2022 PGA TOUR – THE CUT #44 (WWTC AT MAYAKOBA)

**COLD OPEN**

ANNC: Living the island life what a welcoming spot on the PGA TOUR schedule, it’s the Butterfield Bermuda Championship

SOT: It's a great golf course. It sets up, it can be easy and it can be a tough challenge if the wind gets up.

ANNC: Port Royal golf club, first opened back in 1970. Robert Jones design. It’s on the shorter side by PGA TOUR standard but when the wind gets up, watch out!

SOT: Growing up in Australia, used to, you know, moving the ball around and getting a lot of wind. I'm looking forward to that challenge.

SOT: I really, really enjoy the place. It's unique I find like it's different and it's a beautiful place so it's a stop I really look forward to all year.

ANNC: There is plenty at stake, players know that and it will be fun to see who comes out on top Sunday.

**THE CUT TITLES**

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT**

**BERMUDA WINNER**

POWER WIN ANNC: Irish eyes are smiling on Power in Bermuda!

POWER WINNING SOT: It’s so hard. It’s only second win in I don’t know how many events, but it’s amazing // it’s going to take a while to sink in but absolutely over the moon.

POWER WIN ANNC: Power holds on to win the Butterfield Bermuda Championship by one, his second win on the PGA TOUR!

WINNERS PRESSER SOT: I noticed that last season having the winner's exemption // I was really able to play much more freely like when you're up near the lead and I think that's a nice thing to be able to do. That's also a goal to be doing anyway, but sometimes it's a little harder than normal. So it's going to be great. It gets a lot of bonuses. I mean, one of my favorite memories in golf was in Maui last year and being able to go back there year again, and having a three-year exemption is just fantastic.

LOCAL FAVE ANNC: // He’s teed it up all four editions of this event. Said he had a lot of friends in the area, had huge galleries following him this week as a local favorite // and Power gets it done.

WINNERS PRESSER SOT: It opens up so many doors. All of a sudden like you're looking at changing your schedule // knowing that you're going to be in the Playoffs and all this kind of stuff. It makes things a lot simpler, that's for sure. // there's not much golf left in the year, so it's nice to get away from that, for sure. It'll definitely like clear your thoughts, clear your mind going forward.

**FOLLOWING HIS WIN, AMERICAN CELTIC PUNK BAND DROPKICK MURPHYS HAD A MESSAGE FOR THE IRISHMAN.**

**SENTRY GFX**

**POWER’S SECOND CAREER PGA TOUR VICTORY EARNED HIM A SPOT IN THE SENTRY TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT YEAR.**

**SENTRY MONTHLY QUALIFIERS**

**JOINING POWER IN MAUI ARE THESE WINNERS THAT QUALIFIED IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.**

HUGHES SANDERSON ANNC: For the 2nd time in his career Macknenzie Hughes he won in a playoff winner of the 2022 Sanderson Farms Championship!

HUGHES SOT: It’s nice to be a 2 time winner not a 1 time winner so looking to add to that tally.

KIM ANNC: It came down to the second hole and Tom Kim is a 2 time winner before the age of 21 on the PGA TOUR.

TOM KIM SOT: It’s really amazing, a few months I didn’t have status in the US. it’s definitely a dream come true.

BRADLEY ZOZO ANNC: Gets win number 5 at the Zozo Championship and the drought for Keegan Bradley ends in Japan.

BRADLEY SOT: This is so special this is what I want to do I want to win tournaments, play Ryder Cups, this is a good start.

MCILROY ANNC: There is a new number one and it’s a familiar name! Rory McIlroy is back on top of the golfing world after winning the CJ Cup for the second consecutive year.

MCILROY SOT: It means a lot, I’ve worked so hard over the last 12 months to get myself back to this place, I absolutely love the game of golf, when I go out there and play with joy it feels awesome it’s a big achievement and I’m really proud of myself right now.

**FEDEXCUP STANDINGS**

**SEAMUS POWER MOVED UP TO FIFTH IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS AFTER HIS WIN IN BERMUDA, WHERE A LOCAL MADE HIS TOUR DEBUT.**

**BERMUDA NICK JONES FEATURE**

SOT: My ultimate goal is to make the cut, no Bermudian has done it yet. I got the butterflies in my stomach, you know thinking about everything but I’m just gonna look at the fans and leaning on them to help me through.

