle.

MCILROY: I need to play well just to play next week. So, you know, another good night sleep tonight and get up, get back out on the golf course and try to do the same stuff that I did today.

RAHM: If you can put it in the fairway as soft as it is you can be aggressive. I had a great ball striking day and made a couple good putts early on and had it going early and kept that mojo throughout the day.

BALLENGEE: Jon Rahm playing such incredible golf at kind of a historic level this season and playing like the best player that he seems to be at this point.

COLLIN MORIKAWA & JUSTIN THOMAS ANIMATION

MORIKAWA: Yeah, it's funny, we actually talked about this I think last week at the Olympics, when we were playing a couple practice rounds together. It was my first PGA TOUR start, RBC Canadian Open 2019 in Toronto, I think. I was at the hotel I think right next door so I walked on over, sat down. First time ever met JT, and to be honest, I didn't really ask him any questions. You know, we ate dinner, talked about everything else and, and the only piece of advice that he really gave was that what you've done through college, you're doing something right to get these exemptions and just follow on your path, whatever it is. Keep grinding, learn every week, and I took that to heart. You know, is one of the best pieces of advice that I could have gotten from anyone, especially like a guy that had 10 plus wins ready in his career, and it meant a lot.

THOMAS: It's awesome to see how well he's done and how comfortable he is so quickly. Next thing you know, I'm going to be trying to have dinner with him to ask, pick his brain on some stuff. So, you know, maybe your mentors don't always need to be older than you.

GOLF MENTORS

THOMAS: I've been very very very fortunate to create some relationships that I have. Obviously it's, they're friends first. We're here to screw with each other, give each other hard time, support each other, help out any way we can.

SPIETH: Since I've been on TOUR, guys like Zach Johnson, Steve Stricker. These are guys that I've leaned on for advice and have been open and willing to offer that on and off the golf course.

I was actually paired with Stricker as my partner in the 2013 Presidents Cup, which was my first match that I ever played in a team event and I was so nervous to get started and I played the first hole, okay, but Steve made birdie, and then I played the next four holes just horribly. I was walking off kind of deflated off the fifth tee. He put his hand on me, and said, take your time, get comfortable. I got you until you step in, and then I know you're gonna do great. And sure enough I birdied the sixth hole, and had a good back nine, and we won our match, but that's Steve to a T.

SIMPSON: Zach Johnson and Ben Crane both took me under their wing when I got on TOUR. A great mentor quality that those two guys have was just being available. They would always pick up my calls, always return my texts, and that just made me want to be a mentor to other young guys.

BMW CHAMPIONSHIP OPENING ROUNDS 3

ANNC: Bryson DeChambeau has been delivering his dominating big time game with authority as he is going low. He's been unleashing that power already armed with 4 birdies and an eagle. He got to the 8th, long birdie there.

Patrick Cantlay kept his foot on the gas pedal. Cantlay is unconscious today along with DeChambeau. Just unbelievable stuff as Cantlay and DeChambeau are putting on a show at Caves Valley in the 2nd round of the BMW Championship!

CANTLAY: I played really well on the back 9. All in all I played really well and I'm happy with my start.

BALLENGEE: Getting in the top 30 does so many things for you. It gets you into major championships, it gets you into invitational tournaments, it gets you a lot of opportunities as a PGA TOUR player, It sets your career up for at least a year if not longer and that's a huge opportunity. There's a lot on the line for those guys.

BMW CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY 1

ANNC: It's the third round of the BMW Championship. Record setting low scores the first couple of days and we nearly saw a 59 from Bryson DeChambeau. So then you're saying to yourself, 'What's he gonna do? He can't possibly follow that up today.'

ANNC: Bryson DeChambeau does it again. Back-to-back eagles.

ANNC: The 59 watch could be in full effect later on.

ANNC: Sungjae 3 birdies in his last 4 holes.

ANNC: McIlroy making a Saturday charge

MCILROY: Just one of those days where it seemed like everyone got off to really hot starts. You can do that on this golf course and then you just have to try to keep it going from there.

ANNC: Collin Morikawa. He's just been off this week. Trying to find a little something for this week.

COLLIN MORIKAWA & CADDIE

MORIKAWA: Because off the tee, you can still hit a flat one probably.

JAKOVAC: Bermuda. I thought it'd be overseeded this time of year here, but it's not. Sorry.

MORIKAWA: When I was about to turn pro kind of end of my college senior year, my agents kind of set up a couple meetings with other caddies. I've never hired a caddie. I don't really know what I'm looking for. I just want someone to know what they're doing.

