2022 PGA TOUR: The CUT #30 (Rocket Mortgage Classic)

INTERNATIONAL SCRIPT

COLD OPEN

ANNC: TPC Twin Cities in Blaine, Minnesota. About 20 minutes away from downtown Minneapolis. The 3M Open.

And in the land of 10,000 lakes, water comes into play on all but 3 holes.

Ohhh!

It did not go for Bo.

There's water there! Oh Bubba.

And this tournament has proven it is not short on drama!

Michael Thompson is a PGA TOUR Winner again.

Ah brilliant! What a shot! His 3rd win comes at the 3M Open in Minnesota!

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT**

BRANDON MATTHEWS ON THE RANGE

MATTHEWS: You can't really describe how important a PGA TOUR start is for me right now to get comfortable and get the reps in before the fall starts. For me to have the experience and not really need to take that time to adjust to that new level new type of golf, new atmosphere, it's crucial. So, I'm very thankful to the 3M Open for this exemption.

Almost every aspect of my game is ready. My putting's gotten incredibly better, short game incredibly better. There's just small little things in my game that creep up once in a while, that once I dial those in get those more consistent, if that driver gets in the fairway a little bit more often, I think it's gonna be a pretty good year coming up.

I've been fortunate enough to lock up my card already. And you know, now it's just time to get ready for out here. Do everything I can to make sure that I'm completely prepared come September.

I had a little bit of time, two weeks ago to kind of sit down, talk to my dad, talk to my fiancée, friends about it. And it's pretty cool that I'm in the moment right now where my dreams are being realized. I contemplated not playing anymore givin it up going to get a job. Pretty happy I didn't.

ANNC: The hallmark of his game, he's hitting it a mile and a half. 320-yard average on the Korn Ferry Tour.

MATTHEWS: That was a pretty good one.

I've always felt like a narrow stance inhibits what you're able to do with your body. So for me, getting that wide base is kind of where you would start to have a powerful move, because you're able to kind of get around your body a little bit more, have more rotation, give yourself a little bit more arc. Along with that, for me, I have always felt like when you have that left foot flared out, it already opens up that hip, it's gonna be way easier to get that full rotation with that wide base, that's going to help you hit the ball a little further.

Obviously wide base, able to more easily create that wide arc, and wide arc is, I think, the most important part in the golf swing with speed. If you don't have a big arc, you're not going to be able to generate a lot of speed.

I look at somewhere in the high 120s, mid to high 120s. When I'm going after, when a little bit more, it'll get up to 130, low 130s. But, you know, playing speed with sustainability with my body, I think the mid to high 120s is where I need to be getting faster than that, then you bring in the big misses.

It helps to be 6'4", 210, definitely, I'm not gonna say it doesn't, it's physics, gravity, you know, club gets up higher, it's gonna drop at a lot faster speed.

Once I get to the top I have this slight pause here. And with that slight pause allows me to start shifting, and you have to move laterally before you turn. And that's just goes for everybody, any good golf swing, you see, you're never gonna see someone do this. Right? So that lateral shift is the trigger to start everything down. So for me, if I have that slight pause, lateral shift, then get into impact here.

If I can keep that golf club out in front of me on the way down, especially with driver with what I'm trying to do is always cutting it. So if that golf club can stay this way on the way down, I could way more easily rotate and balance and get that club exiting left and the golf ball usually does what it's supposed to do.

MAX McGREEVY REFLECTS

**WHILE MATTHEWS PREPARES TO JOIN THE TOUR IN SEPTEMBER, MAX MCGREEVY IS GRINDING THROUGH THE FINAL THREE EVENTS TO MAKE THE PLAYOFFS AND SECURE HIS STATUS FOR NEXT SEASON.**

ANNC: And he's headed to the PGA TOUR for the very first time. Welcome Max McGreevy.

MCGREEVY 2021: I'm a small-town kid from Oklahoma and I'm just looking to follow a dream.

MCGREEVY 2022: I probably haven't lived the dream as much as I should have this year and enjoyed that side of it and seeing the smiles that are on my face in that video and stuff like that, I probably need to bring that out more.

