PGA TOUR – THE CUT EPISODE #9

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**A1 -- COLD OPEN**

NATS: From Plano, Texas, Parker Coody! And from Plano, Texas, Pierceson Coody!

DEBBIE COODY: It gives me the opportunity to see both of ‘em so, hopefully it’ll be a great day. Just part of their dreams coming true hopefully. We love it! We’re just so happy for them. This is awesome.

**A2 -- TITLES**

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR – THE CUT**

**A3 -- COODY BROTHERS MICD UP**

**WHILE KORN FERRY TOUR STANDOUT PIERCESON COODY EARNED A SPONSOR EXEMPTION INTO THE HONDA CLASSIC, TWIN BROTHER PARKER HAD TO BATTLE FOR HIS OWN SPOT IN THE MONDAY QUALIFIER.**

PARKER COODY: My mindset was just birdie the first and go win the playoff. I felt like if I birdied the first I’d probably have a pretty good chance. I’m pretty pumped, going to try and get a practice round with my brother potentially, but pretty excited and glad I made it through.

PRODUCER: Who is older, and by how much?

PARKER COODY: I am older, by 37 minutes. Yeah, yeah that is a while I know.

PARKER COODY: The goal is to play the TOUR together, so this is obviously a great step. To be able to both make our TOUR starts as professionals together, I think it’s something I’ll always remember.

PIERCESON COODY: It’s turned into a good week, it’s turned into a really special week. Hopefully we make the most of it.

PARKER COODY: What makes this place hard?

PIERCESON COODY: Uh, you just don’t hit any wedges into the green really. You’ll see, they’re just really small areas that they put the pin. If you’re not in the fairway, you just can’t get it there, and then you’re lag putting over ridges.

PIERCESON COODY: I feel like I’ve had Parker, had his number a little bit lately the last few years. But he would have no problem beating me if he had a good day so it’s kind of just whoever’s day it is really.

PARKER COODY: I’m going to bet he said himself. He likes to think sometimes. He may have just won a Korn Ferry Tour event. But it’s fine.

PIERCESON COODY: Our most competitive thing we’ve ever done is playing for a car. It was my dad’s old 2008 car. So we had a year long competition to see who won it.

PARKER COODY: I had a big lead in January and I think it came down to I think I was one or two shots ahead going into our last tournament. And he ended up winning Thunderbird and I didn’t play that great. I was a good 15 to 20 shot swing.

PIERCESON COODY: So it was good double whammy for me, win an event and win a car. We’re always trying to beat each other by as many shots as possible. But it’s a very healthy relationship and we have a good time doing it, it’s just in the moment you’re trying to see how fast you can run.

KYLE COODY: They are very, very competitive but they’re each other’s biggest fans. And they’ve always done this their entire career as they climb the ladder. But when somebody did something, what it did for the other is well my brother did it so I can do it too and if someone’s doing well, they’re always out there watching, so they’re always striving to make each other better.

PIERCESON COODY: He hits his irons really nice, mine curve a little bit more and I wish they’d be a little bit straighter, a little more solid. But he’s really dialed with his irons, looks very clean, looks very straight.

PARKER COODY: I mean the best part of my brother’s game is usually his driving, day in and day out. Typically really good. But if I had to choose another thing, it’s his mental game. He’s really good when he gets inside the ropes if that makes sense, where he gets the ball in the hole and does his thing. It’s nice with stuff like this because we know each other’s game so well.

PIERCESON COODY: We practice with the same clubs so we kind of watch each other and see to see what’s going on.

PARKER COODY: I was on the bag yesterday, I’m an emergency part time caddie, my job is to be his caddie and he tells me what to do. I’ll be dad off the golf course. My advice to them is pretty simple. You can control what you can control and let the other things roll off your back and stay in the moment. No moment is too big for you. They feel like they belong like so many other young kids coming out, everybody sees it and they have it.

PIERCESON COODY: Well, it was good we could do this practice round together, so it’ll be a good week. So let’s play well.

**A4 -- HONDA WINNER FEATURE**

ANNC: Chris Kirk, who is trying to win for first time eight years. He wants to be known as the guy who can win again

ANNC: oh it is up! And it is sticked! Sometimes when you’re forced to lay up, good things happen.

CHRIS KIRK: When I missed fairway on 18, I would love to have piped one down the middle, almost like my chances more with a wedge into that pin.

ANNC: For the first time in almost 8 years, Chris Kirk is a winner again on the PGA TOUR.

