2022 PGA TOUR – THE CUT SHOW #43

MASTER SCRIPT

***A1 – COLD OPEN***

RORY MCILROY: You’ll be there. You’ll be next.

TOM KIM: Yes, amazing. Guess you have a bullseye on your back now.

RORY MCILROY: Well done, buddy, well done. I saw you eagled 3. And I said, oooooh.

TOM KIM: That was it!

***A2 – The CUT TITLES***

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR – THE CUT**

***A3 – RORY MCILROY AND TOM KIM FRIENDSHIP***

ANNC: The PGA TOUR is in very good hands, the present and the future of the TOUR right there.

TOM KIM: I think everyone in the world takes away from what he does in this game and how many years on TOUR he has. To be hitting the ball as far as he does, and still maintaining his body and not getting injured, it’s amazing. So hopefully I can stay on TOUR as long as he did and have the success he has.

ANNC: The scores are the same, but how about the yardage. Incredible how they got to those scores. Look at the driving distance. They’re 328 for McIlroy, he’s leading driving distance. And just shy of 290 for Tom Kim. But even though he had that much further into the green, look at the approach play.

ANNC: How about this from Kim with his second? Yeah 150 yards, just look at that balance, posing. He loves it, and why not? Knocks it stiff, Tom Kim.

TOM KIM: It was really, really fun for me. Obviously our lines were different off the tee. I can’t say enough about how amazing it was see his game and it was a privilege. You know we had some fun out there, and obviously playing well helps.

TODD LEWIS: Rory, yesterday during your press conference, Tom came in and kind of hijacked the press conference a bit and asked you a question.

RACHEL NOBLE: We’ll go to Tom.

TOM KIM: Hi, um, Rory. I have a question for you. What’s it like having so much success as a young player, and coming out and many years on TOUR….how do you manage all of that?

RORY MCILROY: I didn’t have as much success as you’re having at such a young age. I’ve always found it easier to get to number one in the world than staying there. I think staying there is harder. You’ve got a bullseye on your back, you need to work harder, everyone’s coming after you, that’s the one thing I would say. Just managing your time and not forgetting why you’re in this position.

RORY MCILROY: I was screaming at my TV during Presidents Cup. I was like, ‘this is so good.’

TODD LEWIS: I’m going to give you a chance to return the favor.

RORY MCILROY. Oh jeez, thanks for putting me on the spot here Todd. Yeah, I have no idea what to ask a 20-year-old. I did say, ‘when do you turn 21?’, he said, ‘Oh, I turn 21 next June,’. Like I’m going to be 34-years-old before he’s allowed to have a drink. When you turn 21, and you win your next PGA TOUR event, I’m going to bring you out for a few drinks.

TODD LEWIS: Alright, Rory’s buying. How about that?

**THE YOUNG STAR USED HIS NEW FRIENDSHIP AS INSPIRATION — FINISHING IN A TIE FOR 11TH. BUT IT WAS NO MATCH FOR HIS VETERAN COUNTERPART WHO ATTACKED THE WEEKEND WITH ONE GOAL IN MIND.**

***A4 – CJ CUP WINNER’S SIZZLE***

ANNC: If Rory wins today, he’ll become the number one player in the world for the 9th time in his illustrious career.

RORY MCILROY: I knew I needed to go out there and shoot a good score. I wasn't -- I knew if I went out there and shot even par, it wasn't going to get it done

ANNC: Just putting an exclamation point on this, 3 birdies in a row! He can smell it now!

RORY MCILROY: if you play solidly enough, hopefully that was going to be good enough and ultimately it was

ANNC: There is a new number one, but it’s a familiar name, Rory McIlroy is back on top of the golfing world after winning the CJ Cup in South Carolina!

RORY MCILROY: Sometimes you can feel further away than you actually are. But again, that's the great thing about this game, you're only a couple of weeks away from feeling really good about yourself and getting some good finishes and getting some momentum on your side.

RORY MCILROY: I've worked so hard over the last 12 months to get myself back to this place. I feel like I'm enjoying the game as much as I ever have.

ANNC: Rory McIlroy is the winner of the CJ Cup at Summit

RORY MCILROY: It's not just me, it's everyone that's a part of my team. It's not a solo effort.

