**2022 PGA TOUR – The CUT #40 Master Script**

**COLD OPEN**

ANNC SOUND: "It's the Sanderson Farms Championship at the country club of Jackson. Where PGA TOUR rookies fight to make their dreams come true."

SAM BURNS SOT: "I love the golf course. It's such a fun week."

ANNC SOUND: "Oh man, look out for Sepp."

ANNC SOUND: "It is crowded near the top of the leaderboard."

ANNC SOUND: "Did he make it? Oh no! The flagstick got another one."

ANNC SOUND: "That's how you do it."

ANNC SOUND: "That's a big eagle putt for Thomas."

ANNC SOUND: "There it is. Mackenzie Hughes. The champion of the 2022 Sanderson Farms Championship."

**THE CUT TITLES**

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT**

**SAM BURNS FEATURE**

NATS - Better go get him!

BURNS – "Ah! Are you ready?

MARY – "Uh huh."

BURNS – Alright, you want to walk over?"

**SAM BURNS VISITED PATIENTS AT CHILDREN'S OF MISSISSIPPI HOSPITAL LAST MONTH. HE SIGNED AN AUTOGRAPH FOR FIVE-YEAR OLD PATIENT MARY, WHO SIGNED ONE FOR HIM IN RETURN. LAST WEEK, THEY WERE REUNITED AT THE SANDERSON FARMS CHAMPIONSHIP.**

BURNS – "Whatcha been up to?"

MARY - I was watching"

BURNS - You were? How'd I do?"

MARY – "Good."

BURNS – "I did?

BURNS - All right, I'm just gonna go right up there.

NATS - Please welcome from the victorious Presidents Cup Team, Sam Burns!

BURNS CADDIE – "You like golf Mary? Who's your favorite golfer? Yes! Good answer. Hit you like a 95 One of those"

MARY – "That was a big shot."

BURNS – That was a good one wasn't it? Think you can make that putt? You wanna try it? Come on, all you gotta do is putt that white ball in the hole? So you take it and put it right there. Turn your hands and you widen your feet out a little bit. And you take it and you go like this. Exactly. That's all there is to it.

MARY – "I'm not really good at it."

BURNS – Alright, we'll try it. Let's try again. There you go, good job. Good job Mary, that was awesome. You got lots of balls. Thanks for hanging out with me, glad I got to see you, give me a hug, I'm gonna miss you. I'll see you soon. Okay. All right. Take care.

**BURNS' REUNION WITH MARY CAME AS HE CELEBRATED A CAREER YEAR THAT KICKED OFF IN JACKSON.**

BURNS SOT – Coming off the last year, I had a good year and know sometimes it's hard to kind of back that up. I knew I was playing well and kind of had it a little bit higher expectations for myself

ANNC – "Closing out an incredible week in Jackson, Sam Burns at the Sanderson Farms Championship!"

BURNS SOT - winning in my first start of the season kind of freed me up to, you know, know that when I was in a similar position, making sure I was playing to win and not just trying to play the top ten or play to have a good finish

HORSCHEL SOT - Sam Burns had a great year last year and the top came back and had a even better year this year. The win three times on the PGA Tour. Unbelievable player.

THOMAS SOT - I love his putting stroke. I think he just has, he looks so natural and so comfortable and athletic over the ball, but also relaxed.

ANNC – "Did he make another one, yes he did!"

THOMAS SOT - he came out with no fear kind of thing and expected a lot of himself and probably felt like he could prove some people wrong and he's clearly done that

ANNC - "Oh what a putt! He did it! Unbelievable putt there from Sam Burns!"

MORIKAWA SOT - I've known Sam since I've been like 13, 12, 13. He's always been a stud. He's always been, him and Scottie, like AJGA guys, those guys were tearing us apart. Those guys were the ones that were winning everything, playing really well.

BURNS SOT - being close a few times and not winning was really difficult. And then kind of when I was able to break through, it felt like I took a little bit of that, you know, so-called pressure off of not winning and just giving you that confidence that you need coming down the stretch.

