**2022 PGA TOUR – The CUT #24 (AmFam Champs Takeover)**

**Cold Open**

QUESTION – "Steve, what's your favorite thing about Nicki?"

STEVE – Um, there's a lot of favorite things. Probably. Probably the. Her competitiveness is probably is probably the is probably the biggest thing, you know, and the worst thing you know, I'm going to throw that out there, too.

NICKI - But I would agree 100%.

STEVE - But it's, it's she's very competitive. That rubs off on me. You know, we're very competitive as a family, you know. But she thinks she's the rock of the family. She takes care of us all.

**The CUT Titles**

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT**

**AmFam Origins**

**THE STRICKER FAMILY HAS HOSTED THE PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS AT THE AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP SINCE 2016. FOR THE SIXTH PLAYING, THEY OPENED THE DOORS OF THEIR HOMETOWN EVENT TO OUR CAMERAS.**

STEVE - we had a foundation together, Nicky and I and American Family Insurance, and we were trying to come up with different ways to raise money to give to our community. // and I was kind of//getting closer to my 50th birthday. And, you know, so it kind of morphed into a Champions Tour event // and we thought that this the city of Madison would be kind of a perfect size. // the corporations, the people of Madison have really gotten behind what we're doing here.

KELLY - He is out there and every function, he's doing everything he can to make this the event that he wants it to be. // He's done fantastic.

NATE POKRASS - the family is so revered here in the state of Wisconsin // the community loves him and Steve and Nicki, they're welcoming, their daughters are active in the community. They're passionate about the game of golf.

**Stricker Golfing Family**

STEVE - Both our girls are into golf pretty heavily. They enjoy the process of trying to get better. They work on it a lot. We play a lot of golf together as a family, which is fun.

STRICKER FAMILY NATS – "Wait, we don't know the wager!" "I think it should be shoes." "Like that person gets shoes?" "Yeah, you guys have to pitch in and buy us a pair."

STEVE - This was the second edition of the Stricker Family Challenge// we played the 15th hole out here at University Ridge drivable sometimes par four when the wind conditions are right.

NATS - "Where are you guys gonna go?" "It's none of your business."

STEVE - our youngest one Izzy hit a great shot, the bunker, which she normally does. She's a very good fairway bunker player.

NATS – "Sit! Yes! Oh yes! Yeah, great shot!"

STEVE - We go ahead and make our putt and then Izzy goes ahead and knocks in their five footer. And then we went into a putt off and they beat us in the putt.

NATS – "Oh! Good job, good job." "So Bobbi and I both get shoes?" "No it's one pair, you gotta share."

STEVE - we have fun with it. We make fun of each other a little bit while we're at home, back and forth. But yeah, we, we lost this year.

NICKI - Yeah. Kids get bragging rights. That's okay. We got to keep them coming back. We can't win every year.

NICKI - the opportunity, obviously, to play on the Champions Tour, you know, it's given the girls an opportunity. // to kind of see their dad, you know, play at a high level still even though, you know, he's 55.

STEVE - I'm shocked that they still want to come out on the road with me at times, you know?// that excites me. That makes me happy. And I know it makes you happy, too

NICKI – it's definitely been just a blessing that that they, you know, kind of want to be around and hang out and they appreciate, you know, what their dad does.

STEVE - it's something that I still really enjoy doing is competing and playing against these guys. And we've been friends for a lot of years with a lot of these guys. So to be out here still and compete with them and to have my family out here has been really nice.

**Steve and Nicki Caddying Backstory**

STEVE - I play in both the pro-ams Wednesday and Thursday. And then, you know, the fun starts with the tournament starting on Friday and Nicky's caddying again. So we get out there together

STEVE - We got married in 1993 and then, you know, she was on the bag my first //four years on tour. //and then more recently, because we're older and the kids are older and they can kind of take care of themselves. And the fact that I really enjoy having her out there has led to her getting even more and more.

NICKI – it's the time that we do get to spend together// being able to be out there and kind of get a front row seat. To what he's doing, how he's feeling, what's going on

STEVE - we enjoy the time inside the ropes. it's fun for us. It's fun for me. I'm comfortable with having her in there. // she's very good with the mental side of things, you know? Keeps me upbeat and not too down on myself// and kicks me in the butt when I need to.

NICKI - it adds another little, at least for me that kind of satisfying a little bit of that competitiveness that I still feel like I have and doing it// your heart gets going and you kind of get into the heat of it.

