**2022 PGA TOUR – The CUT #48 (Hero World Challenge)**

**Cold Open**

ANNC: 26 feet to end the journey

ANNC: Back to back weeks for the University of Texas Longhorns

ANNC: Japan’s greatest golfing export

ANNC: That’s one of the biggest smiles we’ve seen all week

ANNC: A champion on the rise

ANNC: They just discovered he won.

ANNC: Defends his title at the RBC Canadian Open!

ANNC: He made clutch putt after clutch putt after clutch putt

ANNC: And it’s Xander Schauffele who delivers the last decisive point.

ANNC: For the third time in his last seven PGA TOUR starts, Tony Finau is a winner

ANNC: There is a new number one but it’s a familiar name. Rory McIlroy is back atop the golfing world.

**The CUT Titles**

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT**

**Show Setup**

**THIS YEAR THE PGA TOUR HAS HAD NO SHORTAGE OF DRAMATIC MOMENTS…**

ANNC: Oh Mcilroy has done it. Answers the call and lights up the crowd.

**EXCITING FINISHES…**

ANNC: Did he make another one? Yes he did!

**AND NEW PLAYERS RISING TO THE TOP OF THE GAME.**

ANNC: This guy Scottie Scheffler’s a star now he’s a superstar

**AS 2022 DRAWS TO A CLOSE, THE CUT HIGHLIGHTS SOME OF THE BIGGEST STORIES FROM THE YEAR, STARTING WITH THE PLAYER OF THE YEAR AS CHOSEN BY HIS PEERS.**

**Scheffler Mini**

PRODUCER: Who’s one player that you would say raised their game to the next level this season?

BILLY HORSCHEL: Scottie Scheffler.

SAM BURNS: Scottie.

JON RAHM: Scottie Scheffler.

MAX HOMA: Scottie.

JUSTIN THOMAS: I feel like it’s a pretty obvious answer in Scottie.

PRODUCER: If you had to pick just one word to describe this season, what word would you pick and why?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER SOT: For this season? Um, probably fun haha

ANNC: What a run for Scottie Scheffler. This is an unbelievably quick ascent.

ANNC: "He's played well in majors, he's contended a number of times, no one has been saying he should have won by now but you've just sensed all along that he's close."

SCHEFFLER: Having those couple of those close calls is definitely frustrating, so for me, that's motivation enough.

ANNC: "That right there, greatest putt of his young career brings him that first victory. Congratulations to Scottie Scheffler, a super Sunday he will never forget. The champion of the WM Phoenix Open."

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: "I think the first one is probably always the hardest, it's definitely a pretty satisfying feeling being able to win the tournament and get the monkey off your back.

SAM BURNS: He's always been a world class player but, you know for his first win to happen this year I think, you know kind of talking about the floodgates opening, after that you know he went on to win 3 more events.

ANNC: “This is his 73rd start, he could have his second win.”

ANNC: "One shot win for Scheffler. A second victory in his last 3 PGA TOUR starts."

ANNC: "You've been drumming it into all our heads, once this guy wins, it's gonna be the proverbial floodgates. Well they're open."

ANNC: “There’s a new number one, his name is Scottie Scheffler, right here in Texas!”

SCOTTIE 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. I don't feel like No. 1 in the world. I feel like the same guy I was four months ago, and I hope that doesn't change.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I really do just love playing golf and playing golf at the highest level. It's fun for me to compete and I wanna play against the best and I think this year will be a good kind of stepping stone for years to come.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I think when you see the leaderboard on Sunday at a major, it’s really a lot of the best players in the world. The Masters was one of the coolest moments of my life, for sure.

ANNC: “This is what champions do.”

ANNC: “This guy really has shined.”

SCHEFFLER: I think for me I was just trying to ride that momentum. 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.

**Cameron Young Mini**

ANNC: This guy was at the Korn Ferry last year and now he is in the Tour Championship.

SAHITH THEEGALA SOT: I think he's had seven top three's, something absurd. He's had like five runner ups and he's done it in some big events, majors, riv.

CAMERON YOUNG: I took advantage of my opportunities and played well when I had to, to kind of keep pushing forward and getting into things that weren't necessarily set in stone in the beginning of the year.

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

RORY MCILLROY SOT: He's been so consistent this year with so many top three's but I look at his swing and his demeanor and how he plays golf and I think he's gonna be around for a long time. He's super impressive.

