**2023 PGA TOUR – The CUT #4 (Farmers Insurance Open)**

**Cold Open**

ANNC: After a couple of weeks in Hawaii, back to the continental U.S.

ANNC: La Quinta, California. Couple of hours east of L.A.

WILL GORDON SOT: I’ve tended to have success in those scenarios when I have to do something, because I think it really turns in to the sport part of the game, where you know you’re just competing and you figure it out, and that’s a part of the game I really enjoy.

WILL GORDON SOT: I’m just trying to continue to build on what I’ve been doing.

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY SOT: Probably the biggest round of my career on that day. Everything kind of took place after that. It was one of the biggest weeks of my life.

JOSEPH BRAMLETT SOT: My game stayed pretty strong throughout the end of the year and then had a really productive offseason. Really excited to get 2023 rolling.

**The CUT Titles**

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT**

**Joseph Bramlett Feature**

BRAMLETT SOT: This is my favorite time of year. I mean, this is California golf is where I grew up. This is home. So one, I get to see like a lot of good friends and family and come out and it's just got a really fun, you know, home feel that we don't get very often in golf and so you couple that with this is the grass I grew up on this is what golf felt like to me as a kid.

BRAMLETT SOT: My caddie and I actually made a special trip out here before we went to Sony to get some extra practice rounds in. And fortunately for me, I've played here. I think this is my fourth year playing. And so I have some familiarity with the golf courses.

I've seen them before, but yeah, there's a lot of notes to take and it's tough on me, but it's especially a busy week for my caddie. He's got a lot of a lot of prep work going on.

BRAMLETT SOT: We're just kind of checking in on how the Greens are responding, how the fairways are bouncing and if anything's changed on some of the par five. So yeah, pretty much just played the par fives, chipped around a few of the greens and called it a day.

FIELD ANNC FORTINET: on the tee // please welcome Joseph Bramlett.

BRAMLETT SOT: It's been a good start. This is the best fall I've had so far on tour. // usually by the time the fall comes around, like you're tired. It's, it's been a long, full year. // fortunately for me, I was able to take really good care of my game through the summer and worked really hard on a few things in my swing and my short game.

ANNC: He has tremendous length so no problem knocking this on this par-5 in two.

BRAMLETT SOT: It’s my fifth season on tour, so I have a lot more familiarity with the golf courses. What I'm seeing week in, week out, and I'm getting a lot better idea of what to emphasize in my game, what I have to prioritize from week to week. But on top of that, I think my coach and my physical therapist, we've done a really good job of keeping my body in really good shape and then keeping my swing and my physical components of my game where they need to be week in and week out.

ANNC: He possesses a lot of power off the tee.

BRAMLETT SOT: That's always been a strength of mine and I think this year it's just been a little bit more consistent. I definitely have the speed and the power to gain a lot off the tee, but sometimes the ball is going to go sideways. So we've worked really hard on being able to work on a fairway finder and keep things in play.

ANNC: Bringing it back to perfection.

BRAMLETT SOT: And my iron game, I've worked really hard on my distance control, which is paying huge dividends. But to be honest, the biggest thing we've had size my short game like my, my chipping and putting is really gotten the brunt of the work. So I think as a whole things are just starting to fall into place better.

BRAMLETT SOT: For a long time I would have a lot of variation from week to week and my game would look really good and then suddenly it would take a turn. And I think we've just gotten a lot better at keeping it consistent.

BRAMLETT SOT: I love the West Coast Wing and yeah, 2023 couldn't start soon enough for me.

**Will Gordon Feature**

GORDON SOT: I learned a lot from the last time I was out here. Some hard learning experiences, but then I also learned from my Korn Ferry year, on kind of what worked for me. So I tried to carry a lot of those experiences I've had in the past, good and bad, with me, and remind myself the good habits I've stayed in and the bad habits that I try to stay away from.

GORDON SOT: We've been trying to figure out the balance kinda between short game and full swing. A lot of my short game's really progressed and some of that technique stuff leaked into my full swing. So we're trying to offset that a little bit and kind of get the feels for the full swing and feels for the short game.

GORDON SOT: I've worked a lot smarter than I used to. I spend less time grinding on a week to week basis, and I just kind of get my checklist done that I've kind of created that I know that gets me in a good spot technique and feel wise. So, once I check off those things, I just try to take care of my body and my mind off the golf course and I think that's been a good formula for me.

