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**Ryder Cup Sizzle Open**

ANNC: “The U.S., and Europe, going head-to-head in golf’s greatest spectacle.”

ANNC: “Can the U.S. reclaim the trophy while on home turf at Whistling Straits?”

**The CUT Titles**

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT, PRESENTED BY SERVPRO.**

**Ryder Cup Preview (Captains, Course, History)**

ANNC: "The Ryder Cup dating all the way back to 1927."

ANNC: "Pinning America against Europe in what has become golf's greatest spectacle."

ANNC: "Had to wait an extra year since the postponement so everyone ready more than ever for the Ryder Cup at Whistling Straits."

DUSTIN JOHNSON SOT: "We've played there a couple of times, I like the golf course, it's long, it's tough, especially depending on the wind, it can play very difficult."

ANNC: "Stricker and Harrington both very respected players and now the captains of the sides."

STRICKER SOT: "I hope Wisconsin fans come out in droves. They'll be loud, they'll be boisterous. They're great fans and they get behind their home teams."

RORY MCILROY SOT: "Match play over 18 holes, anything can happen and over the course of the three days I think the better team is always the one that comes out on top."

COLIN MORIKAWA SOT: "We just need to match up a little bit better and I know we're gonna be able to do that this year and hopefully bring back the cup."

**Ryder Cup Team Mini Pt. 1**

ANNC: "The speed show has arrived. That’s just blasted, that's way down there. What a drive. That's what he's prepared for. He's trained to do that, to exploit his power."

DUSTIN JOHNSON SOT: "The Ryder Cup is a very unique experience. The emotions and the feelings and the atmosphere it's different because you're out there, you're playing for your country, everybody's pulling for you so you're not just playing for yourself."

ANNC: “One of the great scenes in all of sports. The first tee at The Ryder Cup.”

JUSTIN THOMAS SOT: "It’s a lot of passion. A lot of nerves. Once you start on Friday its 36 36 18 done weeks over and one of the sides is holding up the Ryder Cup trophy and hopefully it’s us this year."

RORY MCILROY SOT: "Form would say that the Americans are playing very, very well at the minute. But it's a collective effort. We've been underdogs in these things enough the last few years to know that doesn't really matter."

TOMMY FLEETWOOD SOT: "It's the Ryder Cup, it's the biggest sporting in occasion in the world. For us being European and American to have the chance to play in that and be a part of it, I think is very special."

ANNC: "You've gotta consider the venue it's a big tough golf course, one you're gonna have to control the flight of your ball. Gonna be some wind up there at Whistling Straits."

JON RAHM SOT: "My style of play, being a good ball striker can mold with anybody."

ANNC: "Does this guy have a flare for the dramatic as well?"

**Jon Rahm Feature**

ANNC: "This is going to be one of the toughest 2 putts of his life. Here it comes, here it … watch out! Comes! He’s got it! Wow!"

JON RAHM SOT: "I compete with a lot of passion, a lot of fire. I wanna win."

ANNC: "Jon Rahm new number one in the world"

JON RAHM SOT: "I work extremely hard every single day to make sure I can hit the best shot I can at each point. And when I miss, I'm angry cause it matters. It matters to me a lot that's, you know, how I deal with it."

ANNC: "Rahm not happy with this one either."

JON RAHM SOT: "When I’m out on the course I'm in that competitive aspect right when I'm competing. No great athlete, who's a competitor is ever been a nice guy on the court. I mean, Jordan, never, Ali, never. You're not supposed to be a nice guy, you're there to win."

TEXT: IN SEARCH OF HIS SIXTH WIN, JON RAHM WAS ON THE VERGE OF VICTORY AT THE MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT PRESENTED BY WORKDAY.

CROWD NAT: "Let's go Rahm lets go baby!"

ANNC: "Just a brilliant dominating performance by Jon Rahm."

TONY FINAU SOT: "If you're involved in the golfing world you knew that / he dealt with that lead at Memorial that got shattered because of COVID."

ANNC: "Tying the 54-hole scoring record. Notified as he is walking up the slope to sign his card that he had tested positive for covid which would mean an automatic withdrawal from the tournament."

TONY FINAU SOT: "There's no way around it. The memorial was a tough break for him but he didn't let that temper his Mojo and what he was able to do after it's extremely special. Really it's unbelievable."