JUSTIN THOMAS SOT: I think Cameron Young is really frickin good, I think he's very even keel, he handles his emotions well. I respect the way that he goes about the game

BILLY HORSCHEL SOT: I think he's only going to get better and he's already good as it is but I think in a couple years he's going to be a really dominating force out there

MORIKAWA SOT: When you play well in the majors then you know you can play against everyone else in the world, you're competing against the best players on some of the best golf courses on some of the toughest conditions. He showed up.

Cameron Young SOT: I've been so close to doing a lot of things you know I came close to winning multiple times, I came close to winning a major. I can't quite describe it as a total success because although I've done a lot of good things and you know I've kept my job and made it to east lake, I haven't done everything that I set out to do.

Webb Simpson NAT: Cam from one deacon to another. Just want to say congrats on Rookie of the Year. Super proud of you. That's very heavy. Congrats, buddy.

Cameron Young:  Arnold Palmer a giant in the game of golf and we have him to thank for a lot of what we do today, what the PGA TOUR is. To be related to that in some small way is very cool.

David Young: He's worked hard for a long time and we're just so happy for them all the success and for things to be going so well.

Barbara Young: when he was about nine, ten, eleven. You could see his little brain work and trying to figure out how to chip and how the club face would need to be. And, you know, you don't always see that in every little kid.

ANNC: Can't say enough about how impressive this rookie has been

Cameron Young: 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 just to kind of finish the year that way.

**Rory Mini**

RORY WINNER PRESSER The steady climb back up to the summit of world golf / it's not just me, it's everyone that's a part of my team  it's really cool to be on this journey with other people that you want to be on the journey with. That's a really cool part of it.

YEAR IN REVIEW1 Rory McIlroy defends his title at the RBC Canadian Open!”

YEAR IN REVIEW3 “I think multiple win seasons are harder to come by out here cause of the depths of the fields, everyone out here coming off Korn Ferry is ready to compete and ready to win. The TOUR just gets stronger every year.”

YEAR IN REVIEW3 ANNC “Stakes are as big as they get on the PGA TOUR.”

YEAR IN REVIEW1 “To be the first guy to get to 3 Fedexcups, pretty monumental achievement in my book.”

YEAR IN REVIEW 3 I would rank a Fedexcup right alongside winning a major. In a major championship you have to play well for one week out of the year, to win a Fedexcup you have to play well all year.”

YEAR IN REVIEW3: “Oh McIlroy has done it! McIlroy has inched ahead with 2 holes left in regulation.

“Really proud of my resilience and just sort of stuck my head down and took advantage of the opportunity I was given.”

“In an extraordinary PGA TOUR season, It is Rory Mcilroy with his extraordinary talents that wins the Fedexcup title!”

YEAR IN REVIEW3 Harry said it to me on the 18th green, all the good golf you played this year you deserve this. To do something no one in golf has done is really cool.  To share 2 Fedexcups with Tiger Woods is a really cool accomplishment, but to even separate myself from that tie and get to 3 I’d put that as some of the biggest achievements I’ve had in the game.”

CJ CUP ANNC: There is a new number one and it’s a familiar name! Rory McIlroy is back atop the golfing world after winning the CJ Cup in South Carolina for the second consecutive year!

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

**Fall Wrap**

**RORY’S RISE TO NUMBER ONE WAS AMONG A HOST OF STAND-OUT PERFORMANCES IN THE FALL.**

TOM KIM SHRINERS ANNC: Came down to the 72nd hole and Tom Kim is a 2 time winner!

TOM KIM CUT SOT “Fantastic touch, never gave in today. The game he’s had all week has been great.”

TOM KIM CUT SOT: “I still got a long way to go and hopefully have a long career on the PGA TOUR.

TOM KIM CUT SOT: “He has taken the world by storm.”

ANNC - “A champion on the rise, Max Homa!”

ANNC - “A memorable season to say the least for Max Homa!”

**ONE WEEK AFTER DEFENDING HIS FORTINET CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE, HOMA POSTED A 4-0-0 RECORD IN HIS PRESIDENTS CUP DEBUT.**

ANNC - “This could really cement everyone Max Homa in everyone’s mind across the US and world if this goes down.”

HOMA: “When we talk about things that money can’t buy, money cannot buy that feeling and I’ll remember it forever and will tell anybody who ever wants to hear about it how that felt.”

ANNC: Please welcome from Las Vegas, Nevada. Taylor Montgomery.

ANNC:  “A kiss off the stick!

