**2023 PGA TOUR ‘THE CUT’ EPISODE 5 (PEBBLE BEACH)**

**MASTER SCRIPT**

**A1 – COLD OPEN**

ANNC: Tell me, when play slows down like this and you’ve got a little moment to reflect, where do you allow your mind to go to? Are you trying to stay in your own bubble, trying to stay focused? Do you think about other things? What’s going on?

MAX HOMA: A myriad of things really. Part, I wish I had your accent. Part, I hope I hit this well. Part, what am I going to do after with my kid? So I think it kind of goes around. But I try to lock in the last minute or so before I hit it. I think it’s hard to think about golf for 5.5 hours. So fortunately they give us time to practice that as I watch Collin up on the 13th.

**A2 – TITLES**

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT**

**A3 – MAX HOMA MICD UP SIZZLE**

ANNC: we’re going to introduce a new initiative. We’re going to be able to watch, listen and even speak to Max Homa on this par 5 13TH

ANNC: Max, can you hear me? It’s Trev up in the booth.

MAX HOMA: Hey Trev.

ANNC: What are the things that start to come into play for you as you get on a par five like this, trying to decide whether you’re going to give it a go or not?

MAX HOMA: Yeah, it definitely kind of just starts with what the pin is, and if my misses will be in a good spot. So for this one, if I can get there, that front bunker is good. If I’m not going to really get to that bunker, it’ll probably be a lay up

MAX HOMA: I believe that got into one of the bunkers you were talking about earlier Max. Yeah, I mishit it. I needed to hit it solid like I told you and I decided to whiff it

ANNC: So Max we were talking about people that have been successful here in California. Since 2015, I don’t know if you know this but Jon Rahm 4 wins, you three. Explain that.

MAX HOMA: Something about the air in California for some of us SoCal boys…it’s just a comfort thing really

**A4 – FARMERS WINNER’S FEATURE**

ANNC: Max Homa, another win on California soil. To be a parent, how it puts life in context and perspective and how special is to have that first win as a father.

MAX HOMA: I feel like I've almost worked harder for this because I want to spend as much time as I possibly can helping her and being with Cam, but I also want to be the best golfer on the planet, and she knows that. And she just does an amazing job letting me do both.

NATS: Want to say hi? Hey chunky. You have no idea what just happened.

LACEY HOMA: That's just who he is. I mean, there's so many times that I look at him and I'm like, you do the same thing every day and he gets out there like, it’ll be two days, he’ll take a day break, and I can just tell that he, it's hard for him to not work at it and we're just so proud of him.

MAX HOMA: Well, everybody else calls me a social media guy. I still think I'm a pretty darn good golfer. Obviously, results helped me kind of build that foundation but when I when I work, when I practice, when I play tournaments, this is what I love. It’s hard to win. I know that, I've done it. Fortunately, I think that's what it is, when the old guys say experience is key. That's what they're talking about. There's just so much going on that you can't really get ahead of yourself. It almost eases you into just one at a time and make everybody beat you.

MAX HOMA: I think I have a great perspective towards my love for this game. I've seen kind of all of it. I remind myself most days too, and I'm getting nervous, coming down the stretch for things are getting wobbly. You've seen the darkness of this game. Enjoy this. Enjoy the beauty of it. People chanting my name. Things I could never have imagined.

**A5 – FEC STANDINGS**

**MAX HOMA’S SIXTH CAREER VICTORY – AND FOURTH IN CALIFORNIA – MOVES HIM TO SECOND IN THE FEDEX CUP STANDINGS AND MARKS HIS 2ND WIN OF THE SEASON.**

**A6 – COMCAST BUISINESS TOUR TOP TEN**

**HOMA TRAILS ONLY JON RAHM WHO MAINTAINS THE TOP SPOT IN THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP TEN.**

**BUT BEFORE CONTINUING HIS STRONG PLAY, RAHM SHARED THE COURSE WITH ANOTHER STAR.**

**A7 – JON RAHM AND GARETH BALE MICD UP**

JON RAHM: If anybody needs a read

GARETH BALE: I mean. Can you hit it for me.

