2022 PGA TOUR – THE CUT #37 (FORTINET CHAMPIONSHIP)

**COLD OPEN**

ANNC: Here we go, event number one. It’s a clean slate.

RAHM: “Once one week’s done, it’s onto the next one. That’s the beautiful thing about golf.”

RORY: “Everyone out here is coming out of college, coming off Korn Ferry, they’re so ready to compete. They’re so ready to win.”

ANNC: This is what you’ve always dreamed of, getting to the big show.

HOVLAND: “It’s nice to get some points in early just to kind of solidify your spot of the upper part of the leaderboard.”

HORSCHEL: “The TOUR has been great for 60 plus years and we’ve been the best tour in the world and we’re always going to be the best tour in the world.”

**THE CUT TITLES**

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT**

**MAX HOMA FEATURE**

ANNC HOMA FORTINET WIN: Max Homa, what a back nine. // 65 to finish at 19 under par // for win number 3.

HOMA SOT: You see a lot of the numbers // people who have good falls tend to get // to East Lake a lot more often. I had never really had too great of a fall, so winning the first event of the year obviously gave me a ton of confidence to finally make it here.

ANNC WELLS WIN: A champion on the rise, Max Homa!

HOMA SOT: When you know you don't need to be perfect to win, once you get that first win or maybe a second win and know what that feels like, I think it releases you of a lot of pressure and you end up playing better because of it.

HOMA SOT: When I was first out here, the last couple of years // I felt like I needed to be perfect to contend in golf tournaments and I think maybe me 2.0 knows I don't need to do that // It takes some pressure off the prep// It makes you more comfortable // come Thursday that if things don't feel ideal, you can still figure out a way to get into contention and win golf tournaments.

DAHMEN SOT: His inner drive to be the best that he can be is incredible at times. // He works hard. And he puts a lot of time and a lot of effort, and people don’t realize how bad he wants to be number one. // I’m always impressed with that because I get to see that side of him quite a bit, and it’s not friendly Max. It’s not go chit chat with Max. It’s Max is working and you stay out of his way. And then when he’s done working, he’s great to be around again.

HOMA WELLS PRESSER SOT: I care about nothing more than making that Presidents Cup team. So I'm really hoping Captain Davis Love III was watching today or at least somebody messaged him about it, but that's all I've really cared about. I'm not a big goal setter, but TOUR Championship and Presidents Cup, that's about all my focus has been ever since I missed that Ryder Cup last year and the TOUR Championship, so this goes a long way.

ANNC HOMA DEBUT: Max Homa … another one, making his TOUR Championship debut …

ANNC FRIDAY EAGLE TC: Max Homa has an eagle putt to tie the second best round of the TOUR Championship at East Lake. That is a 62!

ANNC SUNDAY BIRDIE 18 TC: A memorable season to say the least for Max Homa!

**PRESIDENTS CUP CAPTAIN’S PICKS**

**AFTER A CAREER-BEST T5 AT THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP, HOMA WAS SELECTED AS A CAPTAIN’S PICK FOR THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENTS CUP TEAM.**

**IN ADDITION TO HOMA, THREE OF THE OTHER CAPTAIN’S PICKS WILL MAKE THEIR PRESIDENTS CUP DEBUT … BILLY HORSCHEL, COLLIN MORIKAWA AND ROOKIE LAST SEASON, CAMERON YOUNG.**

**ALONGSIDE THOSE PICKS WILL BE VETERANS KEVIN KISNER AND JORDAN SPIETH.**

SPIETH BUNKER ANNC: Spieth! Oh! Gosh!

**THE 2022 UNITED STATES TEAM WILL MARK THE YOUNGEST IN TEAM HISTORY.**

**INTERNATIONAL TEAM CAPTAIN TREVOR IMMELMAN ALSO ANNOUNCED HIS CAPTAIN’S PICKS. SOUTH AFRICAN CHRISTIAAN BEZUIDENHOUT, WHO QUALIFIED FOR THE FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS IN HIS FIRST SEASON AS A ROOKIE JOINS THE TEAM ALONGSIDE AUSSIE CAMERON DAVIS, WHO RECORDED A CAREER-HIGH FIVE TOP-10 FINISHES LAST SEASON.**

**K.H. LEE, SEBASTIAN MUNOZ, AND TAYLOR PENDRITH WILL ALSO MAKE THEIR PRESIDENTS CUP DEBUT, JOINED BY VETERAN SI WOO KIM.**

KIM 50 FOOTER ANNC: And Si Woo Kim … adding to it!

