**2022 PGA TOUR – The CUT #11 (THE PLAYERS Dcoumentary)**

**Cold Open**

ANNC - "He's got a two shot lead, there is absolutely no reason to go anywhere near that flagstick."

SMITH PRESSER – I'd be lying if I said I aimed there.

ANNC – "This is way more aggressive than I anticipated."

SMITH PRESSER – "Heart was in the throat there for a second, but I knew it was the right club."

ANNC – "Oh man, what a shot!"

**The CUT Titles**

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT**

**Agronomy Speed Drone**

NO SCRIPT

**Abby Opening Stand-up**

THE CLOSING HOLES AT TPC SAWGRASS HAVE BEEN THE FINAL TEST TO BE PASSED AT THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP FOR 40 YEARS. WHETHER IT'S RICKIE FOWLER OWNING THE ISLAND GREEN, BE THE RIGHT CLUB TODAY, OR BETTER THAN MOST, THE PASSAGE OF TIME HAS ONLY INCREASED THE ICONIC MEMORIES ON THE STADIUM COURSE. WITH FANS RETURNING IN FULL FORCE THIS YEAR, THEY'LL WATCH MORE MOMENTS MEMORIALIZED AS THE GREATEST IN THE WORLD ALL STRIVE TO BE CROWNED PLAYERS CHAMPION.

**PLAYERS Setup**

SOT HICKS: "The biggest feeling that you have of coming to a PLAYERS Championship is how big it is, how important it is."

SOT AZINGER: "This 17th hole is one of the greatest, most perfectly positioned holes in all of golf. And it is really responsible for amping up the drama and the must-watch."

NATS RULES COMMITTEE: "The main thing that we wanted to do is meet with you guys to start talking about the wind forecast that we've got for the weekend."

NATS RULES COMMITTEE: "What's your thinking on 17?" "If we're playing through some rain, I don't know that it makes any sense to use that lower right on Thursday and Friday. So we all know where it's going to go on Sunday."

NATS RULES COMMITTEE: "I mean we got a long two days ahead of us on Thursday and Friday."

ANNC: "This band of weather is gonna be with us for a while. It's just gonna dump a whole lotta rain."

SOT RORY: "Looks like rain pretty much all day those two days. So yeah just try to handle the conditions as best as we can."

ANNC: "Play interrupted for the rest of this day because of the rain. // Some players will be playing their first round over three different days."

SOT JT: "I mean when you get wind and cold temperatures like that, it's just a different animal, and it's really just a survival-type thing."

**Abby Stand-Up**

WITH WEATHER THE DOMINANT STORYLINE EARLY IN THE WEEK, THE STADIUM COURSE'S CHALLENGE BECOMES MENTAL AND PHYSICAL. JUSTIN THOMAS SEEKS TO DO SOMETHING NO ONE HAS DONE AT THE PLAYERS BEFORE...DEFEND THEIR TITLE - ONE YEAR AFTER HE CHARGED FROM BEHIND ON THE WEEKEND.

**JT Defense Feature**

PAUL AZINGER SOT - The thing about Justin Thomas is there's no real deficit, you know, within reason that he can't make up.

ANNC - "And to take the lead, this is a birdie for Justin Thomas. // Thomas takes the lead once more!"

PAUL AZINGER SOT - You have to be mentally prepared to overtake the leader and then to continue going at that record clip that you're on. And JT showed that intangible. He wasn't caught off guard when he grabbed the lead. He just kept playing great, right to the very end.

ANNC - And he pours it right in, to grab solo second. // agonizing close, Westwood just one back, what a battle.

JUSTIN THOMAS SOT - It felt unbelievable to be Players Champion. // I just have great vibes and great feelings around this place and I truly felt like I was going to win at least once and multiple times here.

DAN HICKS SOT - I think Justin Thomas is motivated, I think he wants to be that guy to be the first to defend back-to-back so I think he's a favorite.

JUSTIN THOMAS SOT - I try to treat it the same way when I'm defending versus a normal tournament. I would say the only difference is you definitely have; you are asked a lot more of you. Everybody kind of wants a piece of you that week.