I get it, it's it's tough at times, but it's also, this is the dream and I fulfilled the dream that I wanted. So I feel like I should probably ease back on myself and relax and enjoy that part of it a little bit more.

We're playing against the best in the world, and you think you know I got to do this so I got to do that at the start of the week. Really doesn't take as much as you really think. I mean, the guys that win play a really good week, they do, but you can put some solid weeks together and string string along some good tournaments and good rounds with. I just seem to be hovering around that cut line a lot when it comes to Friday and that's me just putting that pressure on myself to where like it's got to be perfect. It's got to be great every single week and it really doesn't.

ANNC: And we're looking at Max McGreevy. First year on TOUR. Oohh!

MCGREEVY 2022: Guys don't win out here every single week. That's the thing, but if you still have the game or the or the mental attitude to just kind of fight through some issues and stuff like that, you can be there on Sunday.

MCGREEVY 2021: I have the will. I have the game to go out and win and going to kind of be under the radar from a lot of other guys out there and just want to make my name known.

MCGREEVY 2022: I still kind of have that chip on my shoulder. Kind of like I was saying that I wouldn't say that people don't know who I am out here. I'd definitely spent a year out here. Had some good rounds played with some guys that I've looked up to for years and years, and I feel like they've started to know my name and get to know me, but at the same time I feel like you know, no one's too worried about me when I'm up on the leaderboard and I want that to change for sure, and I still want to play with that attitude of proving people wrong, essentially. And you know, hopefully I still can and I have time to do it here at the end of the season as well.

Just gotta relax and enjoy kind of the whole process with it. You know there's gonna be ups and downs. Fortunately, I've played really good golf the last three years and I wouldn't say that I've had many lows so far this season. I know my game's ready, I do, so there's no point in over preparing for something I know I'm prepared for. Even outside looking in potentially right now is just man I really haven't put together the year that I would have wanted to. But you know, I've still been up there a couple of times. I've shown my game and I know that, with the knowledge that I've gained so far this year and everything that moving forward, I think I can have a long and hopefully prosperous career out here on the TOUR.

**A MISSED CUT AT THE 3M OPEN DROPPED MCGREEVY TO 136TH IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS. NOW HE'LL TURN HIS ATTENTION TO DETROIT & GREENSBORO LOOKING TO MOVE INTO THE TOP 125.**

BUMP

FINAU: Trick shot time, ready?

MCCABE: Oh, that… I mean, you might win with creativity alone.

FINAU: Oh he bounces it, ohhh.

CHAMP: I mean, I wasn’t trying to do that, but it worked out!

FINAU: Nice shot.

SAVING SHOTS

**THE CUT PRESENTS… SAVING SHOTS**

ANNC: Palmer here with a very difficult pitch down the hill. Oh, this one looks pretty nice. Kind of like that? That's how you do it.

ANNC: Perfect lie. I love the bunkers after a bit of rain like that. They are absolutely ideal. Speed commitment, this is totally doable. Like that. He's been good. Made a great up and down at 11.

ANNC: Now Streb he's got this off the down grain off a downhill lie. Oh that’s superb, isn’t it? I mean he's hit the club so quick almost like a v like swing.

TONY FINAU & CAM CHAMP PLAY MINI GOLF

FINAU: This is about as hard as a mini golf as I’ve seen, but it is really creative really cool. I know they use a lot of tape and a bunch of different cool 3M products so it's kind of cool.

All right, I'm just gonna skip it across the water here, give it a shot. Oh, stayed in the water. No!

McCABE: That's gonna be a penalty

FINAU: Oh I got him. I got him! One up!

McCABE: That’s one point for team Finau.

FINAU: One up! We're gonna give it a nice… oh no stop there.

CHAMP: Go!

FINAU: Stop right in front of his.

CHAMP: GO!

FINAU: Yes!

McCABE: Yes, he got closest to the hole.

FINAU: Tony Finau foundation, come on.

McCABE: That’s right! Oh, ok! That was a delicate little touch. Oh, that’s a Tony Finau W!

FINAU: Trick shot time, ready?

McCABE: Oh, you might win with creativity alone.

