

22CUTAPI INTERNATIONAL MASTER SCRIPT

Cold Open - Young

SOT PRODUCER: You had no status and look where you are a year later. Is there any specific moment you can identify that jumpstarted that?

SOT YOUNG: It's hard to say, I mean obviously getting through the one Monday qualifier is where it all started. I think I was leading, and there were only a couple groups left, and I sat in the parking lot waiting for a playoff assuming something would happen, because so far that's kind of how it had gone. Kind of was waiting around for something like that to happen and it didn't. So that probably, once that set in, you know that's kind of your chance.

SOT PRODUCER: I saw something that you overslept. Is that the Monday qualifier you overslept for?

SOT YOUNG: Yeah, slept straight through my alarm. It was my fifth one in a row, and I was tired, and I slept until like 40 minutes before my tee time, and I was staying a good 20 minutes away, so I kind of, I got there pretty late. I hit about six balls, hit one putt, and then went to the tee.

SOT PRODUCER: Worked out.

SOT YOUNG: Yeah worked out fine.

SOT CADDIE: We should try that more often maybe.

SOT YOUNG: Maybe yeah.

The CUT Titles

VO: Welcome to PGA TOUR, The CUT.

Cameron Young Feature

ANNC: A 24-year-old native of Scarborough, New York. Welcome to the PGA TOUR Cameron Young.

SOT YOUNG: When I first got out there it was still the height of covid, there was nobody there. You have your group and that's it. There's no fans, there's no extra people around. So to go from that to Waste Management in the span of about a year has been pretty nuts.

ANNC: Can't say enough about how impressive this rookie has been.

SOT DAD: He's resilient, you know and optimistic. It was tough when he had full status in Canada but they canceled, and then stuck with nowhere to play. But he just put the clubs in the car and started traveling to Monday Qualifiers once we got started again and worked his way into a place to play, and then worked his way into an even better place to play.

SOT CADDIE: He's probably the best driver of the golf ball in the world, I'll make that claim right here.

SOT YOUNG: That's a strong claim.

SOT CADDIE: Definitely the driver is a weapon.

ANNC: He hits it a mile, the guy has prodigious length.

SOT YOUNG: I think for a long time I kind of dreaded taking the driver out of the bag, and now I'm like asking Scott every hole 'can I hit driver, can I hit driver?', which I think is just really comforting.

SOT CADDIE: I think he's a really good iron player, and he has a really good mind. He thinks through golf really well, and I think it equals him working around a golf course in a really smart way that fits his game.

ANNC: Three quarter back all you need, and almost an ace. Keep an eye on Cameron Young.

SOT CADDIE: We've honestly just stayed really good friends, whether it was in school, I graduated a year before him. Or when I still lived across the country. So it's been a pretty good relationship.

SOT CADDIE: When he first called me, I was working full-time, just like a very normal job. So I was like yeah sure I'll take a week off. And then after that I think we had a three-week stretch where he was like 'hey I need some more help, you think you can do three weeks?' I'm like 'well if I quit my job I could.' So ended up calling him back in like two hours and was like 'hey I just quit, so see you for the next three weeks.'

NATS: It's like a 57.

SOT YOUNG: We've done a great job I think becoming more and more business-like on the golf course, especially around shots. There's still just as much joking and fun kind of between, but I think just the more we create kind of a business environment around the golf part of it, the better we've gotten.

ANNC: Third shot for Cameron Young. Bite, oh found the hole. Oh my goodness, put me down for a 3.

SOT CADDIE: The number one thing that we've kept doing is creating a little bubble of an environment of just the two of us, whether there's 2,000 people watching the group, whether there's a TV camera there, whether it's Sunday and we're 16 shots behind the lead and no one's around, we're really just trying to stay in our own world.

Will Zalatoris Feature

JERRY HAAS SOT: Oh man, Will Z. What a player he was.

JERRY HAAS SOT: He came in pretty hot when he first got here. He had just won the US junior and the Texas state armature. He came in here and he started shooting 63's 4's and 5's almost every single day so he has the all-time record over 4 years so he as very, very consistent.

ZALATORIS SOT: I was on the Arnold Palmer Scholarship at Wake and so obviously to be associated with Arnold Palmer at any point in your career is obviously very humbling and a huge honor.

