**23CUTWM SHOW INTERNATIONAL SCRIPT**

COLD OPEN – PEBBLE BEACH

ANNC: From Pebble Beach, California, the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am. What a sight. Doesn’t change much through the years. This event’s been around since 1937 and you’ve got the amateurs, the celebrities playing alongside.

Ray Romano! Oh Ray! I think he likes it.

Jake Owen now here at the 8th. Great there! Wow, he’s showing out.

JAKE: Pearl, that’s you!

ANNC: Darius Rucker, oh yeah! He was on stage a couple weeks ago, now making putts!

ANNC: Jason Bateman on the tee.

BATEMAN: Is it on the ridge? I guess I just need a camera on and I hit one good shot for the day.

THE CUT TITLES

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR, THE CUT**

ROBBY SHELTON WALK & TALK

SHELTON: Is this green pretty flat? Like a 120 Shot?

CADDIE: Not quite.

SHELTON: I definitely had a really good year my freshman year at Alabama and won three times, had a national title with the team and then played Barbasol. That third place there definitely set it in my mind that I was ready.

ANNC: Robby Shelton, the young amateur.

SHELTON: Definitely gave me a lot of confidence. First year was okay.  The second year my swing still wasn't quite there, but I made it out here, and I was I was lucky to do that

ANNC: Robby Shelton, 23 years of age. He won twice sending him to the PGA TOUR.

SHELTON: First year, I think I just had a lot of confidence coming off the Korn Ferry. Had a couple of good finishes, kept my card and finished top 70, made it to BMW.

ANNC: Let’s see if Robby Shelton can make the birdie putt here. He’s aimed. Good cup outside the left.

SHELTON: Second year I just got lost. And kinda was chasing other things.

ANNC: This for double now, for Robby Shelton. Two doubles and a bogey.

SHELTON: I started trying too many different things. I was watching all these other players and trying to be like them instead of being myself. It was tough. you never want to lose your card at any level. I had to go back and play mini tours and, you know, get the confidence back to somehow figure it out.

I went and saw a new coach down in Tampa and he kind of got me swinging, like my old ways. I noticed you got to drive it well on this on this tour and that's what I've kind of built my game around now. Usually if I drive it well, I play well. If I'm hitting from the, you know the fairways, it makes life a lot easier, a lot more stress free.

The year didn't start out well. I missed five cuts in a row I think, but, I was still working on the move and it kept getting better and better. You know, when the ball starts doing what you want, you get a lot of confidence.

ANNC: It’s been a tough start for Robby, now going back in the right direction.

SHELTON: Rattling off some top twenty-fives, honestly I just started getting a little momentum, and, uh, I knew at BMW when I won I was swinging really well that week and you know, back here today.

I've had two top tens and I've made a bunch of cuts but I still haven't had the top finishes I've wanted. Just looking forward to the rest of the season.

ANNC: Another youngster who has not won out here on the PGA TOUR but has all the credentials.

SHELTON: I'm ready to win out here and, that's my ultimate goal. That’s at the top of the list for sure.

JUSTIN ROSE WINS THE AT&T PEBBLE BEACH PRO-AM

ANNC: You see the name Justin Rose and you think boy that would be some story, wouldn’t it? Well guess what, that story had unfolded. Justin Rose, back in the winner’s circle!

ROSE: Time flies by, doesn’t it? It’s amazing how long it’s been.

ANNC: Justin Rose has been to the summit of his sport, and back.

ROSE: What a place to win a tournament. Incredible week from start to finish with so much happening in my favor.

That’s the beauty of this tournament, you should only come and tee up if your are willing to have that attitude this week. Obviously there is a lot going on. There’s amateurs, the old bounce on the green, wobbly putts or forecast that doesn’t make sense. You know, so there’s a lot that can be thrown at you.

ANNC: Great shot for Rose!

ROSE: It’s a wonderful tournament it offers something different to the rest of the schedule. When you go side-by-side with the amateurs I think there is something to that that maybe you know keeps me a bit more mellow as well, so I gotta learn from it.

ANNC: How about that for Rose?!

ROSE: This is just a moment to say thanks to the people who believe in me probably more than I do. Obviously my family, at home. Kate, Leo, Lottie, this one is for you guys.