**TAYLOR MONTGOMERY KICKED OFF HIS ROOKIE SEASON IN STYLE, RACKING UP TOP 15’S IN 6 OF 7 STARTS**

MONTGOMERY RSM SOT: The way that I practiced this year was a lot different / instead of just getting up and hitting shots it was more live fire, tournament feel / so when I got into a tournament it didn’t feel like too much work, it was right there.”

**AMONG THE WINNERS FROM THE FALL, KEEGAN BRADLEY NOTABLY BROKE THROUGH WITH HIS FIRST VICTORY SINCE 2018.**

BRADLEY ANNC: “Gets win number 5 at the ZOZO Championship, and the drought for Keegan Bradley ends in Japan!”

KEEGAN WINNER PRESSER I feel like I should be contending for tournaments // of my five, I haven't really won that many leading the entire day like I did today and I really learned a lot and I think I can take a lot of that going forward the rest of the year.

**FedExCup Standings**

**BRADLEY FINISHED THE FALL SECOND IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS BEHIND BERMUDA CHAMPIONSHIP WINNER SEAMUS POWER.**

**Sentry Monthly Qualifiers**

**JOINING POWER AND BRADLEY IN MAUI THIS JANUARY ARE THE FOLLOWING WINNERS FROM THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.**

ANNC: And in dominating fashion, Russell Henley picks up his 4th career win on the PGA TOUR. What a performance.

SOT: All those events I didn’t close on, they hurt. You don’t know if you’re gonna get to win another one it’s so hard out here. To come down 18 with a four shot lead it was really cool.

ANNC: For the third time in his last 7 PGA TOUR starts. Tony Finau is a winner. The fifth in his career. Dominant performance from Finau this week in Houston.

SOT: I’ve always had belief but the confidence when you win is contagious. I’ve just always been a very hopeful person and work extremely hard on my body and on my game and now I’m starting to bear the fruits of that labor.

ANNC: In his 70th career start, Adam Svensson is now a PGA TOUR winner for the very first time.

SOT: To be honest it’s not even real right now I’m just so happy and I put so much work in. To win on the PGA TOUR means everything to me.

**PGA TOUR Champs Wrap**

ANNC: It’s a very unique season on the PGA TOUR Champions. You have 5 players with 3 or more wins.

ANNC: Alker has answered every call this year. A statement win for Alker. His 4th win this season.

ALKER SOT: I just decided to knuckle down and start playing me, start playing Steve alker golf.

ANNC: Bernhard Langer won the Chubb classic earlier this season to become the oldest winner on PGA TOUR Champions.

LANGER SOT: It’s hard to beat these guys on a regular basis but on certain courses and the putter is hot I can still pull it off.

ANNC: Number 44 for Bernhard Langer

ANNC: Mathematically to win the Charles Schwab cup playoffs it could only be Steven Alker or Padraig Harrington.

ANNC: Harrington rewrites the record books. Wins by 7 and takes the Charles Schwab cup championship. How unlikely a story is it that Steven Alker has gone to to toe with Padraig Harrington and Alker is going to prevail.

ANNC: Alker is your Charles schwab cup playoff champion.

ALKER SOT: I just had a good plan and it’s all happened really quickly so this is amazing.

**Steven Alker Feature**

STEVE FLESCH: The one player that surprised me the most, not only this season, but going back three months prior to that was Steven Alker.

PAUL BROADHURST: He’s took Champions Tour by storm, you know, the last 18 months. And there's no sign of him stopping.

COLIN MONTGOMERIE: got a great swing, hits the ball a long way – longer than most people think he does. He's by far the player of the year.

JIM FURYK: He didn't have a ton of success throughout his career before the age of 50, but he's kind of given a great opportunity this year and he's made the best of it.

STEVE FLESCH: Some of the runs he's been on, I mean, some guys, we've agreed they're kind of almost Tiger-esque, like the guy just if he's in contention, he wins.

ANNC: Boom! Steven Alker – a winner again as he captures the 2022 Insperity Invitational!

BERNHARD LANGER: felt more and more and more comfortable playing in the last group and he started winning.

STEVEN ALKER: Amazing, I think, that's the that's the one word that kind of sums it all up for me  because kind of where I've come from in the last of 18 months, two years. Playing the Korn Ferry, kind of struggling away. And then to come into this environment and winning what I have, that's amazing to me.

ANNC: Steven Alker! Drop the mic! Drop the putter! Yes sir!

STEVEN ALKER: Winning the major and the way I did with my last round, that was that was pretty neat. Winning one of those kind of feels like I belong a little bit more.

