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**COLD OPEN**

ANNC: “Japan’s greatest golfing export getting a win in the fiftieth state.”

ANNC: “There is a new number one his name is Scottie Scheffler.”

ANNC: “Billy Horschel at his best”

ANNC: “Congratulations Xander you are a champion once again.”

ANNC: “The floodgates are open for Tony Finau.”

ANNC: “Well I think that is going to do it.”

ANNC: “Its Rory Mcilroy with his extraordinary talents wins a third fedex cup title.”

ANNC: “A Champion on the rise Max Homa.”

ANNC: “I have a feeling we’ve just seen something really special.”

ANNC: “Tom Kim is a 2 time winner before the age of 21.”

ANNC: “When the calendar flips and pga tour golf returns that means one thing, Hawaii.”

**THE CUT TITLES**

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT.**

**Sentry Scenics / Designated Events Preview**

ANNC: “What a way to welcome in the new year, the unparalleled beauty of Hawaii since 1999 the Sentry Tournament of Champions has been played right here on Maui at the plantation course at Kapalua.”

ANNC: “With 440 feet of elevation change from top to bottom these former pineapple fields offer some of the most stunning views from a golf course you’ll find anywhere in the world.”

MORIKAWA SOT: “When you are starting the first event of the new year at Kapalua it means you are doing something right not the easiest walk to start your year off but it’s a great place to be the views are beautiful and I love Hawaii.”

**ALONG WITH THE WINNERS FROM 2022, THE TOP 30 FROM THE PREVIOUS SEASON’S FEDEX CUP POINTS LIST ALSO EARN INVITES TO KAPALUA, DOUBLING THE SIZE OF THE FIELD. BUT THAT IS NOT THE ONLY CHANGE…**

MONAHAN SOT: The Sentry Tournament of Champions always a favorite on our schedule amongst our players and our fans, will be further elevated

MONAHAN SOT: “We need to evolve in a way that we continue to reach more fans, that we continue to innovate, that we continue to partner with our players in ways that we haven't before.”

**JOINING 12 OTHER TOURNAMENTS WITH DESIGNATED STATUS, THE BIGGEST GOLF STAR’S ON THE PGA TOUR, ARE GUARANTEED TO COMPETE.**

HOVLAND SOT: “I think the more often the best players in the world meet and play against each other, I think that's better for everyone.”

SPIETH SOT: “We have a fantastic product going forward that's extremely sustainable with huge incentives for playing really well, as well as opportunities to work your way up to to be sustained in those big events.”

MCILROY SOT: “All of the top players on tour are committed to playing with and against each other on a more regular basis.”

ANNC: “Oh Mcilroy’s done it”

MCILROY SOT: “I think it’s massive for the tour. I think it's massive for our fan base. And I think it'll create a much better product on the PGA Tour.”

**Rory McIlroy feature**

MCILROY: All the greatest athletes in sports, they have shown incredible longevity in their careers and that’s something that I’m continuing to try to do. Roger Federer, Christiano Ronaldo, Tom Brady, these guys that are playing, you know into their forties or close to their forties which was unheard of 20 years ago. That’s something that I’m striving towards.

I was sort of forced into the health and fitness aspect of golf because I had my fair share of back issues, especially earlier in my career and I was told by a doctor if I didn’t address these issues that my career could be a lot shorter than I wanted it to be.

Earlier in my career, I was too flexible, too mobile, like sort of bandy and then that can cause inconsistency of movement. So, to get a little stronger, to get a little more stable especially around my joints that’s just been able to help me recreate the same swing over and over again consistently.

If you can make training difficult, it means that once you’re out there in competition, it feels like a breeze and you can have fun.

*GFX: THROUGHOUT HIS 14 SEASONS ON THE PGA TOUR, RORY HAS AMASSED 23 WINS*

*GFX: AND THE NUMBER ONE RANKING IN THE WORLD FOR 112 WEEKS.*

MCILROY: When I turned pro at 18 years old, I didn’t have really high expectations. Whatever the goal was right in front of me, that’s what I wanted to achieve and then once I achieved that, then I moved onto something else.

That’s the big thing, it’s to never settle, it’s to never think that this is the final destination.

First win on The PGA TOUR, Quail Hollow, was a big one. It was a pretty hyped moment. The major wins are huge. The PLAYERS in 2019 was a big one.

ANNC: McIlroy pours it in.

MCILROY: I think FedExCup in 19 as well.

ANNC: How ‘bout this finish?!

MCILROY: And then, I think back to the two Canadian Opens that I won.

NATS: Rory, Rory, Rory!

ANNC: This Canadian Crowd, hoisted him on their shoulders across the finishline.

MCILROY: Just the crowds there and the energy, they were pretty cool too.