CHAMP: How did that bounce that hard?

FINAU: Oh, he bounces.

McCABE: Oh, dang.

FINAU: He bounces it from out of bounds.

CHAMP: I mean, I wasn't trying to do that, but it worked out.

McCABE: Oh wow, ok. Tony, you've won three holes and Cam nicely done, two, get that last one. But now you have to win this to go to sudden death. So tell me, this is 18, plenty of water on the right you remember this hole on the course 72nd hole last year, What was going through your head when you approached the real hole?

CHAMP:You know, stick up the left side of the fairway but I took it a little further left than I wanted to but it worked out.

FINAU: It worked out. He made birdie and he won the tournament.

ANNC: His third win comes at the 3M Open in Minnesota.

CHAMP: This year, you'd rather hit down that fairway and not as far left as I was.

FINAU: We're gonna play the ridge here.

McCABE: Oh man.

CHAMP: It almost did.

McCABE: That was, that was pretty impressive.

FINAU: We'll just play from the outside.

McCABE: Nice!

FINAU: Wow, this is awesome. Thank you.

CHAMP: Awesome, awesome!

TONY FINAU WINS 3M OPEN

ANNC: Tony Finau! The champion at the 3M!

NATS: Thank you guys! How about that? Love you!

ANNC: A great family man, they travel often with him. The man from Salt Lake has won in the land of 10,000 lakes.

FINAU: I love my family, I love my mom, I miss her, it's so special just to have my family here with me and to celebrate this win with them, they mean everything to me.

It's an amazing feeling to walk off a green knowing you won the tournament and walk right into your family, your kids' arms. It's quite a special feeling. It's something I've thought about and dreamed about for a long time.

I just know with the experience that I have, you just have to keep playing. You know, anything can happen

ANNC: Good putt... oh! Incredible.

FINAU: And that's what I did. When I really needed to hole putts, I did. A crazy bounce on 17. I called bank in the air, so I think that cancels everything out.

ANNC: Adrenaline in that one. You're kidding me. Oh it stayed dry. Oh my goodness.

FINAU: I did get a great bounce there and I took advantage of that.

ANNC: Yeah, save that ball Tony. Save that for the kids.

SENTRY WINNER GRAPHIC

**WITH THE WIN IN MINNESOTA, TONY FINAU EARNS 500 FEDEXCUP POINTS ON HIS THIRD CAREER VICTORY AND 2ND IN 12 MONTHS. FINAU ALSO SECURES A SPOT IN THE SENTRY TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS.**

FEDEXCUP STANDINGS

**IN ADDITION TO A JANUARY TRIP TO HAWAII, FINAU IMPROVES HIS CHANCES OF MAKING IT TO ATLANTA FOR THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP, AS THE 3M OPEN VICTOR MOVES UP 13 SPOTS IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS.**

COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10

**JUST TWO TOURNAMENTS REMAIN IN THE REGULAR SEASON, AND THE RACE FOR THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10 HEATS UP AS IT ENTERS ITS FINAL TWO WEEK.**

**THREE PLAYERS IN THE ROCKET MORTGAGE CLASSIC FIELD HAVE A CHANCE TO MOVE INTO THE TOP 10 ... INCLUDING FINAU AFTER HIS 3M OPEN TITLE.**

ANNC: Look at this! Look at that! I love it! Yes! Put that one on the highlight reel.

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER MAINTAINS HIS GRIP ON THE NUMBER ONE SPOT, HOLDING THE LARGEST LEAD IN 14 YEARS ENTERING THE FINAL TWO EVENTS OF THE REGULAR SEASON.**

INTUITION ENGINEERED

ANNC: 266, the door closing on Cam Davis. And that was the bunker Shamus Power ran it through, that was about the only way he was going to get it that close from there.

**THE CUT PRESENTS… INTUITION ENGINEERED**

DAVIS: I kept on making really good quality swings and every single time I wasn't thinking about where I don't want to miss it. It was always just keep your eyes locked on where you want to go and feel this swing that's gonna put the ball there and just go in there and trust it.