JON RAHM: I won’t impose myself.

GARETH BALE: Hi, I'm Gareth Bale. I'm here at Torrey Pines.

GARETH BALE: To play with John Rahm today, who's one of the best players in the world, if not the best. And just to watch him, how he strikes the ball, how he plays is a great experience for me as a as an amateur.

GARETH BALE:  American Golf just seems incredible, the way they design the courses, the look of them, the views you get off the cliffs, those experiences that you never forget when you play here.

GARETH BALE: Just watching the swing is just how powerful, how compact. It's just the way he strikes. You can even see the ball flight, it's just different. It's great to just be up close and watch it and see how the pros do it, which is something that all us amateurs strive to get close to it.

JON RAHM: I told Gareth, you can't be so good at professional football and golf at the same time. It just doesn't seem fair. Can’t be dedicated to one thing and have this much talent for golf.

GARETH BALE: I'm just looking forward to playing a bit more, I think. Yeah, obviously people used to think I used to play quite a lot, but I never. But now, yeah, I'm looking forward to have a bit more time to play golf, do the things I want to do, spend time with family, play a bit with my son, which he's just starting, which would be nice. So yeah, it's just looking forward to the family.

GARETH BALE: Just demoralized, I smoke the driver 270 and you pass me. Again.

JON RAHM: I said, what am I doing on the group with you.

JON RAHM: He should be giving strokes back to the rest of the amateurs because he is very, very good player. The second he is done and he can actually practice more, he’s going to get a lot better.

JON RAHM: We can't go on the pitch and me have any chance of anything.

GARETH BALE: I'm retired now, so you've got a little bit of a chance.

JON RAHM: No, I like I say, I'm retiring from golfing in two weeks and still no. He would win that battle every day. Not even close.

JON RAHM: We had a great time. We had a great nine holes. I wish every time I play a pro-am, I had a group that entertaining because those nine holes went by very quickly and laughed a lot.

**A8 – BUMP**

ANDREW WALKER: Being able to have the opportunities the APGA TOUR is presenting to us, it’s amazing.

ANNC: Who is going to be face of the APGA TOUR? Who is going to carry the torch?

MARCUS BYRD: I'm just excited to showcase my talent and represent the people who help paved the way and get me to where I am today.

**B1 – APGA COLD OPEN**

NATS: Cool

MARCUS BYRD: Just being able to walk the same grounds as some of the best players in the world, it's just an incredible experience

ANDREW WALKER: For so many more people being able to have the opportunities that the APGA Tour is presenting to us on a week to week basis. To get exemptions in the PGA TOUR and Korn Ferry Tour events...it's amazing

ANNC: Young upstarts, and seasoned veterans chasing the dream – mindful of those who blazed the trail before them

ANNC: Who is going to be the face of the APGA Tour? Who is going to be the front runner? Who is going to carry the torch?

**B2 – APGA PROFILE 1: ANDREW WALKER**

ANDREW WALKER: The hat symbolizes my family and it represents where I come from, why I play this game. It’s a token that reminds me why I'm going out there and playing // where I come from, where I started and hopefully where I'm going.

ANDREW WALKER I wouldn't be here playing this game if my dad didn't start playing because of his dad, I can go so far back down a lot of family history. My name is Andrew Walker, from Battle Creek, Michigan, originally. The APGA became a place that is trying to give opportunities to,// minority golfers to play professionally and eventually make their way to the PGA Tour.

I've been playing golf all my life.

ANDREW WALKER: When we moved out to South Africa, I was two, three years old. My dad cut down a little old putter of his and I would just join him after work. I'd tag along on the carts with him and just putt around on putting green.

ANDREW WALKER: And then when we moved back, I started playing golf competitively at the age of six.