CHRIS KIRK: So thankful to be able to do what I do for a living, very thankful to have the life I have, to have the opportunity to compete on a stage like this, tournament like this, to be able to pull it off is a huge bonus.

NATS: Love you guys. Made it a little more exciting than I needed to. Unbelievable.

ANNC: what a great feeling, an emotional win

CHRIS KIRK: I owe everything I have to my sobriety. I wouldn’t be doing this for a living anymore, I probably wouldn’t family I have. It’s something that’s constantly in my mind, it’s easy to see that winning Honda Classic is a bonus when every good thing I have in my life I owe to that.

**A5 – FEC STANDINGS**

**WITH THE WIN – CHRIS KIRK MOVES TO SIXTH IN THE FEDEX CUP STANDINGS.**

**A6 – COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP TEN**

**BUT IT’S JON RAHM MAINTAINING CONTROL IN THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP TEN.**

**A7 – BUMP**

DAVID LINGMERTH: Golf is one of those things where it's so easy to carry something with you from the course to home and you can't really let it go. I was definitely more that way in the past, prior to having kids.

**B1 – GS TRANSITION**

**B2 – DAVID LINGMERTH FEATURE**

DAVID LINGMERTH: Describe Fatherhood? Yeah. I don’t know. One of those things that it's hard to put into words

DAVID LINGMERTH; Leon is five. Noah is two.

DAVID LINGMERTH I'm having so much fun just hanging out with them and playing games and goofing off. Uh, we do a lot of that here in this household.

MEGAN LINGMERTH: I feel like fatherhood comes naturally for him**.** He's got that like it's very Swedish, too. They have a word they use. They say [inaudible]. It's like not too little, not too much, just right. And David's just all encompassing of that word.

DAVID LINGMERTH : Golf is one of those things where it's so easy to carry something with you from the course to home and you can't really let it go. I was definitely more that way in the past, prior to having kids, because when you come home and you see you see your boys there and they can they couldn't care less if you won the tournament or if you finish last, it really doesn't matter to them.

MEGAN LINGMERTH: He's had his ups and downs. He hasn't just gone to his peak and stayed there. He's kind of just been on that golf roller coaster. He's always desiring to be in that very top elite few. And it's not easy to get there.

DAVID LINGMERTH: When I come to practice, I try to come a little bit more prepared than I probably used to when I was younger.

DAVID LINGMERTH: I just go hit some balls first trying to, you know, work my way up from the wedges and then yeah, just go, go through most of the bag.

DAVID LINGMERTH: I'd had a few good years there, I'd say, you know, 15 through 17 were pretty good.

ANNC: Rock solid David Lingmerth – his first tournament win.

DAVID LINGMERTH: Then in 2018, it was actually here on home turf warming up for the first round of the players. I just felt something pop in my neck and it was very painful**.**

DAVID LINGMERTH: There's two discs that I had a surgeon who, who wanted to replace them, but. The guarantee that you can come back and play golf after a surgery like that is it's not very, very big. So, you know, I felt like trying to do the physical rehab to try to make it feel as good as possible was going to be my best route.

MEGAN LINGMERTH: I'm very, very proud of his resiliency. He really just he goes out there every day and works on what he needs to work on.

DAVID LINGMERTH: I just had to chip away at it, one foot in front of the other and try to get a little bit better every day.

DAVID LINGMERTH: I just prepared myself for a long battle and that's, that's what I've been doing and that's what I keep doing every day.

ANNC: This week it’s Lingmerth looking to get back into the winner’s circle. He’s two clear heading to 17.

DAVID LINGMERTH: The battle from 2018 to 2022 felt really long. But the last part was made easier because I felt like I had you know, I had started to make the progress needed to ultimately reach that goal.

ANNC: He’s done it! How big was that for David Lingmerth?!

DAVID LINGMERTH: So, you know, by the end of 2022, I was able to get that win in in Columbus and secure my tour card.

DAVID LINGMERTH: It was one of those endings that you grow up kind of dreaming about, to be honest, making a putt on the last hole to finish the tournament off. That was an amazing feeling. And especially after everything I had gone through.

MEGAN LINGMERTH: There's kind of this perspective where you want it even more for your kids and you want them to be proud of you. And that's that kind of shows his character to you that he's in it for so many reasons.

DAVID LINGMERTH: It's pretty magical a journey, actually. I'm so happy that I have Leon and Noah in my life and that I have Megan. I’m looking forward to our journey from here on.