**THE CONFIDENCE BURNS HAD GAINED WAS EVIDENT AS HE POSTED CAREER BESTS IN SCORING AVERAGE AND TOTAL STROKES GAINED LAST SEASON, EARNING HIS WAY ONTO THE VICTORIOUS U-S PRESIDENTS CUP TEAM.**

ANNC - "This put from 80 feet. He has to whack it. Looks pretty good."

BURNS SOT – I try to make sure that every week I'm doing everything I can early in the week to prepare to play my best thankfully this year I had, you know, my A-game a good bit of the time. So I was able to perform when I needed to.

ANNC – "You can add another one to Burns' list! From 48 feet!"

BURNS SOT - when I first got out here, I was kind of guessing a little bit on, you know, what I needed to do each week. I have a better understanding of kind of where my game is, you know, better understanding of the areas that I need to continue to improve upon. And more of a plan of how to attack those areas.

**PETER MALNATI IMPACT FEATURE**

PETER MALNATI: Are you Nolee

NOLEE: Yes.

PETER MALNATI: High five. My name is Peter. You're gonna hang out with me a little bit today?

NOLEE: Yes.

PETER: I'm so excited. How old are you?

NOLEE: Nine.

PETER: You're nine. Y'all come spend a day with me. Watch me hit a few golf shots?

NOLEE: Yes.

PETER: Sound like fun?

CHELSEA: Well from newborn up until about five months. She went undetected of a heart condition.

PETER: Oh, no way.

CHELSEA: Yeah. So once we made it up here to children's of Mississippi, that's when they detected her heart defect. And that's where she received care. She got surgeries at Children's in Mississippi when she was five months.

PETER: You know what? I'm not even known you for? I've only known you for 10 minutes. And I already knew you had a special heart. But now I find out you really do have a special heart. PETER: Have you ever met Nolee she is a patient ambassador from the Children's Hospital here and Nolee's going to spend some time with our group today. Which I think is awesome.

PETER: Now you hold. I'm gonna take this part. We're gonna swing it together. You ready?

NOLEE: Yeah.

PETER: I think we should count that as a two. I'm not sure we can. But I think we should

know that. You know, her mom found out when she was five months old. She had a heart defect. And children's Mississippi Fixed her heart gave her gave her this life like that. That's why this golf tournament makes sense. So it's really, it's really cool.

PETER: So you're only nine? So you don't have to know the answer to this yet. But I'm curious. Do you know what you want to be when you grow up?

NOLEE: A nurse.

PETER: Really? That is amazing. Do you really cool shoes? Did they have any racing feet inside of them? Are those always just peaceful walking feet for you? Can those ever be your racing feet? Oh, hey, you're not supposed to beat me. I gotta play a golf tournament. This week. My confidence is going to be shot. I knew you had racing feet inside those shoes. I said it when we were teeing off.

PETER: We're all here because of her people like her and to be a part of it. I feel I feel truly lucky to be here and even luckier to get to spend this day with you like this. Thank you so much.

**SERVPRO FEATURE**

**THE CUT PRESENTS, SAVING SHOTS**

ANNC: "Dean Burmester from South Africa playing on the TOUR for the very first time in his career. Long bunker shot but he made it look simple. What a great bunker shot that is. Man was that nice."

ANNC: "Ball played well back in his stance, trying to flight it down. Good catch there. Should be just perfect. Yep, how about that play. Boy he's just putting on a clinic with the short game."

ANNC: "Davis Riley now at 15, long bunker shot, gotta be aware of the speed if you carry it too far. Or just do that. Well, yeah that'll work too. You think that was pretty good Kirk? That was pretty good huh?"

**ALEJANDRO TOSTI SANDERSON FEATURE**

ALEJANDRO: Monday was an amazing day for me very emotional and a very long day. I worked so hard throughout all my life and seeing how many people have been involved in my progress. Seeing it play out this way, it's very emotional. There's so many players out there trying to live this moment to be in this position and it was super super nice to live that moment. To be able to tee-it up on the PGA TOUR at this level. I hit that tee-shot, I was crying. Walking off the tee. My tears were dropping.