ANDREW WALKER: I played Torrey Pines when I was 13 years old playing in the junior world tournament I had that same kind of gitty feeling of like, Wow this is where all the pros play. This is where Tiger made the putt on 18 to go into the playoff.

ANDREW WALKER: creativity plays a huge part of golf you definitely see who you are and who every golfer out there as a as a as a person and their personality.

ANDREW WALKER: it's a reflection of who you are as a person. And it comes out whether that's how you're playing golf, how you're kind of carrying yourself on the golf course

ANDREW WALKER: I've gone through a very massive journey learning how to play at this level and stepping up to the next level,

ANDREW WALKER Last year was my first year on APGA Tour full time, I graduated from Michigan State in 2021 and turned pro right after that. it wasn't really until I got onto the APGA Tour and started seeing how much effort and love and passion has gone into giving us the opportunities that we're having.

ANDREW WALKER: My dream is to be the best player in the world. I've come to appreciate just how difficult that journey is and being so far away from the peak of the mountain and just kind of looking up at it and being like, this is what I have to go and tackle.

ANDREW WALKER: an opportunity like this for us to start the year on such a great golf course, right next to the best players in the world doing their thing. If we win, go get a start in a PGA Tour event.

ANDREW WALKER: my number one goal this weekend at Torrey is to leave with being a champion

**WALKER CHANNELED THAT ENERGY IN ROUND ONE, JUMPING INTO A TIE FOR THIRD AFTER AN OPENING 75 -- BEAT -- AS FELLOW YOUNG STAR MARCUS BYRD FOUND HIMSELF IN PRIME POSITION.**

**B3 – APGA PROFILE 2: MARCUS BYRD**

MARCUS BYRD: My name's Marcus Byrd. I'm originally from Washington, D.C. I originally started playing golf when I was about two or three, started swinging plastic clubs with my dad, and that's how it all started.

MARCUS BYRD: What drives me every day, is to get to that highest level and play against the best players in the world, because that's what we all work so hard for.

MARCUS BYRD: as a kid, you always say, like, I'm going to do this, I'm going to do that. I just made sure that no matter what, everything was geared towards me having this opportunity. And three years later, I'm playing Torrey Pines and get a chance to have a chance to play in a PGA event. And that's all I could ever ask for.

MARCUS BYRD: I think that little kid growing up in northeast Washington, D.C. playing at Langston golf course. To think that now I'm teeing up with some of the best players in the world. ~~I~~t's really is a full circle moment.

**BEFORE TOURNAMENT PLAY EVEN BEGAN, BYRD GOT NEWS THAT PUT EVEN MORE CONFIDENCE IN HIS STRIDE.**

MARCUS BYRD: I received the Charlie Sifford exemption into the 2023 Genesis Invitational. I'm just excited to showcase my talent and represent the people who help paved the way and get me to where I am today.

MARCUS BYRD: first tournament of the season on a on a very tough golf course.

MARCUS BYRD: For me to perform well, it's just outsmarting everyone, making sure I'm hitting the ball in the right spots if I miss it, making sure I'm missing it in the right places, I can get up and down.

MARCUS BYRD: just making sure that I'm putting myself in position on those last couple of holes in that final day to have a chance to win.

**BYRD DID JUST THAT -- SHOOTING A ROUND-ONE-73 TO TAKE A ONE SHOT LEAD INTO THE FINAL 18 HOLES.**

**B4 – APGA TOURNAMENT WRAP**

ANNC: Challenging weather day at Torrey.

ANNC: It is going to be a brutal test

**THE DIFFICULT CONDITIONS PUT THE PRESSURE ON THE FIELD – AND ANDREW WALKER WAS NO EXCEPTION STARTING THE DAY TWO SHOTS OFF THE LEAD.**

ANNC: It’s been a tough Sunday for the 24- year old from Holt, Michigan

**WALKER FINISHED IN A TIE FOR 15TH – AS MARCUS BYRD KEPT HIS FOOT ON THE GAS**

ANNC: There’s a birdie there for Marcus Byrd. All business on this Sunday.

