**2022 PGA TOUR – The CUT #3 (The American Express)**

**Cold Open**

FINAU: Who?

FOWLER: Cut

THOMAS: The cut?

KUCHAR: Either you make it or you miss

DECHAMBEAU: It's not hurt me, it's made me better so I don't know where the limit is on this and I'm going to keep going until it tells me that there's no more room to go.

NAT: Alright, cut it

NAT: Hi Sungjae

**The CUT Titles**

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT**

**100th episode Abby tease with rundown**

ABBY: This week on The CUT we're celebrating a special milestone. It's our 100th episode! For the last few years, we've showcased the PGA TOUR both inside and outside the ropes. And to celebrate, we wanted to give you, the viewers, an inside look on how this show is created every single week. You'll see where we edit features, where graphics are created, and also how our audio engineers bring the show home. But first we must blow out the candles and check out the highlights on the past 100 episodes.

**100 episodes of The CUT**

NAT: It's been a great run and we've had some great champions.

Tiger and I go back to 2002. When I first started doing this tournament

We'll have a little fun, too. I'm going to play hole 16 through 18. I'm thinking about playing it, somehow get my 16th tee shot short of the bunker there on 17

SIGG: What hole are we starting on? No way we're starting on this one. Where do you even go?

NAT: Oh, Sepp...that is striped

SIGG: You might of...

STRAKA: Shot of my life

NAT: unreal

WOODLAND: That is so awesome. You are so awesome.

HIGGS: Morning, how are we?

GOOCH: It's just after 5. We're headed to the course because it's going to be a hot one today, so I'm going to try and get my work done early

GENO: Go right if you want to go to the golf course, left if you want to go somewhere else

HIGGS: Did I pass? yes. Okay, thank you very much. High tech, they just walk through and get your temperature

DAHMEN: Jaoco how many do you guys have? Can I play?

NEIMANN: Of course

THOMAS: My swing felt really good again today

HIGGS: Pretty good for me

GOOCH: I'm going to get used to this for the next few weeks because this is about the only place I'm going to be outside of the golf course. I've got little things here and there I'm going to try and keep busy with but some TV shows will definitely be the one.

NAT: stop it...stop it

MORIKAWA: All day baby

NAT: How good was that putt? Wow, wow. What? That's the weakest...there we go.

MITCHELL: Thank you, thank you. Look at that, the guy gave the hat to...oh yeah, he knows what's up.

MCNEALY: Just like that

WATSON: How do we help grow in the right direction? And here we are

SCOTT: Everyone who plays here and everyone who's on the PGA Tour feel a sense of pride coming here because it is our championship.

ANNC: We see that raw emotion every week because this tour is life changing every week

ANNC: There are some good scores out there as we play this venue. Timacuana Country Club for the first time on the PGA Tour Champions.

JOHNSON: FEDEX CUP is something that we all strive to win. First and foremost you have to make it to east lake.

**Bump (Hideki Sony win, Miller)**

ANNC: Ah he's hit a beauty here Kurt. Boy this is on a good line. What a shot. Hideki, shot of the tournament and it comes in the playoff. Wow.

NAKAJIMA: I'm speechless right now, I can't say anything.

MILLER: I always thought the choke factor was the most important and the most interesting part of the game, it's who can win that last hole or second to last hole.

**GS Inbump**

ABBY WITT: Welcome back Cut fans, on the first stop of the Tour you are going to see where we edit our features and some guys are in here working right now. Say hi, Mark? Say Hello. Hello. James, what are you doing right now?

JAMES MANOS: We actually are working on the feature coming up right now in the show. We got to sit down with the Desert Fox himself, Johnny Miller, last fall, and he talked a lot about where the game of golf is right now and some of the top players he's been watching. And we just caught up about how he's doing in retirement. It was a really cool conversation.

**Johnny Miller Conversation**

QUESTION – Johnny Miller, golf fans want to know how you're doing, how's life, how are you?

MILLER SOT – people are always saying, we miss you so much on the air and you're the best. They almost forgot that I was a pretty good player. It's like I'm known more as announcer, than anything else. I'm not very good at retiring and to be honest with you I spent a lot of time down at Pebble Beach area and we have a home in Pacific Grove right on the ocean, kids come there all the time. They love to be at the beach and so things are good that way.

QUESTION – "Do you play any golf anymore?

MILLER SOT - I haven't played 18 holes in about four years. I was sort of like a car with 500,000 miles on it that wasn't taken care of. But I'm able to swing easy now and all the important things are working all right.

QUESTION – You mentioned a lot of people know you more as a broadcaster than a player. But there was a point where for 5 years there wasn't anybody beating you.

MILLER SOT – Well, I mean it was a good time obviously in golf. Even Arnold Palmer was still around, but you had Trevino, and Watson, and of course Jack Nicklaus who was an unbelievable great friend of mine and he's like my older brother too. That era had great closers, it was not easy to beat those guys. We all have our own technique to winning, but on the PGA Tour, that's what it's all about. That's what people remember. Is the winning of how you were able to handle pressure. I always thought the choke factor was the most important and the most interesting part of the game. It's who can win that hole or second to last hole. Can you make that putt? And when I came on the air with NBC and I mean people just wouldn't talk about it. I was like, you can't talk about that. To me, that's the essence of the game, that's what keeps you from winning or makes you win. And that's what creates great champions and great legacy. That's what I think brought more to the announcing than anybody else before me or after. Even now, they're a little bit afraid to go where Johnny went.