NATS: From Bermuda, Nick Jones!

NATS: Go get ‘em, Nick!

SOT: I was born in Somerset which is the village right here. I grew up on this golf course, I’ve played here maybe 1000 or so times in my life. My father was a teaching pro, Irvin Jones, he’s passed now but it would’ve been really cool to see me in this situation playing.

SOT: I tried to qualify last year, it definitely hurt, you know I wanted it really bad last year, prove to myself I could do it and play to a high, high level, but I got the opportunity to caddie to see what it’s like from that perspective. I just made it my goal I said you know what? This is something I want to work towards and play and experience it.

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SOT: I needed a job I needed to kind of save my funds up again to go and play so I can travel. Washing dishes, bartending, for the last year I’ve been working two jobs. Do whatever it takes to excel myself. I’ve been lucky enough that they let me practice here when I want so I know the course pretty well. It’s been an experience of a lifetime getting to see these golfers I mean these guys are the best players in the world. Michael Sims has been the closest so far to making the cut. I was probably 13 or 14 when I was watching on TV you know it was so cool to see a local Bermudian doing what I’ve dreamt to do. I run a clinic here for juniors. I hope they can look up to me and say you know what that’s actually really cool and I think if I work hard enough and practice long enough then I can actually make it myself. Happy to take on that role model position.

**DESPITE MISSING THE WEEKEND, THE EXPERIENCE AT THE BUTTERFIELD BERMUDA CHAMPIONSHIP WAS AN UNFORGETTABLE ONE FOR JONES.**

SOT: It was a dream to play against these guys and to experience this level of competition. Definitely give me another goal for the next year, gonna work on my game even harder, come back and try to make the cut again next year.

**BUMP**

HOVLAND SOT: Defending again at Mayakoba was awesome. Played my first PGA TOUR event there and to be defending champion there and winning two times in a row it’s pretty special.

SOT: This is a dream realized, really. 20 years I’ve been dreaming of this and being in the moment and realizing it, is pretty pretty cool.

**SEGMENT 2**

**DENNY MCCARTHY FEATURE:**

ANNC: It’s tee time with Denny McCarthy.

ANNC: One of the favorites coming into the week here at Bermuda.

MCCARTHY SOT: I’m excited to go out and have a good week. I think I got some really good work in and I feel really good about my game going into this week.

ANNC: The weather’s spectacular and the wind up a bit, posing more of a challenge into the weekend.

MCCARTHY SOT: I like the golf course, I like playing in windy conditions, so everything about this place is a big reason why I came back to play here.

ANNC: Good aggressive swing there. Wow! With some swagger. Best tee shot we have seen today at the par-3 16th.

MCCARTHY SOT: This is my fifth year out here, so I know all these courses out here very well so I think combination of being very comfortable, that’s why you see me having good results and look forward to knocking the door down.

MCCARTHY SOT: I’ve made some really nice strides in my ball striking, my fitness and how my body moves. Figuring more out as I go along it’s a continual learning process and I look forward to a challenge of just trying to get better.

ANNC: Denny McCarthy now, historically one of the best putters on the PGA TOUR and there’s a reason why. It is beautiful.

MCCARTHY SOT: It’s a staple of my game, it’s always something I can lean on even if I’m not hitting the ball well, it’s kept me in a few tournaments.

ANNC: There’s no hesitation, there’s no tension, there’s no stress, there’s no doubt.

MCCARTHY SOT: I know what I’m doing, the process that I’ve been following is the right path for me. I’m starting to get really comfortable.

ANNC: Sunday 67 for McCarthy.

ANNC: Still looking for that first win, but he keeps putting himself into position.

MCCARTHY SOT: I just gotta keep doing what I’m doing. Go to work and be patient and know that it’s gonna pay off soon.

**RSM BIRDIES FORE LOVE WINNER**

ANNC: Power for birdie. Get there he’s got in on line, oh yes he did. How clutch is that from Seamus Power?

POWER SOT: I felt my wedge play was good, I had some easy putts. I did the things that you need to do to make birdies. I putted well, hit some wedges close and I played the par 5s well.