ANNC: Will Gordon, your champion in Boise and you see the emotion start to pour out.

GORDON SOT: The biggest thing from that win was when I was out here last time, I had to get hot for things to line up and contend in a week and I feel like my game’s so well rounded now where that week I won, I had three straight top fives, headed into it and it was a big boost of confidence to be in contention for that many consecutive rounds.

ANNC: Will Gordon, his tee shot at 17. Oh yeah! Got a chance! Ah, good shot. Soft second bounce, that was going in!

GORDON SOT: My golf swing has just gotten a lot more stable and I'm in balance a lot more often and I don't swing as hard as often anymore, so I still can be in that top 20-25 distance wise, but my accuracy is kind of gone up in the same area. I think I'm a lot more secure in what I'm trying to do off the tee.

GORDON SOT: My coach and I talk a lot about there not being a finish line for me and just kinda trying to get progressively better every week. So, obviously there's goals like you want to make TOUR Championship, I want to start playing the majors and stuff like that but I just got to continue to try to get better and progress. So that's what I'm focused on.

GORDON SOT: It's been a great start to the year. I still think there's a lot of room for improvement // I'm just pleased with the kind of consistency and the approach I've had every week.

**American Express Winner**

ANNC RAHM NUMBER ONE: Jon Rahm, supremely confident, he thinks he’s the number one player in the world, hard to argue.

RAHM SOT: Today was about as comfortable as I've been in a long time on the golf course tee to green. // Every time I felt like this in the past I've ended up going on to win.

ANNC RAHM 14 PAR: Yes! And that extra little fist pump. Yeah, got that one little extra fist pump, he knows how important that was.

ANNC RAHM 16 BIRDIE: Nice catch hole, and finds the bottom. Still living on the edge!  And sole possession of the lead once again Jon Rahm.

RAHM SOT: Didn't really make much today, even though everything looked really good and a lot of them looked like any of them could have gone in.

ANNC RAHM WIN: Jon Rahm wins again, he’s making it a habit!  Second time here at the American Express, and in back to back starts now!

RAHM SOT: In my mind I feel like I can get a lot better. I feel like that's the mentality I should have.

ANNC RAHM FAMILY: It’s a scene that we’ve gotten used to seeing. And we’ll see it a lot more.

RAHM SOT: I work very hard to do what I do. I could find mistakes in every single round I've played. Very few times I would say I've played a flawless round. // So if I can keep that going and the ball striking at the level that I know I can, I know I can get better.

**FedExCup Standings**

**RAHM’S NINTH PGA TOUR VICTORY MOVED HIM TO THE TOP OF THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS CAREER.**

**Comcast Business TOUR Top 10**

**HE ALSO LEADS THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP-10 AS THE FIRST MULTIPLE WINNER OF THE 2022-23 SEASON.**

**Bump (Aberg, Montgomery)**

ABERG NATS: You got to be a little creative with your practice and what you can try to do. So when the snow’s powdery, you can always use a broomstick. So I keep. It in my bag and I'll sweep up some snow here. The biggest challenge is probably to get the tee in the ground.

MONTGOMERY SOT: I didn't bring any rain gear to Northern California, and I was like, I might as well look through my bag and look through every pocket, and sure enough, there's his rain jacket. I'm like, Perfect, I'll use this.

**Segment 2**

**GS Inbump**

**Ludvig Aberg Profile**

LUDVIG ABERG: It's a small town.

LUDVIG ABERG: I grew up there. We're 35, 40,000ish, So everyone doesn't really know everyone, but it's still a pretty tiny one.

LUDVIG ABERG: It's not easy. You need to have a passion for the game. There’s always some kid who can play all year round.

NAT: We're at Eslovs Golf Club. This is where I was a member ever since I was a kid. So this is kind of where I come back every time I'm home. It's a really cool place in my heart. It's pretty unusual to have this kind of much snow and this cold at this time of year.

NAT: You got to be a little creative with your practice and what you can try to do. So when it's powdery, you can always use a broomstick. So I keep. It in my bag and I'll sweep off. The biggest challenge is probably to get the tee in the ground.

NAT: I’ve never been anywhere else, when I’m home this is where I play where I practice.

MIA ABERG: His Dad played all the time so he brought him to the golf course when he was a young kid, four or five.

LUDVIG ABERG: He loves the game of golf so much has kind of influenced me as well.

JOHAN UNGESSON: He hang out with me here on the club and just played around. So he's been raised here.

