**2022 PGA TOUR – The CUT #20 (PGA Championship)**

**COLD OPEN**

**KRAMER HICKOK NATS:** hey hey! Nice birdie! Birdie net eagle. We needed that. Hope you’re stroking!

The camera shows up and we start hitting good shots. Thank you!

**KRAMER HICKOK SOT:** I'm really excited about this week. I've played a lot of golf out here, played Q-school here a couple of times, and I'm familiar with the golf course. I feel great. I mean, it's always nice to be able to sleep in your own bed. It's a little bit of a weird feeling. To be honest, it kind of feels like you're just playing money games at home.

**NATS:** Well done. We’ve got Marvin going left here. Ha ha, he almost fell over.

**KH SOT:** One week at home really feels like two weeks just because as often as I travel now, so it's, it's nice to get my coach here, then obviously, I got my family and friends that are gonna come out and watch. I talked to some of my buddies… So I definitely need to get some more tickets.

**THE CUT TITLES**

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT**

**KRAMER HICKOK AT HOME**

**PRODUCER NATS:** Okay, that photo.

**KRAMER HICKOK:** Yeah, so that was 2011. Jordan had asked me to caddie for him at the Byron Nelson. That was the second time playing as an amateur, and we had actually gotten in contention. We played with Keegan Bradley the final day and Keegan ended up winning that event.

**ANNE HICKOK**: Sorry I’m laughing because I saw him coming. How did you get out? Sorry.

**NATS:** Alright, shall we play a hole? Sit. Stay.

Good boy. Let’s go. Come on.

Not bad, hit the green Elvis, hit the green.

Ready? Okay, not in the bunker! OK, we’ll have to fix that.

**HICKOK:** I really enjoy just practicing and being outside obviously being with Elvis and Anne and just traveling the world meeting new people. I feel like I pride myself on my work ethic.

**NATS:** Stay Elvis.

**HICKOK:** We got Elvis, he’s about a year old now. One of the things we wanted to do when we train him was obedience, but we also Duck on a few times a year, so we got this little rubber duck off Amazon doesn't really look like a duck anymore cause his head’s chewed off.

**NATS:** Elvis, heel. Stay, dead bird, dead bird. Okay. Good Boy Elvis here, c’mon, heel. Elvis, heel. Sit. Drop it. Good.

**HICKOKZ:** Don't view myself as particularly a talented golfer, I just viewed myself as like a skilled golfer who just really likes to work. I just kind of want to represent an idea that anything's possible and kind of prove that dreams can come true. Because I'm living in mine right now, and it's pretty special. It's kind of got a pinch myself every now and then, that I'm on the PGA TOUR.

**GS TRANSITION**

**AT&T BYRON WINNER**

**ANNC:** TAP IN BIRDIE FOR K-H LEE..NOW HE HAS TO SEE IF IT’S ENOUGH

**“**NEEDS TO HOLE THIS FOR A PLAYOFF…WE HAVE A WINNER…KH LEE DEFENDS HIS TITLE AT THE ATT BYRON NELSON.”

**SOT LEE:** IT’S AN AMAZING FEELING…I CAN’T BELIEVE STILL FEELS LIKE DREAMING BUT LAST YEAR AND THIS YEAR MAKES GOOD MEMORIES.”

**ANNC:** WHEN HE WALKED OFF THE GREEN LAST YEAR HIS WIFE WAS PREGNANT AT THE TIME THEIR DAUGHT CELINE LAST JULY. IT COMES FULL CIRCLE”

**SOT LEE**: IT’S SO AMAZING…WITH MY WHOLE FAMILY HERE…I’M SO HAPPY WITH MY FAMILY AND WINNING MOMENTS

**ANNC:** WE GO BACK TO 17, KH LEE HAS BEEN GOOD AROUND THE GREENS AND PUTTING ALL WEEK…OH THAT IS HUGE…WOW.

**SOT LEE:** HONESTLY PRETTY NERVOUS OVER THERE, I KNOW VERY IMPORTANT PUTT TO MAKE A PAR…I KNOW A LOT OF GUYS MAKE BIRDIE 18 SO I NEED TO MAKE THE PUTT…PRETTY DIFFICULT JUST I PRAY THEN MAKE THE PUTT.

**REPORTER SOT:** YOU PRAYED BEFORE THAT PUTT BEFORE 17, DO YOU DO THAT OFTEN OR SPECIAL OCCATION?

**SOT LEE:** NOT USUALLY BUT WHEN IM NERVOUS I SOMETIMES PRAY BUT I KNOW ITS VERY IMPORTANT PUTT SO I PRAY…SOMETIMES I NEED TO BELIEVE IN MYSELF BUT JUST NEED GOD PLEASE

KEEP MOMENTUM WELL AND NEXT WEEK PGA CHAMPIONSHIP. LAST YEAR MISSED THE CUT, NEXT WEEK PLAY WELL HOPEFULLY MAKE THE CUT PLAY WELL…BETTER THAN LAST YEAR.