TEXT: MAINTAINING A POSITIVE ATTITUDE THROUGH HIS RECOVERY, JON RAHM RETURNED TO COMPETITION 2 WEEKS LATER AT TORREY PINES FOR THE U.S. OPEN

JON RAHM SOT: "I played a great round of golf on Sunday, I played great tournament in general, played really good golf. And was really proud of how I handled things and finished very strong, in obviously making those 2 putts. My reaction says it all. Obviously, being able to hold my son right after and just enjoy that moment was very unique."

TONY FINAU SOT: "Pretty special to watch him win the U.S. OPEN and I think that's probably the crowning moment on the PGA TOUR this year."

JON RAHM SOT: "As unfortunate as the moment at memorial was. I feel like it was what needed to happen for a lot of people to see the real Jon. The person, not the golfer, which there's a difference a lot of times. And in my case, it's a big difference."

JON RAHM SOT: "I'm a very peaceful person, very loving. And you know somebody who feels his emotions to the fullest, whether it's happy or not happy. And that's where you're gonna get great moments like making the last putt and going a little crazy."

ANNC: "Playing like he’s got something to prove."

JON RAHM SOT: "And a little more emotional moments or other times, but this is how I choose to live my life. And I guess, that's how I am."

**Will Zalatoris ROY**

ZALATORIS SOT: "I get asked the question / how did you go from Monday qualifying on the Korn Ferry Tour to the PGA TOUR, I said you know I've kind of stuck to the same practice routine for two years that just speaks volumes to you know going from not having status to now playing on the PGA TOUR. It shows that I'm doing the right stuff."

ANNC: "Will, could you do us a favor and tell us a little bit about this bottle."

ZALATORIS: "It says, Will Zalatoris, PGA TOUR rookie of the year Arnold Palmer Award."

ANNC: "Ladies and gentlemen, I give you, the 2021 Arnold Palmer Rookie of the Year Award winner, Will Zalatoris."

ZALATORIS: "It's been two years, obviously, to get to this point. Thank you guys for pushing me to be better and make me the best I can be. I'm honored by this award. Arnold Palmer obviously I was on a scholarship at Wake Forest so this means an even extra bit to me so thank you."

**Ben Kohnes Cut Down**

JAMES: “No one out here older than me. I go on the Champions Tour I’m old.”

TEXT: IN 2019, BEN KOHLES’ LONGTIME CADDIE, 77-YEAR-OLD J.J. JAMES WAS PULLED MID-ROUND ON THE KORN FERRY TOUR DUE TO A HEART PROBLEM.

TEXT: KOHLES TOLD HIM THE JOB WAS STILL HIS UPON RECOVERY.

TEXT: J.J. REUNITED WITH KOHLES THREE MONTHS LATER TO CHASE THE PGA TOUR DREAM TOGETHER.

KOHLES: “2012, 11. When we were last out here.”  
  
JAMES: “Oh yeah.”

KOHLES: “Me it was 2013, so it’s you know the both of us kinda been an up and down road to get back to this point but you know we’re … we’re excited to get it going and thankful just to be here and have all the help and support that we’ve had over the last 5 years.”

KOHLES: “Did you bring your laser?”

JAMES: “Yes, do you have your laser?”

KOHLES: “Nope. I think it’s in the bag.”

JAMES: “Well it probably has no batteries now.”

KOHLES: “It does have a battery but it’s just dead.”

JAMES: “This is not a job, this kinda golf. Being around people being around good golf. Going to different places. Places I would have never seen if I did work at a job. I would never wake up at 6 o’clock in the morning and go to a job. But I wake up at 5 o’clock to come here for a 7 o’clock tee time.”

**Michelob Ultra Vignette**

ANNC: “24-year-old from Duke, his third. Got that to check up nicely. How about that dropping it right in the front of the cup, that was well played there down the hill.”

ANNC: “Mito Pereira, 2nd at the 6th. You've got to watch that coming out of the rough. Going to carry a false edge here. And then take a firm bounce. This is just judged to perfection. Oh Woah!”

ANNC: “This is well judged here. How about in? How about it. Oh my goodness! Come on now!”

**Fortinet Championship Winner**

HOMA SOT: "I think to myself a lot when we're in the heat of battle on a Sunday, you want to have a Tiger moment. You know, he's made it from everywhere to win. It's just he does the impossible. So sometimes when you put yourself in that state of mind, great things happen."

ANNC: "Yes he did. Right in the middle. Max Homa.”

ANNC: "This is how you take charge of a golf tournament down the stretch.”

HOMAS SOT: "The misconception about me is because of the social media thing, people think I am kinda goofy and aloof a little bit. For people who know me, I work really, really, really hard, I pride myself on it."

ANNC: "His 3rd win on the PGA TOUR, the Wells Fargo back in 2019, and then the Genesis Invitational this past season. This one will be special / at home in California."

