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COLD OPEN

NATS: It was absolutely incredible. What a fun day. Fathers Day.

NATS: U.S. Am, U.S. Open champion, not bad, right?

NATS: I got a little emotional out there when he won. Yeah he cried! I got emotional.

NATS: History being made again.

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US OPEN WINNER FEATURE

FITZPATRICK SOT: I just really enjoyed it. I felt very calm the whole week, I never had any expectations, I didn’t lose my head ever.

ANNC: Did he make another one?! Yes he did!

FITZPATRICK SOT: I think a lot of it was to do with the way the golf course is, you can’t lose your head. You’ve got to be on it for 72 holes straight. You literally have to be thinking.

ANNC: Biggest shot of the tournament. What a pressure shot! It’s going right at it, guys.

FITZPATRICK SOT: I’ll be honest, every time I go back I’ve got the same feeling. It’s a golf club that I’ve played so well around and I’ve won around. Effectively, since the start of my career really. It doesn’t matter whether I go back in 50 years or tomorrow, it’s gonna hold the same feelings.

ANNC: Matthew Fitzpatrick has his first win, on the PGA TOUR and it’s a major title!

FITZPATRICK SOT: It gives me a great chance to make TOUR Championship and that’s a goal of mine, is to try to do that.

**WITH HIS FIRST EVER VICTORY, FITZPATRICK EARNED 600 FEDEXCUP POINTS AND HE’LL HEAD TO MAUI FOR THE SENTRY TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS IN 2023.**

**HE ALSO BREAKS INTO THE TOP 10 IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS – MOVING UP 18 SPOTS – AND IS IN GOOD POSITION TO FULFILL THAT GOAL OF EARNING A BIRTH AT THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP THIS FALL.**

**AND WITH HIS THIRD RUNNER UP FINISH THIS YEAR AND SECOND IN A MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIP, WILL ZALATORIS CLIMBS INTO THE TOP 8 IN THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10.**

KEEGAN BRADLEY SIT DOWN

**MOVING IN TO THE TOP 30 IN THE STANDINGS AFTER HIST-7 FINISH AT BROOKLINE, RETURNING HOME TO PLAY THE U-S OPEN IS SOMETHING KEEGAN BRADLEY WON’T SOON FORGET.**

SOT KEEGAN BRADLEY: “When you’re from the New England area, you embody those areas. For me, I think if you ask most of my friends people that are close to me, it’s the thing I’m most proud of. I love Boston sports. Growing up there’s local heroes, for golfers like me Francis Ouimet was like this mythical figure. The local kid, the caddy goes out to win the U.S. Open at The Country Club in Boston. I knew going into this, that was a big deal for my family because no one was talking about it.”

NATS BRADLEY: “Good one, yes. Can I hit one?”

SOT KEEGAN BRADLEY: They make me better in every way. I come home from the golf course, i have to be ready to party with my kids. They don’t care if I’m tired. My son Logan will wake me up at 6:30 ready to rage. For sure there’s a part of your life that if you play bad and you immediately see your kids, it’s not as bad, it’s still bad but not as bad.”

ANNC: “Keegan Bradley once again a winner on the PGA TOUR.”

SOT KEEGAN BRADLEY: “When you go through these low periods in your career, I had a bunch of the veteran guys speak to me, and they say, they all have gone through it, every single one of them said enjoy the fight back, enjoy the climb back, enjoy having to go and grind it out. When you win and you’ve climbed all the way back, you do look back at the time. I’m so proud that i grinded that out.

SOT KEEGAN BRADLEY: “I think about the future all the time. I feel like I’m in a place now in my career where i can start to really think about contending in majors again and playing getting higher in the world ranking. I feel more comfortable than I ever have playing golf. My life outside of golf is so great and I have such a better balance.”

SEGMENT TWO

KEEGAN BRADLEY FEATURE SECOND PART

“THIS IS MY OFFICE. I KEEP A LOT OF MY MEMORABILIA IN HERE.”

“BYRON NELSON, MT FIRST PGA TOUR WIN.”

“PLAYED IN TWO RYDER CUPS. MEDINAH AND GLENEAGLES AND I PLAYED THE PRESIDENTS CUP AT MEMORIAL.”

“I BOUGHT THIS IN AN AUCTION, THIS IS A PAUL PIERCE SHOE THAT I GOT SIGNED.”

“THIS IS LARRY BIRD. I DROPPED A PUCK AT A BRUINS GAME, THIS IS THE PUCK.”