JERRY HAAS SOT: The great story goes that I offered him the AP scholarship and he told his dad, I think coach offered me an academic scholarship, and his dad's like, no AP stands for Arnold Palmer. So it's full circle.

ANNC: Ladies and gentlemen, I give you the 2021 Arnold Palmer rookie of the year award winner, Will Zalatories.

ZALATORIS SOT: I didn't think this was the process of getting there, especially at 25 playing a couple of years out here. I didn't, I knew I could do it and get here soon but at the same time you kind of have to pinch yourself like wow, I actually made it this quick.

JERRY HAAS SOT: You know in the recruiting process I saw something in him, and I knew he could really hit it. I knew he had some putting problems at that time but I figured, you know we'll figure something out."

JERRY HAAS SOT: "Got a really nice practice tee right here, it's overseeded for us for the winter time. The maintenance staff does a great job. We got two bent putting greens over here. But the good thing is here if we ever do have some inclement weather, we can go inside the hitting bays here."

JERRY HAAS SOT: "The guys and girls can come in here, and you can see we can let the garage doors up. We got the hitting mats right here, we got heaters if they need them. We got a small little workout area over here. And then this is a pretty cool room here."

JERRY HAAS SOT: "Oh yeah, the putt view room. We come in here, the guys and girls like to come in here in the evening sometimes and work on your putting. We've got two cameras that

come out of the ceiling. I don't know if you've ever seen a putt view but it illuminates your line here."

JERRY HAAS SOT: "So the putt view system we put in will really help the players with their setup, it gives them a little visualization of what the putt should do. We're very lucky. Got a great practice facility, designed by Arnold Palmer.

JERRY HAAS SOT: "One of our cool rooms right here, it's got all of our great players, men and women that have ever played at Wake Forest. We got our Hall of Fame members. This is one of my favorite too, you've got all the teams here from the years as you go through where they're from. There's a great picture right here of our boy...there's Will Zalatoris, right there. Will Z. Yeah there's Will Z back in the day. Great, great history here at Wake Forest golf."

ANNC: Can the young man, just 25 with the unique putting style make the stroke of a lifetime for his first win? Zalatoris!

ZALATORIS SOT: "I've seen enough putts through the years coming down that hill to know that putt just doesn't go left and it happened to go left so I got no regrets today at all. I thought I battled like hell all day and handled myself really well. I mean I had my chances for sure but you know, that's just the nature of this game. It's hard to win out here.

JERRY HAAS SOT: Winning's great and I know he wants to win but that'll come as a result of patience and confidence. He's a good young man. He's really grown up a lot and I'm pulling hard for him.

ZALATORIS SOT: I don't need to think of all these exterior goals. Just go out, get better and sign up for golf tournament and try to go win it.

Bump

TONY FINAU SOT: I've always had some pretty lofty goals. That's important but you also have to have realistic goals and for me, it's not like they got any loftier but they've become more realistic I think in my mind. That I can actually accomplish some of these things that I've thought about since I was a kid.

Justin Lower, Travis Fulton Range Feature

SOT TRAVIS FULTON - "Here with PGA TOUR Rookie, Justin Lower. Let me ask you here. You've got a 7 Iron, what are some things you're working on right now?"

SOT JUSTIN LOWER - "So I grew up with, probably longer, heavier clubs. So to do that I tried to get it very upright to make them feel lighter. I developed a very early set with my wrist. So for me it's trying to get wider on the way back.

SOT TRAVIS FULTON - Wider is like hands out away from the chest more of a passive wrist action?

SOT JUSTIN LOWER - It's awkward at times, but if you can get it like this, you definitely have more control over the club.

SOT TRAVIS FULTON - And you seem to turn better right?

SOT JUSTIN LOWER - Yes, for sure. Yeah.

SOT TRAVIS FULTON - Like you turn better when there's more width. You can see the left shoulder coming across. I've heard you talking about turn but for you, it's kind of more core that it is say shoulder, hips.

SOT JUSTIN LOWER - It is for sure because if you have control over your core and you're turning your core, everything else kind of goes with it. And then it allows you to come down through the line and on target more.

ANNC - That is a fabulous shot.

SOT TRAVIS FULTON - So that core is it like belly button turning to the right, is it chest?