FEDEXCUP STANDINGS

**JUSTIN ROSE’S FIRST VICTORY IN 4 YEARS HAS THE ENGLISHMAN BACK INSIDE THE TOP 10 OF THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE JULY 2019.**

COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10

**AND IN THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP TEN, JON RAHM REMAINS IN TOP SPOT, AS SEAMUS POWER MOVES UP TO FORTH WITH HIS T15 AT PEBBLE BEACH.**

STILL AHEAD…

HOGE: Everything as a whole just got a little bit better I would say. You know, every part of my game was just kind of that next step up.

MACKLEMORE: I hit it right in the middle of this thing called the club face and got that feeling and I was just like, what was that? I want that again.

JON RAHM’S HOT START

ANNC: And that should put it out of reach and he knows it! PGA TOUR victory number 8 and a win for the 7th consecutive season! Taking care of business here in the first event of 2023.

Jon Rahm wins again, he’s making it a habit. 2nd time here at The American Express and in back-to-back starts now.

RAHM: Heck of a start. Obviously, Sentry and this one are very, very different golf courses and very different golf, right, but you still have to go low in both of them. So luckily the mentality is the same. Body's been feeling great. My swing's been feeling really, really good. And it shows.

ANNC: Hottest man on the golf course. Look out for Jon Rahm.

RAHM: I'm comfortable on top of the golf ball right now. I'm comfortable and the confidence in my swing right now is pretty high, but you still want to work on things and try to get better.

TOUR PLAYLIST

**JON RAHM NOW CARRIES HIS SWING CONFIDENCE TO THE WM PHOENIX OPEN, WHERE HE HAS POSTED TOP-20 FINISHES IN ALL 7 CAREER STARTS IN THE DESERT.**

JON RAHM SWING THEORY

RAHM: I wouldn't know how to say it but sometimes that I'm thinking of something, other times I'm not, but if I ever have any thought, it’s make sure I'm clear in my hips.

INTRO: A lot has to do tempo. Just committing to the shot. I'm a big feel guy. Turn your body and club through together.

IMMELMAN: Jon Rahm. Six foot two, 220 pounds with big legs and strong glutes. He is a powerful man who puts as solid a strike on the golf ball as anybody on the PGA TOUR. It's strong. It's precise. It's repeatable. It's why Jon Rahm is one of the leading figures in the game.

ANNC: Jon Rahm going with the driver. He went after it. He sure did. This guy keeps fighting. He never gives up.

IMMELMAN: Jon Rahm's entire golf swing is defined by the fact that he was born with a club right foot and had to go through a procedure where they essentially broke down every bone beneath the knee and the right foot to straighten things out. So consider that area over there. It was essentially built or rebuilt when he was a young boy.

So that now has left him in a situation where this right ankle lacks mobility. So as a result, his golf swing has to compensate for that. So, Jon Rahm quickly realized that he cannot swing back as far as most because of the inhibition down here through this part of his leg.

So as he sets up at address, I just love the angle setup. The bend there gently through the spine, the belt buckle pointing down to the handle of the club and just easy bending through the knees. Strong, using those glutes, those legs to set up this wide and powerful golf swing. Starting away, the club will work pretty much along the ground, straight off the ball, and the handle of the club shoots out, and he gets to this place here, where at the top of the swing, you can see he also has some of that wrist bow. Some of that very strong club face. The modern day PGA TOUR move, but you notice this, the hands are barely above his shoulders and the elbow, the trail elbow that is, is barely above his midriff, but still, he can create a lot of power from there. The big, strong legs being the reason there. Think of that area as the engine of the golf swing as we show you how that fires and ignites.

So down, you see how the legs are changing direction and driving and leading and pulling those arms down through contact. One more time you can see how the wrist conditions are just going from more bowed to slightly less bowed as well and right prior to contact now, as we take him all the way down, he is just in a very powerful spot, lower body unwinding chest passive. Look at this golf club face looking directly into the back of the ball, low body is cleared out. Very stable in his feet and characteristic of a number of very solid ball strikers, that glove hand wrist, it's bowed. It's bowed up. It's strengthened with a trail elbow underneath. Now, watch that elbow just drive and straighten. As he puts a hard uppercut through the back of the golf ball. From there, the body continues to unwind, the arms straighten and all the way to the follow through. There's never any holding back. Every time John Rahm hits a driver, it is hit with complete authority.

ANNC: Rahm certainly the firepower to get home in two.

At least 310 to cover the water. This is down the left side. If it kicks right it’s perfect, oh, yeah, just another beautiful tee shot. I mean he he just… that's what he does. He aims down the left side of fairways. He tries to peel that little cut. It's not a little, they’re going 330, 340 today.