**BUT THERE’S NO PLACE THE NATIVE NEW ZEALANDER FEELS MORE COMFORTABLE THAN HIS HOME AWAY FROM HOME IN ARIZONA.**

STEVEN ALKER CAR GOPRO: We were in Scottsdale and we just decided to start looking around at a place here in the States. Found a townhouse we liked and the price was right. Ok, let’s just go for it.

TANYA ALKER: We're a team and we've always been a team. And we have family we've made here, but we have no actual family here at all. Our nearest family member is, in fact, my family, which is 8,000 miles away, as opposed to Steve's family, which is 12.

TANYA ALKER: We have college sorted now. We have a second vehicle for the first time ever. We've been able to, you know, replace our 30-year floor.

MARY HUGHES: He has struggled a lot over the times / Always knew he had the potential to do this. I know that at one point, perhaps he thought that he might have to do something else, but the big “P” came into – perseverance – and he stuck with it and achieved what he wanted to.

TANYA ALKER: To be able to achieve this and for us to be a part of it with him is just beyond amazing and just so grateful. We always hoped and prayed it would happen and now it has.

STEVEN ALKER: I've got here, like, kind of dreaming. And I like to dream. I like to dream during the day, so it's a good dream. So yeah, there are times when I like to see myself with the trophy in my hands. Is it big headed or cocky? I don't think so that's just want it just what I do. I think that's what a lot champions do. Why not me?

**Servpro Saving Shots**

**THE CUT PRESENTS, SAVING SHOTS**

ANNC: “Kelly’s third on the way. Yeah, good bunker player, just wanted to dump it out check and release down that slope. Nicely done.”

ANNC: “Lies not looking too great for Alker’s 3rd at 10. The awkward part will be his stance. You can get this up and down. Got it way up in the air and pretty well done. I would say pretty well done, yes.”

ANNC: “Woah, Hit it like that. Alex Cejka doesn’t even need a putter. Just dunks it on the 15th.  Doesn’t even need green, just flies it in the hole.”

**Tiger December Schedule**

**AFTER NEARLY FIVE MONTHS, DECEMBER WILL MARK A RETURN FOR TIGER WOODS.**

ANNC TIGER HERO 1 – “Oh Tiger!”

**TIGER WILL BE ON HAND AS HOST AT THE HERO WORLD CHALLENGE THIS WEEK, BEFORE TEAMING UP WITH RORY MCILROY TO TAKE ON JORDAN SPIETH AND JUSTIN THOMAS IN THE LATEST EDITION OF THE MATCH THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND.**

ANNC PNC – “Dad drops in the eagle.” “There we go bud, now we’re talking.”

**A WEEK AFTER THE MATCH, TIGER AND SON CHARLIE WILL RETURN TO THE PNC CHAMPIONSHIP, AND TRY TO IMPROVE ON THEIR RUNNER-UP FINISH LAST YEAR.**

ANNC PNC FINISH 2021 – “Tiger and Charlie in the books //57!”

**WHICH MEANS WE HAVE PLENTY OF TIGER TO COME OVER THE NEXT MONTH.**

**TOUR Playlist**

**AMONG THE PLAYERS COMPETING IN THE BAHAMAS THIS WEEK IS SAM BURNS, ANOTHER PLAYER THAT EMERGED AS A STAR IN 2022.**

**Sam Burns Mini**

SAM BURNS: Coming off the last year, I had a good year and 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 extraordinary week in Jackson, Sam Burns at the Sanderson Farms Championship!"

SAM BURNS: When I was able to break through and just giving you that confidence that you need coming down the stretch, knowing that you've done it in the past is definitely helpful.

ANNC: “Winner at the Valspar Championship in 2021 and now here in Mississippi.”

SAM BURNS: 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

ANNC: “All that good play this past season, you can just tell he’s playing with a lot of confidence.”

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

JUSTIN THOMAS: I love his putting stroke. He looks so natural and so comfortable and athletic over the ball, but also relaxed.

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

JUSTIN THOMAS: 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: “Here’s a putt on the way for Sam. Oh what a putt, he did it! Sam Burns comes from seven down.”

COLLIN MORIKAWA: 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.

ANNC - "Sam Burns from 80 feet. He has to whack it to get it there. Looks pretty good. Looks real good. Really good"

SAM BURNS: 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!"

SAM BURNS: When I first got out here, I was kind of guessing a little bit on 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 kind of have more of a plan of how to attack those areas.

SAM BURNS: To win three times this year I'm just really thankful for, you know, everyone on my team putting in hard work and having a great year.