“THESE ARE MY FAVORITE JORDAN’S I’VE EVER MADE. I WORE THIS IN THE MASTERS, I CAN’T REMEMBER WHICH YEAR BUT I ONLY WORE THEM THAT ONE TIME.”

“THESE JORDANS, MJ GAVE ME THESE FOR CHRISTMAS ONE YEAR, THEY’RE SIGNED BY MJ AND TINKER, THE GUY WHO DESIGNED THE SHOES.”

“ME AND MY SON LOGAN, WE LOVE IRONMAN.”

“YOU KNOW BUT THIS IS THE WANAMAKER.”

“BEFORE I LEAVE FOR THE MAJORS OR ESPECIALLY FOR THE PGA, I COME OVER AND GIVE A LITTLE RUB FOR GOOD LUCK.”

“THIS IS THE PUTTER THAT I USED TO WIN IT. IT’S ACTUALLY KINDA COOL NOW THAT I CAN KEEP THAT AND KNOW THAT IT’S THERE.”

“BUBBA WATSON GAVE ME THIS. I THINK HE STOLE ONE OF THESE BALLS, IT SAYS ‘PATRIOTS’ ON IT.”

“SO HE GAVE THIS TO ME ACTUALLY. BUBBA, I KEPT IT AND IT’S RIGHT HERE.”

“THIS IS MY FAVORITE THING THAT I HAVE. THIS IS A BOXING GLOVE THAT MICKY WARD SENT TO ME.”

“IF YOU’VE SEEN THE MOVIE MARK WAHLBERG CALLED ‘THE FIGHTER’ THAT’S MICKY WARD.”

“I ACTUALLY KEPT THIS, I WENT TO TIGER’S HALL OF FAME INDUCTION AND THEY GAVE US THIS AND I THOUGHT IT WAS COOL.”

“THIS IS UNCLE PUDGE THIS IS JILL’S UNCLE. CARLTON FISK, THE FAMOUS CATCHER FOR THE RED SOX.”

“MY DAD AND I LIVED IN THIS TRAILER IN BOLTON, MASSACHUSETTS FOR A SUMMER.”

“THIS IS MY DUNDIE AWARD FOR ALL YOU OFFICE FANS. MY SISTER GAVE ME THAT.”

“JOHN CALIPARI AND THE KENTUCKY BASKETBALL TEAM. ANTHONY DAVIS WAS ON THAT TEAM.”

“AFTER I WON THE PGA IN 2011, AND SPOKE TO THE TEAM AND I GET THIS BASKETBALL IN THE MAIL FROM COACH CALIPARI THAT SAYS ‘TO KEEGAN, A TRUE CHAMPION’ AND HE SIGNED IT.”

“THIS IS A BOTTLE OF CINCORO TEQUILA THIS IS MJ’S TEQUILA. THIS IS THE TROPHY MJ AND I WON WHEN WE WON THE MEMBER-MEMBER AT THE GROVE.”

“THIS IS MY RYDER CUP BAG FROM MEDINAH BUT IT’S SIGNED BY THE ENTIRE TEAM. THIS IS THE RYDER CUP BAG SIGNED BY THE ENTIRE TEAM FROM GLENEAGLES.”

“SOMETIMES COMING IN HERE AND JUST SORT OF PEEK AROUND. WHENEVER MY BUDDIES ARE HERE, WE ALWAYS END UP IN HERE JUST HANGING OUT AND LOOKING AT STUFF.”

“SO THIS IS A PROUD PART OF MY HOUSE FOR SURE.”

TRAVELERS SKRATCH FEATURE

KELLEY JAMES SOT: True or false. Bubba Watson has won this event 9 out of the last 7 years.

CARLOS ORTIZ SOT: That’s a tricky question!

TOMMY FLEETWOOD SOT: My pride says just answer it correctly, but I just want to say true.

BUBBA WATSON SOT: Gosh, I wish true?

KELLEY JAMES SOT: Like a pro. We’re gonna do a little true or false here. We’ll go quick. Ready? Last year, you par-ed 16, 17 and 18 in all four rounds.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER SOT: God, false. There’s no way.

KELLEY JAMES SOT: True.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER SOT: Really?

KELLEY JAMES SOT: That’s huge.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER SOT: Figured I’d make a bogey or a birdie somewhere.

KELLEY JAMES SOT: Alright toughest approach shot at TPC River Highlands.

BUBBA WATSON SOT: For me? 17. I don’t like the tee shot and I don’t like the second shot.

HAROLD VARNER III SOT: 17 man. I’m just looking at the water I’m like bro.

BUBBA WATSON SOT: I’ve hit it in that water too many times.