ANNC: "Justin Thomas for another one! // Just picking his spots, and he picked another one right there for his third birdie of his second round."

SOT JT: "I'm thrilled with how I played and how I competed today. It was a very, very tough day, and I just stayed patient and executed well."

DAN HICKS SOT - If you don't have your entire arsenal, your entire game. You're not going to defend, that's what it takes to win it and to put it all together like that two years in a row, that's why I think this place has never had a repeat winner at TPC Sawgrass.

**Opening Rounds Feature**

**THE TOUGH EARLY ROUND CONDITIONS AT TPC SAWGRASS GET THE BEST OF THE LATE WAVE OF PLAYERS.**

ANNC: "Koepka's tee shot on the way. Oh and that's up in the air. You can tell by his reaction that's not even close. Look at him, he's laughing."

**BROOKS KOEPKA, JORDAN SPIETH AND COLLIN MORIKAWA ARE AMONG 5 OF THE TOP-20 IN THE WORLD TO MISS THE CUT. FOR THOSE FINISHING ON A FRIGID SUNDAY MORNING, THE CHALLENGES ARE MORE MANAGEABLE.**

SOT HOGE: “You know what, I think we definitely got the good end of the draw. That's golf I guess but, You still gotta step up and hit a lot of good shots in order to shoot a score out here, so I feel like I did a good job of that."

ANNC: "It only took 80 hours and 15 minutes to complete the first and second rounds, they went by in a flash. I don't know how it was for you, but I do know that Sam Burns and Tom Hoge are on top of the heap at 7-under."

SOT BURNS: "I'm gonna go eat some lunch, watch some basketball, see my physio, and get back out there."

**HOF Ceremony Inbump**

TIGER WOODS SOT - Throughout my junior golf days, we did not have the financial means to play some of the bigger events. So my family made a tough decision and at the age of 14 we took out a second mortgage so I could play. So without the sacrifices of mom and dad who's not here but who instilled in me this work ethic to fight for what I believe in chase after my dreams. Nothing is ever going to be given to you, everything's going to be earned. If you don't go out there and put in the work, one you're not going to get the results and two, more importantly, you don't deserve it, you didn't earn it.

TIGER WOODS SOT - I know that golf is an individual sport, but in my case, I didn't get here alone. This is an individual award, but this is actually a team award. All of you allowed me to get here. I just wanna say thank you very much from the bottom of my heart.

**Abby Stand-up**

EARLIER IN THE WEEK, THIS TEE BOX WAS THE SCENE OF A SPECIAL MEETING. ELEVEN-YEAR OLD ETHAN EVANS WAS DIAGNOSED WITH A RARE FORM OF CANCER. HE RECENTLY STARTED CHEMOTHERAPY AND WILL UNDERGO 66 ROUNDS OF TREATMENT. HE GOT A SPECIAL INVITATION TO VISIT THE PLAYERS FROM HIS FAVORITE PLAYER, BROOKS KOEPKA.

**Koepka and Ethan Feature**

BROOKS KOEPKA AND ETHAN EVANS - but bro. Nice to meet you everything go get under these things. Do that first. How's it go? Nice meeting. Best Price estimation. sober. Okay. Yes. Have a good time. Yes. It was Ricky caddie. No, no, he's gonna play. You play right? Yes. Yeah. All right. Ethan, you're up. Might be a bit big. Are you? Alright, here we go. The full caddie experience. Right, Rick, tell him where to hit downwind. Ah, that's all right. That's perfect. Right out the gate. You didn't warm up? I hit low. That's fine. You're right next to me. What else do you like baseball? Yeah, hi. Like baseball. Opposition. Like usually like second base. There. Yeah, I played all the way when I was growing up. Playing short. Third pitch. Didn't work out too. Well. I've tried. He said he's a beast. He's a big Baker fan. So I just texted Baker. I was gonna FaceTime Baker. So if he if he calls me up, let me know. If I get somebody on the phone for you. David, what's up, buddy? Hi. Yeah, that is Baker Mayfield. Yeah. How are you doing man? Good. You enjoying TPC right now? Yes. Yeah, we're, we're playing he just played number seven. We got him out here on eight now, so we're just having some fun. Chillin. There you go. Hey, even I bet you can beat me go. That's for sure. Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. I've seen it. I've seen his work. You can beat me in football, though. He said, I got some stuff for you. You got a hat. Thank you. All my stuff. You got like the little jerseys just came out. Players jersey, got all this stuff. So you're basically the first person to see this shoe. Nobody. You're the only person in the entire world that has issues. I mean, I've got in my locker. So you've got him. We were in this week. So when we think of you go stand by the drop zone. You'll see us on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. That's like my nemesis, though.