That putt I saw the break and I knew it was going in about two-feet before. It was a pretty cool feeling. My goal was just to touch it and let it roll.

To be my first my first cut on the PGA TOUR is gonna be something that will never forget and to be able to play with the best players in the world and make the cut. It's it's very important for my confidence. It's a pretty cool feeling knowing that I'm not only going to be making the cut but that shot it means a lot to play a little bit later and be up in the in the leaderboard.

I had it going and I just didn't get the putts going in a couple holes in the end of the front nine. I give it my best until the last shot and that's something I'm proud of.

It's been awhile since I've been playing pro and at the highest level as an amateur and its pretty cool to see that I can play at this level and it was cool to play four rounds and know that my golf game can compete out here with these guys. I have so much work to do.

I'm heading out soon to the airport to catch the flight and I have a tee time tomorrow at noon try to Monday qualify for Vegas.

**RODNEY STRONG FEATURE**

**THE CUT PRESENTS, SUPERIOR SHOTS**

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY

ROUND 4, HOLE 10, SHOT 2

ANNC SOUND: "TAYLOR MONTGOMERY, THIS BIG BENDER, THIS GUY CAN FLAT PUTT LIKE THAT."

EMILIANO GRILLO

ROUND 4, HOLE 10, SHOT 2

ANNC SOUND: "TOUGH HOLE LOCATION ON THE LEFT SIDE...OOOH!"

TREY MULLINAX

ROUND 2, HOLE 11, SHOT 4

ANNC "MULLINAX DOWN THIS HILL...GOTTA BE CAREFUL... CAN'T BE TOO AGGRESSIVE...OR YOU CAN JUST HOLE IT...GET IN WAY HOLE"

**SANDERSON WINNER**

ANNC: With good speed, I don't think he has to play much break.

MACKENZIE HUGHES: felt fortunate that I had landed in that spot where I was comfortable with the read. I was confident in what it was going to do, and I played it right in the middle of the hole and it went dead straight.

ANNC: There it is.

MACKENZIE HUGHES: Been working really hard on the mental side things to instill that belief in myself. I try to really overdo the positive -- up the positive self-talk a lot, and I used that a lot today.

ANNC: He gutted that one out. Look at his putt. Look at his reaction.

ANNC: Mackenzie Hughes is now a 2-time victor on the PGA Tour. The champion of the 2022 Sanderson Farms Championship.

MACKENZIE HUGHES: The second one felt harder because I've had to wait a lot longer for it. The first one came in my fifth tournament as a PGA TOUR member. It's been six years since I did that.

ANNC: Took a little extra time but Mackenzie Hughes reaches the winners circle again.

ANNC: Grit and determination. What a performance.

**FEDEXCUP STANDINGS**

**MACKENZIE HUGHES’ VICTORY MOVED HIM TO THE TOP SPOT IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS EARLY IN THE SEASON.**

**COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10**

**THAT ALSO GAVE HIM THE LEAD IN THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10 FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS CAREER.**

**SENTRY GFX**

**HIS SECOND TOUR TITLE QUALIFIED HIM FOR THE SENTRY TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS IN JANUARY AS WELL.**

**SENTRY MONTHLY QUALIFIERS**

**JOINING HUGHES IN MAUI IS THE FOLLOWING WINNER FROM THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.**

ANNC: "HE NEEDS SOME VERY GOOD FORTUNE NIGHT NOW. WOW! CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT? OH MY GOODNESS... WHAT DID WE JUST SAY ABOUT MAKING BIG SHOTS WHEN YOU HAVE TO?"

ANNC SOUND: "THIS GAME NEVER CEASES TO AMAZE ME. BACK TO BACK WINS AT SILVERADO FOR MAX HOMA."