KELLEY JAMES SOT: Is that the scariest approach shot?

HAROLD VARNER III SOT: Well, depends on if you hit the fairway. It is if you don’t hit the fairway.

KELLEY JAMES SOT: True or false, on your very first hole as a professional in 2019, you hit the fairway and made par?

MATTHEW WOLFF SOT: False.

KELLEY JAMES SOT: Yes! Drove it to the left rough and made par.

MATTHEW WOLFF SOT: You know I can always say that the Travelers Championship was one where my career started, it’s pretty special to me.

KELLEY JAMES SOT: True or true, Joaquin Niemann is a better chess player than you?

CARLOS ORTIZ SOT: That’s false. That’s false.

JOAQUIN NIEMANN SOT: That’s definitely true.

CARLOS ORTIZ SOT: I actually just beat him the other day.

KELLEY JAMES SOT: True or false, you’ve made the cut every year you’ve played the Travelers Championship?

JOAQUIN NIEMANN SOT: I think that’s true.

KELLEY JAMES SOT: True. Winner. True or true. Will Zalatoris is a better golfer than you?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER SOT: We’ll go with true.

KELLEY JAMES SOT: 2019. You were in the top 5 in Greens in regulation for the week.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD SOT: False.

KELLEY JAMES SOT: True.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD SOT: Was I really?

KELLEY JAMES SOT: T-4.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD SOT: Maybe people were just playing really bad.

KELLEY JAMES SOT: True or false. You’ve landed a shot on the 15th and a half hole on the Travelers umbrella.

JOAQUIN NIEMANN SOT: I hit it in the video game I think. I think I was closer there than real life.

MATTHEW WOLFF SOT: True.

KELLEY JAMES SOT: I don’t have the answer to that so I’m gonna believe you.

MATTHEW WOLFF SOT: I think I did last year. I think I did do it last year.

KELLEY JAMES SOT: For all I know you made a hole in one.

MATTHEW WOLFF SOT: Yeah, I’ll say that.

SEGMENT THREE

TRAVELERS COGNIZANT STREELMAN FEATURE

STREELMAN SOT: The putter was feeling great today. And, you know, you can't plan for something like that to happen. It just kind of falls into place.

ANNC: Oh, in it goes 6 in a row and he’s loving it.

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STREELMAN SOT: I just kind of felt a peace this week that I was going to go have fun and enjoy it. 18 was a perfect example, you know, goofing around with the fans there on the on the tee box, just trying to stay loose.

STREELMAN SOT: I just had a really good perspective and, you know, it just kind of came to fruition today.

ANNC: You will not see this very often, a 28 on the second half. It’s a TOUR record, 7 in a row for Steelman.

STREELMAN SOT: I just had to work for everything I got and it gave me the proper perspective.

STREELMAN SOT: Surrounding yourself with great people and in trying to prioritize the proper things in your life//allows your kind of intent of being to come out. And, what we did is, pretty amazing.

STREELMAN SOT: This is one of my favorite stops on the PGA Tour. And my favorite course, the greatest fans. It's an honor. You never expect these things to happen, but you train for them and train so hard for something to allow it to come out on //Sunday of the PGA Tour event is that's a dream come true.

STREELMAN GRASSROOTS

STREELMAN SOT: “I grew up Wheaton, Illinois, a western Suburb of Chicago. And the cool thing in Wheaton is Chicago Golf Club, which is like one of the bedrocks of American golf // But adjacent to it, Arrowhead Golf Club, and then a new course that came about when I was just getting into the game called Cantigny were two public courses that I grew up on and learn the game at. And they're both like still near and dear to my heart.”

BRUCE STOLLER SOT: Kevin was always the kid who was helping the younger kids as he was growing up.

BRUCE STOLLER SOT: It's really fun for people around here to turn the TV on a Saturday or Sunday when Kevin's playing well and to watch // People always want to know, you know, what was Kevin like growing up? // so it's fun to be able to tell them // what you see is what you've always gotten.

STREELMAN SOT: Arrowhead is // a park district golf course. So they gave us reasonable rates. We never had a ton of money and were never able to join a country club but the pros there Billy and Bruce are like uncles and big brothers to me.

BRUCE STOLLER SOT: The original 18 opened in 1926. So it's pretty old was out in the middle of the boonies back then.

BRUCE STOLLER SOT: three different golf courses, they're all good, but they're all different. The East Course that we're on right now // has a lot of tight shots. Driver gets taken out of your hand a little bit, the South course a little more wide open and then the West course you use some more clubs, different shot making.

KIRTLAND SOT: 1926 golf club. // like any golf course, you know it's the people that come here to play // every day every week.