**SEVEN TOTAL COUNTRIES WILL BE REPRESENTED ON THE INTERNATIONAL TEAM THAT WILL LOOK TO DEFEAT THE UNITED STATES TEAM IN CHARLOTTE.**

**RSM BIRDIES FORE LOVE**

ANDY BOSMAN SOT - We're very fortunate to launch the OnCourse version of RSM Birdies for love with the PGA TOUR, where we have players competing throughout the fall season to give money back to charity.

**THE BIRDIES FORE LOVE PROGRAM RETURNS FOR THE FIFTH YEAR DURING THE FALL EVENTS. EACH WEEK WILL AWARD 50-THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE PLAYER TO MAKE THE MOST BIRDIES OR BETTER THAT WEEK TO A CHARITY OF THEIR CHOICE.**

ANNC HOMA FROM 22CUTRYDR: "Did he hit it? He did! Count it!

**THE PLAYER TO MAKE THE MOST BIRDIES OVERALL THROUGHOUT ALL 9 EVENTS WILL RECEIVE 300-THOUSAND DOLLARS, WITH SECOND RECEIVING 150-THOUSAND, AND THIRD 50-THOUSAND.**

HOGE SOT - It's something I say the players take a lot of pride in, in every community that we go to the tournaments really help out and give back a lot. // It's great momentum that we have to help not just golfers, youth golfers, but try to make their lives a little better and give them some opportunities.

ANDY BOSMAN SOT - The ability to give back and make such an impact on so many different communities that concept of stewardship really is a common trait common value between RSM and the PGA TOUR.

**BUMP – HERBERT, CURRY**

STEPHEN CURRY SOT: Underrated golf is equity access and opportunity for all. There we go, let’s go. We have an opportunity to permeate the golf culture so that more kids get excited about it early.

HERBERT SOT: I think as athletes we have a great platform that we can use to help and inspire change especially in the community of Eugene, Oregon. They’ve given me so much. The support that I’ve received over the past couple of years is second to none.

HERBERT NATS: What’s going on, man? How’s it going? I’m Justin. Nice to meet you.

**GS INBUMP**

**STEPHEN CURRY UNDERRATED TOUR**

STEPHEN CURRY SOT: I'm known for putting the ball in the basket and being an NBA guy… Not many people know how much I actually love the game of golf. What I've learned about myself through the game of golf is, it's developed a work ethic, perseverance, and patience. There's a lot of similarities to the game of golf where you have to see the shot before it happens and then you know your body and your mind kind of takeover to execute on whatever you're trying to do. It’s the sport for me, that's the best at allowing you to compete not just with who you're playing against but also with yourself.

STEPHEN CURRY SOT: Underrated golf is equity, access, and opportunity for all. There's been a lot of progress in terms of representation and access, but there's so much work that needs to be done. I think we have an opportunity to permeate the golf culture, so that more kids get excited about it early. Golf can be a very communal experience. You want to be able to play with your friends. You want to have other kids that don't think it's just a pipe dream. That's how you continue to make generational impact.

COLLIN MORIKAWA SOT: I think when you hear underrated, you think of people that don't get the publicity right. I think just the term underrated. You think of people that, don't get the spotlight. But it's so important, I think, in today's age is because everyone matters. You look at all these kids out here they all want to compete. I's not your everyday junior golf tournament. I think it means so much more. I think he's teaching them more than just golf lessons.

STEPHEN CURRY SOT: I can definitely see myself in these kids. // but if you saw me at a golf course, you'd think I was preparing for the Masters.