**SENTRY GFX**

**K.H. LEE JOINS TOM WATSON, JACK NICKLAUS, AND SAM SNEAD AS THE ONLY PLAYERS TO DEFEND THEIR TITLE AT THE AT&T BYRON NELSON, SECURING A SPOT IN THE SENTRY TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS.**

**FEDEX CUP STANDINGS**

**LEE ALSO MAKE A BIG JUMP IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS TO 28TH, WHILE JORDAN SPIETH RETURNS TO THE TOP 10 WITH A RUNNER-UP FINISH.**

**COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10**

**EVERYONE IS CHASING SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER IN THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10, WHO CONTINUES TO LEAD ON THE STRENGTH OF HIS FOUR WINS THIS YEAR.**

**BUMP (TIGER)**

TIGER - In 2007 was my fourth PGA Championship at Southern Hills. One of the hottest golf tournaments I've ever played in. I remember progressively got two degrees hotter every day. I lost a bunch of weight that week. It was it was tough.

**SOUTHERN HILLS BEAUTY INBUMP**

NO SCRIPT

**TIGER PGA CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY**

**ANNC:** I'm pleased to present you with the Wanamaker trophy as a 1999 PGA champion. Now another victory for Tiger. He has taken the torch and he's running with it. Tiger you continue to amaze and astound people around the world with the quality of your play.

**TIGER SOT:** My first memory of any major championship was Jack in 86. It started then the fascination of these championships are big. I was ten years old at the time, and just starting to kind of take up the game a little more seriously. Started playing some more junior golf events.

In 99 I won my first PGA championship at Medinah, I had a four shot lead playing the 12th hole. It was Sergio in front of me, he makes birdie, I make double bogey. I went from a four to one shot lead in a span of about 10 minutes. Being able to hold off Sergio come in last six holes, I fought like hell to win that championship because I hadn't won since 97. It's been a couple of years. I had retooled my swing, tore down rebuilt it and I was just starting a run. I think I won what eight times that year in 99. And to have a major championship involved in those eight was it was a big thing.

2000 I won my second PGA championship at Valhalla. I was rolling that summer. I was playing really well. I was going for something that you know hadn't been done since Hogan. And to win three major championships in a year. The more I looked back on it wasn't like the championship was handed to either one of us. We both went out there and we both played we both played a high level we both made birdies. It wasn't one of those grinded out par fests, no one made a mental mistake ,there was no bogeys in the last 12 holes so you know the last nine holes in the playoff and so the quality of play was just it was fun to be part of.

2006 I won my third PGA Championship at Medinah. I was able to hold off you know, Luke Donald there, they redid the golf course a little bit that year and add a little bit length. We did come some of the greens. But that was that was I was a good week I had one of those very special putting weeks where I made just a boatload of putts. I didn't really miss anything.

In 2007 was my fourth PGA Championship at Southern Hills. One of the hottest golf tournaments I've ever played in. I remember progressively got two degrees hotter every day. I lost a bunch of weight that week. It was it was tough. I relied on my ball striking. I really hit it well that week. I was able to really control it. It was just matter of survival. I think that's where a lot of my fitness came in. In the play grind. I got tired, just like anyone else did, but I felt like my legs stayed strong, especially in that heat, the stress of being there, you know and with a chance to win a PGA Championship.

**GS CUT LOGO TAG**

NO SCRIPT

**THE CUT REJOIN**

NO SCRIPT

**KEITH MITCHELL ON THE RANGE**

**MITCHELL:** Hey guy’s it’s Kieth Mitchell out here on the range. Just here to show you what’s in my bag and hit a few shots for you.

**MITCHELL:** Out here hitting my Mizuno ST-Z driver. Natural shot shape is a fade. So I like to hit every drive with a fade. No matter the wind, no matter the shape of the hole really anything.

**MITCHELL:** Here we’re going to try and start it 5 to 10 yards left of where I want it to finish. And then hopefully just drops right.

**MITCHELL:** Just like that. So I’ve been using the Mizuno Pro 221 for about 6 or 7 months now. It’s been great, I like the way the center of gravity is right in the center.