ANNC: That’s a heck of a shot under pressure. Really good under pressure.

**WITH 28 BIRDIES OR BETTER AT THE BUTTERFIELD BERMUDA CHAMPIONSHIP, BIRDIES FORE LOVE AWARDED SEAMUS POWER 50-THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE CHARITY OF HIS CHOICE.**

POWER SOT: I imagine it will go to a charity that helps the families and stuff of cancer victims back home. // You know, I lost my mom at a young age to cancer and so it’s one of those things something that's close to my heart.

**ARGENTINA’S EMILIANO GRILLO HOLDS THE LEAD IN BIRDIES FORE LOVE OVERALL STANDINGS WITH 87 BIRDIES OR BETTER.**

**SEGMENT 3**

**ON THE RANGE: AUSTIN ECKROAT**

TRAVIS FULTON - All right. On the range here with PGA Tour rookie Austin Eckroat. Good to see you again, man.

ECKROAT - Good to see you.

TRAVIS FULTON - How's that sound? PGA Tour rookie. It's official. It's got to sound pretty good.

ECKROAT - It feels great. I mean, I can't believe it happened this quick, and I'm really excited.

TRAVIS FULTON - All that grinding Oklahoma State junior days, it all pays off now and you were third in the standings. PGA Tour University that got you the Korn Ferry Tour and now out here to the PGA Tour. What have you learned since the last time I saw you back in Arizona?

ECKROAT - You know, I think just honestly how to go through a week, you know, so different than what you're doing in junior golf, college golf, you know, you're showing up the day before or playing one practice round. Now you get here Monday before the week, how to pace yourself and, you know, make sure your game peaks for Thursday.

TRAVIS FULTON - Let's go pitching wedge. Okay. And what do you what are you working on right now? Just kind of carrying you through your bag as you as you're hitting these wedges.

ECKROAT - You know, I've been getting all too swinging a little too far up on it. Mostly the issues with the driver really just trying to get the weight transfer back to the left side. I was always a little steep on the driver. You know, golf is once you make an adjustment, then you've got to go back the other way. It's like the same thing with you start aiming upright, so then you start adjusting to aim left, then you start getting upright again.

TRAVIS FULTON - So it was creeping in, even like into the iron?

ECKROAT - Yeah, just the whole game. I was kind of hanging back and not quite getting down and through the golf ball

TRAVIS FULTON - Let’s hit a full wedge here, pitching wedge.

ECKROAT - Full wedge here? Okay. That was how I want to hit it, right there, that was that wasn't hanging back. I was getting down and through it. That was a good swing there.

TRAVIS FULTON - Was it kind of nervous your first couple events on the PGA Tour? You're, like, looking around like I'm here. I mean, few more nerves?

ECKROAT - Yeah, well, luckily, I played a lot of PGA Tour events before I became a member, so I had that, you know, the nerves kind of knocked out now. I just kind of feel like I am one of the guys out here, you know? I feel like whenever you're playing those exemptions, you kind of feel lucky to be out there. But now I feel like I'm actually a part of this tour and it's a lot different. It's a lot better.

TRAVIS FULTON - Let's go with your seven here. So more weight left, more down on top of it. Do you would you do any drills or would you just.

ECKROAT - Yeah, definitely do some drills. One we've been working on is just the step through shot. You know, simple kind of gets a good rhythm too // So that would just be you kind of starting off with the ball on the front of your stance and then taking a step through it, really feeling that transfer, getting to the left side. Yeah. And it's actually incredible how well you can at the golf ball.

TRAVIS FULTON - Right, right. Yeah. I think it was interesting you said you can play the ball forward.

ECKROAT - Well, the playing it forward to go get it.

TRAVIS FULTON – So you can go get it. That's right. Yeah. So for a player who might be hanging back a little bit like.

ECKROAT - Ball back in the stance isn't a good thing. You know, you want to go get that golf ball, go chase it, you know?

TRAVIS FULTON - Yeah, that's right. That's a Band-Aid.

ECKROAT - Yeah, that's a short term Band-Aid.

TRAVIS FULTON - That's right. We got to hit driver a couple times.

ECKROAT - Driver a couple times. That's where the this is where the struggles have been recently.

TRAVIS FULTON - So take me through that.

