**PGA TOUR – THE CUT #32 (22CUTSTJD)**

**FEDEX ST. JUDE CHAMPIONSHIP**

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**A1 - FedExCup Playoffs Tease**

ANNC: Every year since it's inception, season long excellence has come to a culmination at historic East Lake.

SMITH: Ever since I knew I wanted to play golf, winning a PGA Tour tournament was my goal

FITZPATRICK: You want to have records, I want to win tournaments

HOMA: the practice, the grind, both mental and physical

MORIKAWA: It's just that drive in me that wants to beat everyone out here.

SCHAUFFELE: really hate losing and I really enjoy competing

THOMAS: The reason I play golf is to create a legacy and win as many times as I can on the PGA TOUR.

ANNC: Jon Rahm, The champion at the Mexico Open

ANNC: Viktor Hovland has gone back to back at Mayakoba!

ANNC: Jordan Spieth is a winner for the first time as a father!

ANNC: Max Homa! A champion on the rise!

HOMA: that trophy I think is symbolic of a lot of hard work// it's just one of those surreal feelings when you get to get one of them.

ANNC: His 3rd PGA TOUR victory in 22 starts!

ANNC: Floodgates are open for Tony Finau!

ANNC: Xander Schauffele, the hottest player in golf

ANNC: Rory McIlroy defends his title at the RBC Canadian Open!

RORY CANADIAN PRESSER - that's as top notch as you're going to get. I'll look back on this with very, very fond memories.

SCHAUFFELE: Whenever I have won, I just kind of I'm thankful for all the people that have helped me get to that point.

ANNC: the first PGA TOUR winner in 2022!

ANNC: Cam Smith is a PLAYERS Champion in his backyard!

SMITH: It's what we get up early for, it's what we practice a thousand hours for. And to raise the trophy at the end of the week I think is the biggest reward of all

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler is a TOUR winner for the first time!

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler with another quick win!

ANNC: There's a new number 1, his name is Scottie Scheffler. What a run.

SCHEFFLER: I grew up wearing long pants to go practice because I wanted to be a professional golfer. That's what I dreamed of. I dreamed of being out here. Being able to win tournaments is pretty awesome.

ANNC: It's time to lay it all on the line. The PGA TOUR's crowning achievement awaits a worthy winner.

ANNC: And the year of Spieth comes to a close!

ANNC: Rory McIlroy is a 2-time FedExCup champion!

ANNC: Justin Thomas the FedExCup champion for 2017!

ANNC: Billy Horschel in the best playoff run we've seen!

ANNC: FedExCup champion, Patrick Cantlay!

CANTLAY: winning golf tournaments playing golf under pressure, and hitting quality golf shots under the gun, I mean, that's why I practice my whole life

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A2 - The CUT Titles

**VO: WELCOME TO PGA TOUR – THE CUT**

A3 - FEC Playoffs Setup

ANNC: this is an unbelievably quick ascent...matches the largest leap ever to number one. He wins a World Golf Championship and he's the number one player in the world

ANNC; That's legacy building right there...that's some kind of great response to the pressure

FINAU: Those guys at the top of that FedExCup are going to be extremely hard to pass, but the great thing about the Playoffs is they're triple points, so those tournaments mean a lot in the grand scheme of the FedExCup Playoffs.

**VO: FOR THE FIRST TIME, MEMPHIS HOSTS THE PLAYOFF KICKOFF FOR THE FEDEX ST. JUDE CHAMPIONSHIP AT TPC SOUTHWIND.**

**THE FIELD OF 125 DROPS TO THE TOP 70 WHO QUALIFY TO COMPETE AT A NEW VENUE, WILMINGTON COUNTRY CLUB IN DELAWARE, FOR THE BMW CHAMPIONSHIP.**

**AND ONLY THOSE IN THE TOP 30 GET TO EAST LAKE AND A SHOT AT THE FEDEXCUP.**

THOMAS: it doesn't matter how many times you win or how great you play the entire year; you need to play well in the PLAYOFF events.

YOUNG: I'll go into them looking to play the same kind of golf that I have throughout the season If I can do some more of that I'll be hopefully right around the lead and one of these Sundays I'll shoot something crazy.