MAX HOMA SOT FROM THE COURSE: "I PLAYED REALLY GOOD GOLF. I JUST TRIED TO PLAY MY GAME AND SEE WHERE IT GOT ME, AND I DON'T KNOW THAT WAS A WILD FINISH. "

**TAYLOR MONTGOMERY SHADOW CREEK**

ANNC: And this is a guy you're excited about watching this year, Taylor Montgomery. He's kind of built for this tour. He's very long which we know works very well out here and typically he is a very good putter

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY SOT: "If it wasn't for my dad I would have never played golf. I was more interested in everything else, but he works at Shadow Creek so he'd take me out there and if you go out there and you don't like golf, then something is wrong with you."

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY NAT: "Welcome to Shadow Creek. This is the golf course that I grew up on."

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY SOT: "It's not really the stuffy country club vibe at all. You can go out there and play music and kind of do whatever you want with your friends."

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY NAT: "It's as good as you get in Las Vegas, that's for sure. I've lived here for 27 years. I love the golf course. And then also, I love going down to the hotels for the dinner shows and entertainment. Proud to call it home."

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY NAT: "I come out here every off week. Just to practice. It's really quiet out here and its in perfect shape. It is pure as it gets, the greens are unbelievable, the fairways are great."

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY NAT: "We're here on 18 tee. This is probably my favorite hole out here. Without Shadow Creek, I definitely wouldn't have played professional golf. Just some of the guys that I've met out here, the athletes like seeing Michael Jordan for the first time at ten years old. the stories we've shared. Those guys are the reason why I started the path to becoming a professional golfer

ANNC: Taylor Montgomery, think about his 2021 season finishing 26th in the Korn Ferry Tour regular season and the finals missing out on the PGA Tour card. Earns his card the very next season, great play and back out on the PGA Tour very first start, right in it.

Tee Announcer: Next to play from Las Vegas, Nevada Taylor Montgomery

TAYLOR: It's probably one of the most nervous times I've had on the golf course for some reason. First PGA Tour event as a pro? I have no idea The more I play it, the more comfortable I'll get.

ANNC: Taylor Montgomery, great final round, What a round of golf for Taylor Montgomery. I said he could putt. He can hit it far and roll it well. 64 to close in just his 5th ever PGA Tour start.

TAYLOR: Some days you have it and today was that day. //A day I will remember for awhile.//It gives me a lot of confidence. I want to play well on the PGA Tour and make my mark out there.

ANNC: Taylor Montgomery, Kurt this is a name we both circled , not just this week, but this year. I think the future is pretty bright for him.

**RSM BFL FEATURE**

ANNC: "And that is just a velvet touch. He should be able to make his four there. Absolutely."

SOT HIGGO: "I hit it pretty close quite a few times, and I made quite a few long putts. I probably scored pretty well on the par 5's. I hit them in two quite a few times so I had a few chances at eagle."

ANNC: "10-footer. Clutch putt. What an up and down. So good."

**WITH 24 BIRDIES OR BETTER AT THE SANDERSON FARMS CHAMPIONSHIP, BIRDIES FORE LOVE AWARDED GARRICK HIGGO 50-THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE CHARITY OF HIS CHOICE.**

SOT HIGGO: "There's a lot of charities that will benefit from it. I'm sure I'll choose the right one. I think that money will do very well."

**CANADIANS NICK TAYLOR AND MACKENZIE HUGHES HOLD THE EARLY LEAD IN THE BIRDIES FORE LOVE OVERALL STANDINGS, WITH 41 BIRDIES OR BETTER THROUGH THE FIRST TWO EVENTS OF THE FALL.**

**BETPARX FEATURE**

VO: I'm Kristen Rodgers from BetParx here with a quick preview of the Shriners Children's Open at TPC Summerlin in Las Vegas. BetParx is proud to be an official betting operator of the PGA TOUR. Of course, we have to start with Sungjae Im this week as he looks to defend his title and repeat in Vegas again this year. Last year, Im shot an incredible nine under 62 on the final day to win by four strokes and looked great at the Presidents Cup and is definitely a favorite this week. While Max Homa is fresh off his win in Napa, Homa has missed the cut more often than not at TPC Summerlin. If you're looking for someone more on the outside, I suggest looking at Cam Davis. I love his length off the tee especially in Vegas. I also feel like Aaron Wise is overdue for a win. I like him to finish in the top 10. You can bet on all the action at BetParx.