JAKOVAC: That's it. That's, that's what I'm talking about. See you. I don't know. I feel like you need to be more.

MORIKAWA: That one was good or bad?

JAKOVAC: I thought it was good. I thought it was better.

MORIKAWA: That one felt better.

JAKOVAC: I've caddied since 2007. So, 14 years. I was kind of a free agent, as they say. So I got in contact with his agency. Emailed them, sent them a resume, said that was interested in helping them out if they needed someone.

MORIKAWA: I read a little bit about him. Caddied for Ryan Moore for a long time. And that means a lot. You want good people, you want great people, because you want to feel comfortable with them. You want to trust him.

JAKOVAC: He called me and we talked for about 45 minutes. I think he liked it. I liked it. So took off from there.

MORIKAWA: Too far left?

JAKOVAC: Mehhhhhhh, no, perfect.

MORIKAWA: I think a huge part of a caddie's job is just to understand their player and understand the type of player they are.

JAKOVAC: 207 into the wind. 95, front.

MORIKAWA: 5... 95, 207.

JAKOVAC: He just waved you on if you want to hit.

MORIKAWA: I'm good. You got a ball?

JAKOVAC: Yep.

MORIKAWA: 207. Where we trying to land this?

JAKOVAC: Uhhh, 2-0, yeah, 204, 203.

MORIKAWA: Into the wind?

JAKOVAC: Yeah.

MORIKAWA: 4?

JAKOVAC: Yeah.

MORIKAWA: All right. And out of the left?

JAKOVAC: That is correct. Probably slightly more in than out of the left.

MORIKAWA: And if you listen to our conversation on the tee, I mean, yeah, we spent a little bit of extra time there talking back and forth, but that's the kind of relationship you want to have with a caddie.

JAKOVAC: It's just a cool partnership. We're friends at this point. You know, we've known each other for almost two years now. And it's just fun to see him develop.

MORIKAWA: So obviously it worked out. But you know, he's more than a caddie now, he's a great friend. Sometimes we might disagree on a certain shot because of wind, weather, whatever it may be, but he understands what kind of shot I might have. We're trying to get better and we're grinding. We're trying to figure out how do I get better? How do we get better together? It's such a team effort. It's a team with Zurich. We're all working to the same goal, and that's what's real exciting.

BMW CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY 2

ANNC: Back to 12. And we hear there is a little mud on the ball here. Uh-oh!

ANNC: Oh! That sends a buzz of a different kind through the crowd.

DECHAMBEAU: Like what is going on?

ANNC: 3 in a row for Cantlay who's heated up. Cantlay has taken advantage of DeChambeau's problems.

CANTLAY: I'm just trying to stay in my own little bubble out there. I feel like that's the best way I can go about doing my thing and gives me the best chance to succeed.

Cantlay: I thought I played really well, all in all. I didn't make too many mistakes. // I thought it was a good day and I'm in a good spot for tomorrow. I thought I played really well all in all. Didn't make too many mistakes and I'm in a good spot come tomorrow.

ANNC: We have a real shootout for tomorrow with a lot on the line.

ULTRA MOMENTS

ANNC: From the hillside, Harry Higgs. Getting some check on it. Bouncing it off the stick in the bottom.

ANNC: Second shot for Charl Schwartzel. 3 birdies in the first 5, dropped a shot at 6. Flag all the way back today at 7 and this one goes in! What a shot from the South African.

ANNC: He's trying to shorten this club up all the way down the end of the grip, Rodge. That is a ruckus crowd out there. Boy there he goes again. Quite the effort there. Just the way he drew it up huh? How about that?

FEDEXCUP TROPHY ARRIVAL

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FAVORITES & SLEEPERS

ANNC: In sports, playoffs are the time for the biggest names to rise to the biggest moments. There's one last bit of work to do on the PGA TOUR this season.

ANNC: How good Patrick Cantlay is around the greens. Here is an illustration.

ANNC: Cameron Smith he putted the absolute eyeballs out of it.

ANNC: And the year of Spieth comes to a close. FedExCup winner, 2015"

ANNC: Morikawa We've seen him hit a lot of good shots. That might be our new best of the day.

ANNC: Sam Burns, who is having himself quite a season.

ANN: That was just so well judged. He made it look easy.

TOUR PLAYLIST

THE FINAL PGA TOUR EVENT OF THE SEASON STARTS THURSDAY AS THE TOP 30 PLAYERS IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS DESCEND ON ATLANTA FOR THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

SENEDEKER'S SAVES

THE CUT PRESENTS, SNEDEKER'S SAVES.