**VO: CAMERON YOUNG IS JOINED BY MORE THAN A DOZEN FELLOW RISING STARS... A RECORD 18 ROOKIES QUALIFIED FOR THE PLAYOFFS... GENERATING A STACKED BALLOT FOR ROOKIE OF THE YEAR HONORS.**

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A4 - Davis Riley Feature

ANNC: he's headed to the PGA TOUR for the first time, welcome Davis Riley. This kid is going to be something else. A star in the making

**VO: THE 25-YEAR-OLD, TWO-TIME KORN FERRY TOUR WINNER HAS MADE A NAME FOR HIMSELF IN HIS ROOKIE SEASON.**

RILEY: It's pretty cool. It's honestly kind of emotional. You know just hearing what I had to say and having a chance to win a golf tournament on a Sunday, it's a dream of mine and actually having a chance to do that you know eight months into a career is pretty cool so this is crazy it feels like yesterday all this was happening when I got my first Korn Ferry win and it's really cool if you'd told me this time in July next year you'd be 23 on the FEDEX CUP, I’d probably take it.

RILEY: I say I’ve probably matured a little bit since then and obviously getting a little bit experience and traction out here, you know I’ve tried to learn something every week so I’d like to say I’ve grown as a player since then.

ANNC: Riley tee shot left, just about almost hole high.

RILEY: I wouldn't exactly say I’ve got off to the best start you know it was kind of I feel like I got hit in the face pretty early you know my first two tournaments in Napa and Jackson I missed the cut by one so I didn't get off to the dream start you know per say. You know really these past three months are kind of what got the season rolling. Had a couple nice top tens and stuff like that.

RILEY: Knocked on the door a couple times so I guess the next step is getting in the winners circle and give myself another chance at east lake so it's been really cool and it's been very satisfying seeing results.

ANNC: Oh. I think it might be his day.

RILEY: Obviously when you first get started you know you want to just make the playoffs and you know fortunately, I’m in a good position now where I’ve you know kind of put myself in a position where I will make the playoffs. Now it's BMW, now lets make east lake so it's pretty cool.

RILEY: You know as a kid growing up you sit there and watch the guy hold the FedEx cup there on 18 green at east lake it's definitely something you want to be a part of. So, I’m in a good position to make there and hopefully I can just continue to play some good golf.

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A5 - FedExCup Standings

**VO: HEADING INTO THE FIRST EVENT OF THE FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS – EVERYONE IS CHASING SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER, BUT WITH TRIPLE POINTS AVAILABLE, THE OPPORTUNITY IS THERE TO TRACK HIM DOWN.**

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A6 - Cognizant Feature

ANNC: Guess he's just going to launch it. You got to just run with it. Well that's miles in there.

**VO: THE CUT PRESENTS, INTUITION ENGINEERED**

THOMAS: I hit it really hard, so unless it hit in a tree, I knew it was going to be pretty far up there. But after taking the pine straw from behind the ball, I realized that it wasn't really rough, I could get pretty clean on the ball and I didn't think I could go over and get it all the way up somewhere around the green and I felt like I could hit kind of a little low burning 4-iron. The main thing I had to do was carry it across a bunker, I was probably 90 yards from the green.

ANNC: He's got a shot. He does have a window.

THOMAS: it found a branch in there somehow and just kind of spit it out. So we made the right decision.

ANNC: Directly at the hole, It's 59 yards to get onto the hole. ... needs to check. Ah superb Dottie it's superb. Great shot.

THOMAS: I basically just told myself to shut up and figure out what you're doing because I could lose that tournament just as easily as I won it today. I was really, really proud of myself to stay in the moment and get it done.

ANNC: how good would this be?

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A7 - Bump (Grant)

GRANT: I haven’t played well over three of the last four events, haven’t been great but I think the game is trending in the right direction which is awesome. We’ve learned a lot – that was sort of the third quarter of the game, and this is the last quarter. We’re going to finish the job the way we need to finish the job.

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B1 - Brent Grant Week in the Life

GRANT: Hey guys getting prepped for this next week in Utah. Pretty much the essentials are a couple golf towels obviously, hypervolt, stretch band, toiletry bag, golf pants, golf shirts. Yeah super pumped, can’t wait to get everything started, get after it and secure the card. Appreciate ya, thanks.

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SWARTZ: Being on the road with Brent is interesting. We spend a lot of time together probably more than most caddies do. We have a great relationship on the golf course and off. We have dinner together most every night. It’s a lot of fun and I don’t think we’ll ever run out of things to talk about. We have a good time.

GRANT: That’s what happens when you rotate through the body with the arms.

SWARTZ: Yep, always

GRANT: Cool, let’s bounce.

GRANT: hello everybody. There’s no reason for us to hit driver here.

