**2022 PGA TOUR – The CUT #14 (Masters Tournament)**

**Cold Open (Rising Sons Intro)**

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: There are 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.

ANNC: Masters Champion, Hideki Matsuyama.

ISAO 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 a higher level and it's up to them to do continue to do things differently and to want to challenge themselves even more than they ever have before.

**The CUT Titles**

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT**

**Rising Sons of Japan Cutdown**

GFX: 先輩 In Japan, a senpai is a mentor who provides guidance to one's junior.

TAKUMI KANAYA: Respecting your elders is a big part of the Japanese culture and I feel Japanese learn a lot by watching their senpais' performance and behavior.

TAKUMI KANAYA: Recently Hideki Matsuyama has come up big in the US. He's a Masters champion. But before him, I looked up to many other Japanese players such as Shigeki Maruyama, Ryuji Imada who also competed well in the US. All of them motivate me to keep going."

THE "SENPAI" LINEAGE WILL BE INHERENT AT THE 20-22 MASTERS – WITH THE REIGNING CHAMPION BEING JOINED BY TAKUMI KANAYA, AND KEITA NAKAJIMA...

THE LATTER OF WHICH IS FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF BOTH OF HIS "SENPAI", BY WINNING THE ASIA-PACIFIC AMATEUR TO QUALIFY FOR THE MASTERS AS THE TOP RANKED AMATEUR IN THE WORLD.

KEITA NAKAJIMA: They are my role models so competing with them in the same tournament motivates me."

KEITA NAKAJIMA: I think my senpai are leading the way for us, and with Coach Gareth Jones as the head of the National Team, the generational connections continue to grow even stronger.

NATS: Good morning, Keita. Good morning....

KEITA NAKAJIMA: Through coach Gareth Jones' leadership, a solid relationship between seniors and juniors is being formed.

NATS: Left shoulder is going down, and then the right shoulder can come around.

JUST A CONTINENT AWAY – IN ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA, IS ANOTHER BIG REASON FOR THE SURGE IN JAPANESE GOLF.

GARETH JONES: There's a real connection between the present and the past in Japan. And so I embrace that as part of our team culture.

GARETH JONES: "We've had two world number ones in the amateur rankings. That's been a huge focus of ours to try and increase our world amateur rankings in both the men's and the women's.

SATOSHI KODAIRA: The kids playing on the national team these days are extremely blessed to be in such a great environment. Having the system they have in place now, with an international coach, getting the chance to learn English, it's completely different from when I was on the team and makes me a little jealous.

NATS: This is a tough one. We have to go low little draw. Right Bunker? Right bunker, yeah.

GARETH JONES: English is really important we think for the Japan team. Particularly if they wanna have an international career. We really felt that having a foreign coach that couldn't speak the language was gonna push the players to have to learn to speak, to communicate.

NATS: 149 to pin, front edge is 134, yup.

GARETH JONES: For players like Keita or Takumi, they're both in the team for seven years or plus, so they've learned to communicate.

JUN NAGASHIMA: Gareth has successfully combined his own essence of coaching golf with Japanese sports science, while also taking Australia's Western culture and open-minded atmosphere and integrating that into Japan's Eastern senpai culture and humility, and then individualizing those philosophies down to each individual player. Today's program transcends nationalities and is borderless between Japan and other countries.

GARETH JONES: As a rule as a generalization, they have huge work ethics. So they'll hit golf balls all day if you allow that. What I tried to do was bring in a better way of practicing and focusing on areas that are actually gonna give us real performance improvement.

KEITA NAKAJIMA: I typically tend to rely on my feels, but it's much easier now to understand what exactly it is that I'm feeling by connecting that back the data.

GARETH JONES: Our Japanese boys that have just joined the team, they've got big footsteps to fill, but I know that they're going to try their hardest to follow their senpai. It's a strong team that continues to come through and golf in Japan is going to be continued to be in a strong place

KEITA NAKAJIMA: Back then there were many senpai that I really looked up to. I was playing among them, but now I am the oldest on the team, and I hope to set a good example for the younger players that follow in my footsteps after I leave.

GARETH JONES: Hideki has been a massive influence over all of these players. They feel a great responsibility to try and follow in Hideki footsteps. It's not about telling people what to do, it's about performing and showing this is the way.

TAKUMI KANAYA: Now, following that tradition, it's important for me to be an example to the young players like Keita that are coming up and watching me play.

ISAO AOKI: When the history books are written about Japanese athletes in the Masters, a new era has begun 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 multiple great players working together to grow the game.

**Bump (Tiger 25, Scott)**

add later

**Garrick Higgo Gary Player Letter**

HIGGO SOT - this is pretty cool. How did you guys get this? As soon as I opened it and saw the writing I knew.

PLAYER SOT - Dear Garrick, well done on your play

ANNC – “Garrick Higgo is the newest champion from South Africa!”

PLAYER SOT - Now take what you have learned and reach greater heights

HIGGO SOT - I met him for the first time when I was about eight or nine and my dad died when I met him. he used to write me a lot of letters about staying strong he's been a lot more than just a mentor.

