**PGA TOUR – The CUT #10 (THE PLAYERS)**

**Cold Open (JT Media Day Intro)**

JUSTIN THOMAS - It's good to be back

MICHAEL COLLINS - only one guy can defend the Players Championship while I'm hanging out with a man.

JUSTIN THOMAS - It's good to be back

**The CUT Titles**

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT**

**JT and Saban at TPC Sawgrass**

JUSTIN THOMAS - What hole are we off to? 16 tee. 16 tee. Site of the power draw. The slinger! Hey ball coach! Everyone's been all sketchy all day. I knew something was going on. What’s going on coach? Good to see you. Qs soon as I saw that Bama bag I got a pretty good idea.

NICK SABAN – They just wanted me to come down play a couple holes with you see if I can qualify for this year's tournament. I love seeing JT, it's always fun to have him when he comes to the game. He likes to go in the locker room you know, so I got to get fired up to give a really good speech since he's there. Do you guys play from back there in the tournament or up here?

JUSTIN THOMAS - we play right here.

NICK SABAN - And they're making me hit from here.

JUSTIN THOMAS - We got to get another set of tees for Coach right I mean, this is a little harsh.

NICK SABAN - This is the dogleg where you hit the frozen rope?

JUSTIN THOMAS - lOh, yeah. I used to not like this tee shot until I started hitting that shot. Feels a little bit better now.

ANNC - There's one other little run on it. He is a shot maker.

JUSTIN THOMAS - Guess I'm going to give that shot a try.

NICK SABAN - That's a good shot. I don't know if I can hit it over the water here. Just hit it too low.

JUSTIN THOMAS - Get over, go! Oh, that's in the fairway. It is headed over. You couldn't have got any more out of that tee shot hit it like cart path out there.

NICK SABAN - Always kind of try to watch when he's in contention even when I have to watch the reruns at night. Last year was a great finish especially shot he hit on 16. It’s a lot of fun. So what should I hit here?

JUSTIN THOMAS - The bulkhead you can see up on the green you want it to come down just left of that

NICK SABAN – As long as I'm not inside of 60.

JUSTIN THOMAS - You ain't getting inside of 60 coach you're good Oh, that's perfect. Very nice. This course is pure. It's a special place it's an amazing course and definitely a lot of great memories coming back here being the first time since I won you know that being said just because you're excited and and happy to be here doesn't mean that's just handed to you. I got to put in some work and right to try to defend

NICK SABAN - Oh boy cut a little bit

JUSTIN THOMAS - Good place to chip from. Have you been out here before?

NICK SABAN – No, we stayed here when I was a coach at the dolphins.

JUSTIN THOMAS - I had no idea that Kirby was with you at Miami.

NICK SABAN - Yeah, for one year.

JUSTIN THOMAS - Yeah, I just kept obviously during the telecast kept showing that I almost came to the game by the way. Pretty much right at it.If you’re like just barely left of it. It'll feed to it. But if you're right of it, you're kind of putting up hill. Easy, get on the ground ball. Easy, easy

NICK SABAN – In the drink.

JUSTIN THOMAS – Thought you're just gonna come out here and make a stress free birdie to start your day. I was not hoping for a little delicate chip here today. I'm not gonna lie to you. Got a nice pin right on the side of a slope for us today.

NICK SABAN - Good putt.

JUSTIN THOMAS - Take four of those.

NICK SABAN – Nice birdie.

JUSTIN THOMAS- Thank you. Just on the right edge maybe a little bit more. Very nice. Good putt coach. These par fives are great out here. They're all good risk reward holes.

NICK SABAN - So this is either hit the green or be in the water huh?

JUSTIN THOMAS - Pretty much. 131 stick coach 120 ish shot something around their

NICK SABAN – Bring him in there. Go.

JUSTIN THOMAS- I would say you're better off going with like a more like a comfortable smoother swing with a nine iron then trying to hit a wedge hard. The good news about if you ask me and you hit a good one and it goes over the green then it’s my fault.

NICK SABAN - Already thought of that.

JUSTIN THOMAS - Just like that land on that upslope, sit down, sit down. See, that's my fault. Welcome to 17.

NICK SABAN - I could see if you were playing in a tournament it would create much anxiety.

JUSTIN THOMAS - Yeah, the hardest part about this hole I think is when you have that much adrenaline you just want to hit something hard. And then you feel like you might hit it too hard. And it's the thing that makes this hole you know, as tough as it can play for only being 130 yards or whatever. You hit it in water. You're staring double in the face and then you got to go to 18 that can kind of make or break you a little bit. Just little things like that. that'll add some pressure to it, but it's a cool hole, that's for sure. And your ball ended right here.