Not in a million years did I think that my journey in golf would end up with me being in this place. You always have these dreams and aspirations, but at the same time you want to be a realist and be like, okay, what is actually my potential here and what can I do?

I think back to being 18 years old and going to stage one of qualifying school on the European Tour and then turning pro and being able to get my card. So to win FedExCups

ANNC: Rory McIlroy wins a third FedExCup title.

MCILROY: It’s exceeded what I thought I could do in the game.

NATS: Rory, Rory, Rory!

**FEC STANDINGS**

**WORLD NUMBER ONE AND DEFENDING FEDEXCUP CHAMPION RORY MCILROY BEGINS THE NEW YEAR JUST INSIDE THE TOP 10 OF THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS.**

**Comcast Business TOUR Top 10**

**MEANWHILE, SEAMUS POWER LEADS THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10 AS THE PGA TOUR RESUMES PLAY THIS WEEK IN HAWAII.**

**Bump**

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

ANNC: And there it is, runner up finish, his fifth runner up of the year.

SOT YOUNG: I can't quite describe it as a total success because although I've done a lot of good things and I've kept my job and I haven't done everything that I set out to do

**GS Inbump**

**2021-22 Rookies at Sentry**

SOT SAHITH THEEGALA: I think this is going to go down as one of the strongest rookie classes

ANNC: Cameron young in the mix

ANNC: Chad Ramey, he's stepping up to the plate

ANNC: Sahith Theegala, everybody loves this kid.

SOT THEEGALA: Think it’s a testament to all the guys that grinded so hard through that two-year Korn Ferry season.

SOT CHAD RAMEY: They all of just played unbelievably consistent golf.

SOT CAMERON YOUNG: I think the fact that there's been more than one of us that's really come out and had chances to win. It’s been fun to be a part of.

ANNC: And Chad Ramey wins the Corrales Puntacana Championship.

SOT RAMEY: I’ve always been kind of a slow to start whenever I get to a new tour somewhere new. So, to make it in the playoffs the very first year and pick up my first PGA Tour win, I can't complain.

ANNC: Thee-gala. They’re pulling for him.

SOT THEEGALA: There's so many people cheering my name. It meant the world to me that they were supporting me and they wanted me to do well there. And people gave me a lot of confidence about my own game. And I've I'm starting to become more and more comfortable in my own skin.

ANNC: He has the swagger. He has the IT Factor.

SOT THEEGALA: It's just been a dream come true and just this whole year has been one incredible journey. It's happened so fast too.

ANNC: Safe to say, we're going to be watching Sahith Theegala a lot on Sunday afternoons. I agree.

ANNC: It’s crowded near the top of the leaderboard. Cameron Young is right there.

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SOT ROY ANNOUNCEMENT: From one Deacon to another. Just want to say congrats on Rookie of the Year. Thank you. Super proud of you.

SOT YOUNG: The year that I've had to put myself in that position is kind of fun to think about, but also something you know, didn't really, didn't really have on my radar. It's a nice little bonus to be in that position.

**THE THREE NEWCOMERS FOUND VARYING DEGREES OF SUCCESS IN THEIR ROOKIE SEASONS, BUT THEIR JOURNEYS ALL LED TO THE SAME JANUARY DESTINATION, ALONGSIDE THE TOP STARS IN THE GAME.**

ANNC: What a way to welcome in the new year, the unparalleled beauty of Hawaii. Since 1999, the Sentry Tournament of Champions has been played right here on Maui, at the plantation course at Kapalua.

SOT YOUNG: A lot of the reason why most guys are out here and most guys are successful because that’s the mindset a lot of us share and I think it’s something common in golf that you’re kinda never quite satisfied with what you do.

SOT RAMEY: There's just so many aspects of the game you have to do between having the mentality to stay focused for, you know, that four to five and a half hours turn a golf a round and then there's just so many variables in there.

SOT THEEGALA: It just so many things that seem to creep up that keep you from just having everything go right at once and I think that’s what the great players in the game do, they’re able to not have everything be clicking on all cylinders and still get the job done.

SOT YOUNG: It's a game of good misses. You rarely are going to do anything perfectly. No one's ever come close to mastering it. And all you can do is, you know, compete against the other people that are playing on the same golf course the same day.

**GS Transition**

**ALONG WITH THE THREE YOUNG STARS, VETERAN SCOTT STALLINGS MAKES HIS SENTRY DEBUT THIS WEEK.**

**Scott Stallings Feature**

STALLINGS: I want to win. I think that anyone that tees it up out here and it's like, oh, you know, the top ten would be great or whatever, like they're doing the wrong thing.