SWARTZ: Alright, then we’ll hit 3 wood, right?

GRANT: Yeah, 3 wood, middle of the green, keep it right of the pin, probably land something past it and spin it back down to the left

SWARTZ: Correct

GRANT: Sounds good

SWARTZ: Roger that, does indeed

GRANT: There we go.

SWARTZ: There ya go. After you hit I’m going to go to the bathroom

SWARTZ: Yes sir. Huge buddy

GRANT: There’s a little window right there, about 1x1, I think you got it. A real pro would hit it through there.

SWARTZ: Good thing that wasn’t for your TOUR card.

GRANT: It’s not like we’ve done anything wrong. Just haven’t made any short putts.

PRODUCER: What are the plans tonight, what are you going to do?

GRANT: I’m going to putt for about, forever, from 6-8 ft. I hit the ball just fine.

SWARTZ: Here ya go. TaylorMade up here.

GRANT: TaylorMade with a black line? Is that it?

SWARTZ: yeah

GRANT: Okay awesome.

SWARTZ: She tried to come all the way across it. You tried to come all the way across the face.

GRANT; You know hopefully changing the putter changes the mindset a little bit, and get me where I want to go. To finish a round and all of a sudden take two or three days to complain, ya know, whoa is me, is just a waste of time so I’ve never been that type of person so in the long term just hope it pays off.

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B2 - ServPro Feature

**VO: THE CUT PRESENTS – SAVING SHOTS**

ANNC: Stewart Cink. Oooh this is a tough shot here at the par 5, very very long bunker shot, if he gets it up on the green it will funnel back left to right. This is when you want to square your club face and come out low and let it release and that’s exactly what he’s done …I love that play, beautiful shot Stewart Cink. At the 10th the third shot for Tyrell Hatton. A lot of green to work with but still decided to fly it most of the way there.

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C2 - Wyndham Bubble Stories

ANNC: From Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro, North Carolina, it's live coverage of the Wyndham Championship. For more than 80 years the world's best have been coming here to Greensboro.

ANNC: I don't know what the rhyme or reason is but some players seem to be attracted to whatever the bubble number is.

SMOTHERMAN SOT: This season has been a little bit of an up and down ride. I mean, I've had some high finishes, I've made 5 or 6 cuts in a row.

ANNC: Well this is a great story. You see 97th in the projected in the standings, Austin Smotherman came in as The Bubble Boy, number 125.

SMOTHERMAN: Eventually we'll learn from our mistakes and hopefully bring those 25th place finishes into top 10.

McGreevy: Man, it's been, it's just been really tough. Golf is a rollercoaster sport.

ANNC: At the 9TH a young man who came in at 126 in the FedEx Cup standings, Max McGreevy.

McGreevy: It's been my childhood dream,

ANNC: We're live at 18 with one of those right on the bubble, Justin Lower.

ANNC: You have to say, as big of a putt as he's ever had to keep his card in all likelihood. and the rookie... Oh no, 33-year-old from Akron Ohio, and I think he knows.

LOWER: I don't really know what I'm thinking. It sucks to come up this short, really.

HADLEY: It's not a lot of fun playing behind the 8 ball. I was just inside the number, and I played well enough to make the cut.

ANNC: Chesson Hadley now at 15, he's having a good day. He bumped himself up to 115 projected. He's been on that bubble; I know he doesn't want to be on it but he's doing it right now. Oh what a great kick!.

HADLEY SOT: I didn't know what I needed to do but I knew if I played well it wouldn't matter and to do that was huge under a lot of pressure so I'm really happy with how things ended up.

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C3 - Wyndham Winner

ANNC: I have a feeling we are looking at something special

ANNC: If you don’t know the story he calls himself Tom because he loved Thomas the tank engine.

KIM: I told myself at the beginning of the week just have fun, enjoy it. You got your card but the back nine was intense, my putter felt like 200 pounds. It’s been a crazy month. Just before the Scottish I was just trying to get enough points to make it to Korn ferry finals. it’s been a five week stretch for me and a lot of things has changed.

ANNC: Do it for Thomas the tank engine. There’s your new champion. and we have this tournament’s youngest winner of all time. Tom Kim is the champion at the Wyndham championship….