SOT JUSTIN LOWER - Yeah, I tend to picture like something coming out of my bellybutton, like a line almost and getting it almost parallel with the target line on the way back. It allows you to turn so nothing's really restricted and then just kind of letting it go on the way down.

SOT TRAVIS FULTON - That's the key word, here that? Nothing's restricted. Unrestricted turn. I think so often the audience like turn the upper, not the lower.

SOT JUSTIN LOWER - I grew up I wanted to hit it far so I would stand up and flip at it. Or I would hit the ball and the club face would be like this, maybe like very soon after impact, which is, it's very hard to have control over the golf ball and the golf club when you do that. So what me and my coach have really worked on is getting my weight to stay kind of the inside of this heel, which allows me to have more control over the face. And you want it, it's still a release but you want it to be square and then you want that checkpoint to where you can see the loft of the club and not the back.

SOT TRAVIS FULTON - And that's helped you tame the hook down?

SOT JUSTIN LOWER - Yes, for sure. Yeah.

SOT TRAVIS FULTON - So here we are PGA TOUR player, you went through a period of hooking the ball?

SOT JUSTIN LOWER - Yes, I grew up playing a huge hook, yeah. And now it's very straight maybe a little cut.

SOT TRAVIS FULTON - That progress though right? That progression I should say, of learning to hit a hook. It's an important one?

SOT JUSTIN LOWER - Oh it is for sure.

SOT TRAVIS FULTON - And then dialing it back like you're talking about. Kind of gives you an appreciation. The skill set seems to climb through that progression as well.

SOT JUSTIN LOWER - Yeah, a little bit. It definitely gives you awareness of where the club face is at. And occasionally when you do hit it in the trees, you're still able to hit that hook shot out of there.

ANNC - Justin Lower snagged the 25th and final PGA TOUR card after the Korn Ferry TOUR last year.

SOT TRAVIS FULTON - So you've had some starts out here.

SOT JUSTIN LOWER - I have, yeah.

SOT TRAVIS FULTON - You've seen some golf courses on PGA TOUR. What did you learn? How are they different than what you were seeing on the Korn Ferry TOUR last year?

SOT JUSTIN LOWER - They're just a little tougher, little more firm so you definitely have to just have more control over your golf ball for sure.

ANNC - That's a good, solid shot.

SOT TRAVIS FULTON - Lets grab a driver. Let's hit a couple of drives here.

SOT JUSTIN LOWER - Yeah.

SOT JUSTIN LOWER - I tend to work on trying to get a little taller with my setup with the driver. I go through the kind of personal debate whether I need a shorter driver or not just to have more room to swing it cuz it feels more free. But I obviously give up some distance in that.

SOT TRAVIS FULTON - How long is that club?

SOT JUSTIN LOWER - It's 45. 45 is where I've always been. I've tried a little longer but you give up some dispersion there.

SOT TRAVIS FULTON - You a tech guy, you like to see swings, you like to see numbers?

SOT JUSTIN LOWER - Yes, I bought a TrackMan not too long ago. I love it, I think it's a wonderful tool.

SOT TRAVIS FULTON - So what's that launched at and spin?

SOT JUSTIN LOWER - My guess would probably be 11 and a half with 20, 22, 2300 span.

SOT JUSTIN LOWER - The biggest thing is just, if you hit out of the center of the face, it takes care of a lot of things.

SOT TRAVIS FULTON - If you had to try to reach back or rotate more for another 8 to 10. Like where does that come from for you?

SOT JUSTIN LOWER - So for me, what I've learned is it's kind of weight transfer. Like, if guys say they're not working on hitting it further, they're kind of lying to you. It's just kind of the way the game has changed. For me, I practice a lot of kind of the Kyle Berkshire method where you tilt back and forth. I have absolutely zero control when I do it but it definitely goes faster.

SOT TRAVIS FULTON - You gotta give us one.

SOT JUSTIN LOWER - I'll try one.

SOT TRAVIS FULTON - You gotta give us one.

SOT TRAVIS FULTON - I call this the Humpty Dumpty.

SOT JUSTIN LOWER - Ok.

SOT TRAVIS FULTON - Back and forth.

SOT JUSTIN LOWER - It's hard to time but if you do time it, it'll go.