ECKROAT – Just can't keep that ball from launching right. And staying right. You know. So I'm trying to work on teeing it down just a little bit. Yeah. Making myself get through the golf ball. That's the miss right now.

TRAVIS FULTON - Okay. So just hung there a little.

ECKROAT - I mean, it's still in play, but it's not what I want, so we’re working on that.

TRAVIS FULTON - This one's going to turn over.

ECKROAT - This one's going to turn. Little draw now.

TRAVIS FULTON - All right. Yes. Turn this one little bit.

ECKROAT - Turn this, all that. There it is. There she is. There it is. Yeah. Now, that would be if I'm doing that all day, I should do pretty good.

TRAVIS FULTON - You're a happy man right there. Why don’t you just take that to the PGA Tour hit your drivers like that. Hit your wedges like that. Off you go. Good to see you man.

ECKROAT – Good to see you.

**PGA TOUR U STANDINGS**

**CHECKING IN ON THE CURRENT VELOCITY GLOBAL RANKINGS FOR PGA TOUR UNIVERSITY, TEXAS TECH’S LUDVIG ABERG CURRENTLY SITS ATOP THE STANDINGS.**

**ROOKIE PROFILE: BRANDON MATTHEWS**

TEE ANNC: On the tee from Dupont, Pennsylvania please welcome

BRANDON MATTHEWS: Brandon Matthews, 28 years old.

BRANDON MATTHEWS: I'm a golf nerd. So honestly, anywhere I tee it up, I'm thrilled to be out there, thrilled to be competing against some of the best players in the world and have the opportunity to become one of those players as well.

ANNC: Three seventy to the front of the green. Oh, yes. How about that shot by Brandon Matthews?

BRANDON MATTHEWS: I'm known for hitting it far.

ANNC: Brandon Matthews hoisting one.

BRANDON MATTHEWS: It really has come pretty naturally. I was a big baseball player when I was younger.

ANNC: It’s fun watching these guys progress, especially a player with length.

BRANDON MATTHEWS: There's a story about my dad sitting me on the 15th tee with a bucket of balls and trying to cover the water when I was really young. And then as soon as I got hit over the water, he moved me back a tee. That's how I really harness my power and got it to the point where it was all throughout my childhood and continues today.

BRANDON MATTHEWS: The rounds that I get to play with him are far and few between anymore. And when we get together get to be able to get together and play, it's pretty special.

BRANDON MATTHEWS: I really enjoy life to the fullest extent I possibly can. And, you know, I just really, really try to be light with everything. Not too serious.

BRANDON MATTHEWS: I'm fortunate enough to have a few good friends with some boats back in Jupiter. And I love hanging on the water it's pretty much just golf, gym and the little time that I do get to take away from the game kind of spend it relaxing on the water.

ANNC: We talk about his length, but he’s got different velocities that he can go in there. Gotta have you a 2-seamer, 4-seamer, a cutter. The whole repertoire.

ANNC: Winner of the Astara golf championship on the Korn Ferry Tour part of a career season for Brandon Matthews.

BRANDON MATTHEWS: To finish the way I did there and come down the stretch and have confidence in my short game putting and the things that I've worked really hard on over the past few years to get in the position that I'm in to see those shine when it mattered most was pretty cool.

BRANDON MATTHEWS: It's just dream realized, really. 20 years since I've been dreaming of this and being in the moment of realizing it is, is pretty, pretty cool.

BRANDON MATTHEWS: The mentality that I've always had is to try to strive to be the best. Because realistically, if I set my goals anywhere short of that, I'd be doing myself a disservice. so short term, we're just looking to get better every day and get to the point where we can compete on a weekly basis out on the PGA Tour.

**SERVPRO FEATURE**

**THE CUT PRESENTS – SAVING SHOTS**

ANNC: How tough is this for Van Rooyen? On the down slope in the bunker really needs to hit the fringe to have a chance to get it close. Oh this is executed to perfection. That is a great bunker shot.

ANNC: The Belgian, Thomas Detry. How about this shot? Oh! How about that shot? Into solo third with that birdie birdie finish. How about that?

ANNC: Just a little 86 yards left for Yu. Oh there we go!