QUESTION – Today's players, is there somebody out there that you watch?

MILLER SOT – I like you know Morikawa, I think he's really got a beautiful golf swing, just even like a Tony Finau, I think that he has a lot of upside. But there are so many good players now that are going to hopefully start swinging up in that era of 25 or plus wins. It's very rare to get really to 20 wins, even more rare to get to 25. Jordan reminds me a lot of me. And he was even better than when I first came on Tour. He was able to make those putts on the 71st hole and the 72nd hole if he needed it. But the thing is the wear and tear emotionally and mentally, and even physically, when you get that much attention is really wearing. I think Spieth created quite a expectation and I think it wore him out a little bit, really did. And he's already back on that track again. He's going to be have a great year next year.

QUESTION – How do you think the state of the game is as we move past the Tiger and Phil era?

MILLER SOT – you can't replace Tiger Woods. The way he could handle pressure. He was like the ultimate guy that could finish tournaments and handle the choke factor. I mean, he would do better when he was nervous. But got a lot of great players, interesting players on tour. You're going to find more minorities become champions. And I think that's always exciting. So I think the state of the game's in a really good place, they still love the game, it's number one in their lives, which is really good. Golf's an amazing game that way.

**Abby 100th hit setting up Sony coverage, graphics**

ABBY: Moving right along on the tour, let's go check in with our graphics team and speak with the famous Ben Sutter. Ben, how are the graphics coming along?

SUTTER: They're coming along great. We're working on a new package, hope you guys like it.

ABBY: Now you can see the new graphics as we look back on the Sony Open in Hawaii

**Keita Nakajima Walk and Talk**

KEITA: Look at this.

CADDIE: That's cool.

KEITA: So cool.

CADDIE: That's awesome.

KEITA: Yeah. Can I take photo? Yeah Nice.

CADDIE: Very cool.

KEITA: Yeah, like it.

CADDIE: Get used to it.

KEITA: Hi, everyone, I'm Keita Nakajima from Japan. Amateur world ranking number one. This is my second time in PGA TOUR. This is a tough one.

CADDIE: Yeah, we have to go maybe low little draw.

KEITA: From right bunker.

CADDIE: OK. Yeah. 149 to pin. Front edge is 134.

KEITA: Aww, sit.

CADDIE: Nice

KEITA: Thank you. I will play three majors this year. And my goal is best amateur.

Japanese athlete? Of course, Hideki Matsuyama. He won the Masters last year, so he's a superstar in Japan. His focus on success. I want to catch up to Hideki.

**Rising Sons Cutdown**

MATSUYAMA: There are a lot of international players on the PGA TOUR. I would be happy if we could help make more people realize that the Asian players are capable of winning big events

AOKI: Matsuyama accomplished something that we were not able to do in the past and he's opened a door to a whole new world for us now. But just because the door is open doesn't mean there's nothing left to do. It's given this new generation more chances to compete at an even higher level and it's up to them to continue to do things different and to want to challenge themselves even more than they ever have before"

KANAYA: Hideki Matsuyama has been playing and succeeding in the US for many years now, even winning the Masters this past year. But before Hideki, there were many other Japanese players that came before him that I have looked up to such as Shigeki Maruyama. Ryuji Imada who had performed well in the US and now Keita Nakajima is doing his best to also compete at the highest level. All of them motivate me to keep going and to work harder Respecting your elders is a big part of the Japanese culture and I feel Japanese learn a lot by watching their seniors' performance and behavior

AOKI: When the history books are written about Japanese athletes in the Masters a new era has began with Hideki's win and I'm sure there will be many more behind him who'd like to follow in Matsuyama's steps. I want each younger generation to establish their own era. I'd love to see many great players working together to grow the game.

**Hideki Wins Sony as Keita Watches**

ANNC: Oh he's hit a beauty here Kurt. That's on a good line. What a shot. Whoa. Hideki. The shot of the tournament. And it comes in the playoff. Wow. He couldn't even see it back there. What a shot. When he does get a glimpse, he is going to love it.

NAKAJIMA:

I'm speechless right now. I can't say anything.

I have no words.

ANNC: Now here's Hideki. Japan's greatest golf export getting a win in the 50th state. Hideki Matsuyama.

MATSUYAMA: Thank you

NAKAJIMA: Congratulations

NAKAJIMA: Congratulations. Thank you.

MATSUYAMA: Thank you. You helped push me.

NAKAJIMA: Thank you, thank you.