ANNC: The Rory roars start early

RORY MCILROY: It's a team effort and I think whenever I think about that, that's what gets me a little bit choked up and emotional

ANNC: In an extraordinary PGA TOUR season it is Rory McIlroy with his extraordinary talents that wins a third FEDEXCUP title.

RORY MCILROY: It's really cool to be on this journey with other people that you want to be on the journey with.

ANNC: It means the world to him to be back at number 1 and get that 23rd win.

RORY MCILROY: Everything sort of feels like it's came together for me and today was just a continuation of how I felt like I've been playing over these last few months. Now it's all about going forward and trying to just keep this going.

***A5 – SENTRY WINNERS GFX***

**THE WORLD NUMBER ONE LOCKED UP HIS SECOND TITLE DEFENSE OF HIS CAREER. MCILROY WILL ALSO HEAD TO MAUI FOR THE 2023 SENTRY TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS.**

***A6 – FEDEXCUP STANDINGS GFX***

**MCILROY BECOMES JUST THE SECOND REIGNING FEDEXCUP CHAMPION TO WIN IN THEIR SEASON DEBUT, EARNING 500 FEDEXCUP POINTS AND MOVES TO FIFTH IN THE STANDINGS.**

***A7 – ELEVATED EVENTS EXPLAINED***

**THE PGA TOUR ANNOUNCED FOUR ADDITIONAL EVENTS WILL HAVE ELEVATED PURSES AND FEATURE THE TOUR'S TOP PLAYERS THIS SEASON.**

**THE W-M PHOENIX OPEN, RBC HERITAGE, WELLS FARGO CHAMPIONSHIP AND TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP WILL EACH HAVE A 20-MILLION DOLLAR PURSE, AND INCLUDE THE TOP-TWENTY IN THE 2022 PLAYER IMPACT PROGRAM.**

**THESE FOUR EVENTS JOIN THE PREVIOUS THIRTEEN ANNOUNCED AT THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP: THE FOUR MAJORS, THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP, THREE FEDEX CUP PLAYOFF EVENTS, THREE PLAYER-HOSTED INVITATIONALS, SENTRY TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS, AND WGC DELL TECHNOLOGIES MATCH PLAY.**

**THE FOUR EVENTS WILL CONTINUE TO AWARD 500 FEDEX CUP POINTS AND GOLF FANS CAN EXPECT THE GAME'S BEST TO GO HEAD-TO-HEAD EACH SEASON.**

***A8 – BUMP***

WEBB SIMPSON: Cam, from one Deacon to another, just wanted to say congrats on Rookie of the Year. Super proud of you. This is very heavy. Congrats, buddy.

***B1 – TOM KIM WALK AND TALK***

JOE SKOVRON: All you got to do is keep it left of this big tree on the right. Good shot.

TOM KIM: I'm still kind of new here, so obviously with the experience that Joe has, he knows a lot of the golf course more, so if he tells me to hit the shot, I just try to hit it.

JOE SKOVRON: If we were playing in the tournament, I’d tell you hit the low four. I agree. You know.

JOE SKOVRON: Because if the five gets spinning at all, it's not getting there you agree? Yeah.

TOM KIM: I just do what Joe tells me to do.

JOE SKOVRON: They really just try to hit it right on this ridge and let it feed into the hole landing, like, eight or ten short depending on the club. Do you agree. Yeah.

TOM KIM: I would say if he makes a mistake it's, I can give him some crap for it, so. It’s great.

JOE SKOVRON: This week's a little different because I haven't been here. So, you're coming out on Monday and you're making sure you're going through all the details and then going back to your notes that you have from past pins and then obviously adjusting. You know, I worked for a different player for 13 years, so then Tom's got different style of game, different strengths in game. So, it changes the way that some of those holes I've been around that we're going to play them.

JOE SKOVRON: You’re like 81 front. You got five out?

TOM KIM: No, I had the other one out but if it's 81.

JOE SKOVRON: Think it's just a good solid five.

TOM KIM: For me, it's a huge thing where before I would need to do my own yardages just to make sure and stuff but now, I haven't done much of that and it saves me a lot of energy and you know, obviously, Joe, with the experience that he has, he doesn't make mistakes.