**B4 – SERVPRO FEATURE**

**THE CUT PRESENTS SCRAMBLING LEADERS.**

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

ANNC: Andrew Putnam…that’s a really good one

ANNC:Yeah nice shot, go, there’s the ridge right there, needed to three or four more feet

ANNC: fantastic short game, it’s been that way. For a long time, great shot there

**C1 – THE CUT REJOIN**

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**C2 – BRANDON MATTHEWS FEATURE**

TRAVIS FULTON: “Alright, we're here with PGA TOUR rookie Brandon Matthews. How's that sound? PGA TOUR rookie?”

BRANDON MATTHEWS: Yeah, that's pretty wild, right? You know, growing up and understanding that this was my dream and now kind of realizing it is pretty amazing. So being in this spot, I’m very thankful for it.

ANNC: We talked about his length, why not try to drive the green? 370 to the front of the green. Oh yes! How about that shot by Brandon Matthews

ANNC: How about Thomas Detry and Ben Martin saying nope I don’t have that shot.

TRAVIS FULTON: Now, usually we like to start with like some wedges here on The CUT, work ourselves up to the driver. But this is one of the longest hitters in professional golf. So I've got to go to the big stick. I know you're warmed up.

TRAVIS FULTON: Let's tee one up here and hit one here at Let's call it cruising speed.

BRANDON MATTHEWS: If I'm cruising I'm going to try to have that ball flight slightly lower. So for me, I'll try to tee it down a little bit more than if I was trying to hit one hard, choke up just a hair and just try to feel really balanced throughout the entire swing.

TRAVIS FULTON; And it’s just dead straight.

BRANDON MATTHEWS: That was a good one, yeah.

TRAVIS FULTON: So carry, what’s that at?

BRANDON MATTHEWS: 328.

TRAVIS FULTON: And that just looks effortless. And that was, you're telling me that was 75 to 85%?

BRANDON MATTHEWS: Again, to me, that's what it feels like, right? So that's kind of what I'm thinking. I'm trying to just let my body kind of do most of the work trying to be easy with it. Like I said, maintain that balance.

TRAVIS FULTON: Pretty much exactly like the other one. And yeah, same number 323. So that works, ball just died a little bit, right to left. So that's cruising speed, you've got more in the tank. But as I understand right now, I mean, all the speed that you have, you're kind of maybe trying to scale it back a touch to protect the back a little bit lower back, hips, and a little sensitive as of late.

BRANDON MATTHES: I want to play this for a long time. So in order to do that, I've realized that I have to do some things in my golf swing, and stick to it. And that's just moving the body and understanding that body has to move this way spine angle has to kind of stay pretty neutral. Instead of for me, you know, I got into the habit, especially in a long year, I get into this habit, which is old, where I would go this way. And this way, and that just destroys my lower back. So you know, even if I try to go out on here, so like, if I'm trying to hit one a little harder, carry a little further, I tee it up, obviously a little bit higher, get a little bit more off the front foot, maybe take a little wider stance, but still trying to maintain that movement

that I've been working on a lot. But I'm just feeling my hands with a little bit more speed at the bottom.

TRAVIS FULTON: And what I hear you saying there is your spine, the old way your spine was maybe leaning maybe a little towards the target in the backswing. And then it would have to go back the other way through impact. So you're just trying to maybe reverse that feel of feeling the spine more to the right going back. And then from there, you feel like you can kind of go get it?

BRANDON MATTHEWS: Yeah, so for me, it's kind of just turning more around that axis. Right? So he's trying to go more this way instead of kind of yeah, this way or that way which was what I was moving like.”

BRANDON MATTHEWS: Over the last probably month and a half. It's as good as I felt in a long time. I had a few times where my back kind of went out in the fall. So I dealt with that all fall and kind of tried to work through it. As I'm going through the beginning of the year, this year, I'm able to do these long range sessions and get done with the day and actually feel okay, so that's very important.

TRAVIS FULTON: I like changes, like where you're going. Just getting started PGA TOUR rookie Brandon Matthews. Best of luck to you.

BRANDON MATTHEWS: Thanks Trav, appreciate it.

**C3 – TOUR PLAYLIST**

**WHILE THE PGA TOUR HOSTS ITS FOURTH DESIGNATED EVENT OF THE SEASON AT BAY HILL, BRANDON MATTHEWS TAKES HIS TALENTS TO THE PUERTO RICO OPEN.**

**C4 – PUERTO RICO OPEN PREVIEW**

ANNC: The PGA TOUR coming to Puerto Rico and the Grand Reserve Golf Club playing host once again.

ANNC: Some of the players that are household names now have really played well here. You look at Finau and Hovland, they’ve won here.