STEPHEN CURRY SOT: I was a three-star recruit in high school. // I was just looking for an opportunity because I didn't fit the mold, I didn't pass the eye test. // once I did get an opportunity to showcase my skills at the highest level, my self-confidence kind of carried me from there. And that's kind of been part of my DNA ever since. Like, no matter how much success I've had, I've always kept that underrated spirit in the same with these kids in the underrated golf tour.

HOPE HALL SOT: Every shot means something. And I feel like it means a lot more to me because every shot is like someone's belief in me. I think that having more representation in golf is so necessary.

LOGAN BATISTE SOT: Golf hasn't always looked this way, so bringing us all together and means everything to us.

MICHELLE WIE WEST SOT: It's just amazing that Steph has put together this tour to elevate their games // Even if they don't turn pro to have the resource of being able to play golf, just open so many doors.

STEPHEN CURRY NATS: Have an amazing time out there. Enjoy yourself.

STEPHEN CURRY SOT: I wanted to be able to bridge new in my love for golf and bring the right resources together to create a pipeline for one of these boys and girls to make it to the PGA and LPGA tours. They all have the talent. They all have the drive. We want to try to even the playing field as much as possible. And why not one of these kids?

NATS: Any thoughts about that trophy? It’s big.

**AS CURRY SUPPORTS THE NEXT GENERATION OF TOP GOLFERS, LOS ANGELES CHARGERS QUARTERBACK JUSTIN HERBERT AIMS TO GET MORE KIDS IN ALL SPORTS.**

**JUSTIN HERBERT FEATURE**

NATS: What’s going on that's going on? Appreciate you guys coming out here today.

SOT HERBERT: We're at Shadow Hills Country Club for the second Justin Herbert Invitational Benefiting Kids Sports, a youth sports program in Eugene that I grew up playing. They've done just a fantastic job of getting the community involved and for us to kind of raise the money for them, for scholarships, gear, equipment, whatever it is.

NATS: Hey, so I'm sorry in advance.

SOT HERBERT: So I'm on the 10th hole // it's a dogleg, right. There's some trees on the right. So I'm gonna try and cut those and just go over the top of them. I'll just swing as hard as I can. See what happens.

NATS: Yeah. Yeah. Good ball.

SOT HERBERT: I think as athletes, we have a great platform that we can use to help and to inspire change, especially here in the community of Eugene, Oregon. They've given me so much. The support that I've received over the past couple of years is second to none and for me to be able to help out and do any part that I can to help give back.

NATS: What's going on, Man? How’s it going, I’m Justin. Nice to meet you.

**NOT ONLY IS JUSTIN MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN HIS HOMETOWN, BUT IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS AS HERBERT PARTNERED WITH MAKE A WISH TO BRING MASON BALL OUT TO FOR A DAY OF FUN.**

SOT HERBERT: I think it's always cool because I grew up and I was always the guy that I wanted to go meet people I don't think I'm too special. So I hopefully I don't, you know, disappoint them with who I am. I'm not I'm not that great.

NATS: Well, I wasn’t your height when I was a freshman, so.

SOT HERBERT: It’s an awesome opportunity for him to come out here and just say hi and to hang out for a little bit. I'm thankful for him wanting to come hang out with me.

SOT HERBERT: Golf has been such a fun sport because I kind of grew up playing with my brothers. The past couple of years with more time in the off season. You get teammates, you get guys, friends that you know and you go play golf and it's just one of those things that you get together. You have fun and build a strong relationship with your teammates.

NATS: Oh. It’s all downhill from there.

SOT HERBERT: We did this Nickelodeon Slime Cup challenge with Jon Rahm and Justin Thomas and watching those guys hit the ball. I've got so much respect for the tour players and whenever I watch the tournaments, it's just always fun to watch because the things they're able to do with those golf balls is unreal.

NATS: Get down. Get down like you’re a lineman. Yeah get on the other side.

SOT HERBERT: We've got a great team and I think we can play really good football and you know, I believe in the front office, the coaching staff. I thought the defense was great before and now seeing them in OTAs and watching them fly around the ball. I'm really excited to watch them and picked up a couple of guys on offense too and kept a lot of those pieces. Definitely a lot to look forward to.