TOM KIM: We only have a 22-year age gap. I'm very childish around him, so he needs to get used to that.

JOE SKOVRON: As a golfer he acts a lot older, right. Like his prep, his practice routine and how serious he takes in his goals. He’s really impressive and like definitely you can tell he turned pro at a young age and just traveled around the world, but then he's definitely got the 20-year-old side to him with the phone and Instagram and, you know, all that stuff.

TOM KIM: So, the Presidents Cup is probably one of the biggest nerves I felt like because I was playing for more for the team than myself. Obviously, golf is an individual sport, but you do have your team with you, and you know they support you and everything, but when you lose, it's kind of all in yourself. But for the team, like you want to win for these guys.

TOM KIM: Once the week got along, you know, I felt a lot better about myself and a lot more comfortable, but I think the Presidents Cup was a very, very different type of that pressure.

NATS: Let’s go Tom, let’s go Tom.

TOM KIM: Before I got on tour, I was always a spectator as well. So, when I play events especially at the Presidents Cup, when people started to kind of know my name a little bit more and, you know, just cheer me on, I thought it was it was really, really cool and it was pretty special because I was in their shoes. I still am. To be honest, when I’m around these guys, I feel like seeing those guys, it's amazing for me to see and I really appreciate when people kind of could recognize me you know, I'm pretty thankful for that.

TOM KIM: Joe is, great at everything. We're still in the honeymoon stage, but yeah, you know, it's been a good it's been a good relationship so far.

JOE SKOVRON: Let’s go get some lunch?

TOM KIM: Yeah.

***B2 – CAMERON YOUNG ROY SURPRISE***

PRODUCER: Who was Rookie of the year, in your opinion?

CAMERON YOUNG: I mean, I think I think myself.

ANNC: he is playing to win, he is a rookie out here

ANNC: and there it is, runner up finish.

ANNC: Got another one, this young man has taken such confidence

ANNC: it’s amazing, he’s just top ten every time

CAMERON YOUNG: I was kind of aware of what that took and just kind of what you have to do to be in consideration

ANNC: looking for his seventh top-three finish of the season

CAMERON YOUNG: To look back and think that, I've done a lot of those things and had the year that I've had to put myself in that position is, is kind of fun to think about

RORY MCILROY: I mean I watch Cam young play and I think, what can go wrong. You know he’s been so consistent this year

ANNC: Most top 3 finishes this season, Scottie Scheffler and Cam Young tied at the top of that list.

SAHITH THEEGALA: I think he’s at seven top threes, something absurd. He’s like five runner ups. He should win Rookie of the Year no matter what happens

WEBB SIMPSON: Cam, from one deacon to another, I just want to say congrats on Rookie of the Year. Super proud of you. Congrats buddy.

CAMERON YOUNG: Well it’s very special. I know we had a very strong rookie class and I know it’s voted by my peers so it’s a huge honor to be thought of in that way and to finish the year that way.

WILL ZALATORIS: Cam, it’s Will, congrats on being rookie of the year. Super cool back-to-back Wake Forrest Demon Deacons being rookie of the year. You had an incredible year. I’m looking forward to coming back out there with ya. Congrats again buddy, it’s so well deserved, so cool, and it’s something that obviously both of us have been working towards so, Go Deeks bud.

CAMERON YOUNG: Obviously they’ve got a very long history of producing some very good golfers. I’m lucky to have Webb Simpson to look up to and Will to follow as well.

DAVID YOUNG: He’s had these goals for a long time and he’s worked hard toward them. If you had to sum up Cam in a couple of words I would say, very goal driven, and hard working.

BARBARA YOUNG: He was just ready and he expected himself to compete at a high level right from the get go.

ANNC: Cameron Young has got the right game for this generation. Hits it long enough, straight enough.

JON RAHM: When you have someone who can drive it as well as he does. It’s not surprising because that ability is going to give you a level of consistency and advantage in all those difficult golf courses that he’s playing at now.