ANNC: How about that? There he is. Your winner of the Farmers Insurance Invitational Marcus Byrd on Sunday at Torrey Pines.

MARCUS BYRD: every time I step out on the golf course I think I have an opportunity to win. It was a grind the last few days with the weather but I’m very fortunate that I was able to hang in there mentally and emotionally.

MARCUS BYRD: I have my city on my back essentially. I’ve had support from people since I was three or four years old. And it drives me everyday. I know I shouldn’t be doing anything else. This is my passion, this is what I was put here to do. I’m looking forward to what my career holds and the lives that I can change on the way.

**C1 – THE CUT REJOIN**

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**C2 – JUSTIN SUH FEATURE**

JUSTIN SUH: Why I love Las Vegas? When we're here in off season, we can practice, compete with other golfers. And if you want some fun, you can go out on the strip and we can kind of check out, check away from golf.

JUSTIN SUH: You're surrounded by probably all the best national parks. You can drive to Zion in a couple of hours. Red Rock is literally 10 minutes from where I live, it's a nice way to just keep your mind fresh and also you give you a time to reflect on what you've done, what you could be doing, and, it's a nice time to yourself.

JUSTIN SUH: When I'm playing golf, um, I'm very, I would say stoic. I try not to let emotions affect golf shots, even if you hit a good shot or a bad shot.

JUSTIN SUH: Over the last four months,  just started listening to Vinyasa yoga. Just when I wake up, I turn it on and it kind of slows everything down in the morning and the last 20 minutes after I shower or change, I just sit there and I just meditate.

JUSTIN SUH: Hiking and just kind of enjoying the fresh air is very meditative.

JUSTIN SUH: As corny as it may sound like I'm trying to be the ball, like I'm trying to see the ball go in the whole way. I kind of visualize like which part of the hole it should go in. It's like here would probably be like right around that area.

JUSTIN SUH: When I read a putt and I'm walking down the line, I feel it a lot with my feet. I don't have great eyes. So for me, like, I feel a lot of the speed with my feet, the brake, and I'm kind of looking at the slopes closer throughout the putt.

JUSTIN SUH: There it is (LAUGHS). Nailed it.

JUSTIN SUH: It’s one of the best courses in Vegas. And one of the top courses in the world. When you are here you can't even imagine that you are in Vegas.

JUSTIN SUH: I would say we get a good mix of being able to grind, compete with all the other players who live out here. I was talking to Collin and he kind of sold me on just telling me that there's good Asian food in Vegas. I'm like, all right, I'm sold.

JUSTIN SUH: I was born and raised in California and we're so close to there that I can go visit anytime I want.

JUSTIN SUH: I make it a pretty big point to include everyone in stuff that I do and, you know, create shared memories, enjoy spending time with friends and family.

JUSTIN SUH: My sister, she's, she's literally one of my best friends

JUSTIN SUH: I think just enjoying quality time with people who are close to you is, is really important to me.

JUSTIN SUH: If I had to pick a word to describe this next year, it would be growth.

JUSTIN SUH: Growing personally, professionally. I mean, just constantly just trying to better myself. And I think for me it I think it would be just to be a better person, better, better friend, better golfer, um, you know, just constantly improving.

JUSTIN SUH: Just moving from the Korn Ferry Tour to the PGA Tour and just, just kind of getting that mental confidence back of, of, okay, like you've won on the Korn Ferry tour, now it's time to win on the PGA Tour.