SOT HERBERT: I hope everyone has fun. I hope they come out here, enjoy the day and realize that they're raising money for a great cause in Kid Sports. // I was so thankful to have grown up and played it and I'm just hoping that there's a kid out there that maybe who doesn't have the chance to go play because of whatever financial reason but he's got a chance now because of what we're raising. And, you know, if he comes in and takes my job, I think I might be even better.

**SENTRY MONTHLY QUALIFIERS**

**IN AUGUST, TWO THRILLING FIRST-TIME WINNERS JOINED THE LIST OF THOSE THAT MAKE IT TO MAUI.**

ANNC KIM WYNDHAM: There’s your new champion!

KIM SOT: I can’t believe it, I’m speechless right now. // It was a hard day, I didn’t know golf was this stressful before. .

ANNC ZALATORIS FEDEX: He’s got it! Finally! Zalatoris is a PGA TOUR winner.

SOT ZALATORIS PRESSER: It was just a matter of time and obviously this was my week.

**ADDITIONALLY, THE TOP 30 PLAYERS FROM THE FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS POINTS LIST WHO QUALIFY FOR THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE SENTRY TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS FIELD, TO RECOGNIZE THEIR OUTSTANDING PLAY THROUGHOUT THE SEASON.**

**SIMPSON CUP FEATURE**

NICK KIMMEL SOT: When you come to these events, you have everybody who has the same sentiment, that same mindset and that same loss of being a part of something. So now, everyone gets to be a part of The Simpson Cup again and the On Course Foundation.

CRAIG RICHARDSON SOT: The On Course Foundation helps military personnel sort of back into, get out of the house, find another purpose through golf really.

JOHN SIMPSON SOT: We all have these sort of rehab centers in Britain and here for the injured servicemen to get back into Civy life, and we sort of teach them golf on a long-term basis.

MARTY CARAWAY SOT: It’s the pinnacle of what we as disabled veterans can play to. This is legitimately our Ryder Cup.

CHRIS PATTERSON SOT: What keeps bringing me back is I love golf and I love the comradery, I love the spirit of the game, I love everything of it.

NICK KIMMEL SOT: Just like every round of golf, I had some good shots and I had some bad shots. I won a couple holes for my teammates. I’m already thinking about my singles match tomorrow.

CHRIS PATTERSON SOT: The first couple holes I was a little rusty, had a bit of anxiety before I went out and then after hole 3 everything just clicked.

MARTY CARAWAY SOT: Everyone loves a comeback story. Right now, we’re down 4-2 in the matches today. Tomorrow going into singles we have our hands full.

JOHN SIMPSON SOT: The Military has been their family for many years they get injured both physically and mentally and golf is the only game that I know of, that if you’re handicapped in anyway, you can play on a level playing field with able-bodies because of the handicap system. That level playing field as it were gives huge confidence and self-esteem back to guys and girls who have been through so much.

CRAIG RICHARDSON SOT: Some of the golf on display was incredible: double amputees, triple amputee Nick as well, he’s a great inspiration just watching him maneuver around the course and just playing unbelievable golf.

NICK KIMMEL SOT: Motivation is more my driving factor because I’m seeing these guys who are also injured hit great shots and hit these amazing long balls which is something that I’m aspiring to do.

MARTY CARAWAY SOT: They’re putting everything they have on the line right now, to go out there and play the best game they can and to lead them is one of the absolute honors of my golfing career.

CHRIS PATTERSON SOT: There’s a friendship. It’s great to see other people with disability win golf alongside you.

MARTY CARAWAY SOT: It was challenging, GB did a great job at navigating the golf course, I think so did our team. I think everyone played really good golf, they just edged us out on a couple of matches.

CHRIS PATTERSON SOT: We’ve practiced hard, we’ve came here, we’ve played and we won so yeah it’s pretty good.

DAVID HAYDEN SOT: You meet some amazing people, whether it be from the American side or the English side and what John’s achieved, he’s given us a reason to live again.

**SERVPRO FEATURE**

**THE CUT PRESENTS, SAVING SHOTS**

ANNC MATSUYAMA: Oh!  How did that miss! He can’t believe it.”