RORY MCILROY: It looks like a very sustainable swing to have for a long period of time. He lifts the club up and it’s in such a good spot in the top of the swing and then he’s got that little pause and then he just rips through it.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: When you play well in the majors then you know you can play against everyone in the world. You’re competing against some of the best players on some of the best courses on some of the toughest conditions. He showed up.

CAMERON YOUNG: I felt like I was able to take advantage of my good days and shoot some really low scores and take advantage of my solid golf and put some really solid weeks together.

DAVID YOUNG: As a son and as a player, he’s everything and more we’ve ever could have asked for. We feel so fortunate and happy for him too. As proud as you can be, I would say.

CAMERON YOUNG: I was lucky enough to have my parents here. They’ve obviously been with me on my whole journey through golf and very special to share this award with them.

***B3 – COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP TEN***

**KEEGAN BRADLEY REMAINS AT THE TOP OF THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP TEN. HE'S FOLLOWED CLOSELY BY TOM KIM WHO ADDED ANOTHER HIGH FINISH TO HIS RESUME.**

***B4 – SERVPRO FEATURE***

**THE CUT PRESENTS SAVING SHOTS**

ANNC: He’s looking a little more right, more direct line, mmmm, there’s some slope here this is going to be pretty good, this is going to be really good

ANNC: We’re going to go to 18 and watch Billy Horschel off the green, he made a nice long putt earlier and he’s putting lights out in the final round

ANNC: That was Aaron Wise’s pitch shot, and it was a beauty, very aggressive, but able to spin it and hold it near the hole.

***C1 – REJOIN***

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***C2 – ROOKIE FEATURE: VINCENT NORRMAN***

VINCENT NORRMAN: I'm Vincent Norman. I'm 24, and I'm from Stockholm, Sweden.

VINCENT NORMAN: I'm a ball striker. It's my. It's my strong suit. Me working hard on my putting, the last- ever since I turned pro, I realized people are so good at putting some. I've always been kind of a ball. Striking has come easy for me and I was just trying to develop my short game.

ANNC: Look at this wow! / like his attitude, doing exactly what he has to do.

VINCENT NORMAN: As a kid, you dream about it I can't believe it. It's so cool to actually do something that you look forward to your whole life and like you work all these hours when no one, no one sees you. Like you go up in the morning and do these early work hours, early reading sessions, and it's it's to be able to go there and like now you go there. It's I mean, it's so cool to just be in that moment and actually do it.

**FULFILLING HIS DREAM TO BE ON THE PGA TOUR, NORRMAN TEED IT UP FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A ROOKIE THIS YEAR AT THE FORTINET CHAMPIONSHIP WITH ADDED INSPIRATION IN THE CROWD**

CLAES NORMANN: I flew in from Stockholm on Sunday to see my son playing.

ANNC: From Sweden, please welcome Vincent Norrman.

NORRMAN: I mean, it was amazing. Never seen that many people on the first tee of this year. So it was great.

VINCENT NORRMAN: It's probably a 24 hour travel day for him. I haven't seen him since Christmas last year. So it's been a solid ten months. So for him to come out this week is so much fun. Like we can spend some time with him, which I can't do much these days.

CLAES NORMANN: This was the debut on the PGA Tour. And I want don't miss that. This is something I mean, this is history for us and for him. So, yeah, I want to see this. Definitely.

VINCENT NORRMAN: The amount of amount of hours he spent in the car driving me to the golf course and hockey practice and stuff through the years. I'm kind of happy I can give back to him and share this experience with him.

VINCENT NORRMAN: I think it'll be so cool to see competing against the guys you always grew up watching. I think I’ll learn a lot from that.

***C3 – TOUR PLAYLIST***

**VINCENT NORRMAN HOPES TO BUILD UPON HIS TIE FOR 36TH AT THE FORTINET CHAMPIONSHIP AS HE AND SEVERAL OTHER ROOKIES TAKE THEIR TALENTS TO THE BUTTERFIELD BERMUDA CHAMPIONSHIP.**

***C4 – RSM BFL FEATURE***

ANNC: How about that from long range, well done!

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: I actually played really, really well. I putted great really from the second day onward.

ANNC: Really playing some good golf.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Sometimes when you’re in a good mental state like that you don’t actually realize how many you’ve made, so that was nice coming off and hearing how many birdies I’d made.