ANNC: “Great birdie there for Stallings. Now tied for the lead. He looks comfortable and confident”

...”Like you're putting yourself in a position to win golf tournaments //”

// I haven't done it for a long time // It’s not that I’m not trying //

NATS: CHEERS

“I think just the way that my game is sort of kind of rounded in the form and I have a better understanding of who I want to be on and off the course…”

ANNC: “Gives it a little dance and another good-looking birdie to Stallings.”

STALLINGS: “When you do have those hot weeks when things are kind of coming together…

ANNC: “This for the solo lead”

…That's where you do create those big gains.”

ANNC: “Just beautiful pace. Just drips it over the front edge”

STALLINGS: “The talent on the tour is the best that it's ever been. // But man experience is such a thing…”

ANNC: “You kind of have to dig it out of there a little bit…seems like he got plenty of ball there.”

…//”I know the things I need to do to get ready to play and be one of the best players in the world. //that doesn't make me an expert by any means, but I've just done it for a long time //

“I’m 37 years old. I don’t feel old. // golf has changed in my career so much //

//and just sort of you’ve had to evolve your own game through the process//.”

NATS: CHEERS

ANNC: “Nice birdie there by Stallings”

ANNC: “You can’t play the first hole much better than that”

STALLINGS: “The prep and work and everything to get to this point...it’s just learning the golf course and making sure you have a game plan to be comfortable with what you’re doing in certain situations… //

…. just enjoy the time that you’re out there //

…be aggressive and understand and pick your spots and // see what happens come Sunday.”

STALLINGS: “I just want my kids to know your dad was actually pretty good at this.”

**The CUT Rejoin**

**December Recap**

**WHILE WE WERE AWAY, SOME OF THE GAME'S BEST PLAYED IN UNIQUE EVENTS ACROSS THE SUNSHINE STATE.**

ANNC: Welcome to Tiburon and our coverage of the QBE shootout. This unique event 2-player teams, 3 different formats.

ANNC: Woah, that’s one way to do it.

**SAHITH THEEGALA SHOWED WHY HE IS AN RISING STAR…**

ANNC: a chance to make a real statement here. Got it. What a clutch putt there by Theegala.

**AND WITH A MISSED PUTT BY CHARLIE HOFFMAN, HE HAD HIS FIRST TASTE OF VICTORY.**

ANNC: And we’ve got a winner here and it’s the newcomers, Tom Hoge and Sahith Theegala

Sahith Theegala: It’s pretty special, especially to share it with Tom and to have my parents here.

**THE WORLD #1 RORY MCILROY AND TIGER WOODS PAIRED UP ON PRIMETIME BUT IT WAS THE UNSTOPPABLE DUO OF JUSTIN THOMAS AND JORDAN SPIETH WHO DOMINATED THE NIGHT.**

ANNC: Very nice, Justin.

Justin Thomas: Disrespectful by the old people not even picking up that pin.

ANNC: Chance to go 2 up here, stay up, boom!

ANNC: Turn, turn, no! Man, we really needed that!

ANNC: There it is. That’s a winner. Jordan Spieth, I mean Come on, a little bit. Well done. Good playing. Partner. Partner.

Jordan Spieth: The joy out of getting this doesn’t match the joy of standing here with Tiger just being so upset that he has to stand here for this.

ANNC: For the best to ever play the game of golf, this is their favorite tournament, the PNC championship. Twenty 2-player teams, all in the family.

**FROM PRIMETIME TO FAMILY TIME, TIGER WOODS TEAMED UP WITH HIS SON, CHARLIE, FOR THE 3RD STRAIGHT YEAR.**

ANNC: He had it figured out. Did you see Tiger in the background? That’s my kid. nice eagle. That was a double fist pump, Charlie style.

**CHARLIE WASN’T THE YOUNGEST STAR IN THE FIELD THOUGH….**

ANNC: Will McGee here for birdie, under the watchful eye of his mom Annika. That is the putt he has been dreaming about for all these years.

**EVEN WITH SO MANY JUVENILE COMPETITORS IN CONTENTION, IT WAS A VETERAN PERFORMANCE THAT TOOK HOME THE WIN.**

ANNC: Vijay in his 16th appearance with Qass, no team has played in that many before winning and that birdie right there is going to do it. the Singhs got it done, finally.

Vijay: This is one of the highlights of my career.

Qass: This is a lifetime memory. This is as special as it gets for the both of us and definitely for me.

**Servpro**

**THE CUT PRESENTS RAPID RECOVERY.**

ANNC: Here’s Thomas on the tee at 9. Right. this is in trouble here. Wow.

ANNC: Heres Thomas for a bogey. Wow.

ANNC: Surprisingly over-par. Justin is having a difficult day but has time to turn it around.

Justin Thomas: I just had one of those days Thursday where I couldn't get anything going.//and I just wasn't making anything.

ANNC: Thomas will birdie the last as well. After a sluggish start, he kicked it into a necessary gear. Good work.