NICK SABAN - So what's this doing JT?

JUSTIN THOMAS - Say somewhere out in here. I mean it's more speed than anything

NICK SABAN - That's too hard. That's gone, that might go into water. There it is, again. Go in. Yeah, I thought you had that.

JUSTIN THOMAS - Par is a good score when you got a one shot lead on Sunday. I'll take that one. I know things are either really good or really bad if I'm getting a text from Coach Saban because he's not a big texter. So it's like it's either like a hey, man, I saw you really haven't been playing well just want you to know I’m here for you, or was watching the last week and I'm proud of you.

NICK SABAN – Oh my, this is the one you hit the rope hook on too right?

JUSTIN THOMAS – Yeah, I hit five wood off of this tee normally, but I'm hitting driver today. Uh oh, is that too far? Too far. Right. Yeah. Pine straw. This is a good hole to make a par on.

NICK SABAN - Oh, stay up ball

JUSTIN THOMAS – Stay right, stay right

NICK SABAN - That's three balls in the water.

JUSTIN THOMAS - Welcome to Sawgrass.

NICK SABAN - My expectation for today was to hit a few on the water which I didn't disappoint. I'm not used to playing at places like this.

JUSTIN THOMAS - When this hole gets firm, it's so different because you can just kind of get something on the ground and turn in and just let it roll. The contours of the fairway kind of take it from there. It'll feed left. Yeah, very nice.

NICK SABAN - This has gotta be a nerve-wracking finish.

JUSTIN THOMAS – As long as you're within striking distance on the back nine you really have a chance because you got two par fives you can reach and you can make bogey on any of them just as quick as you can make birdie so.

NICK SABAN - Good looking shot there. This time of year we're doing all quality control we're doing we're looking at the season doing the offseason program.

JUSTIN THOMAS – You guys open with Texas next year?

NICK SABAN – Nah we play Utah State first then we go to play Texas. Gotcha. Next year Texas comes to our place

JUSTIN THOMAS - Yeah feed a little left, very nice. Alright I'll go head coach and I'll give you a read.

NICK SABAN - Another good putt.

JUSTIN THOMAS - Low stress par is good on this hole. See this ball mark. I'm thinking kind of like right on the right right edge of it,

NICK SABAN - But fast.

JUSTIN THOMAS - Yeah, it'll be quick. Hey coach, thanks for coming, man. I appreciate it. Great to see you as always.

NICK SABAN - I give him the same speech I gave our team. You know, when we win the national championship, everybody says you got to defend. There's no such thing as defending a title in my opinion, because they don't take it away from you. Now if they took it away from you. It'd be different, but you're always going to be a PLAYERS champion and you're always going to have that special place in the locker room. So just go have fun and win it again.

JUSTIN THOMAS - There you go. I like that.

**Bump (40th Anniversary, Walk from 9 to 10)**

ANNC: And Justin Thomas has it!

JUSTIN THOMAS - There's something about playing that late afternoon on an amazing golf course like this and with all the drama that can unfold.

MORIKAWA: the visuals are gorgeous. I mean, you see a bunch of the fans You see a bunch of people trying to walk with you little kids almost keeping up with you.

**HOF Induction Preview**

**THE WORLD GOLF HALL OF FAME.**

ANNC: What a shot, does it get any better than this?

**AN HONOR EARNED ONLY BY THE GREATEST EVER IN THEIR CHOSEN FIELD.**

ANNC: Here comes Tiger Woods!

**IT'S A COMBINATION OF THEIR CONSTANT COMMITMENT TO THEIR LIFE-LONG LABOR OF LOVE.**

SOT TIGER WOODS: What Tim has done with the PGA TOUR and on the PGA TOUR has been second to none.

**THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE ACHIEVED THIS HIGHEST OF HONOR HAVE AUTHORED THEIR OWN LEGACY.**

ANNC: 3-time US Women's Open Champion, Sue Berning.

SOT: If you're a good person and you have good work ethics and you're honest, you can go far in life. And Rene Powell is all of those.

**THIS WEEK THESE GREAT CONTRIBUTORS TO THE GAME WILL BE INDUCTED INTO GOLF'S MOST EXCLUSIVE CLUB.**

**GS Transition**

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**TPC Sawgrass 40th Anniversary Memories**

ANNC: Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. The home of one of golf's greatest tests. Pete Dye's Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass.

ANNC: And Justin Thomas has it! Eagle at 11 to take the lead at the Players.