**MITCHELL:** That’s what we’re looking for.

**MITCHELL:** I use three T22 Mizuno wedges. They are the denim copper finish which I love. The reason I love them is it kind of has a little bit of a rusted look without being rust. Progressive bounces as you can tell. It goes 55, 51, 47. And you can see just, you know, the longer the club the less the bounce is really interacting simply by the angle of attack. So I have a little bit more bounce in my 55 and progressively gets less just because of the way the clubs coming into the ground.

**MITCHELL:** So, we’ll start with the 55. This one usually goes anywhere from about 115 to 95 yards. Don’t like hitting it past 115 just because it can get high and way to much spin on it especially today with this wind we’re going to try to keep this down probably the 105 area. Just gives you more control. Wedge isn’t how far you hit it it’s how close you hit it.

**GS TRANSITION**

NO SCRIPT

**SEAMUS POWER FEATURE**

**POWER SOT:** So I got my card, obviously the first time through Korn Ferry and played one year on PGA Tour, just missed top 125. The biggest thing for me was, just wanted to kind of get settled in. And I was able to do that early-ish next year, my second year. And I end up getting my card back

**SEAMUS POWER’S 2020-21 PGA TOUR SEASON BEGAN WITH 5 MISSED CUTS IN HIS FIRST 6 STARTS, ONCE AGAIN PUTTING HIS CARD IN JEOPARDY.**

**POWER SOT:** You never think you're going to be the guy that's gonna lose your card But all of a sudden just kind of staring that in the face you're traveling across the country to in the hope that you're going to get in and not knowing you're getting in. I was looking up to Monday a couple of times and then had a couple of good finishes

**ANNC:** Wow, how about that

**POWER SOT:** And it really saved my season and it builds a momentum towards a win there in Kentucky.

And the barbasol championship decided in a playoff, seamus power, finds the winning combination in kentucky

It's years of wanting to win and obviously the financial side is fantastic as well as like fulfilling a lifelong dream of winning the PGA Tour.

**ANNC:** Could it be? Oh the luck of the Irish

**POWER SOT:** Honestly the turning point for me was I suppose. Long game finally started to make sense, started to make some putts. I mean everyone who plays golf knows confidence is one of the biggest things. And really the only way you can get it is by playing and testing the stuff that you're doing and practice in tournaments and seeing them kinda come together.

**ANNC:** What a good shot that was// he’s very good around the greens

**POWER SOT:** I've made massive improvements in my approach to green stats like in the last 12, 18 months. The driving and stuff, it's always going to be thing that you want to improve. But like for me, the biggest place I can make the improvements is gonna be from that 150 yards in making like an extra putt here and there and just receiving, and kinda take advantage

**ANNC:** He is playing great golf Tons of confidence in his game right now

To me it's all perspective. I view myself as extremely lucky. I love playing golf, I'm 34 and I've yet to work a day in my life. So every time I get to play a tournament or play an extra year on Tour, to me it's a massive bonus.

**POWER HAS CONTINUED HIS SUCCESS THIS SEASON, RANKED 23RD IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS, IN PART THANKS TO ACCURACY COMING INTO THE GREENS AND PUTTING, AS HE MAKES HIS PGA CHAMPIONSHIP DEBUT THIS WEEK.**

**SERVPRO FEATURE**

**THE CUT PRESENTS, SAVING SHOTS**

**ANNC:** K.H. LEE SECOND, LONG BUNKER SHOT AND OFF A DOWNHILL LIE. SIT RIGHT THERE, THAT’S PRETTY GOOD. YEAH, THAT’S PRETTY DARN GOOD.”

NOW THE FOURTH HOLE, BRICE GARNETT. TWO UNDER ON HIS ROUND, LETS GET TO THREE WHY NOT. ADD TO THAT BIRDIE TOTAL.

NOW THIS IS A PRETTY STRAIGHT FORWARD BUNKER SHOT FOR KIM. STRAIGHT DOWN THE HILL BREAKING A LITTLE RIGHT TO LEFT. ALL HE HAS TO DO IS DECIDED ON HOW FAR HE WANTS TO FLY IT WITH HOW MUCH SPIN. HE CAN PRETTY MUCH PLAY A MULTITUDE OF BUNKER SHOTS…LOOKS PRETTY GOOD FOR SPEED…IT DOES, BEAUTIFUL.

**SCHEFFLER 2022 SUCCESS REEL**

**ANNC:** This is what champions do.

**ANNC:** He is really playing some solid golf.

**ANNC:** This guy really has shined.

**ANNC:** Look at that smile.

**SCHEFFLER:** I spend so much of my time trying to improve and to be good at this game. And you really have to look at the motivation for why I play. You know, I don’t place my value in golf.

**SCHEFFLER:** For me, I have a relationship with Jesus Christ and that’s why I play golf. I’m out here to compete because that’s where he wants me.