STACI EVANS - I mean, it's just incredible. Like I just beyond my wildest imagination that we could ever be here doing this. I mean, it's like watching him just, it's just amazing. We're just so grateful to be here and thankful to be here. And just, you know, where we were in December where we are now. I mean, just for him to be walking and confident talking and just, you know, it's just incredible. Ethan was really nervous to come. He's kind of a more reserved child. But when he's on the golf course, it's like he's in his element. He loves golf. And he was real nervous about meeting Brooks because, you know, that's his idol. He's just so confident walking and just talking like he's one of the guys so I just, it's just amazing.

ETHAN EVANS – I remember playing with Brooks and having having a fun time. Nice to meet you. Yeah, I had a blast. Thank you for coming out.

**Round 3 Feature**

ANNC – "Beautiful afternoon here in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, Stadium Course looking probably the best it has since the early part of the week."

HICKS SOT - Its like no other course in the world that I think balances out every phase of the game, short game, long game, long iron game, chipping// its the best golf course in the world I think for examining every shot in the bag.

ANNC – "What a putting performance, and Anirban 9-under par leading by 1//as he finishes his third round//not sleeping on the lead but maybe lunch on the lead as we head to the final round."

**WHILE LAHIRI LEADS ALONE, 19 PLAYERS FALL WITHIN 4 SHOTS, FEATURING A DIVERSE ASSORTMENT OF PLAYING STYLES, AND ONLY ONE CAN RISE ABOVE THE OTHERS OVER THE FINAL 18 HOLES.**

LAHIRI SOT – "The short turnaround time helps, because you just kind of put your head down and do the next thing//, just stay in the moment, do what you need to do to prepare, and go out and play golf.//It's gonna take a lot of birdies, it's gonna take some gutsy shots// so I'm looking forward to the challenge, I'm enjoying my golf, and that's what I plan to do."

**The CUT Rejoin**

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**Misha Golod Visit**

ANNC: "walking with the 11:22 starting time, will be honorary observer...please welcome a very special guest...junior golfer from Kyiv, Ukraine, Misha Golod"

MISHA SOT: I have a bucket list of courses I want to play one day, and there is a lot of them, there in a note on my phone and TPC Sawgrass is one of them I want to represent Ukraine in this tournament one day too

MISHA SOT: "I really appreciate all of the support I've received for my family at home, they're still in Ukraine. My grandparents are in Ukraine. My house is in Ukraine. My friends are in Ukraine"

ANNC: THE PGA TOUR has joined an industry wide initiative to provide financial support for the crisis in Ukraine through donations to UNICEF:30 In support of this campaign, the PGA TOUR made a donation and welcomes the support of all players, partners, and fans.

MISHA SOT: I'm really happy to get the opportunity to come here, and I hope everything resolves shortly so we can go back to normal life

**Final Round Abby Stand Up**

AFTER RAIN DELAYS AND AN EXTRA DAY, THE FINAL ROUND AT THE PLAYERS HAS ARRIVED. EIGHTEEN HOLES FOR ONE TO EMERGE AND RAISE THE TROPHY AS A PLAYERS CHAMPION.

**Final Round Action**

ANNC: You would not have thought you would see Anirban Lahiri leading The Players here, a guy ranked over 300th in the World rankings. Well, sometimes this golf course gives you a winner that you wouldn’t expect, but it also identifies somebody who can handle the pressure.

ANNC: Cam Smith for the outright lead.

CAMERON SMITH: I knew if I could somehow get it in the fairway, I felt it was mine to win from the start. If I could do that, then I knew I had a red hot chance.