LUDVIG ABERG: He used to bribe me a little bit to try to get me out of the course, almost blackmail me to get some ice cream if you stay there for another hour or something like that.

MIA ABERG: He was more interested in the ice cream that he was offered when he was there, but then realized that he played very well.

LUDVIG ABERG: It's not easy, but for me, it was super simple. Summers were more golf into golf related, we just play, play, play, practice and all of a sudden it was 10 p.m. and it was still bright. And then the wintertime, the limited daylight we have, you got to get a little creative and try to find ways to work on it.

NAT: Go to the top and feel. Feel that pressure going and now you can turn. So feel it and then push up.

LUDVIG ABERG: I went to (SWEDISH LANGUAGE) in Helsingborg. // where I met my swing coach, Hans.

NAT: Like right now, I'm more focused on my body. More so than my club in my hands. Perfect. That's what we want.

LUDVIG ABERG: The high school for me was the foundation of everything. I learned more advanced swing mechanics, more knowledge about the game, and I could apply that to myself and then I could develop.

LUDVIG ABERG: Swedes in general have very solid technique, but I do feel like sometimes you get a little bit too hung up on that. What matters is to get the ball in the hole. Americans do that very well and it doesn't really matter what it looks like. That’s what I learned coming over to college.

LUDVIG ABERG: Texas Tech provides me with all the support that I need.

GREG SANDS: He's very driven. He's a coach's dream. You want to just say, hey, can you do something wrong? So we can think you're human.

LUDVIG ABERG: It’s been a little bit overwhelming not going to lie. I still I view myself as me, and that's not going to change if I'm number one, if I'm number ten.

MIA ABERG: He said, I would be a player on the PGA TOUR when he was 16, and now he's almost there. See him growing from here as this young little boy to where it is today, it's fantastic.

JOHAN UNGESSON: He's just a guy who’s playing at Eslov so it's hard to imagine sometimes.

LUDVIG ABERG: At the end of the day, I know who I am and I know the stuff that works for me. And if I can keep doing that, I'm sure I'll be fine.

**Velocity Global Standings**

**ABERG WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIS TOP SPOT IN THE VELOCITY GLOBAL RANKINGS FOR PGA TOUR UNIVERSITY, PLAYING IN DUBAI ON THE DP WORLD TOUR THIS WEEK.**

**ServPro Feature**

**THE CUT PRESENTS, RAPID RECOVERY**

ANNC:  Dangerous hole location on the right corner of this green.  See how brave Tom Kim wants to be.

ANNC: Everything about this is tough. It looks like the ball didn’t get out of its track mark so it’s semi-buried. It was always going to be tough but that is outstanding.

ANNC: This for par now. What a great save that was, I can’t tell you what a good bunker shot that was and what a good 3. Fist pump on a par.

**Segment 3**

**The CUT Rejoin**

**Farmers Sizzle**

NANTZ FARMERS ANNC: Magnificent Torrey Pines on the coastal cliffs hugging the Pacific … 36 holes of splendor.

RAHM EAGLE ANNC : How about making it?! Yes! Incredible!

LIST WIN ANNC: Luke List takes the Farmers Insurance Open!

ROSE WIN ANNC: Justin Rose // The FedExCup champion just a few months back // takes Torrey Pines!

DAY 2015 ANNC: Jason Day, the Australian!

EARLY WIN ANNC: An early season win at timeless Torrey Pines can be a launching pad to a prodigious season.

**IN THE FIELD AT TORREY PINES WILL BE APGA TOUR STANDOUT MICHAEL HERRERA, WHO RECEIVED THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME.**

**Michael Herrera Feature**

NATS: Hey dad, how you doing?

NATS: Good.

NATS: I got some news. I’m playing the Farmers Open. I just got the exemption. So I’m here with Cam Bailey and everyone at Farmers and we got it. So yeah.

NATS: That’s great news.

HERRERA SOT: I was 9 turning 10 and every time we’d go to the mall, we’d pass by Cottonwood Golf Center. I just saw grass and flags and people walking around and I go what is this? So I told Dad hey let’s go try it. He said no, you know that sport isn’t for us, it’s too expensive. He said let me show you .

HUGO SOT: We went in and we asked, and they told us 5 bucks and 5 bucks for the club. I remember we played that day with dress clothes and we were having so much fun. And after that, we just started playing, like three times a week.