**C3 – TOUR PLAYLIST**

**JUSTIN SUH RETURNS TO HIS NATIVE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA -- AS THE PGA TOUR TEES IT UP FOR THE ATT PEBBLE BEACH PROAM.**

**C4 – SERVPRO**

**THE CUT PRESENTS – SCRAMBLING LEADERS.**

**AFTER THIS MONTH, THESE ARE THE PLAYERS THAT ARE CURRENTLY AT THE TOP OF THE TOUR IN SCRAMBLING PERCENTAGE.**

ANNC: Matt Kuchar with his third. He’s a magician. Bump and run, he purposely put no spin on that shot. Oh man is that good.

ANNC: Brian Harman from the bunker. He’s close to his work here. He's going to have to hit a beauty. Yeah.

ANNC: Andrew Putnam. How about that? Thumbs up from the announcer booth too, that was a beautiful.

**D1 – MICHAEL HERRERA AND JASON DAY MEET UP MINI**

MARK WILLIAMS: Jason, I want to introduce you to Michael Herrera.

JASON DAY: I’ve heard that you’ve watched me a couple times play out here.

MICHAEL HERRERA: Yeah.

JASON DAY: It made me feel extra old

MICHAEL HERRERA: I wasn’t that young.

JASON DAY: How’s everything going?

MICHAEL HERRERA: Good, good. Just grinding. Got PGA TOUR LatinoAmerica status. So that’s the plan for the rest of the year. And then the APGA TOUR.

JASON DAY: yeah, perfect. Is this your first event?

MICHAEL HERRERA: Yeah, first TOUR event. I’m excited, a lot different. But it’s great.

JASON DAY: Just try to stay stuck in your own world man. There’s going to be a lot of big names walking around and it’s cool and all that stuff, but at the end of the day you’re playing against me and you’re playing against the rest of the guys. But I think the biggest thing you have to kind of have to really control is yourself. That’s who you’re really playing against.

MICHAEL HERRERA: He gave me great advice for this week. Just told me to stay in my own bubble and do what I need to do. Kind of forget about everything else. He’s just been an amazing person to meet and I can’t wait to tee it up next to him.

**D2 – AGRONOMY FEATURE**

**WHILE THE PLAYERS PREPARED TO TACKLE TORREY PINES THE AGRONOMISTS WERE UP BEFORE SUNRISE DIALING IN THE DETAILS, INCLUDING TWO SPECIAL MEMBERS OF THE TEAM.**

PAUL VERMEULEN: So every year we are very fortunate to be joined by approximately two dozen volunteers uh I say were are very fortunate to have them join us because they allow us to accomplish more in the morning and afternoon shifts than we could otherwise do with the normal staff size of Torrey Pines.

DIANA ROBIDEAU: When I first saw this email come through from the GCSAA about this tournament and the volunteering and what they are trying to do as far as diversifying getting more interest from women, minorities like oh I’ll never have a chance and then the woman I was talking to she is like no read it again this is what they are doing this is what they are trying to do.

DIANA ROBIDEAU: One of the things I was looking forward to coming out here having an opportunity just learning how or seeing how it’s done you know the pros they do this getting set up for the tournaments just the detail that goes into everything.

AGUSTIN GALVAN: I eventually see myself hopefully being a superintendent or assistant a little closer to home. I applied to be a member of GCSAA as a student member. They offered me a chance to send them a two page paragraph of why they should select me to come to the Farmers Open.

DIANA ROBIDEAU: I’ve been primarily with date collection stimp reading and firmness test morning and afternoon. That start right off on Sunday learning how to do it. It’s something I’ve never done before so that was all new to me and it will be something that I take back to my course.

AGUSTIN GALVAN: : I’m glad I enjoyed doing all what do they call it the grunt work I enjoyed reading the greens I enjoyed the views seeing all the crowd and that close is just it’s amazing and I thank them for choosing me to be here.

DIANA ROBIDEAU: When I left Michigan a lot of my friends were a little envious of this and I will probably get choke out saying this but you think of Torrey Pines and it is on everyone’s bucket list to come play and I know my step-father it was one of his favorite tournaments to watch so I feel he is up there very proud of me at this time in my life so thank you.

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