ANNC: That's in. Look at this! Oh that's with an exclamation point!

SNEDEKER: To go out there and play that round of golf under that kind of pressure on that tough of a golf course. And to go through the adversity I had to go through. This is what you work your whole life for.

ANNC: The biggest day, the biggest win in his career. Brandt Snedeker is the 2012 FedExCup Champion and TOUR Championship Winner!

SNEDEKER: This is about as close as I get to speechless. Today was my day to go out and prove a bunch of people wrong. I've done it my whole career. It just about doing it when the pressure is on.

BMW CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY 1

ANNC: The final round of the BMW Championship whereby the end of today's play at Caves Valley we will final 30 that will head to the TOUR Championship.

EVERILL: The crowds have been massive and certainly vocal. I expect we'll hear huge roars coming from all over the course as the birdies and eagles rain down.

ANNC: Justin Thomas, can he get into the Top 5? Well, you're gonna need this one. Oh wow! Poured it in! That pushes him up to a projected 6th.

JUSTIN THOMAS AT HOME

THOMAS: When I bought this house I hadn't quite done as much in golf so I'm very fortunate to not only have some cool trophies and won some tournaments but you get a lot of really cool stuff over the years that I love having and displaying.

The CIMB in 2015, you only have one first win so to get that done was ah, really cool and fortunate enough to win it again the next year.

I've said ever since I first came here that mantle looks like it would hold four major championship trophies pretty well.

ANNC: Justin Thomas heads to the last two in front.

THOMAS: Have all the official scorecards there. That was a special week and a special Sunday and I have a lot of great memories, so maybe I should come in here more because it definitely brings back some good memories and good vibes looking at it. It was a cool gift to get from my caddy. Thank Jimmy for that one.

I was completely speechless when I got this in the in the mail. It's like the what the brochure or whatever from the 42nd PGA at Firestone where I won too. It is in 1960 and it's pretty cool. It's got my grandpa. My grandpa played in it. But to see this and you know, see the names that we're playing and see my grandpa's name on there is pretty cool.

THOMAS: That definitely made the win in 2018 they're very special having both him and my grandma there because there wasn't very many tournaments that they could travel to but definitely wasn't going to be very many chances of me winning with them there and that's something that was obviously very important to me.

BMW CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY 2

EVERILL: We've got Bryson DeChambeau and Patrick Cantlay at the top, 3 clear of everybody else. We've got one who is very steady Eddie. Never makes any changes and that's Patrick Cantlay. And then you've got Bryson who clearly loves the chaos. He feeds off the energy.

ANNC: DeChambeau will blast away again. He's keeping the pressure on Patrick!

CANTLAY: I thought the course was great theater. It was a birdie fest out there and it felt like your foot was on the gas from the word go.

ANNC: Did he hit it? Yes! Yes he did! He did and Cantlay drops a birdie in at 14!

CANTLAY: At the beginning of the week, I didn't realize it would take that many under par to just force a play-off.

ANNC: Cantlay has already made six putts over 20 feet this week... And another one! So bonus play from DeChambeau and Cantlay.

CANTLAY: I'm as focused as I can be on every single shot and I try not to let my mind get past the moment that I'm in and then I kind of let the chips fall where they do. I just try and lock in and do my absolute best in that moment. And, my best is pretty good.

ANNC: Oh it's on a great pace! You just had a feeling he was due. There's no give up in this guy!

ANNC: 8 feet, 9 inches for DeChambeau... And Patrick Cantlay has just pulled off one of the most amazing performances down the stretch that we've ever seen. The BMW Champion in incredible dramatic style.

FEDEXCUP STANDINGS

CANTLAY'S VICTORY MOVES HIM ATOP THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS FOR THE 10TH TIME IN HIS CAREER AND HE'LL START THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP AT 10 UNDER WHEN PLAY BEGINS.

TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP ROLLOUT

GARCIA: The TOUR Championship, it's the pinnacle of the end of the season.

JOHNSON: The ultimate goal is to get to Atlanta to play for the FedExCup.

OOSTHUIZEN: It's what you play for the whole season. If you made it to Atlanta, you know it was a really good successful season.

ENGLISH: The stakes are definitely higher. You're playing against the best players in the world, the guys who are playing are the best at that time, so it's the best golf in the world.

MORIKAWA: They are the deciding factor of who played the best throughout the entire calendar year. You want to be standing on the top at the end of the TOUR Championship. Hopefully we can go make some history this year.