DEANNE ANDERSON SOT: I've lived in Wheaton for 33 years // Arrowhead is my home course, I would call it. // It feels like it's your neighborhood golf course. // I think it's a real good balance of difficulty and ease where it could build your confidence on some holes and really challenge you on other holes.

CRAIG BLENDERMAN SOT: I’ve played out at Arrowhead for 30 years. // I play out here twice a week and have forever.

CRAIG BLENDERMAN SOT: Greens are quick and very challenging for even a good golfer.

KIRTLAND SOT: Those regulars that you get to know and they keep coming back and they give us that great feedback of why they enjoy it and you see the smiles on their face and it makes me realize why I love doing what I do.

STREELMAN SOT: Cantigny opened as a kind of high level public golf course, but at the same time they had reasonable rates.

MATT TULLAR SOT: Typical day, we do about 300 rounds in the summer // and then for the entire season, we’re doing about 52,000 rounds here across our 27 holes.

MATT TULLAR SOT: Driving in on the main drive, we have oak trees that line our entire drive coming in, it’s one of those things where it feels like a private club driving in, but we’re a public facility open to everybody.

MATT TULLAR SOT: Roger Packard designed the golf course, 1989 is when we opened. // We have three nine-hole courses, Woodside, Lakeside and Hillside.

MATT TULLAR SOT: One of our most challenging holes is Woodside Number 2, it’s a long par-5, water comes across the fairways twice, different landing zones, you have multiple options as far as what your choices are hitting into the green. Kevin Streelman actually on that hole made a 3 // most players can’t even get home in 3, let alone get a 3 on the hole.

MATT TULLAR SOT: Kevin used to actually work here in the golf shop // his family has golfed here for years.

STREELMAN SOT: My dear friends were some of these assistant pros who are in their early 20s at the time, and they took me on as like their little brother when I was 13, 14, 15 years old. // my parents would pick me up at dark and knew I was with // people who kinda just looked after me. But it was a community, it was understanding that I really wanted to get good at this game and I had some potential, and they believed in me and supported me. And it was a sweet, sweet place to grow up. So I was very blessed.

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JOSH KELLY: Come on. Go in!

JOSH KELLY: All right absolutely horrible shot here, air mailed the green. The only shot here is to hit something high and soft but these branches are preventing me from doing that. Now I do have this cut down stump behind me that might be able to bank it off and over the tree closer to the hole. I think that might be the better recovery shot. So let's give that shot.

JOSH KELLY: Go in. Go in! Wow! What a great recovery shot. We'll take that all day long little tap in here for our par.

SEGMENT FOUR

FAN DUEL

**HERE ARE SOME FAVORITES AND SLEEPERS TO TARGET FOR THE US OPEN AT FANDUEL SPORTSBOOK.**

 **PATRICK CANTLAY PLAYS HIS BEST GOLF ON COURSES THAT REQUIRE LOW SCORES, AND AT TPC RIVER HIGHLANDS, THE PAST FIVE WINNERS HAVE BEEN AT LEAST 12-UNDER PAR WITH THREE OF THOSE 17-UNDER OR BETTER. CANTLAY HAS REELED OFF FOUR STRAIGHT TOP-15 FINISHES AT THIS COURSE AND SETS UP TO BUILD ON A TOUGH T14 AT THE U.S. OPEN.**

**SINCE WINNING THE TRAVELERS IN 2017, JORDAN SPIETH’S COURSE FORM HASN’T BEEN GREAT, BUT HE’S GAINING STROKES OFF THE TEE THIS YEAR, A KEY STAT FOR THIS COURSE. SPIETH’S PUTTER HAS BEEN HOT AND COLD LATELY, BUT THE COLD HAS COME MOSTLY ON BERMUDA GREENS. THAT BODES WELL FOR THIS WEEK’S BENTGRASS/POA SETUP.**

**SUNGJAE IM, LIKE CANTLAY, GETS A BOOST ON SCORABLE COURSES, AND HE HAS THE DRIVING ACCURACY TO AVOID TOO MANY SHOTS OUT OF THE PROBLEMATIC ROUGH AT TPC RIVER HIGHLANDS. PRIOR TO A MISSED CUT AT THE U.S. OPEN (BY A SINGLE SHOT), IM HAD FOUR STRAIGHT TOP-25 RESULTS ON TOUR. IT’S A GREAT WEEK FOR A BOUNCEBACK.**

**SOME OTHER OPTIONS TO CONSIDER INCLUDE MITO PEREIRA, HAROLD VARNER, AND HARRIS ENGLISH.**

**BEST OF LUCK THIS WEEK FOR THE TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP.**

TOUR PLAYLIST

**THE TOP FOUR PLAYERS IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS WILL TEE IT UP THIS WEEK AT THE TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP …INCLUDING DEFENDING CHAMPION, HARRIS ENGLISH WHO IS WORKING HIS WAY BACK TO FORM AFTER HIP SURGERY EARLIER THIS SEASON.**

2021 TRAVELERS LOOKBACK

ANNC: Okay, this to be the leader in the clubhouse. I wonder if he realizes the gravity of this moment.