SOT TRAVIS FULTON - Look at that. That's definitely longer.

SOT JUSTIN LOWER - Yeah.

SOT TRAVIS FULTON - And it's the same exact ball flight.

SOT JUSTIN LOWER - Yeah, maybe a hair more left, but I'd take that one, for sure.

SOT TRAVIS FULTON - I'd say plus 10. That was 10 yards more.

SOT JUSTIN LOWER -Yeah

SOT TRAVIS FULTON - I think you bring out the Humpty Dumpty.

SOT JUSTIN LOWER -Yeah, absolutely.

SOT TRAVIS FULTON - Justin Lower, best luck this week and your PGA TOUR rookie season.

SOT JUSTIN LOWER - Thank you, appreciate it.

TOUR Playlist PRO

VO: This week, Lower heads to the Caribbean for the 14th playing of the Puerto Rico Open, with 300 FedExCup points on the line for the champion.

Tony Finau Feature

ANNC - And there's your champion, Tony Finau.

TONY FINAU SOT - I snuck one in there and I'm just ecstatic right now.

TONY FINAU SOT - True champions win on Cocoa Beach. And so that's why I won there.

ANNC - Disappointing for Tony to make bogey there on that second play.

ANNC - Tony unfortunately another runner up.

TONY FINAU SOT - Right now I'm disappointed.

ANNC - Eight second place finishes since that last win.

ANNC - The wins, just so allusive.

ANNC - So close and...

TONY FINAU SOT - It's hard to wrap my head around quite what just happened.

ANNC - He's not the man on top on top at the end on Sunday.

ANNC - His fourth straight top 5 finish and his 3rd straight runner up.

ANNC - So many top 10's this year but not a win.

ANNC - A win is just around the corner for Tony Finau.

ANNC - He's in contention. The next step and this is a giant step to win a playoff event. It opens floodgates.

ANNC - It's been 1,975 days since Tony's last win in Puerto Rico. But this is a day he'll remember for a long time.

TONY FINAU SOT - It took just about everything I had.

TONY FINAU SOT - Man, I just fought and this is pretty cool to be standing here again and winning a golf tournament.

TONY FINAU SOT - I was very hungry to get the second win, eager to get another one. So definitely more hungry this season, just to continue with that momentum that I've had this past season, and carry right into the season.

TONY FINAU SOT - Seems like I was a totally different player in 2016 than I am now you know I've worked my tail off to put myself in this position again.

TONY FINAU SOT - I've played a lot of great golf up to this point in my career. But, I think that second win is kind of the start of my prime.

ANNC - Five top tens in his last eight majors.

TONY FINAU SOT - My age number might tell me I'm getting a little old compared to a lot of the guys that are coming out these days. But my game feels good. I've got some experience under my belt, and carrying some confidence.

ANNC - Mmmm that's big, that's a good 6.5 7 feet.

TONY FINAU SOT - I've always had some pretty lofty goals, that's important, but you also have to have realistic goals. And for me, it's not like they got any loftier. But they've become more realistic, I think, in my mind, that I can actually accomplish some of these things that I've thought about since I was a kid.

ANNC - Tony Finau, really solidified his place in another TOUR championship.

TONY FINAU SOT - I continue to believe in myself you know that's the bottom line. I've worked extremely hard, not only on my game but on my body to put myself in these types of positions.

ANNC - It's going to be a big year for Finau in 2022 on the pga tour.

TONY FINAU SOT - I'm kind of looking forward to these next handful of years, and just putting my head down and working.

Rodney Strong Feature

ANNC - IT'S THE FINAL ROUND OF THE 50th HONDA CLASSIC WHICH HAS KICKED OFF ANOTHER PGA TOUR SWING THROUGH FLORIDA ON A COURSE THAT CAN FLIP A LEADER BOARD UPSIDE DOWN IN AN INSTANT.

ANNC - AT THE 18TH DYLAN FRITTELLI. A LITTLE CHUNK AND RUN SPECIAL. THE EAGLE HAS LANDED FOR DYLAN FRITTELLI.

ANNC - THIS IS SVENSSON WITH THIS 3RD AT THE LONG PAR 4 AND SVENSSON – WOW! MOVING BACK UP INTO A TIE FOR 3RD.