HOMA SOT: "I've actually never had my wife at any of my wins before and I've been promising to play a little better when she was around. So it's especially cool to be able to / have this kind of beautiful memory."

**FedExCup Standings**

**MAX HOMA’S SECOND VICTORY IN HIS HOME STATE PLACES HIM ATOP THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS TO START THE NEW SEASON, THE FIRST TIME HE’S HELD THE TOP SPOT IN HIS CAREER.**

**Comcast Business Tour Top 10**

**BACK-TO-BACK 65’S ON THE WEEKEND MARKED HOMA’S CAREER BEST SCORE-TO-PAR IN THE FINAL 2 ROUNDS OF A TOUR EVENT, PLACING HIM ATOP THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP-10.**

**ServPro Vignette**

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TEXT: TALOR GOOCH FINISHED T4 AFTER RANKING T3 IN SAND SAVE PERCENTAGE AT FORTINET CHAMPIONSHIP

ANNC: “Talor Gooch. Oh yeah. // If you're going to get a face full of sand you might as well hit it close.”

TEXT: JIM KNOUS RANKED 4TH IN SCRAMBLING AT FORTINET CHAMPIONSHIP

ANNC: “Knous on the way ... oh that's well done. Really well done.”

TEXT: MATT KUCHAR FINISHED 3RD IN STROKES GAINED: AROUND THE GREEN AT FORTINET CHAMPIONSHIP.

ANNC: “He's got the Kuchar stare. Just sneaks it in, a diving catch and a beauty.”

**Rejoin**

N/A

**Ryder Cup Team Preview Pt. 2**

ANNC: "The Europeans have a phenomenal team as well so it's gonna be a battle."

ANNC: "Here's a European Ryder Cup Star Viktor Hovland. He's gonna be a force I'm afraid if you're a fan of the U.S. team."

RORY MCILROY SOT: "He's a wonderful player and I think there's a few guys lining up to have the chance to play with him in the team formats the first couple of days. He's going to bring a lot of energy and a lot of fun to the team."

ANNC: "Good friends here Bernd Wiesberger and Viktor Hovland. We'll see those two guys in The Ryder Cup coming up."

ANNC: "This is a very solid flexible team that can play both formats."

TONY FINAU SOT: "We're all uniquely talented and we all have different skills and if we bring them together as a team and for a common goal, you know, we should accomplish what we're there for and that's to win."

ANNC: "Daniel Berger's game fits up there very nicely."

DANIEL BERGER SOT: "When you look at my overall golf game, there's not really any areas that I have a weakness in. So, I think that's always a nice thing to have on the team."

HARRIS ENGLISH SOT: "I feel like my game is very consistent and can match up with everybody. I'm good solid putter, good short game and obviously clutch putting down the stretch of any Ryder Cup means a lot."

JORDAN SPIETH SOT: "Coming into this year, 2021, the number one goal on my mind was trying to make The Ryder Cup team. I wanna get back on the path of being on these teams year in and year out."

ANNC: "So good to see Jordan Spieth a part of all the big events again."

**Jordan Spieth Feature**

JORDAN SPIETH SOT: "This season has been a really big forward step for me from the regression the last few years especially just in results, but also in my own game and in my feels. And this season is kind of started to get me back on track."

ANNC: "Is this the day that Jordan Spieth puts it all together and breaks this slump?"

ANNC: "One of the hurdles I think Jordan Spieth has to get over is really comparing himself to himself."

JORDAN SPIETH SOT: "There's still a little bit of that kind of scar tissue and a bit of rust in there as I'm trying to mechanically get things back to where they need to be. I gained a lot of confidence this year. I feel that I can play you know any shot under pressure and that wasn't the case you know 12 months ago."

JON RAHM SOT: "You can't expect the line of improvement or the curve of success, however you wanna call it to be just a steady increase. This is not how life works, you're gonna have peaks and valleys, and you know hopefully, you can keep making those peaks higher and those valleys a little bit less low than in the past and that's going to happen to all of us. He unfortunately had a very, very deep low where he wasn't playing great golf. And for whatever reason it was, and I think he shows his character and who he is to work as hard as he has to, to get back to form."

JORDAN SPIETH SOT: "Golf’s all about healing. I mean, very rarely do you hit the perfect shot, so there's some level of it all the time. And for me, a lot of it has been standing on certain tee boxes, where I just didn't have the shot that it called for in previous times and standing up there confidently and hitting it."