HERRERA SOT: My dad’s my biggest support system I’ve had, how much he’s worked to provide and give me the opportunity to just play and do the things that I love, so he’s been amazing and you know without him, I wouldn’t be able to play golf or do anything else, so he’s the greatest.

HERRERA SOT: I think the basketball kind of kicked in around 8 or 9, I played travel ball with the West Coast Warriors and my dad has his own travel ball team, so he made that just for me. The thing about basketball is it’s very physical, golf is very individual, of course you can’t touch anybody, you can’t play defense, so I think bringing that edge of, you know I’m a competitor, no one’s gonna scare me on the golf course, I don’t care how far you hit it. Learning to put it into battling a golf course, I think it’s helped me tremendously. There’s nothing like pro golf.

NATS: Please welcome Michael Herrera!

HERRERA SOT: I take the battle between me and golf very serious, and I know if I can take care of that, then I’ll beat a lot of people.

HERRERA SOT: Farmers is my first ever PGA TOUR event that I went to watch. I’ve always had the goal, like I want to play at Farmers. But I didn’t know it was going to happen.

COACH SOT: Nice birdie on 16, I’m proud of you, you played very well. Back in the day when we’re talking about you playing on the PGA TOUR, well, I think you’re gonna do it. You’ve just been invited to Farmers Open.

NATS: Wow. Wow. Really? That’s big, coach. That’s big. I’m speechless.

NATS: That’s great news. You deserve it. You deserve it, mijo. I’m happy for you just the beginning. It’s just one more step mijo. One more step to what we want to be.

NATS: Right. So I’m, you know I’m just very grateful and just, you know it’s a dream come true.

HERRERA SOT: Thankfully to everyone at Farmers, they gave me the exemption and it means a lot to me, it means a lot to my family as well, I’m excited to be on the other side of the ropes.

**Segment 4**

**Taylor Montgomery Stories Feature**

ANNC: An impressive rookie here. Taylor Montgomery who lives here in Las Vegas, has got it going all of a sudden. This for birdie at 17, and gets it! He can roll it.

**WITH 8 TOP 25’S IN 9 STARTS THIS SEASON, TAYLOR MONTGOMERY IS MAKING HIS PRESENCE KNOWN… THE ROOKIE’S UNIQUE JOURNEY TO THE TOUR IS LINED WITH INTERESTING TALES.**

MONTGOMERY SOT: So I was 24th entering the week into Omaha and I missed the cut and finished 26th for the regular season events. And then I was 14th going into the final event down in Indiana. I missed the cut there again. I flew back home and I didn't want to watch it and it was coming down to the end and I looked at my phone and it said final 26th and so I like barely threw my phone. It was not like a hard throw or anything. Like to the like the dash of my car and it hit the windshield and then all of a sudden it just goes crack like all over the place. We have Farmers Insurance, so we called them and they covered it. They're legit. And then I got the sponsor's exemption into the Farmers.

MONTGOMERY SOT: I was happy with what I did, but I mean there was a lot of pressure. I birdied 17 at Torrey, which is an unbelievable birdie.

ANNC: Slow putt up to that back tear, he did it! Yes sir!

MONTGOMERY SOT: And then I birdied 18 as well. And those two birdies were huge. I remember my dad talking about his stories and stuff from when he Monday qualified. He finished 24th and I told him, the only thing I want to do is, is beat your best finish on this course. I did, so it was good. I think he was happy too.

MONTGOMERY SOT: So I was on the range with Scott, who is the TaylorMade Guy, and I was hitting some irons and he's like, we need to get you fitted as soon as possible because you're spinning your irons too much. Me, I don't pay too much attention even though I probably should, and then I got fitted before Torrey Pines, and it's been really good since. The other ones were just pretty brutal, and everybody calls me an idiot for not getting fitted.

MONTGOMERY SOT: So last year I had DJ carried my clubs for the week at TPC Colorado, and it was raining one of the rounds and he left his rain jacket in one of the pockets that I obviously never use. Three months later in the Fortinet Championship, I didn't bring any rain gear to Northern California, and I was like, I might as well look through my bag and look through every pocket, and sure enough, there's his rain jacket. I'm like, Perfect, I'll use this.

MONTGOMERY SOT: I had probably the biggest round of my career so far on that day. Shot 64 I believe, and it put me into third place for that tournament. And I mean everything kind of took place after that. It was one of the biggest weeks in my life.