HARRIS ENGLISH SOT:Played solid really the whole week and never really was in the hunt to win the tournament. Played really, really solid on Sunday and got hot on the back nine.

ANNC: For the lead, yes indeed!!

HARRIS ENGLISH SOT: Made a great putt on 18 for what I thought was gonna be really close to lead or winning the tournament.

ANNC: You ever seen that out of Harris English! I don’t know what it is about this 18th green, moments happen here.

ANNC: Kramer Hickok, he is one back of the lead with Harris English making that birdie.

KRAMER HICKOK SOT: That putt on 17 is probably the most nervous I was out of any shot that that week because I knew that was like a huge putt because I've missed it I was done, I was out of the tournament.

ANNC: Needs to knock this one in and birdie the last. Well done young man. That was a huge putt, you can tell by his reaction.

KRAMER HICKOK SOT: That gave me a lot of confidence going in the next hole. I knew adrenaline was there and we gave it about 5 yards for adrenaline...

NATS: That 55’s a lot of club, aggressive like we’ve been all week, let’s just go 5 left, yea, I like it….

KRAMER HICKOK SOT: I hit as hard as I could and I hit it up there about 12 feet.

NATS: Get in the hole!

ANNC: Oh just got over it and he’s got an 8-footer for a playoff! English said, “wow, hearing the roar.”

KRAMER HICKOK SOT: On that next putt, it was the best feeling off the face. I knew I had made it. It's just one of those putts that I hit exactly where I wanted to. I knew the read was good.

ANNC: This for the playoff…right into the shadow and right into the hole!!

KRAMER HICKOK SOT: That was a big moment for me to overcome some pressure and get into a playoff.

ANNC: What an amazing moment, the Travelers Championship never fails to deliver!

HARRIS ENGLISH SOT:That's one of those courses where you can either shoot 30 on the back nine and win the tournament or you can shoot 37, 38 and lose a golf tournament. I kept myself in it and had to go through the Marathon playoff with Kramer.

ANNC: Kid’s been a rock. Just double check that line. Four feet to go back to the tee. Oh is he resilient. And the thumbs up is returned.

HARRIS ENGLISH SOT:We grinded it out. Each of us didn't give each other anything out there.

KRAMER HICKOK SOT: I remember Harris is on the tee and I walk up to the tee after like the six playoff hole and we just like stared at each other and just like, is someone going to win this thing. I it was just kind of one of those funny moments because we were getting pretty exhausted.

ANNC: As far as a PGA TOUR event, this is the best one in a long, long time. This is gripping stuff. Two guys who know probably starting to feel it.

ANNC: How many times can you keep making 7, 8 footers?

ANNC: Can he do it one more time? Why not! How many times can you hold your breath?

HARRIS ENGLISH SOT: It was really hard to stay focused out there, your body's getting tired, your minds getting tired and you gotta stay in it and my caddie kept me on it.

ANNC: That was long. Perfect.

KRAMER HICKOK SOT: We knew someone's going to have to step up and do something. It was it was a unique playoff because there was a lot of putts made. There was some lip outs, there was a lot of drama.

ANNC: Here they are, they’ve made 12 pars between them in the playoff.

HARRIS ENGLISH SOT: It was a great atmosphere to play on a great amphitheater on 18 and really just gave us the juice to keep playing and to keep giving it 100%.

ANNC: Let’s keep going? As we approach 8 o’clock, we’re going to playoff hole number 8! It’s tied for the longest playoff in PGA TOUR history.

ANNC: Well one of these days someone’s going to make a birdie. That’s the way it HAS to end.

HARRIS ENGLISH SOT: It could have easily gone either way. And we made some really clutch putts. And I know he was happy with the way he played and I was happy with the way I played.

ANNC: Here it is! It’s over. Harris English ends it with a birdie on the 8th playoff hole. That was gutsy on both parts of those two competitors today. He’s a two-time winner in 2021. What a day, what a day for the game, what a day for the PGA TOUR, what a victory it is for Harris English.