ANNC: He’s 24 under in his last 49 holes. Yeah, he really has found his game.

ANNC: Good finish there for Justin Thomas.

Justin Thomas: It doesn't matter if you're in last or first. You're just trying to make birdies and I felt like that's what I did.

ANNC: Remember Curt, he started the week with a 1-over par 74. That’s a professional effort out of Justin Thomas the last 3 days.

**Zalatoris Feature**

ANNC: If you follow Will Zalatoris and his quest for a victory, there have been times where putts especially closer in have been real adventurous.

ANNC: If he makes it, the playoff will resume tomorrow morning. It’s going left again. Luke List takes the Farmers Insurance Open.

ANNC: He was at or around the lead the whole week at the PGA Championship.  So he would've understood what it was like being in the cauldron and just falling short.

ANNC: At the U.S. Open at the Country Club, he had a putt of just under 14 feet to get into a playoff. Just barely missed it.

Will Zalatoris: I've been really close to getting that first win, knocked on the door a bunch. Just got to keep doing what we're doing. My time's coming, I've just got to stay patient.

ANNC: If he believes he is one of the best putters in the world, that’s really all that matters, 4 holes left for Zalatoris to see if he can finally get into the win column on the PGA TOUR.

Will Zalatoris: Anytime you put yourself in contention you're going to learn something about yourself. The first second at the Masters was life changing because it put me on the map. The second at the PGA was kind of affirmation that it wasn't a fluke of a week, and the third one at the U.S. Open gave me that much more belief that I can win a major, I can win out here. It was just a matter of time

ANNC: The fractions of inches that it takes to win one of these. This one on the way and this one is buried. Yeah, how about that? That is all heart. He knows what everyone says about the way he putts.

Will Zalatoris: Being that close and then kind of being written off here and there and then obviously finally pulling off.

ANNC: He’s got it. Finally, Zalatoris is a PGA TOUR winner.

Will Zalatoris: It's great to finally get the first one out of the way. The job's not done and as great as it is to pull this off, I still feel like I've got some unfinished business going forward.

ANNC: Will Zalatoris, last week’s winner at the tee.  Just a little bit of a glitch there. Oh, wow. Definitely feeling it somewhere. Now, Will Zalatoris there looks like a little bit of a hitch in his giddy-up.

NAT: I have a hip injury a little bit just flared up on the tee shot.

NAT: I want you to cross your arms and turn back towards me. Cant’do it? Let’s call it. Yeah, we’re good. It’s not worth it. No, it’s not.

ANNC: His day is complete. His tournament is complete. He is having to withdrawal. I don’t think the timing could be much worse. He’s got to get to work on that back and he’s got to get healthy.

**ZALATORIS MISSED THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP THE FOLLOWING WEEK AND THE REST OF THE 2022 CALENDAR YEAR BUT IS EXPECTED TO MAKE HIS RETURN AT THE SENTRY TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS IN KAPALUA.**

**TOUR Playlist**

**THE ACTION BEGINS ON THURSDAY IN KAPALUA, WHERE THE BEST GOLFERS OF 2022 TEE OFF FOR ANOTHER EXCITING YEAR ON THE PGA TOUR.**

**Rollout - 2022 winners, looking forward to Sentry**

ANNC: What a year in golf it has been so many great stories.

ANNC: Big time talent from the state of Texas. Scottie Scheffler is a tour winner for the first time.

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler who rose to the occasion at Arnie’s tournament and wins for the second time in three tournaments

SOT SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I’ve been playing some good golf these past few years and it’s nice to get a few wins under my belt. I’m looking forward to the rest of the season.

ANNC: We have a champion. Jordan Spieth is a winner for the first time as a father

ANNC: El campeon as they say right here. The champion is Jon Rahm.

ANNC: Here's the putt on the way for Sam goes right at the end, oh what a putt he did it. Sam Burns, he takes the Charles Schwab challenge for his third victory of the year.

ANNC: Beautifully paced, oh what a pace. Could it be an eagle? Goodnight. Billy Horschel the winner at the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday.

ANNC: The floodgates are open for Tony Finau as he goes back-to-back on the PGA Tour.

SOT TONY FINAU: It means everything to me that my kids can watch me, not only fail, but they watch me win as well and that's what it takes to be a champion.

ANNC: It is Rory McIlroy with his extraordinary talents that wins a third FedEx Cup title.

SOT RORY MCILROY: I believe in the game of golf. I believe in this tour in particular. I believe in the players on this tour. It's the greatest place in the world to play golf.

ANNC: Is it going to be another one putt? Yes it is. Hovland takes care of business and is going to win his second straight hero World Challenge.

ANNC: Championship golf with stunning views. The Sentry Tournament of Champions. What a setting to watch the drama unfold. Welcome to Maui.

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