**SCHEFFLER:** Meredith’s not going to look at me any differently if I win fifty times out here or if I lose my card next week or whatever it is or get kicked off the Tour.

**SCHEFFLER:** You know, Meredith’s got the same smile whether or not I shoot 86 or 66 it doesn’t really matter to her. I’m very fortunate for that.

**FANDUEL FEATURE**

**VO:** Here are some favorites and sleepers to target for the PGA Championship at FanDuel Sportsbook.

Southern Hills will be a complete test from tee to green. You’ll need distance off the tee, precision with irons, and skill with the wedges. Few golfers fit that better than Justin Thomas, who ranks third this season in strokes gained: tee to green. The putter was solid last week, and we’re getting a good number on JT this week.

There are no holes in Patrick Cantlay’s game, from driving distance to irons to wedges – he does it all exceptionally well. Southern Hills is guaranteed to be a difficult test, and saving par is going to be key. He’s a top-tier scrambler in this field and is an 84th-percentile putter from 5 to 10 feet. That type of game should keep him in contention this week.

Shane Lowry’s irons are on fire right now, and he’s fifth on Tour in strokes gained: approach on the season. That’s not all, of course. The distance and wedges are a plus, and he leads the Tour in bogey avoidance. A win would be his second major and his fifth top-five result.

Some other options to consider include Sam Burns, Max Homa, and Daniel Berger. Best of luck this week for the PGA Championship.

**TOUR PLAYLIST**

**THIS WEEK AT SOUTHERN HILLS IS ANOTHER CHANCE FOR JORDAN SPIETH TO COMPLETE THE CAREER GRAND SLAM, A FEAT ONLY ACCOMPLISHED BY FIVE PLAYERS. HE'S HAD RECENT SUCCESS EVEN WHILE WORKING THROUGH A NEW PRE-SHOT ROUTINE AND PUTTING CHALLENGES.**

**JORDAN SPIETH FEATURE**

**MILLER:** When he came on Tour, his putting was phenomenal.

**ANNC:** There’s a guy right there who putts lights out a lot.

**MILLER:** He would make two putts a round that nobody else would make. He was a closer.

**ANNC:** Oh, my goodness. Big time player indeed Jordan Spieth.

**STRICKER:** He had such great years, career years, in just a short period of time, that we have those expectations that we need to do that every year, and that's just not possible.

**NAT SPIETH:** Oh, my goodness, go hard. Go!

**SCHEFFLER:** Golf’s a really hard game. // and for Jordan, he’s had a little rough stretch.

**NAT SPIETH:** You’re really going to ruin your day on that swing?
**ANNC:** It’s an aerobic activity watching Jordan Spieth play golf sometimes.

**SPIETH:** It’s really hard to play on the PGA TOUR and rely on timing.

**SPIETH:** I’m trying to kind of mechanically get things back to where they need to be.

**STRICKER:** Once he kind of gives himself a break finds out a few things he's going to be right back to that Jordan Spieth we all know and love.

**SCHEFFLER:** He’s literally too good at golf, not to be able to figure it out.

**ANNC:** Jordan Spieth with that different pre shot routine.

**ANNC:** Oh, I thought he was going to pull the trigger there. He fooled me with that one.

**SPIETH:** I’m just trying to get back to my DNA.

**SPIETH:** Looking back to high school college and my first few years on Tour. Being able to get through the ball. Your body is hitting it and you’re not relying as much on your hands.

**SPIETH:** It's just reversing 10s of 1000s of the wrong swings and sometimes that takes 10s of 1000s of the right swings.

**ANNC:** Whatever you think about the pre shot routine, it’s working right now.

**ANNC:** Just continues to struggle on the greens.

**ANNC:** Oh no! Holy smokes.

**ANNC:** Would he be haunted by it? Or redeemed. Comes back and 18 today, different story.

**ANNC:** Spectacular bunker shot in the playoff. Jordan Spieth is a winner.

**SPIETH:** I won this golf tournament without a putter. This is one of the worst tournaments I’ve putted that I’ve been in contention in.

**NAT:** Jordan Spieth, Jordan Spieth, Jordan Spieth!

**SPIETH:** I'd like to get to a point where structurally I'm not having to do rehearsal swings every time and it just sets in a nice place, and it's not there yet. Very close on the full swing and then really got to put some time and effort into getting my putter where I know it can be.

**SPIETH:** Having to get back to reading greens, matching line and speed up. See a couple go in and all of the sudden the hole can start to look really big.

**SCHEFFLER:** He's really starting to figure out what his swing is and I'm excited for him and what's coming forward.

**SPIETH:** I'm playing with freedom on my swing, freedom, and my stroke, then I can be as consistent as ever.

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