**23CUTMEM SHOW INTERNATIONAL SCRIPT**

COLD OPEN

SORENSTAM: I bet it's been a whirlwind.

BLOCK: One of my first thoughts when I first found out I was coming here was watching you play here.

SORENSTAM: You know it’s 20 years.

BLOCK: Was it 20 years ago?

SORENSTAM: And that's crazy.

BLOCK: That’s what I was thinking. That was one of the coolest things I've watched in my life where I'll never forget. That was cool.

SORENSTAM: Yeah, we were just talking about, reminiscing and I can't I mean, it looks so different. But anyway, it was awesome. Great story. Nice to see you.

BLOCK: I appreciate it Any advice?

SORENSTAM: You’ve got it! No, but this is a good course. Have you been here before?

BLOCK: No, this is my, I’ve never even been on the putting green.

SORENSTAM: Yeah, so this is a little tighter course. A little narrow. It’s not the longest so just.

BLOCK: That's why you came here, right?

SORENSTAM: I did. Well, that's the thing. It's more about fairways and greens and if you can play at Oak Hill you can do it here.

BLOCK: Well, thank you.

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT**

BLOCK PARTY

ANNC: The story this week overshadowing them all, Michael Block. Seemed immune to the pressure a week ago.

HOMA: Great job.

BLOCK: Max, how are you doing buddy?

HOMA: I've known Michael for a little bit. He's a legend in Southern California. It was amazing to see him not only play great, but enjoy it so much. It was refreshing and man, that hole-in-one. I don't think you could have written that one.

BURNS: What a week for him. I think it was so cool for all of us to watch, you know, him have that opportunity, then to play as well as he did. I think it will be really special for him to look back on that week for a long, long time.

SPIETH: That's one of the beauties of the PGA Championship. I man you don't really see it to that extent but every 20 or 30 years, but how cool.

BLOCK: Here you go buddy. You guys have a great day!

KIDS: Thank you. Good luck!

BLOCK: Thank you. Oh no!

MALNATI: Can I play with you?

BLOCK: Will you please?

MALNATI: Can I play with you?

BLOCK: Dude, you’re the legend, brother.

I’m actually kind of glad that at this point I haven't come to the reality about what's happening and uh, so I can actually play pretty good golf because I think if I sit down and think about it too much, I'm not sure if I could swing the club.

I have no idea where the next hole is.

Today was my first time on property here at Colonial, absolutely love it. The course is great. The course fits my eye. A lot of cuts off the tee. You've got to be pretty straight and the greens are perfect and uh, got a nice little ryegrass around the green. So, to be honest, it fits me a lot better than it did last week.

SCHEFFLER: Any time you see a PGA pro have some success is really special. We're definitely happy for him and well deserved to get into these two events after his performance last week.

BLOCK: It's just weird now where I come up through a gate and the guys at the gate are screaming block party you know when I'm going through, and the guy making me an omelet gave me knuckles and said I did awesome last week.

I don't really know what the future’s going to hold whatsoever. I’m not trying to guess what’s gonna happen. I'm just going to keep doing what I've been doing and whatever comes of it, comes of it and I'll enjoy it one way or the other. I've got a great life both ways. So, it’s good all the way.

ANNIKA SORENSTAM REFLECTS

SORENSTAM: I was as prepared as I could be. I mean, I had practiced months and months, and I'd been trying to come get myself in the right, you know, frame of mind for what to expect.

ANNC: From Stockholm, Sweden. Please welcome Annika Sorenstam

SORENSTAM: I can't believe all the people. I think time kinda stopped a moment for me. I'm taking a few practice swings, I'm trying to breathe. I'm trying to get all the tension out and my lips are moving because I was just trying to tell myself you know, enjoy it and trust yourself. And I got forward here. And I made such a solid connection. And then you can see my knees buckle, I think that just summarize the whole thing.

ANNC: Relief from Annika Sorenstam.

SORENSTAM: I hit it down the center. And yeah, off we went. I was just trying to stay focused on you know, what do I do best. Well, playing golf is what I do best and hitting fairways and hitting greens and just trying to, you know, keep the mind on what I had to do and not so much everything around it, which is probably easier said than done.

ANNC: There you go, she didn't even need the pin.

SORENSTAM: Wherever I went. I saw the people; I heard the support. It was crazy. Something that I've never experienced.

ANNC: We'll take the walk with her up to the 18th green.

I’m sure her heart is racing every bit as much here as it was on her first tee shot yesterday.

SORENSTAM: I had been nervous all day. I thought we'd go away after a few holes but no, I mean, I was I was tense all day but obviously I'm very happy the way it played and the guys I played with was so nice to me and, you know, without them, I don't know if I would have made it.

Both Dean and Aaron were rookies, you know, they didn't ask for all of this. I felt like they were kind of my brothers. It's like okay, because Aaron took his hand around me and said let's do this together and I will never forget that. It kind of gave me a little boost.

ANNC: And now she can let it go. It has been such a demanding experience emotionally.

SORENSTAM: I've learned so much not just today but the whole week. I mean that's one of the reasons why I'm here and I'm sort a lot of things. Just the guys had been so nice, you know, just to play longer shots worked so much on my short game, the pressure, the crowd, it's so different. I'm so, so thankful to be here.

ANNC: Wow what a shot. Game on ladies and gentlemen. That's just great. Absolutely beautifully done.