TONY FINAU: What I enjoyed most about Puerto Rico Open, the kind of Caribbean slash Puerto Rican cuisine they had at the resort, I felt a little bit at home while I was there. And so that's why I won there [LAUGH]

ANNC: This is an event that has a lot of opportunity for players on the PGA TOUR.

ANNC: You win here you can get into the crown jewel next week into the PLAYERS Championship.

ANNC: Ryan Brehm wins the Puerto Rico Open.

RYAN BREHM: I guess tomorrow we're going to get on a flight back to Florida and try to get a practice round in for THE PLAYERS, so I'm excited about that. I've never played in THE PLAYERS

ANNC: Massive opportunity for these guys to really change the trajectory of their career.

**D1 – PACIFIC LIFE PREVIEW**

**THE CUT PRESENTS TOURNAMENT INSIGHTS, FOR THE ARNOLD PALMER INVITATIONAL PRESENTED BY MASTERCARD.**

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: It's definitely a special event to go back to having Mr. Palmer's name on it and being able to go back to a place that he loves so much and compete is very special for us as players.

**AS SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER LOOKS TO DEFEND ANOTHER TITLE ON THE PGA TOUR, THE ELITE FIELD IS PREPARING TO FACE SOME OF THETOUGHEST CONDITIONS THEY’LL SEE ALL YEAR**

ANNC: Oh now you think that’s fast? Touched it, just touched it and that’s 6-7 feet by.

GARY WOODLAND: You’re putting across the green and it’s downhill and there’s no grass. It gets past the hole, and it’s gone so

ANNC: The conditions are about as tough as you’re going to get.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: The way the greens are. Making putts out here is so hard. There’s not a lot of friction on the greens and with the way the wind is blowing, any little gust has such an extreme effect on the golf ball. Uhm, it’s so difficult.

**PLAYERS NEED TO SHOW EXTREME PRECISION AROUND THE GREENS AT BAY HILL IF THEY WANT TO BE IN CONTENTION ON SUNDAY.**

**D2 – PADRAIG HARRINGTON PROFILE CUTDOWN**

**THREE TIME MAJOR CHAMPION AND SPONSOR EXEMPTION PADRAIG HARRINGTON IS NO STRANGER TO THE CHALLENGE AT BAY HILL, BUT FOR HIM THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE DUBLIN.**

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Home really is home. Very proud of Ireland. I think for really, really good country. When you travel the world and you come back to Ireland, we're pretty nice place. Nice, nice place to be.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Three guys come in facing five days a week in the mornings. They get pretty much it all done in a couple of hours. It's kept to a perfect standard for. Oh, I hope you didn't get that on camera. First swing of the day. No. Oh, this is my work. This is where I come in practice in the hours out here, trying different shots and tinkering away, get your game ready.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: We could spend a day here trying to get that ball to stay in the green. There is everything to keep your interest there. And the most important thing, if you're going to practice anything, is that you stay interested. There's no point in practicing a boring shot. You'll lose your interest in a daydream.

**HARRINGTON SHARES THAT WISDOM WITH FANS AND FELLOW PROS ON SOCIAL MEDIA.**

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: I've always wanted to do it, to be honest. Likewise. Stick your bum out. I do them in one take. If you don't like it, don't watch them. This is what I think. And I put them out there in my own words. Do not bend your knees.

COLIN MONTGOMERIE: He shares some of these thoughts with us. And he has a lot of thoughts, believe me. But guess what? They're pretty funny.

JIM FURYK: There's a lot of pauses and ums and ahs in there. They’re witty. I think he's fun. I think some of that personality comes out during his videos and really enjoyable.

PADRAIG HARRINGOTN: I could give the best of golf tip on social media and it will get some coverage. No problem. But if I post a picture of Wilson, it gets far more coverage, people love Wilson.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: When you go around the world and you come back to Ireland, you realize how good it is here. Who's going to clean you after this? Wilson was my first thought. We have him three and a half years. It's been amazing. He just took over our lives. He becomes the center of your family, of your life. And everything is revolves around them.

PADRAIG: Yeah, he’s just part of the family now. I've probably asked for more pictures of Wilson every day.

**A PGA TOUR LEGEND IN HIS ON RIGHT, HARRINGTON HAS TAKEN HIS GAME TO NEW HEIGHTS ON THE PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS.**

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: The Champions TOUR got far more attention than that even back in 2008. That's great shots. And, you know, people saw you win the majors are watching you now. And you think he still hasn't. He's still doing it. It gives you the opportunity to relive your past glories, which is fabulous. It feels new again.

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