IMMELMAN: The beauty about Jon Rahm is whether it's with an iron or whether it's full blooded with a driver, the golf swing remains pretty much the same. The only thing that varies is the speed.

TOM HOGE FEATURE

ANNC: Not a problem, spectacular finish over the closing five holes. We have a champion in Tom Hoge.

HOGE: I was playing really well, you know, 63 the first round at Pebble Beach was a lot of fun. Holed a lot of putts out there. I would say just the way that I played coming down the stretch,  that’s something you take a lot of confidence from is that playing under that pressure to really  you know execute every shot the way you want to.

This year to be back is extra special. More than anything, my wife and I love coming to the area. To walk in and see my picture right away, holding the trophy, hear from different volunteers, players that were here last year and congratulated me, it’s still cool and certainly fun to see some of the highlights from last year.

Everything as a whole just got a little bit better I would say. You know every part of my game was just kind of that next step up, and then you know it was my eighth year on TOUR, so I think I got a little more comfortable. It all just added up for me to a little bit better results each week across the season.

NATS: From Fargo, North Dakota, please welcome, Tom Hoge.

ANNC: Tom, in his first TOUR Championship, soaking the experience in.

HOGE: A tournament like the TOUR Championship with only 30 guys there is a little bit of a weird feeling just because it doesn’t feel like a tournament early on because there’s nobody playing on the range or any of that sort of stuff, but you really get an appreciation there and at Maui of just how hard it is to get to those tournaments, how select the group is and how well you have to play to earn your spot there.

The TOUR Championship’s always the goal because you want to play the TOUR Championship because you want to get in all the majors for the next year. Every year on TOUR we all strive to be there. It was really cool to be there for the first time and after playing there you know I feel like it’s a golf course that should really set up well for me. So, I feel like I could have some success there so now it’s the goal to try and get back.

ANNC: Think he’s not warming up to East Lake?

HOGE: I’ve always loved the fall part of the season. I feel like there’s some golf courses that really set up well for me.

ANNC: He is tearing it up out there today.

HOGE: I’ve used it to get ahead of the game a little bit. So I set up the last two years really well.

I struggled in the summers a little bit and I don’t know if it’s too much play or just my body gets a little bit worn out at that point. So it’s certainly is a focus here going into the summer that I maybe play a little bit less to be a little more fresh when I do tee it up and just try and get in the gym and make sure my body is ready to go. There’s a lot of tournaments that I really love that time of year as we head back to Texas and then tournaments like Memorial and some majors in the summer.

I know that’s going to be a challenge this year to kinda take that next step from last year but try to be a little more consistent, make a few more cuts. Just try to keep feeling like I’m getting better each day and keep going to work.

FLORIDA GATORS AT SEA BEST INVITATIONAL

HART: Carry. Catch that corner somehow. Okay, that's fine.

DEACON: You gonna watch your language a little bit?

HART: No, it's not live, I already checked it out. They’re splicing it.

How I kind of interact with each guy is a little different because they each want different things. And I'm real sensitive to trying to not push what I would do, because sometimes we all see golf a little bit differently.

Just trying to trying to show them that sometimes playing golf with as little stress as you have to have on yourself is a lot easier.

Good swing. Perfect.

Good putt, nice birdie.

BIONDI: He played on the TOUR for 20 plus years, won on tour, the four time all-American at Florida. So he knows what he's talking about. He's done it for a living and having all that experience and knowledge thrown at you, it's very cool, especially for someone that wants to learn more about the game and trying to get better.

HART: Should be fine. It's fine. The back pin doesn't matter.

You're going to make plenty of mistakes because you're a human being and you hit bad shots. You know, when I was doing it, it cost me money. It's not costing them money right now, but it's costing the Gators strokes and it's costing them better finishes in tournaments and hopefully, if they can learn it now when they turn pro, you know, we can save them a little money at the same time.

BIONDI: We have 15 guys on the team and a couple of All-Americans and I mean, I love those guys are they're my best friends really, and it's very competitive because everyone's really good and everyone wants to take that spot on the team.

HORSCHEL: I like to see people get better at the game of golf. I like to see the smile that the game of golf brings. I do find time because I do care. I do have a lot of passion for the men's golf, but also for all Florida Gator sports. You know, any way I can get back to the Florida Gators, it meant so much to me, I'm willing to do.