JORDAN SPIETH SOT: "And then, you know having a short memory, the memory of a goldfish and moving on and I think I've done a really good job of that this year. Going forward if I can feel that I can play from a place of freedom through my swing, all the way into my putting stroke that I can be a more consistent player than I've ever been going forward. And I think that's really my goal."

JORDAN SPIETH SOT: "I was in positions where you know I woke up and I wasn't excited to go play that day and like it was my dream to play on the PGA TOUR, so why could I possibly feel that way? So getting to where I wake up, and no matter what, no matter how I feel about my game, I'm excited to go back out. I'm grateful for that because this is what I've loved as long as I can remember. I didn't want to stop loving it and it's nice to kind of have that back, so I feel grateful for that."

**RSM Vignette**

ANNC: "We heard a roar, didn't we? Max Homa for birdie at 6. Finally gets that one to topple in. Cal man who's got family and friends in the gallery today you just heard him the first birdie of the day."

ANNC: "Homa with momentum now as he makes the turn. He's won twice on the PGA TOUR."

ANNC: "Did he hit it? He did! Count it, he ball striking has been great and now the putter is waking up for Max Homa!"

MAX HOMA SOT: "You see so many people deal with so many hardships, the fact that the PGA TOUR, Birdies Fore Love and all these organizations do such a great job to help us, it's really awesome to be a part of."

ANNC: "The way he's played this weekend, 65 65 just so impressive."

**FanDuel Vignette**

ANNC: “The 43rd edition of The Ryder Cup, Whistling Straits the site. America taking on Europe.”

ANNC: “Oh my goodness. Absolutely spot on here for Thomas. This guy is something special.”

ANNC: “He’s got his Mojo back! Wow!”  
  
ANNC: “And man does he have those irons on point today. Always one of the best ball strikers on Tour.  
  
ANNC: “Paul Casey, you know struggle to find anybody better in that zone between 175 and 225, just a great iron player.”

**Ryder Cup Team Preview Pt. 3**

PAUL CASEY SOT: "We grow up playing a lot of match play, certainly the British kids do. That's what we do, week in, week out. So you learn little tricks and little nuances of match play. Maybe it's just the little things that make the difference."

ANNC: "Not yet says Lee Westwood! That's match play brain right there."

ANNC: "Westwood's been on a heck of a run. He has played a high level of golf for a long, long time."

ANNC: "This guy is an absolute Ryder Cup legend."

ANNC: "There's something about the Ryder Cup that makes players like him come awake."

SERGIO GARCIA SOT: "I'm very proud to be a part of so many winning European Ryder Cup teams. I'm excited to have a chance of being a part of it again and try to help my team as much as possible to retain the cup."

DANIEL BERGER SOT: "We're starting to come into The Ryder Cup where young is okay. You don't have to have the veteran guys out there. I think an example would be Collin Morikawa. He's never played in a Ryder Cup but he's won two majors. He's got a lot of skill."

COLLIN MORIKAWA SOT: "Representing the U.S. is an honor that like no other you to have that kinda weight on your back that pressure. That's what we live for."

XANDER SCHAUFFELE SOT: "I'm starting to realize sort of how special it is to represent your country in these events especially with this one this year, with an influx of younger guys."

PATRICK CANTLAY SOT: "I've played two team events, I played Walker Cup and Presidents Cup. Both have been away games and so a Ryder Cup home game with lots and lots of people all pulling for you, I mean, that's gonna be amazing."

**Ryder Cup Team Graphic**

N/A

**TOUR Playlist**

**AS 2021 PLAYER-OF-THE-YEAR PATRICK CANTLAY GETS SET FOR HIS FIRST RYDER CUP, HE'LL CHANNEL THE CLUTCH PERFORMANCE THAT EARNED HIM THE NICKNAME 'PATTY ICE.'**

**Patrick Cantlay on Ryder Cup**

ANNC: "One of the most incredible performance with a putter down the stretch / that we have ever seen."

PATRICK CANTLAY SOT: "That amphitheater was potentially similar to what we might feel at Whistling Straits, and I am very excited to get there and experience it."

ANNC: "Finally a little emotion from Cantlay."

PATRICK CANTLAY SOT: "I will fall almost into a trance. I don't know how Tiger was able to trance himself before the shot. And then the minute that the putt was going towards the hole he turned into the most animated character you've ever seen in your whole life. I have the first part; I just never leave the trance mode for that reason I'm looking forward to Ryder Cup. Because the first time I felt myself be able to kind of leave that mode was, Presidents Cup and I imagine Ryder Cup as a much more amped up version of Presidents Cup."