KIM: I’ve got to book my flight to Memphis. I still have so much I want to accomplish. I bought the car now we just have to drive it hopefully I’ll just keep pushing that pedal

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C4 - Sentry GFX

**VO: TOM KIM EARNS FULL MEMBERSHIP BY WINNING THE PGA TOUR REGULAR SEASON FINALE. KIM ALSO CASHES IN A SPOT AT KAPALUA FOR THE 2023 SENTRY TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS.**

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C5 - Comcast Business TOUR Top 10

**VO: SUNGJAE IM FIRED A FINAL ROUND 68 TO TIE FOR SECOND AT THE WYNDHAM CHAMPIONSHIP AND SNAG THE FINAL SPOT IN THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10.**

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D1 - FanDuel Feature

VO: Here are some favorites and sleepers to target for the FedEx St. Jude Championship at FanDuel Sportsbook.

VO: Historically speaking, Rory McIlroy has played TPC Southwind very well in his career, and he enters with phenomenal form. McIlroy leads the PGA Tour in total strokes gained for the season and finds himself ranked 15th in strokes gained: approach. Irons matter at this course, and that puts McIlroy – rightly – as the favorite.

VO: Scottie Scheffler can overpower this course, as he ranks 19th on Tour in distance for the season. Scheffler also sits sixth in approach and 36th in putting. Scheffler finished top-15 at the WGC-St. Jude the past two years despite losing strokes with putting, so he's very much a target for us this week.

VO: Simply put, Matt Fitzpatrick is one of the best putters on tour, but he especially excels on Bermuda greens, which is what we'll get this week. Fitzpatrick has two top-10s at this course in his career and once gained a career-high in putting on these greens. The irons are there, and so is the accuracy.

VO: Some other options to consider at longer odds and for top-10 or top-20 finishes include Billy Horschel, Russell Henley, and Mito Pereira.

VO: Best of luck this week for the FedEx St. Jude Championship.

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D2 - Dramatic Endings Feature

ANNC: Oh no.

THEEGALA: I knew exactly where we stood and never in a million years did I think I would allow myself to blade it.

SCHAUFFELE: to sit there and watch sort of what happened was a bit of a shock obviously

**VO: CONTENDING ON THE PGA TOUR COMES PACKED WITH PRESSURE, NERVES, AND QUICK DECISION MAKING**

ANNC: oh that is CRUEL!

**VO: FOR SOME, THE FINAL MOMENTS AND MUST-MAKE SHOTS ON THE BACK NINE CAN BE TOO MUCH TO HANDLE.**

THEEGALA: I did everything I thought I had to do, and it just happened to be everything bad just culminated on one hole

**VO: BUT THAT SAME PRESSURE TO PERFORM CAN ALSO INSPIRE EPIC COMEBACKS AND DRAMATIC FINISHES**

SCHAUFFELE: I was just so locked in in that moment // Nothing else really mattered.

ANNC: X marks the spot right there as Schauffele delivers

PICKENS: The main thing they're dealing with is cognitive overload. They're dealing with a lot of thoughts coming in. Stay where your feet are, that's a huge concept for all golfers because it's so easy to be somewhere where were not

ANNC: Oh my goodness this is way more aggressive than I anticipated! Oh man, what a shot!

SMITH: It actually kind of drifted right and then held its line at the end there. Yeah, heart was in the throat there for a second, but I knew it was the right club.

PICKENS: Sometimes it’ll manifest like all of us, like queasy stomach, I feel like I'm going to throw up, tempo really gets effected

ANNC: That’ll be 4 bogeys in the space of what, six holes?

FINAU: Seemed like Scott wasn't letting up all tournament, so to all of a sudden have the lead, I will say I got quite nervous on 17 just because it was a whole different feel on how the week was going.

PICKENS: Breathing, for sure can get shallow and faster. Sweaty palms. Loss of sensation in your arms for a lot of guys.

FINAU: How many times do I lose? But one thing I won't do is give up. But I'm only here as a winner because I chose not to give up and kept on going

**VO: SAM BURNS DID THE SAME AT THE CHARLES SCHWAB CHALLENGE – EVEN AFTER TRAILING BY SEVEN SHOTS.**

PICKENS: What they learn is that I don't want them involved over the ball. I want them involved behind the shot, figuring out the shot, and talking with their caddy. But once they get into their pre-shot routine, I want the pre-shot routine to hit the shot for them. Can they trust that? Just focus on execution.

ANNC: Here's the putt on the way for Sam...goes right at the end...WHAT A PUTT! HE DID IT!

BURNS: You start the day at seven back…I knew Scottie was at 11, but the way that guy’s playing right now, I mean who would ever have thought you’d have a chance seven back.