CASTILLIO: It's really awesome. He's got a lot of knowledge and, you know, really, really cares about the Gators and really, really roots for us. Any chance he gets, he tries to help us and you know he text us, calls us, wants to do anything we can to be there for us, and I think just him wanting to be there shows us that, you know, there's a lot of people that care about us and want us to be really successful.

HORSCHEL: Pretty impressive to see what these kids do, because at the same time, they're student athletes. They've got to do well in the classroom to be able to compete out here on the golf course. So it's impressive to see what all these college golfers are doing it and how good they are already.

PGA TOUR U | VELOCITY GLOBAL STANDINGS

**FRED BIONDI CAPTURED THE TITLE AT THE SEA BEST INVITATIONAL AND REMAINS AT 3RD IN THE PGA TOUR UNIVERSITY, VELOCITY GLOBAL RANKINGS.**

RAPID RECOVERY

**THE CUT PRESENTS… RAPID RECOVERY**

ANNC: Oh that’s a one handed finish there. Palmer’s not going to like this one, obviously.

He has a branch right in front of him, he’s got to definitely got to keep it low. Aimed it way out to the right and didn’t get to the fairway.

Beautiful looking shot, right at it.

Little touch here. Ohhhh. That’s why the flagstick was out. Routine four! Absolutely. Drove it to the right spot after all.

VOICES WITH MACKLEMORE

MACKLEMORE: Best thing about golf is when you find your swing after you lose it.

SLADE: Okay.

MACKLEMORE: The worst thing about golf is losing your swing.

SLADE: What up world? I'm Jacques Slade. Welcome to a new episode of Voices. In the World of Golf, we see people from all walks of life, and today we're stepping into the world of hip hop with Grammy Award winning artist Macklemore. While many may know him for poppin tags lately, he's been a bogey boy to the core. We caught up with Macklemore to chop it up on the range and on the course.

MACKLEMORE: I got into golf. You know, I definitely had a period of when Tiger first came out. Fast forward to three years ago. It was the day after Thanksgiving on vacation with my with my family and my best friend, and I got drug out to the golf course day after Thanksgiving. I ended up in a fairway bunker, grabbed a five iron, and I hit it right in the middle of this thing called the club face and got that feeling and I was just like, what was that? I want that again. And I've been searching for that club face ever since. But yeah, it was just that it was that moment of just like pure addiction, that dopamine hit of something about a golf ball hit squarely that I fell in love with instantly.

ANNC: Macklemore now, Grammy Award winning artist, we all know. That's pretty good for someone who hasn't been playing that long.

SLADE: Bogey boys, it’s a vibe. What's the message of Bogey boys?

MACKLEMORE: To me, the message is be yourself. Inclusivity, you know, growing the game, being an individual, standing out a little bit, getting outside of your comfort zone, and most importantly, having a good time on the golf course. This is my favorite game that I've ever played. I want people to feel comfortable, feel welcome, feel like they can come out at the very least look good, even if they're not playing good.

SLADE: I feel like I feel like you've made your your impact on the world of hip hop and like you're coming into golf.

MACKLEMORE: Yeah.

SLADE: You know, one as a player, but also as somebody that is looking to to change the sport in a way like what's what's the impact you want to have?

MACKLEMORE: I want to diversify the game and what we know as what we've seen forever as this is what golf looks like and people of all economic backgrounds, people that aren't white men. I think that this is an opportunity right now that we're in that golf is growing.

SLADE: How has golf changed you?

MACKLEMORE: Golf has made me weirdly a more obsessive person.

SLADE: Oh, okay. All right.

MACKLEMORE: But a more patient person. I think that there is an opportunity, like whenever my kids are wild I'm like, yeah, if I don't react to this, if I can take a breath, then I can actually have an opportunity to grow. Now, does that happen often? No. Usually I react to it in my I'm with what's going on. But there's something about golf where it's the same thing. You're tested. Your patience is tested all the time and it's just that thing of like, you know, what I got right now is the ability to breathe, relax and move on to the next one. And there is like the endless metaphor, the life parallel of, I just got what's in front of me, I can't get back that I don't know what's going to come next. There's going to be good breaks, bad breaks, good lies, bad ones. But I'm lucky I get to live it.

SLADE: You've heard it before. Better access and a more equitable playing field for those without the means. You want someone to be able to be themselves no matter where they're from, what they look like, or how they dress. But someone like Macklemore, that's not only rooted in this game, but it's rooted in who he is. I want to give him a big shot up for coming on the show.

I’m Jacques Slade. Thank you for joining us on Voices. And I'll see you next time. Peace.