**JUSTIN SUH ROOKIE FEATURE**

NATS: From San Jose, California, please welcome Justin Suh.

JUSTIN SUH: There's guys on the first tee who had ask my caddie, how does he pronounce his last name? And my caddie always says Suh and then literally just two minutes later, it's like, oh, now, on the first day, Justin Sue.

SUH: Off the course, I'm very easy going. I don't take anything too seriously. It's kind of like my chance to be kind of normal. Like, not as intense as I am on the golf course. I think over the past like three years I've become like the best version of me, like a really good ball striker. My iron game is kind of taken on to another level. Putting is probably the best aspect of just having really good speed.

ANNC: Par putt now for Justin Suh. Oh man, what a finish.

SUH: Yeah, I mean, I live in Vegas and we do a lot of hiking, but we go out to the strip a lot and we just enjoy some nice dinners with whoever is in town. That's kind of pretty much all there is to do in Vegas.

PRODUCER: There's some other things...

SUH: There's some other things but yeah, those are some bad habits.

SUH: The relationship and the work process that I have with my caddie is a big part in my success, our success. It's been wonders working with him really simplifies the game for me because the way we work through our numbers, the way we dictate what club to hit is very similar. It's very simple.

ANNC: We knew this man was going to the tour. Now he's going to do so as a winner in the season finale. Justin Suh, the Korn Ferry Tour champion for 2022.

SUH: There has been a lot of hours of practicing and, trying to figure some stuff out and to see all those stuff pay off and, and kind of showcase itself gradually over the course of the Korn Ferry season, it just it's just very gratifying.

NATS SUH AND BRAMLETT: Let's go. I didn't know you were gonna stick around. Let's go. Oh, appreciate it. Thank you. So awesome. You owe me dinner.

SUH: Joseph Bramlett, he's kind of like my big brother that you look up to. Grew up playing golf with him up in NorCal, I've seen him, you know, go through his injuries and come back strong and we play a bunch in Vegas. It's always great to see him.

ANNC: Oh, my goodness. When it's going good, it's going good.

SUH: I think my game is trending in a way where I'm confident to be able to compete out there. And in ten years, I hope to say that I've just gotten better.

**TOUR PLAYLIST**

**SUH WILL MAKE HIS NEXT ROOKIE START IN VEGAS FOR THE SHRINERS CHILDREN’S OPEN, THE HOST OF EMOTIONAL MOMENTS WITH PATIENTS AND PLAYERS OVER THE YEARS.**

**Shriners Rollout**

SOT YOUNG GIRL: "I'VE GOTTEN TO MEET A LOT OF PROS AND I'VE GOTTEN PICTURES WITH ALL OF THEM AND THEY'RE ALL SO NICE."

NATS: GOOD JOB.

SOT JORDAN SPIETH: "HE SAID THAT BECAUSE OF HIS DISORDER WITH HIS HIPS, HE HAD TO STOP PLAYING OTHER SPORTS AND TOOK UP GOLF. IT'S TRULY COOL TO SEE SOMEBODY LOVE THE SPORT THAT YOU LOVE AND WANT TO WORK AT IT. IT'S A NEAT EXPERIENCE FOR SURE."

NATS: "IT'S SO MUCH FUN."

ANNC: "HARRY HIGGS, SECOND SHOT HERE. OH YEAH. GO AHEAD AND DO IT."

ANNC: "WHAT A SHOT! HE MADE IT! YES, HE SURE DID."

ANNC: "JUST TAKING CONTROL OF THE GOLF TOURNAMENT."

ANNC: "WHAT A GREAT DAY FOR SUNGJAE IM."