MATSUYAMA: I'm really happy. This is the first tournament that a Japanese player won on the PGA Tour when Isao Aoki won here and to follow him up, I'm over the moon"

**FedExCup Standings**

**MATSUYAMA’S 8TH CAREER WIN MOVED HIM TO THE TOP OF THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS, THE 14TH WEEK IN HIS CAREER HE’S HELD THE POSITION.**

**Comcast Business TOUR Top 10**

**IT ALSO PUTS HIM IN THE LEAD OF THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10. HIS 8 TITLES TIE K.J. CHOI FOR MOST BY AN ASIAN-BORN PLAYER.**

**ServPro Feature**

**THE CUT PRESENTS SAVING SHOTS**

ANNC: Look at this guy. HE'S 11 FOR 11 SCRAMBLING SO FAR THIS WEEK – MAKE THAT 12 OF 12

ANNC: Okay Billy, you thought this might be hole-able for Mitchell...good shot. A bogey-free 6-under-par round going.

ANNC: Haven't seen anyone down in this bunker on 16...and how about that one from Hayden Buckley? That caught the edge of the cup

ANNC: He's gotta take a little bit of chance here if you wanna make birdie...beautiful shot, absolutely beautiful. Good gracious, what a shot from the big guy

**What does ESPN mean to you PGA TOUR Live Promo**

ANNC: We welcome you to the plantation course at Kapalua, the opening round of the Sentry tournament of champions and our PGA Tour live coverage here on ESPN PLUS

JASON KOKRAK: growing up, I mean. turn it on ESPN. I still wake up in the morning and turn on ESPN

BILLY HORSCHEL: it was on all the time. I mean, I watched tons of sports.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: ESPN was always on TV for me wherever I was in the house.

ANNC: we are absolutely thrilled to have entered into a long term partnership with ESPN Plus as the exclusive carrier of PGA Tour Live, and it all kicks off here this week

STEWART CINK: I actually remember the day when we got ESPN in our house for the first time. I don't remember what year it was. But it had to be probably in the mid eighties.

ANNC:

Our ESPN golf team and the PGA Tour welcomes you to Las Vegas

There it is...he sure read it right....Boy, you ought to all these people out here it reminds me of the Arnold Palmer days

Tiger congratulations. What an unbelievable two months it has been, did you ever dream it could happen this fast?

TIGER: Kind of? But you know it's really hard to describe the feeling

CINK: It says to me that golf is worthy of the mainstream because to me, ESPN is sports. It's not football or basketball or tennis or baseball or hockey or golf. It's sports and golf is sports.

HORSCHEL: it's pretty cool to finally for the PGA Tour and Espn to be partnering together because for the game of golf to grow, to get to more people around the world

ANNC: We're going to offer four different streams each week for our subscribers to tap into. Well, these four streams are going to revolutionize how we watch the game of golf.

MORIKAWA:

Having an outlet like ESPN and ESPN Plus is huge, right? If you're reaching more and more viewers and more and more fans, people just get interested in the game like that's what we want to do.

KOKRAK: Getting more eyes on the PGA Tour through ESPN is going to be great for great for the sport and great for everything.

ANNC: I want to see how the players attack these iconic holes on the legendary golf courses of the PGA Tour.

MAX HOMA: all the work ESPN has done just to kind of push the limits on sports media has been pretty cool to watch it progress.

ANNC: It's going to allow us at home the ability to produce our own golf shows, and that just doesn't get any better.

TONY FINAU: The game is starting to become more mainstream and more accessible to any avid sports fan. And to have that happen through ESPN Plus, I think it's going to be a bonus for our game.

**TOUR Playlist**

**THE AMERICAN EXPRESS MARKS THE START OF THE WEST COAST SWING, A FIVE EVENT STRETCH THAT HAS DEFINED THE OPENING OF THE NEW YEAR ON TOUR FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS.**

**Abby Hit from Audio to tease rollout**

ABBY: As we near the end of our 100th episode, let's check in with our audio engineer. Tom, what are some of the steps of getting the show out the door?

TOM: For every show, we have to do what's called the mix. And like making a cake, we have to take all of the elements in our product and mix them together so that they make one cohesive product. Except our elements are voiceovers, dialogue, sound effects and music. Hopefully when we put the whole thing together it's one cohesive product and all you taste is the delicious goodness.

ABBY: Now as we celebrate our goodness of the past 100 episodes, let's take one last trip down memory lane. And Tom, let's look forward to more than 100 to come.

**100th Episode Rollout**

ANNC: 2019 US Open Champion Gary Woodland. Oh that could be good.

PLAYER: Hit on the green.

TRAINER: Perfect, good, good.

PLAYER: Alright, this is for beer tonight. Yeah let's get it going after I make it. Yeah that one didn't count. I don't know, it's into the wind. Did it go in?

VOLUNTEER: It helped me a lot.

RICKIE: Got her. We have a 9:50 tee time and we're playing together today.

HORSCHEL: We can sort of see the light at the end of the tunnel, of trying to get to that FEDEX CUP to be able to hold it up in the air.

ANNC: FEDEX CUP CHAMPION Patrick Cantlay. What an achievement.

CANTLAY: I play golf so I can be in those moments against the best players in the world. It's why I practice so hard. It's why I'm in love with the game because it's that great vehicle for competition.