ANNC - WHAT A TIMELY BIRDIE FOR SEPP STRAKA AND NOW HE IS TIED FOR THE LEAD.

Honda Winner

SOT SEPP STRAKA - I knew going into the round that I had a chance. This course is crazy. There's no gimme holes at all. So you've got to be on it. And there was only one guy I thought ahead of me, and so I knew if I just kept my head down and make the best score I could on every hole, just try to make the best swing I could, in the end there was a good chance of being there.

ANNC - Tied for the lead, Sepp Straka on the tee of the par 5 18th. He's one of the biggest hitters and he's been the most accurate.

SOT SEPP STRAKA - We were lucky we got to hit our drive before the rain, which is huge. I hit a pretty good drive down there. Once we got there, it was a 7-iron. It was a perfect number, and then just started dumping rain.

ANNC - And after a wild final round at the Honda Classic, Sepp Straka has indeed become the first Austrian to win on the PGA TOUR.

SOT SEPP STRAKA - It's crazy. It's a lifelong dream of mine. It's still surreal. I'm sure it'll sink in here before long, but it's just crazy.

FedExCup Standings

VO: Straka's win at The Honda Classic moves him into the top 15 of the FedExCup standings. It was the first career win for the former Georgia Bulldog.

Comcast Business TOUR Top 10

VO: Hideki Matsuyama remains atop the Comcast Business Tour Top 10. He returns to action this week at the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard.

ServPro Feature

VO: THE CUT PRESENTS, SAVING SHOTS.

ANNC: THIS IS LONG TOUGH BUNKER SHOT...THAT'S ACTUALLY PRETTY GOOD, FLEW THAT BACK THERE, CHASING TOWARDS THE HOLE, GREAT SHOT TRYING TO FINISH OFF HIS ROUND, BEAUTIFUL

ANNC: THAT'S STRAKA IN THE BUNKER, RIGHT AT THE GREEN...A LITTLE SPLASH AND RELEASE STEVE, NOBODY DOES IT BETTER OUT HERE THAN THESE PGA TOUR PLAYERS.

ANNC: HE'S GOT A CHANCE BUT HE'S REALLY GOTTA PLAY A DANDY....OH WHAT A SHOT! IS THERE A BETTER TIME TO DO THAT?

Bryson at 6

ANNC - "We've got perhaps more fireworks brewing at the par-5 sixth, Bryson Dechambeau's infatuation with this hole. He needed the right wind and the crowd is egging him on."

BRYSON SOT - "Jordan and I were talking about it down the fairway, he was like, That's the only reason I played this week was to see you hit it over the lake."

ANNC - "It's 342 yards across to get there and it looks like he might be giving it a shot"

BRYSON SOT - Nerves like 18th tee, you got a one-shot lead

ANNC - "This is what makes him the most interesting player in the game today. No one's tried this in competition in the history of this event"

BRYSON SOT - "Oh, man, I felt like a kid again, for sure. It was exciting. Especially when you pull it off -- it was almost like winning a tournament."

ANNC - "What a reaction -- This is like a long drive contest right here."

BRYSON SOT - "It was like, Oh, I did it. I got the same chills and feeling when I saw it clear and there was no splash, it was like, Yes. I gave the fans what they wanted."

ANNC - "Well he can redefine the sport really if he keeps this up"

BRYSON SOT - "I don't really care too much about what people think, it's just about if I can do it."

TOUR Playlist API

VO: The PGA TOUR returns this week to Bay Hill for the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard. Mr. Palmer changed the game of golf, and his story all started at Wake Forest.

Wake Forest rollout

SOT EMILIA MIGLIACCIO- To me Arnold Palmer represents someone of integrity. Someone who recognize that he was not only a golfer, but he was a golfer for the people.

SOT WAKE FOREST COACH - Arnold Palmer the ya know, the king of golf if you will. He kind of made golf cool.

SOT WAKE FOREST COACH - He was before his time. The first guy to get an agent and you know flying his own plane, doing outings and promoting himself. And he was an unbelievable golfer and all this stuff but man, what a great businessman he was.

SOT WAKE FOREST COACH - He always promoted Wake Forest. He was very loyal and very appreciative of his time at Wake Forest.

SOT WAKE FOREST COACH - I always tell people, Arnold Palmer is Wake Forest.

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