ANNC STEVE COMEBACK – "What an amazing story Steve Stricker has been//winning captaincy at the Ryder Cup //after that suffered from inflammation in his heart with if falling out of rhythm//was facing some serious health issues//was gone for more than 6 plus months."

STEVE - I was trying to see where I was at with my health more than anything// I still felt like I had some strength to gain and some things to get better. But, um, I was doing some better things.

NICKI - Once we got there, there was I don't know, it was just kind of weird. There was just like a kind of a calm a little bit where // it was like I could tell that there was a comfort that he felt on that golf course.

ANNC REGIONS WIN – "To win by 6, Stricker's comeback to a major victory!"

STEVE - It was something I thought I would do again, would be win out here. Did I expect it in the third one out? No, probably not. //But you know what we went through back in November, you know, with my health and being in the hospital, not really knowing what was going on is kind of given me a different, different perspective. //I'm just grateful to be able to play again, really.

NICKI - I don't know that I necessarily showed it, but I feel more emotional in Alabama, um, you know, for the win. But just like for him, like where he'd come from // just I think a different kind of appreciation where. You just kind of you don't know. And to be able to enjoy that really for the accomplishment that it was

QUESTION - "And Nicki, your favorite thing about Steve."

NICKI - Poke in the eye. I'd say his heart. That's it. That's it? Yeah. Yeah. I do not know yet. I would say his heart. I mean, how he is. With our girls. Yeah.

**Ceremonial Tee Shot and Patient Meeting Mini**

STEVE – we're raising a ton of money, you know, two and a half million plus a year. Half of that goes to the children's hospital.

STRICKER NATS – "Hi, I'm Steve//Mitchell, how're you doing?

**ONE OF THE PATIENTS AT THE AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, MITCHELL SHROYER, RECEIVED A SPECIAL VISIT WITH THE STRICKERS.**

STRICKER NATS – "Did you bring your putter?" "Yeah." "You want to putt a few?"

**AFTER PUTTING WITH THE HOST, MITCHELL WAS FIRST ON THE TEE ON FRIDAY MORNING.**

NATS FROM CEREMONY – "Please join me in welcoming Mitchell and his family to open up the tournament."

**Kelly Back to Back AmFam wins**

ANNC FRIDAY START – "Hard to beat summer time in the Badger State. We're in Madison Wisconsin for the opening round of the American Family Insurance Championship."

ANNC KELLY DEFENDING CHAMP – "It should be the Jerry Kelly Open, he's won this two times in a row."

KELLY - being the first Wisconsin person to win in Wisconsin, // it was incredible. And I let loose quite a bit of emotion on that one

KELLY NATS AFTER HE HOLES THE WINNING PUTT

KELLY - The second one. I that was a little more surreal because I knew what was going on and I knew what was in store if I did win.

ANNC KELLY WIN 2021 – "The hometown kid wins again here in Madison!"

STEVE - We couldn't be happier for him to have won here, especially the last couple of years. You know, if it if it wasn't going to be me winning, I guess, you know, that's the next best guy to win.

KELLY - it just feels great to share it with the people you love//I know my dad was up there too. He got me through the first one and the second. Let's go for the hat trick dad.

**Friday Action Round-Up**

KELLY QQ SOT - I started out today just pretty weak, just not being able to do what I did last week. // I kind of realized a few things going into that back side // and really got on top of it.

ANNC KELLY 16 – "Madison magic!" "Jerry Kelly has entered the conversation now."

KELLY QQ SOT - feel confident that I'm doing the right things right now and just rest up and take it into the weekend.

ANNC STRICKER 17 – "Tough pill to swallow with a double at 17."

ANNC STRICKER FINISH – "Disappointing finish to his opening round//6 back of the leader."

STRICKER QQ SOT - I just have to go out there and have a good one// shoot one of those 7-, 8- or 9-under rounds and get back in there, which is possible on this course.

ANNC WRAP ROUND 1 – "It warmed up and these scores are really good."//"Steve Flesch was high flying and he went low//will have the lead heading into the weekend."

**Madison Background**

KELLY - It's not a big city, but it's a big town. But it is such a small town atmosphere that everybody knows everyone.

NICKI – the things that we get a chance to do with, you know, going to university games and the lake downtown. // NICKI - Growing up here. Family's here. // it's just always going to be home.

PHILLIP HURLEY - it only takes you 15 minutes to get anywhere, it seems like. And we got a beautiful farmer's market. There's festivals constantly going. // the quality of life here is wonderful

KELLY - We've got a bunch of different sections of town that that you love going into and meeting the different people. And, and it's I, I love this town. I mean, it's just fantastic. I love being around water.