ANNC SI WOO: That lie was not the best // He judged it pretty well.”

ANNC KUCHAR: “He made it, oh!”// He made that look simple.”

**SCHEFFLER POY ANNOUNCEMENT**

NATS: “We want to thank you for making the effort to come out here, so we wanted to give you a little something, a little gift if you don’t mind. Bring it over here coach. We’ll let you pull the thing off, there you go, and there it is. The Jack Nicklaus award given to the 2022 PGA TOUR Player of the Year. Congratulations.”

NATS: That’s pretty cool.

NATS: A little teary! Congratulations.

NATS: Thanks.

NATS: “Scottie, Scottie, Scottie, Scottie.”

SCOTTIE: “I don’t have much to say, I was definitely not expecting that but that definitely means a lot to me.”

**AFTER CAPTURING FOUR WINS LAST SEASON, AND TWO OF THOSE WINS IN BACK-TO-BACK STARTS, SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER ENDS HIS SEASON WITH ONE FINAL TROPHY AFTER BEING NAMED PLAYER OF THE YEAR BY HIS PEERS.**

SCHEFFLER SOT: Golf is a really hard sport and so being able to actually win tournaments and accomplish some dreams that I’ve had for a really long time was definitely a really fun experience for not just myself but my family // so it’s been a really kind of special year for all of us.

**BETPARX FEATURE**

MATT ALBA - Here’s this week’s preview of the Fortinet Championship at the Silverado Resort in Napa, California.

There are a couple of players we are keen to see return this week:

First, is the obvious one in Max Homa. Max returns to defend his title after a breakout 2022 which also included a victory at the Wells Fargo Championship. He comes into this event in great form after finishing T5 in the Tour Championship at East Lakes. This will be a great warm up for his debut appearance as the Captains Pick for team USA at the upcoming Presidents Cup.

Hideki Matsuyama is the other standout player in this field. The 2021 Masters winner returns to the Fortinet after finishing T6 last year and will be one of the stars for the international team at the Presidents Cup. If you’re looking for more of an outsider in the field, I suggest looking at either the Australian, Cam Davis or rising star, Sahith Theegala.

**TOUR PLAYLIST**

**THE FORTINET CHAMPIONSHIP MARKS THE FINAL YEAR THE FEDEXCUP SEASON WILL BEGIN IN THE FALL, AS BIG CHANGES COME INTO EFFECT FOR THE PGA TOUR.**

**SEASON PREVIEW**

ANNC NEW SEASON: Brand new season gets underway here in a beautiful part of California.

**A NEW SEASON AND A NEW RACE TO THE FEDEXCUP KICKS OFF THIS WEEK ON THE WEST COAST AT THE FORTINET CHAMPIONSHIP, AND USHERS IN A SHIFT IN THE PGA TOUR SEASON.**

MONAHAN SOT: I'm excited to unveil four key items today. First, in addition to the elevated events we announced in June, we're planning to elevate another four events within the 2023 FedExCup regular season.

**THE ELEVATED EVENTS INCLUDE THE GENESIS INVITATIONAL, ARNOLD PALMER INVIATIONAL PRESENTED BY MASTERCARD, THE MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT PRESENTED BY WORKDAY, THE WGC-DELL MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP AND SENTRY TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS IN ADDITION TO THE THREE FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS EVENTS, WITH FOUR MORE STILL TO COME, WHERE THE TOP PLAYERS WILL ALL BE IN THE FIELD.**

MONAHAN TOUR CHAMP SOT: Our top players are making a commitment to play in all 12 elevated events, as well as THE PLAYERS Championship, the Masters tournament, the PGA Championship, the U.S. Open, and The Open Championship. They will also add at least three additional PGA TOUR events to their schedules.

SPIETH SOT: Players coming together to continue to want to make the PGA TOUR better in the ways that we're trying to figure out how to do so I think is really the silver lining here.

MCILROY SOT: When I tune into a Tampa Bay Buccaneers game, I expect to see Tom Brady throw a football. When I tune into a Formula 1 race, I expect to see Lewis Hamilton in a car.

// We've all made a commitment to get together more often to make the product more compelling.

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