ANNC: He hit a really good shot from the right rough just to get it here. Oh my gosh, Cam Davis, more like Crash Davis. And that's why you work so hard.

DAVIS: That's the only reason why I'm sitting here now. To be honest in my head there wasn't a thought of me trying to hole it, I was just trying to pick my spot and just hit it out of a good bunker shot. Hit a lot of good ones this week that one just came off really nicely. Even when that went in I still wasn't sure where I stood in the tournament and I still felt like I had to play aggressive down 18 but that definitely kept me in it that one.

WYATT WORTHINGTON II WINS THE JOHN SHIPPEN NATIONAL GOLF INVITATIONAL

**THE JOHN SHIPPEN NATIONAL GOLF INVITATIONAL RETURNED TO DETROIT FOR THE SECOND TIME. THE TOURNAMENT WAS CREATED TO HONOR THE LEGACY OF JOHN SHIPPEN, JR AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR BLACK GOLFERS. DETROIT GOLF CLUB HOSTED THE 36 HOLE COMPETITION. WYATT WORTHINGTON II SHOT A TOURNAMENT BEST 65 ON SUNDAY TO WIN THE TITLE.**

WORTHINGTON: I didn't do myself any favors by getting off to a rocky start and I really had to hang in there. I went to the range after the first round and just had to go back to the drawing board.

WORTHINGTON: I just had to give myself a lot of chances and I kinda had a I will not lose mentality and luckily enough I found a rhythm, and I didn't want to let it go so I just tried to ride it as long as I could.

**BY WINNING THE TOURNAMENT, WORTHINGTON EARNED HIS THIRD PGA TOUR START WITH A SPOT IN THE ROCKET MORTGAGE CLASSIC FIELD.**

WORTHINGTON: I'll be around a great support system, my friends, family and my caddie. Definitely prepare myself, hit a couple putts, a couple chips // to try to stay loose and in the time being just kinda keep my fingers crossed.

TOUR PLAYLIST

**WORTHINGTON’S DEBUT AT THE ROCKET MORTGAGE CLASSIC GETS UNDERWAY WHEN THE TOURNAMENT TEES OFF FOR THE 4TH TIME FROM THE MOTOR CITY.**

FAVORITES & SLEEPERS

**HERE ARE SOME FAVORITES AND SLEEPERS TO TARGET FOR THE ROCKET MORTGAGE CLASSIC.**

 **IN THE THREE YEARS WE’VE SEEN DETROIT GOLF CLUB HOST THE ROCKET MORTGAGE CLASSIC, WE’VE LEARNED THAT PUTTING REALLY SEPARATES THE FIELD, AND CANTLAY IS ONE OF THE BEST PUTTERS ON THE TOUR, ESPECIALLY ON BENTGRASS AND POA SURFACES. CANTLAY IS THE ONLY GOLFER TEEING IT UP THIS WEEK TO RANK TOP-12 IN STROKES GAINED: TEE TO GREEN AND PUTTING AMONG THE FIELD.**

**MAX HOMA HAS PLAYED THE ROCKET MORTGAGE CLASSIC TWICE AND HAS MADE THE CUT BOTH YEARS WHILE GAINING STROKES OFF THE TEE AND WITH HIS APPROACH PLAY. NOW, HE’S CONSISTENTLY STRIPING IT AT ANY EVENT HE’S IN. HOMA ALSO IS AN ELITE BENTGRASS AND POA PUTTER WHO CAN MAKE ENOUGH BIRDIES TO GET THE WIN AT THIS SETUP.**

**ADAM SCOTT REMAINS ONE OF THE BEST BALL-STRIKERS ON THE PGA TOUR AND REALLY STANDS OUT AGAINST THIS PARTICULAR FIELD. HE’S TOP-30 THIS SEASON IN BIRDIE OR BETTER RATE AND FITS THE MOLD OF BEING A GREAT IRON PLAYER AND PUTTER WHO CAN ALSO PICK UP DISTANCE ON THE COMPETITION THIS WEEK. THAT’S BEEN IMPORTANT FOR SUCCESS AT THIS COURSE.**