**Jerry Kelly Sardine Cooking**

COOKING NATS - You ready to cook something? I'm ready to cook something buddy. And, you know, before you even tell us about what you've got going on here, I take him on the golf course and I destroy him with thoughts. I mean, I make him so nervous and thinking about who knows what//So I'm really nervous right now because every time I get in the kitchen with this guy, the professional, I'm the one who gets nervous.

PHILLIP HURLEY – it was probably around 2008. // it was at a fundraising event for our kids. His kids and my kids went to school, grade school together

KELLY – Phil and I, we were both at the same table // And I had heard about this new sardine restaurant

PHILLIP HURLEY - And he looks at me, goes, Oh, it's high time we met. // he had he really like starting had been here a number of times and and he loves cooking.

KELLY – we hit it off right away // then I brought him to the golf course. He's brought me into the kitchen, and we're both pretty humbled by each other's talents.

PHILLIP HURLEY - we thought Madison would be a great place // Beautiful view of the lake. It's, you know, 120 years old. Guy has great bones. // put our French inspired concept to work here.

COOKING NATS - let's pick something simple yet. Delicious. All right, so let's do it. We got we have more street, which is just mussels, prints our own mussels and French fries.

KELLY – I'd put him up against any chef in the country telling the truth//. if I'm not cooking at home, I'm coming to Sardine at night.

COOKING NATS - Oh, God. You know what I forgot? First was. Was you proud of nicely? I need a hairnet. Caddy! Got the Cologuard hairnet right there.

COOKING NATS - good Lord. Oh. That's good. That's good. Oh, I love it.

KELLY - that flame up kind of shocked me a little bit. I wasn't ready for that one.

KELLY – the little things are pretty amazing when it comes to chefs against cooks. I'm and the more you learn, the more you realize how much of a novice you really are.

COOKING NATS - Look at that, guys. Look at that. They're going to give you guys a little visual of why I'm working so hard// So basically, that was just a. Or chip shot. I will save the driving and the long irons to this man. But no, these are good. Yeah, I got it. You got to do that. Good luck this week. Thanks bro, that was awesome.

**Saturday Action Round-up**

ANNC SAT SETUP – "Cloudy day in Madison, Wisconsin, was chilly this morning, but warmer now for the afternoon. We're dodging some rain in the area for the second round of the American Family Insurance Championship."

STRICKER SOT – I went out there with 8 under in my head and just never really got any momentum."

**TOURNAMENT HOST STEVE STRICKER MANAGED A FEW BIRDIES, BUT STILL TRAILED BY SIX AFTER SATURDAY.**

STRICKER SOT – Tomorrow, hopefully I can do that and put up a low one. Too far back to win the thing, but to try to get up there and get a top-10 or something.

**STRICKER'S 3-UNDER PAR 69 WAS MATCHED BY JERRY KELLY, LEAVING HIM 3 BACK HEADING INTO THE FINAL ROUND.**

KELLY – still wasn't as tight, as crisp as I'd like to be. // I'm happy that I didn't let them run too far. I figured if you keep it within five, it's definitely a possibility.// It's going to be a shootout tomorrow.// As low as we can go, absolutely. There's going to be nothing but driver and pins, that's it. It will be fun.

ROUND 2 CLOSE ANNC – "Miguel Angel Jimenez, Thongchai Jaidee, 10-under par, they're the co-leaders."// "You wonder in the state capital what will be in store over the final 18 holes."

**The CUT Rejoin**

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**FanDuel Feature**

GDULA SOT – Here are some favorites and sleepers to target for the U.S. Open. The case for Rory McIlroy at Brookline was there well before his win at the RBC Canadian Open. McIlroy ranks second on the PGA Tour in strokes gained: tee to green this season while also sitting top-55 in strokes gained putting. Cameron Smith also putts very well on the not-so-common poa surface, which is what we get this week and since we've gotten strokes gained data from U.S. Opens, we've actually seen a pretty modest emphasis on strokes gained: off the tee, No golfer in the field is better than or even close to Smith in combined Strokes Gained approach the green and putting this season. Will Zalatoris leads the PGA Tour this season in both strokes gained: tee to green and strokes gained: approach, Pair that with a great major track record that includes five top-10s in eight starts and the process is there to back Zalatoris this week at Brookline. Some other options to consider include Sungjae Im, Billy Horschel, and Corey Conners. Best of luck this week for the US Open.