HIGGO SOT: Please remember, it's the short game that wins tournaments.

HIGGO SOT - this has actually come at a good time, I've definitely needed that. what I've heard is that Short game and putting, for sure will be the biggest thing I'm going to have to be good with.

PLAYER SOT - Long driving is an asset, but it doesn't win events.

HIGGO SOT - that is the one thing I'm working on is trying to be a lot better driver I want to hit it a lot straighter.

HIGGO SOT - I've gone back to the shorter driver, working on some things in my swing trying to kind of not chase distance and hit a few more fairways.

PLAYER SOT - To reach the pinnacle of your career, your mind will be the deciding factor.

HIGGO SOT - he can relate to the things that I'm going through and I can ask him for advice on pretty much anything, he's got a big heart. he always wants to help people and that's why he tells so many stories about what he's been through.

PLAYER SOT - In conclusion, remember the harder you practice the luckier you get. Take care. Gary Player.

HIGGO SOT - P.S. love you. That's awesome, that is pretty cool.

HIGGO SOT - it does make me quite emotional, but it means more than what I can say.

**Rodney Strong Feature**

**THE CUT PRESENTS, SUPERIOR SHOTS**

ANNC: Picture perfect, JJ Spaun drops it in

ANNC: Curtis Thompson, ahh no problem.

ANNC: Add Steele

**Valero Winner**

SPAUN: The first hole is actually really tough. Especially with that wind. So, I just didn't let it bother me. I just tried to overcome, and I did.

ANNC: Oh, how about in!

SPAUN: I changed my putting grip a little bit this week. It was very uncomfortable at the start. New putting grip, you know, six footers to, you know, keep leads and stuff but hey it worked out.

ANNC: This is going to be the first win for J.J. Spaun coming at the Valero Texas Open.

SPAUN: This is one of those weeks where I kind of had a good feeling about it all week long. It's about time that I was due to string four good ones together. Fortunately, that's what I did.

**Sentry Win GFX**

**SPAUN’S FIRST CAREER TITLE EARNS HIM A TWO YEAR EXEMPTION ON TOUR, AND A SPOT IN NEXT YEAR’S SENTRY TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS.**

**FedExCup Standings**

**HE ALSO MOVES UP TO 10TH IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS, AND PUNCHES HIS TICKET TO AUGUSTA AS THE LAST PLAYER IN THE MASTERS.**

**Comcast Business TOUR Top 10 Feature**

**THE TOP DOG OF THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10 REMAINS SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER.**

ANNC: What a way to close it out! Scottie Scheffler is a star now.

**IT WILL BE A TALL TASK TO CATCH THE 6'3" MAN AT THE TOP OF THE STANDINGS WHERE HE BOASTS A 780 POINT LEAD.**

**J.J. SPAUN MOVED FROM 66TH TO 10TH IN THE RANKING BY WINNING THE VALERO TEXAS OPEN.**

**MORE THAN 13-HUNDRED POINTS SEPARATE SCOTTIE FROM J.J. REPRESENTING THE LARGEST POINT SEPARATION IN THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10 SINCE 2009.**

**The CUT Rejoin**

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**Adam Scott AJGA Feature**

NATS SCOTT: "Good morning and welcome to the final round of the UNIQLO Adam Scott Junior Championship."

SOT SCOTT: "It's exciting for me and Uniqlo to be partnering on this and giving some kids an opportunity to play another event. But it was a big thing for me Junior Golf and, also a very simple thing for me to be involved in at this point in my life and career. Having kids myself and thinking back to how important it was to have that competition, not only for developing my golf game, but also how it enriched my life with the values of the game. And what that's done for me ever since."

NATS SCOTT: "You just gotta hang in there and get the best result you can. Well done, good stuff."

SOT SCOTT: "In some ways, I'm one of the older guys on the PGA TOUR now, and some of these kids hopefully have seen me play some golf. But it is fun to see a big uptick in the field and kids have traveled to play this event. And that means a lot. And hopefully we give them the experience that they were looking for when they come down here."

NATS SCOTT: "Hopefully I'll hit a few good shots, and if you want me to try and hit some shots I can do that too."

NATS SCOTT: "Yeah?"

NATS KID: "Can you show us how to do a stinger?"

NATS SCOTT: "Stinger?"

NATS SCOTT: "We'll try and draw one back into the wind. I don't know if this is gonna go well for me."

NATS KIDS: "Oh my God, let's go!"

SOT KID: "You just respect him a lot more, coming out here and helping us. To take time out of his busy schedule and stuff and helping all of these juniors and stuff, and grow the passion for golf and whatever is really cool, and I thank him for that."

NATS SCOTT:"You wanna hit it? Yeah."

NATS KID: "I'm nervous."

NATS SCOTT: "You loose? You need a glove?"

NATS KID: "Can I use your glove? Thank you."

NATS SCOTT: "Have a couple swings, get loose. It's gotta be a good one. Oh yeah."