ANNC: At some point, especially on a day where it is somewhat getable, you’ve kind of gotta start recording some birdies to keep up with a guy like Smith.

AZINGER: all the viewers are anticipating what's going to happen on 17. This 17th hole is one of the greatest, most perfectly positioned holes in all of golf.

ANNC: Over at 17//Justin Thomas going flag hunting. Doesn’t pull it off. 60th ball in the water this week.

ANNC: You might as well have one of the weirdest weeks weather-wise we have ever seen in the history of this championship and have it just be as unpredictable and as crazy of a finish as it looks like it is turning into. He grabbed the lead right out of the gates and the pressure has been on him all day long. He’s got a 2-shot lead. There’s absolutely no reason to go after that flag stick.   Oh my goodness. This is way more aggressive than I anticipated. Oh man, what a shot!

CAMERON SMITH: I'd be lying if I said I was aiming there. I was probably aiming 10 feet left of that. But still wanted to stay aggressive, still wanted to make birdie.

ANNC: He makes another one to get to 14 under and head to the 18th tee with that 3 shot lead.

CAMERON SMITH: For somewhat of an easy chip shot, probably the easiest shot I had all day, to hit it in the water was quite frustrating. But just kind of regrouped. I knew I had to get up-and-down to really close it out.

ANNC: Oh my. How clutch was that?  Clutch. Up and down for 5. 66 for Smith. He’ll wait and see what Lahiri does. The pressure on him knowing that he’s got to deliver a birdie. Good try, but Cam Smith is a Players Champion in his backyard.

**Sentry What You Win GFX**

**SMITH’S PLAYERS TITLE ADDS TO HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS SEASON, WHICH INCLUDES A WIN AT THE SENTRY TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS, AND HE LEADS THE TOUR IN SCORING AVERAGE.**

**FedExCup Standings**

**THE AUSSIE ALSO MOVES UP TO 2ND IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS, BECOMING THE THIRD MULTIPLE WINNER OF THE SEASON.**

**Comcast Business TOUR Top 10**

**HE TRAILS ONLY SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER IN THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10 AT THE HALFWAY MARK OF THE REGULAR SEASON.**

**ServPro Feature**

**THE CUT PRESENTS, SAVING SHOTS**

ANNC: "And this is right up Daniel's alley, such a great pitcher of the golf ball." "Pretty saucy right there."

ANNC: "This the third for Hoge from the bunker at the par 5. A chance, and Hoge drains it!"

**Rodney Strong Feature**

**THE CUT PRESENTS, SUPERIOR SHOTS**

ANNC: "Line's good. Oh it's coming back, oh here we go! Well that's one of the best reactions you're ever gonna get. That is tremendous."

ANNC: "Let's see how Joaquin Niemann handles this little shot. Goes down after it. Oh, go down after that!"

ANNC: "Viktor Hovland over at the eighth. How about this. At the par 3, nobody, a moment ago, has hit this green except for three guys, and then he gets a hole in one. And that is just spectacular, cmon."

**PLAYERS Wrap Abby Stand-up**

IT'S BEEN 17 YEARS SINCE THE PLAYERS ENDED ON A MONDAY, AND AFTER A TRUE MARATHON OF GOLF, CAMERON SMITH RODE HIS PUTTER TO A SCORCHING FINAL ROUND 66 TO CAPTURE THE BIGGEST TITLE OF HIS CAREER.

**PLAYERS Winner Rollout**

ANNC – “The 2022 PLAYERS Champion, Cameron Smith! Congratulations!”

MONAHAN NATS – Cameron doesn’t live far from here, and every time he drives his car up the main road, he’s gonna receive a heroes welcome. Cameron, the trophy’s yours.”

SMITH PRESSER – I feel as though I'm playing the best that I've ever played. It's kind of weird being the guy that kind of goes from 20th to 40th in the World Rankings, and then all of a sudden to be 6th But I feel as though I've put in the work it's nice to see all that stuff paying off.

MONAHAN NATS – “This is signed by every past champion of THE PLAYERS.”

SMITH SOT – lots of great Australian golfers have won here, you know, but the best that have ever lived have won here, as well. So it's pretty cool to have the name on the same trophy as them.

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