NATS: Be the right club ... be the right club today! Yes!

JON RAHM: It has stood the test of time. It's a great test and it's a great golf course.

ANNC: The long wait is over for Sergio Garcia’s big win he’s the PLAYERS Champion in 2008!

JUSTIN THOMAS: there's something about playing that late afternoon on an amazing golf course like this and with all the drama that can unfold.

NATS/ANNC: No! Oh not there! Oh no!

JUSTIN THOMAS: It has a very similar feeling and energy to a major.

**FOR THE PAST 40 YEARS, THE PLAYERS CHAMPION HAS BEEN CROWNED AT TPC SAWGRASS – BOTH THE TOURNAMENT AND THE VENUE... IDEAS CONCEPTUALIZED BY THE PGA TOUR'S SECOND COMMISSIONER, DEANE BEMAN.**

DEANE BEMAN: We're building the Tournament Players Club which is really a new dimension in tournament golf. It's what I call "stadium golf."

DEANE BEMAN SOT: It's been a fast run, it seems like just yesterday.

DEANE BEMAN: Pete is a master of deception. He understands how to challenge a golfer, and particularly challenge him mentally.

PETE DYE: Deane had a great idea about how to promote golf and having a golf course that would take care of the gallery.

DEANE BEMAN: I wanted the concept for the golf course for the gallery to be that somebody could stay in an area and not have to walk very far and see action on two or three, maybe four holes and he was able to do that...thus--stadium golf.

ANNC: The greatest innovation for spectators since the TOUR began. Stadium golf--the concept of tomorrow. Golf's future has arrived.

DEANE BEMAN SOT: It's pretty close to what I envisioned.

TIGER WOODS: It really doesn't cater to any one style. The way he designed it, it's brilliant.

ANNC: Better than most!

ANNC: The youngest champion in the history of THE PLAYERS Championship!

ADAM SCOTT: The atmosphere and the way this golf course lends itself to excitement. It's one of the greatest tournament golf courses that there'll ever be.

NATS: Pete Dye will go for a swim today.

RORY McILROY: I certainly appreciate the mind games that he plays with his architecture.

ANNC: Rory McIlroy is a PLAYERS Champion!

DEANE BEMAN: I feel a lot of pride for what we've been able to do for our players.

RICKIE FOWLER: There's plenty of birdies to be made if you get yourself in the right position.

ANNC: Rickie Fowler owns the island green! Five twos in six trips around it!

JON RAHM: Since they started playing here at TPC Sawgrass in '82, you don't see many names that repeat as champions. And that speaks to the uniqueness of it.

RORY McILROY: It's awesome to be able to call yourself a PLAYERS Champion. It's a who's who of golf over the last 40 years.

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**Rodney Strong Feature**

**THE CUT PRESENTS, SUPERIOR SHOTS**

ANNC – The Arnold Palmer Invitational, a fitting tribute to one of the greats of the game!

ANNC - Max Homa bouncing it into the cup! The first career ace on TOUR happens for Max Homa. -

ANNC Wow, would you look at that, Gary Woodland. Holes it from 24 feet for eagle. And now Gary Woodland at 6 under.

ANNC - "An aggressive putt by Scheffler no doubt about it, boom how about that!"

**API and Puerto Rico Winner**

SCHEFFLER SOT - I've just made little improvements over the years, and I'm starting to see them pay off a little bit, which is really awesome.

ANNC - This is his 73rd starts, he could have his second win.

ANNC - "Scottie Scheffler is now the second multiple winner of the season."

SCHEFFLER - Deep down, whatever I'm doing, I'm really competitive in it, it seems like. // So when the conditions get really tough and the fields get really good, I get excited. I kind of like the challenge of harder golf courses and harder conditions. I like competing. Just keep doing what I'm doing. Try to hit some good golf shots and have some fun out here."

ANNC - To finish off what has been a special week. Ryan Brehm gets his first career win on the PGA TOUR as he wins the Puerto Rico Open!

BREHM SOT - I don't know what to say, we had our head down and just tried to make good golf swing after good golf swing. We got a few putts to roll in and I don't know. I'm a little bit speechless. I'm gunna enjoy this tonight and just try to go out there next week and see if we can do it all over again.