SOT KID: "Me beating him at a closest to the pin contest. I was over the ball, and my legs were shaking. Like there's cameras all over me. I was nervous watching you hit that."

NATS SCOTT: "Nice, nice strike. Oh yeah, look it's close. Yeah good shot. A little too good. Oh. Thank you. Good shot man."

SOT KID: "He could be doing whatever he wants right now, and he chose to be here with us. I think that's really cool, even if it's just for 30 minutes or however long we were here. It's just really cool that we get to watch a PGA TOUR pro hit right in front of us, so it's awesome."

**ServPro Feature**

**THE CUT PRESENTS, SAVING SHOTS**

ANNC: "Finau//Played pretty well"

ANNC: "Brendon Todd// Well done// Might have a chance for a second"

ANNC: "Hossler with the unexpected 3"

**FanDuel Feature**

BRANDON GDULA: Here are some favorites and sleepers to target for The Masters. Justin Thomas is knocking on the door for a second major. Though he has just one top-10 finish at Augusta, he has five straight top-25s at the Masters and is one of just five golfers in the field to rank top-15 this season in strokes gained off the tee and approach. Despite a title drought, Brooks Koepka enters with three straight top-10s at majors and three top-20s in his four most recent starts, stemming from some really strong ball-striking numbers. One of the best and longest drivers on Tour , Koepka is also starting to separate with his irons again in recent weeks. Xander Schauffele checks the box with his form at Augusta, and the Olympic gold medal winner remains one of the better ball-strikers on tour while offering a rare mix of distance and accuracy, but where he really separates is with the short game. Xander has no holes in his game, and that's led to his success at Augusta National. Some options at longer odds include Daniel Berger, Adam Scott, and Russell Henley. Best of luck this week for The Masters.

**TOUR Playlist**

**TIGER WOODS ANNOUNCED HE’S A “GAME TIME DECISION” TO MAKE HIS RETURN AT AUGUSTA THIS WEEK, 25 YEARS AFTER HIS FIRST MASTERS TITLE.**

**25th Anniversary of Tiger 1997**

PRODUCER: What was Tigers' greatest weapon?

DAVIS: Strength of mind.

WOODS: I had probably the greatest prep I could possibly ask for.

RAHM: I mean I've heard the stories of Mark saying how him and Tiger were playing at Isleworth. And one day he shot 59 the next day he starts birdie, hole-in-one, and Mark just drove off the course.

O'MEARA: And I look at him, I got in my cart and drove back to my house. I was done. He went birdie hole-in-one after shooting 59. I'm like well this is ridiculous.

WOODS: Well, personally, I thought I could win that week.

STREGE: On the eve of the '97 Masters Earl woods ran into Tim Finchem and told the commissioner that Tiger was gunna win the tournament and Earl says he looked at me like I was crazy.

THORP: Tiger come in, the first 9 holes kinda sucked a little bit you know. I thought maybe, I wouldn't call it nerves but maybe being a little bit unsettled.

FALDO: We didn't see much of each other on the front 9 we were in the woods he took 40.

MCDANIEL: Walking from 9 green to 10 tee it was like Superman putting on his cape. He was really angry. You could see it on his face. He played much better when he was angry.

FALDO: When he chipped in on the back of 12 and that was basically the start of his career. And I say jokingly from there on we didn't see him for dust for the next 12 years.

DAVIS: 4 over. And comeback with a 30. On the second night, it was just, I mean, those are, that's fiction.

AZINGER: I still had never seen Tiger hit a shot in my life. So I said. I'm going to watch this shot. And when he hit it I just looked at my caddie and said, Holy s\*\*t. He's the best golfer in the world and he's 21 years old and I think that's unbelievable.

MONTGOMERIE: I was trying to get to number one in the world. And he was obviously not ranked, and I felt well I've got some experience over him at least. But we weren't ready I don't think the world was quite aware of what was to transpire. There's an aura about him that I witnessed that round of golf that I played with him that I haven't seen before.

SIRAK: His opponents have never been people. His opponents have always been history. He always wanted to break every record he always wanted to do things that have never been done.

WOODS: I was trying to soak it in the best I possibly could, okay. The tournament wasn't over and I also had a chance to break the record.

WOODS: Forget being 21 and all that stuff, but to break a record that Jack held, Raymond was there as well. This is a scoring record, no one's ever done this before, or has been this low, on this golf course.

THORPE: That fist pump wasn't one of them things hey I kicked their butts today. It was a fist pump where, I have arrived.

WOODS: It just was one of those moments where it just, everybody had melted away. It was a special moment for us as a family.

FINAU: I was very inspired by Tiger. And I picked up the game in the summer of '97. So, I think he had a pretty big impact on me.

SCHEFFLER: You grew up just wanting to, you know, be something like that on the golf course. we idolize him as a golfer and I mean on the golf course, he really is just kind of larger than life.

SCOTT: It was a big moment in golf. I was at such an influential age I think I was 16 years old. Just this perfect timing to inspire not only me, but obviously a whole generation of golfers to be like Tiger.

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