**SEGMENT 4**

**BETPARX FEATURE**

I’M KRISTEN ROGERS FROM BETPARX HERE WITH A QUICK PREVIEW OF THE WORLDWIDE TECHNOLOGY CHAMPIONSHIP AT MAYAKOBA. BETPARX IS PROUD TO BE AN OFFICIAL BETTING OPERATOR OF THE PGA TOUR. WE HAVE A STRONG FIELD THIS WEEK, WITH SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER LOOKING TO TAKE BACK THE NUMBER ONE SPOT FROM RORY MCILROY WITH THE WIN. BUT ALL EYES WILL BE ON VIKTOR HOVLAND AS HE LOOKS TO THREE PEAT AT MAYAKOBA. IF HE DOES WIN FOR THE THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR, IT’LL BE THE FIRST THREE PEAT SINCE STEVE STRICKER IN 2011 AT THE JOHN DEERE CLASSIC. I DO THINK HOVLAND WILL DO IT, IT’S CLEAR HE PLAYS WELL ON THIS COURSE AND IN THIS CLIMATE, SO HE’S MY PICK AT MAYAKOBA THIS WEEK. I ALSO REALLY LIKE AARON WISE TO FINISH IN THE TOP 5 THIS WEEK. HE’S LOOKED GOOD THE LAST TWO YEARS AT THIS COURSE AND I EXPECT A STRONG SUNDAY FROM HIM. AS FOR A TOP 10 LOCK, TONY FINAU FINISHED IN THE TOP 10 LAST YEAR AND I EXPECT THE SAME FROM HIM THIS YEAR IN 2022.

**VIKTOR HOVLAND FEATURE**

ANNC: He’s 23 years old out of Oklahoma State from Norway.

ANNC: So this for birdie and the win. // A win it is for Viktor Hovland! What a way to do it.

ANNC: Birdie at the last and he wins for the second time on the PGA TOUR.

HOVLAND SOT: it's nice to get some points in early just to kind of solidify your spot of the upper part of the leaderboard.

HOVLAND SOT: I'd say my ball striking is usually my strength.

HOVLAND SOT: I've really made some good gains in my putting. // If you don't have a good ball striking day, you can bail you out sometimes with a good putter.

ANNC: How about that from Viktor Hovland! A birdie on the 9th, 22-under, the lead back to four.

ANNC: Boy, I just don’t see any reason to think that Viktor Hovland’s gunna back up at any point. // If he birdies one of these two holes, // Somebody’s going to have to do something dramatic to catch him.

HOVLAND SOT: If you just felt like you played your everyday game and you happen to win, you know, it's easy to think next time that okay, I can do this again.

ANNC: It’s official! Viktor Hovland is going back-to-back at Mayakoba! Wins once again here at the World Wide Technology Championship.

**HOVLAND’S VICTORIES THE LAST TWO YEARS HAVE FEATURED A BUNCH OF RED NUMBERS, AS HE LED THE FIELD IN TOTAL BIRDIES EACH YEAR, IN PART THANKS TO HIS ADVANTAGE OFF THE TEE, RANKING TOP 10 IN DRIVING DISTANCE IN BOTH TITLES.**

HOVLAND SOT: Defending again at Mayakoba was awesome. Played my first PGA TOUR event there and to be a defending champion there and win it two times in a row it's pretty special.

**COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10**

**A STRONG WEEK IN MEXICO COULD MOVE HOVLAND INTO THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10, WHICH IS CURRENTLY LED BY KEEGAN BRADLEY.**

**MAYAKOBA ROLLOUT**

ANNC: The worldwide Technology championship at Mayakoba / el Camaleon golf club right along the sparkling waters here in the Caribbean here in south eastern Mexico

ANNC: Viktor Hovland / Wins for the second time on the PGA TOUR / that smile it’s gonna take a long time to wear off.

ANNC: It’s official Viktor Hovland has gone back to back at Mayakoba.

ANNC: Bringing it back!

ANNC: Perfection from Jonathan Byrd. Course with the most aces since 2015

ANC: He did not fold down the stretch and Patton Kizzire breaks through!

ANNC: Welcome back to the top Matt Kuchar! Well done.

SOT: Golf’s such a funny game I’m awfully excited. This is certainly a high note.

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