**RBC Canadian Open Winner**

ANNC – “Rory McIlroy defends his title at the RBC Canadian Open!”

MCILROY SOT – “I feel like it’s getting tougher and tougher to win on the PGA TOUR. I went out with the lead and had to shoot 8-under par to get the job done. Super happy to get that 21st win, to defend, even though it doesn’t feel like a defense because it’s been so long, and then just to play in a final group like that with that atmosphere all day, just unbelievable.”

**Sentry GFX**

**RORY MCILROY’S VICTORY IS THE 21ST OF HIS CAREER, AND QUALIFIES HIM FOR THE 2023 SENTRY TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS.**

**FedExCup Standings**

**MCILROY ALSO MOVES INTO THE TOP 5 OF THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS.**

**Comcast Business TOUR Top 10**

**BUT SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER CONTINUES TO LEAD THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10.**

**ServPro Feature**

SOT – “Oh come on, go baby, be right!”

SOT – “Alright Brandt, we’re on the side of a hill here. How would you typically hit a recovery shot like this?”

SNEDEKER – “Being on TOUR, I’d probably chip this out and hit a wedge on the green, but you were telling me earlier you’re not a big fan of the wedges.”

SOT – I mean I’m a trick shot guy, so I’m better hitting balls out of the air, so I’m thinking if you can get in here, hit over your head backwards, let me hit it out of the air, I think we can get it somewhere near the green and let you chip it in or make the putt.”

SNEKEDER – “Alright, sounds good let’s try it.”

SOT – “Oh come on go baby, be right, go baby go! Take it wind! Front edge, front edge, we’llt take that all day, what a great shot!”

**Jerry and Steve Relationship**

STEVE – Jerry and our family. Well, Nicky, you know, they went to school together. // And I played junior golf against Jerry, you know, back in the eighties, which is all of a sudden a long time ago.

KELLY - we've had a great time watching each other's careers, fighting as hard as we can against each other, but still remaining great friends as the families grew.

STEVE - it's great for the tournament to have him as our champion the last couple of times. And he's he's a very popular guy here in Madison and in the golfing community. //We love Jerry and his family.

KELLY – I'll always look up to Steve for what he's done in this game.//he's totally Hall of Fame worthy. I know they have this this major button that you got to press, but he passed that one on the Ryder Cup captaincy, too. So mark my words, I think Steve Stricker has had the career that should be in the Hall of Fame.

**Final Round Action**

ANNC SUN SETUP – "Final round of the American Family Insurance Championship//Jam packed leaderboard here at University Ridge Golf Course, who's going to make some clutch birdies down the stretch?"

ANNC STRICKER SETUP – "Tournament host Steve Stricker//Hasn't been his best week, but playing well in this final round, 5-under today."

STRICKER SOT – I told Nicki I had to get to 13 yet and I was at 9 and we had four holes left.// a little late to join the party, but it was some better things today.// we've got a bunch of guys that could win. Jerry's back up there again, so it should be an exciting finish.

KELLY SOT – I was in control.// I didn't execute it every time, but I really liked some of the shots I played.

ANNC KELLY 17 – "Kelly for birdie and a share of the lead. Didn't turn!"

KELLY SOT – That was a lot of good putts out there on the back side. I struck it well, I putted well, they just didn't go in this time.// I'm proud of the way I played, good chances."

ANNC THONGCHAI SETUP - What a story Thongchai Jaidee is, didn't become a pro until he was 30, //qualified for the Presidents Cup in 2015.

STRICKER SOT – I played some rounds with him on the regular tour. // he's a wonderful guy. He's very nice, very soft spoken, but he's a great guy to be around. Yeah, I'm pulling for him

ANNC THONGCHAI 17 – "This for birdie and the lead. How bout it! Finds the bottom of the cup!"

ANNC THONGCHAI WIN – "It's Jaidee's breakthrough here in Madison! The first Thai player to win on the PGA TOUR Champions!"

**Rollout**

THONGCHAI SOT – I would like to say thank you for my family //and all the people support in Thailand the people that support me, very happy to win the tournament.

KELLY SOT – the people give so much around here, I appreciate it so much.//, these guys put on a fantastic tournament, don't they? It's pretty impressive it's in our hometown

ANNC ROLLOUT – "What this community does for this championship, supporting the Stricker family, and Jerry Kelly, and everyone that played this week, congratulations on another great championship."

STRICKER SOT – I can feel a lot of the love and the support that I get here. It's very special //They all know why we're doing it, they know why we're playing here, to give back to our community // it's been another great week.