**TOMMY FLEETWOOD’S 26 BIRDIES AT THE CJ CUP IN SOUTH CAROLINA WERE THE MOST FOR THE WEEK, AND HE SECURED 50-THOUSAND DOLLARS TO A CHARITY OF HIS CHOICE THROUGH THE BIRDIES FORE LOVE COMPETITION.**

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: You always want to be playing well and it’s your career out there, but what you leave behind, and how you treat people and how you help people is such a massive part of it.

ANNC: And another one goes for Tommy Fleetwood, boy!

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: that’s just another way that the TOUR and RSM are giving us the opportunity to do that and I feel very proud that this week that’s been me and I can help a good cause.

**WITH FOUR EVENTS REMAINING IN THE FALL, EMILIANO GRILLO HOLDS THE TOP SPOT IN THE OVERALL BIRDIES FORE LOVE STANDINGS, WITH TAYLOR MONTGOMERY FOLLOWING IN SECOND.**

***D1 – LOCAL IQ FEATURE***

JAMES EDMONDSON: PAR 4, 297. 272 covers those bunkers. Just take driver and send it.

RYAN PALMER: You know, we’ve been going at it since 2002. Friends before, been friends for a long time. Obviously it takes more than just myself to compete. It’s more than just carrying a bag. No, it’s knowing every little thing about the golf course.

JAMES EDMONDSON: The toughest part would be keeping him even keel. You know there’s highs and lows out here, and you just want to try to as smooth and consistent as possible. I think we’re doing something right because we’ve been doing this for 20 years and the guy is still keeping his card every year and winning every now and then. Easy par.

RYAN PALMER: Two-putt par, not bad to start. Let’s go play one more, but I’m carrying the bag. Let’s see what you can do. If you hit a good drive, you may get there with your 2 iron. Good shot.

JAMES EDMONDSON: I mean you can’t hide talent.

RYAN PALMER: Good shot, pro. Gets lighter every fairway he hits. Nah it’s a carry, no doubt about it. We there yet?

JAMES EDMONDSON: You better hit it past this this week. How’s that wind?

RYAN PALMER: Pinch cut one in there. I think you can sauce it in there on the right a little bit. You’d think he’d learn by now. Goodness gracious. Hey pro, that’s my fault. I thought you could hit 7.

JAMES EDMONDSON: I hit it a little heavy. It’s on the front of the green.

RYAN PALMER: A little uphill.

JAMES EDMONDSON: Oh, I smoked it. Oh one take, one take. Good work.

RYAN PALMER: Nice work. We’ll go tomorrow.

JAMES EDMONDSON: I’m proud of you.

RYAN PALMER: I’ll see you on the range.

***D2 – BETPARX FEATURE***

KRISTEN RODGERS: I’m Kristen Rodgers from BETPARX with a quick preview of the Butterfield Bermuda Championship. BETPARX is proud to be an official betting operator of the PGA TOUR.

KRISTEN RODGERS: After Rory McIlroy successfully defended his title at the CJ CUP last week, the TOUR is headed off the mainland to Port Royal in Southampton, Bermuda. Port Royal is the longest course on Bermuda, and golfers will have to be ready for that inclement weather.

KRISTEN RODGERS: That’s why I’m taking Seamus Power to win this week. He finished middle of the pack last week at Congaree, but Seamus plays well in those tough scoring conditions and it’s going to take a solid putter to win this week.

KRISTEN RODGERS: Denny McCarthy’s short game has also been great as of late, he’s a top-ten lock for me this week as well.

***D3 – ROLLOUT***

FANS: Congratulations. You played amazing. Can you sign right here please? Can you tell him congratulations? Congratulations.

RORY MCILROY: Thank you.

FANS: Tell him you’re 2-for-2 when you show up on Sundays.

RORY MCILROY: Oh, is that it?

FANS: yeah, we were at Wells Fargo.

RORY MCILROY: Oh, okay.

FANS: Thank you so much and congratulations. We’ll see you again at Wells Fargo this year right?

RORY MCILROY: Yeah

FANS: Awesome, let’s make it 3-for-3