**SOME OTHER OPTIONS TO CONSIDER AT LONGER ODDS AND FOR TOP-10 OR TOP-20 FINISHES INCLUDE RUSSELL HENLEY, SCOTT STALLINGS, AND MATT KUCHAR.**

**BEST OF LUCK THIS WEEK FOR THE ROCKET MORTGAGE CLASSIC.**

JAKE OWEN & MARDY FISH PRACTICE ROUND

**AT THE 3M OPEN, FORMER PROFESSIONAL TENNIS PLAYER MARDY FISH MADE HIS FIRST PGA TOUR START AND HAD LONGTIME FRIEND JAKE OWEN AT HIS SIDE FOR A PRACTICE ROUND.**

OWEN: There he is, I’m a big fan!

FISH: Yeah?

OWEN: Yeah, low into the wind.

FISH: How many rounds golf do you think we've played?

OWEN: A lot. A dollar-seven we could play. Our parents would drop us off at Sand Ridge Golf Club for a dollar plus tax. A dollar-seven, you could play all day.

FISH: We would get nine holes and a hot dog and chips. We'd play nine holes like every summer, every day in the summer.

OWEN: I like that.

FISH: That's fine.

OWEN: Mardy's music ability is pretty decent, pretty decent. We did a lot of singing in his car growing up together. So I would say Mardy's got, Mardy's good backup singer for sure.

FISH: A lot of pickup basketball. Let's see, a lot of baseball. We played on different teams. So we played against each other and we competed at everything. I don't know, he can take the creative crown or art and artsy, you know, kind of thing. Because I can't do any of that. I'll take the sports crown.

OWEN: Did he tell you about you know, all the years of me just whipping up on him in sports growing up? We had a lot of battles as kids, so much so that we're obviously still best buddies. Friends pushing each other to be better is what has made the two of us as successful as we are. One thing I can say about Mardy is though, all joking aside, if you put him in any kind of competition against anyone else, I'll always take Mardy because he has a way of always pulling it out and finding a way to win.

I will beat him, I'm just saying, if he's playing anyone else, I'll bet on that, but if he's playing me, I'm betting on me.

JASON DAY & JOSH MAYER TRY A SAND PAPER WEDGE

DAY: It’s definitely got a lot of pop. Woooo!

MAYER: That went! That went!

DAY: Dude it ripped!

MAYER: Alright, so we’re here with Jason. 3M challenged me here to put some sandpaper on some wedges and see how much backspin we can get. Have you ever swung a wedge with sandpaper?

DAY: No, never.

MAYER: Okay.

DAY: I mean, this is illegal by the way.

MAYER: Oh, 100%. Yeah we’re just messing around here.

DAY: Fair enough. Ok good. I mean you never know, like shoot they might be adding sandpaper between the grooves at some point but yeah, that's interesting.

MAYER: Yeah, that's a good point. Actually. Don't do this at home.

DAY: Did you see that one?

MAYER: Yeah dude it ripped.

DAY: Dude it ripped! (That was nuts) Way more than mine.

That's pretty decent.

MAYER: I was gonna say that's, but that's more spin than you had.

DAY: Yeah, that's way more spin than I had on my normal 60. I mean, I thought you had to add grooves but this is pretty killer.

That is unbelievable. (That went) Look at that, destroyed it?

That one tore the cover, 100%. It does look like it hit copper. I mean, that's done off the one bloody hole. One swing actually.

MAYER: You’re not putting that back in the bag?

DAY: No. I mean that’s going in the practice bag, you know what I mean?

MAYER: We'll keep those as a little memorabilia.

Findings… what do you what would you say? If it was conforming, would you use 3M sandpaper on your club?

DAY: Yeah I’ve used 3M sandpaper before but not on my golf club. And yes, I actually probably would. If it was conforming and between the grooves. I could, it'd be more, it'd be like cheating.

MAYER: It’d just rip up your golf balls?

DAY: It’d rip up your golf balls. I mean you saw how it ripped the golf balls but yeah there's definitely potential there, if we could make it legal.

Thanks man.

MAYER: Well man, I appreciate it. It’s been an absolute blast.

DAY: Pleasure, thanks.

MAYER: Appreciate it, brother.