**FedExCup Standings**

**BREHM MOVES TO 55TH IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS WITH HIS FIRST TOUR WIN, WHILE SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER TAKES OVER THE TOP SPOT FROM HIDEKI MATSUYAMA.**

**Comcast Business TOUR Top 10**

**SCHEFFLER ALSO LEADS THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10, MAKING HIM THE 72ND DIFFERENT PLAYER TO RANK FIRST.**

**ServPro Feature**

**THE CUT PRESENTS, SAVING SHOTS**

ANNC - One of the tournaments favorite coming in because of the way he strikes the ball, and obviously his short game’s good too. Looked like a 3 all the way.

ANNC - Chris has to go for it here. Oh this could be really good. Boy that is just an exquisite shot there.

ANNC – Graeme McDowell in the bunker, watch how far down in the cup this bunker shot goes. Robbed of a holeout.

**The CUT Rejoin**

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**Walk from 9 to 10**

Producer: At THE PLAYERS this year, we're looking to explore the walk from 9 to 10

HORSCHEL - Laughs

MORIKAWA SOT - It's a long one

HORSCHEL SOT - it's a long walk.

RORY SOT - It's long.

FINAU SOT - There's a lot of real estate between number 9 and number 10

ANNC - "It's a long walk here on the property between the 9th green to the tee at 10."

HORSCHEL SOT - I think at any other tournament we would get shuttled to the tee from nine green to 10 tee. But it's the players championship and it's such a cool, unique experience// It's a walk that guys have done for 40 years now.

FINAU SOT- there's a lot of people inbetween there. Player's championship has some of the best crowds in all of golf, arguably the best crowd still, and most amount of people,

MORIKAWA SOT - the visuals are gorgeous. I mean, you see so much, you see a bunch of the fans, it's such a cool walk, because you do get to walk kind of along the wooden pillars along the side. You see a bunch of people trying to walk with you little kids almost keeping up with you.

HORSCHEL SOT - I'm gonna see a lot of people put out hands, want a high five or some knuckles. I'm gonna hear go Gators. I'm gonna hear someone say hey Billy, and so there's times I've carried on conversations with some friends and family walk to the next tee.

ANNC - "Well it's a long walk from 9 over to 10 and it will be a moment of reflection."

RORY SOT - It's a time to gather yourself. Hopefully you've just made birdie on nine and you're walking to the 10th

FINAU SOT - whether it's a par save or if I'm walking off with a birdie, I feel great. I feel great about myself. I birdied the hole, I needed to on a par five, walking to number ten, all good vibes.

MORIKAWA SOT -If you make bogey, you're really gonna have time to hopefully read, reset and go on to 10, and hopefully change the round around.

FINAU SOT - It's the two extremes, I would say with attitude. But I'm happy to say, I think I've walked off nine more birdies than bogeys.

RORY SOT - Once you get to that little putting green before the 10th tee, then it's time to switch back on to thinking about that round and going again. It's a lot going on in a, whatever that is, a 400 yard walk

**TOUR Playlist**

**BEFORE THE PLAYERS KICKS OFF, THE WORLD GOLF HALL OF FAME WILL INDUCT TIGER WOODS, ADDING ANOTHER TO ITS RANKS THAT MANY CALL THE GOAT.**

**GOAT Cutdown**

Producer: When I say GOAT, Greatest of all time, what does that mean to you?

ANNC – “The comeback is complete.”

SORENSTAM – “Somebody who’s opened up the doors, to think differently, to think bigger, to think better, and just showing that impossible is possible.”

RICE – It’s a total commitment, and you’re gonna have to be able to do it when you’re tired.

NICKLAUS – “Are a little bit more exceptional than somebody else, have a little bit more desire than somebody else, a little bit more guts than somebody else.”

ANNC – “Battled all the way with Payne Stewart, that was fun to watch.”

NICKLAUS – “And work a little harder, they try a little harder, they believe a little harder.”

PHELPS – “People who have done things that people thought were not possible.”

ANNC – “It’s just not a fair fight.” “No, it really isn’t.”

NICKLAUS – “All those things I would say happen to fall into the category of Tiger Woods.”

RICE – “His composure, it’s like he has this type of swagger.”

NICKLAUS – “When Tiger Woods needed to make a putt.”

ANNC – “Better than most!”

NICKLAUS – “He made, and he was the guy I wanted there putting it.”

PHELPS – “The easiest climb in the world was to the top of the mountain. Staying at the top of the mountain is the absolute hardest thing in the world.”

RICE – “Goats are like that, that’s what it’s all about, we never get to a point where we feel like we have arrived, we want more.”

ANNC – “Make room on the mountaintop, Tiger Woods has matched Sam Snead with 82 PGA TOUR wins!”

PHELPS – “When you see someone who’s so prepared on every single level, that’s the GOAT.”

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