BUMP

YURIGAN: It's kind of neat to see how everybody’ s really into what's going on. Seeing somebody local make it.

LAMONTANGE: It gives a lot of kids something to shoot for and say, you know what, this this can happen here at Satellite High School or Bayside High School.

PLAYERS TRY BEN HOGAN’S CLUBS

NATS: Here’s one of Mr. Hogan’s if you want to test yourself.

BLOCK: It goes so low. Wow.

NATS: 282 carry.

HOMA: I just gotta get it to go straight. Which is not easy.

RYDER: Is this how he gripped it? (Yeah) It was that weak? (Yeah) Didn’t hate it.

MORIKAWA: There was like a rib down the middle. Most guys line it up pretty square, but it actually feels nice to me because I have a weak left hand.

NATS: 295. Wow.

MORIKAWA: Perfect, I’ll let you know if I need it this week.

EMILIANO GRILLO WINS CHARLES SCHWAB CHALLENGE

ANNC: He didn’t hang around, got straight here, just grabbed driver right away and he’s not one to mess around. Sees the shot, (uh oh) and goes ahead and swings away. This is right, going right, gotta watch out here. Over the gallery’s head at the 18th.

GRILLO: I've done it before. I've hit the exact same shot to the right of the tree.

ANNC: You’re not going to believe it. This is the golf ball of Emiliano Grillo. It’s in the water in this viaduct and that ball is moving.

GRILLO: I knew it, when I saw one of the marshals walk right of the tree, it was going to be a long wait until that ball stopped.

ANNC: Might be a lot of folks who want to go to a waterpark on Memorial Day weekend but Emiliano wasn’t one of them. You don’t see a 6 at 18 of Colonial very often.

We’re going to have a playoff. Schenk & Grillo.

He has been perfect from that range this week. Eight years since his last win and eight years was more than enough for Grillo.

GRILLO: It feels great. The wait was definitely worth it. Happy to be champion at Colonial. I get to put my name right next to Roberto De Vicenzo. I said it a few times that I wasn't going to retire without winning here.

Goals don't change. I'm going to try to go next week and hit the first fairway and the first green and make that putt, that's my plan. After that, I guess I'm getting to U.S. Open. I’m gonna try to get third win now.

FEDEXCUP STANDINGS

**GRILLO’S VICTORY THRUSTS THE ARGINTINE UP 39 SPOTS IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS TO 18TH. HIS HIGHEST POSITION THIS FAR INTO A SEASON IN HIS CARRER.**

COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10

**THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10 REMAINS LARGELY UNCHANGED WITH A PAIR OF T-29s IN TEXAS PUSHING KURT KITAYAMA UP TO 8TH AND SI WOO KIM BACK INSIDE THE TOP 10**

SENTRY TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS MAY QUALIFIERS

**WITH VICTORIES THIS MONTH, EMILIANO GRILLO AND TWO OTHER CHAMPIONS HAVE QUALIFIED FOR THE 2024 SENTRY TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS IN MAUI.**

CLARK: I've dreamt about this since I was probably 6 years old.

ANNC: And he’s made his family proud!

CLARK: You only can win your first tournament once, so I was really trying to soak it all in.

ANNC: He has been through so much since his last win in 2018.

DAY: There's been a lot of very hard work behind the scenes trying to get back to the winner’s circle again, back to the Sentry Tournament of Champions.

ANNC: What a shot for Jason Day. His family loves it.

DAY: For some reason I just thought I was going to win the tournament. I just had this calmness. It’s nice to get my 13th win.

**CLARK, DAY, AND GRILLO JOIN 15 OTHER PLAYERS WHO HAVE ALREADY QUALIFIED FOR THE SENTRY TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS, INCLUDING REIGNING CHAMPION, JON RAHM.**

SCRAMBLING LEADERS

**THE CUT PRESENTS, SCRAMBLING LEADERS.**

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

ANNC: Matt Kuchar in the bunker at 17. This is about as tough as it gets. And of course he hits another good one

ANNC: Sadly the third for Jason Day. Found the left trap off the tee. It’s a horrible shot to leave yourself, but he’s used the short game skills to get himself out of jail.

ANNC: Brian Harman from the bunker. Pretty close to his work here, he’s gonna have to hit a beauty.

BILLY HORSCHEL GRASSROOTS

HORSCHEL: There's three courses that I grew up playing. Summit View Golf Club in Grant, Florida is no longer in existence. It was sort of an executive part three course.

The Habitat at Valkaria, about 10 minutes from my house. Great little course, great little muni course that the county ran.

And then the next course I played for, you know, majority of my high school career would have been The Majors Golf Club in Palm Bay, Florida. A great course that when it opened up was the best course in the county. Unfortunately, right now the future of it's unknown.

YURIGAN: 1991, the county went in and they decided they wanted to get in the golf business and they had this property with the airport next door and they develop it. It's very unique. We don't have any homes on the property. The two nines are very different. The front nine is more on the on the west side of the property and as you're down there, it's a little lower area. You come up to the back nine and it's more on the dune line that you see coming down from the east coast of Florida. So, you get a nice transition of the to the two nines, which is kind of neat.

HORSCHEL: One of my great family friends, Alex Romanoff was the head pro there. Was the person who sort of gave me my first few lessons in the game of golf beyond my dad.

ROMANOFF: I think Billy was about seven or eight. I first met him when he would come to play golf with his dad. Big Bill played at the Habitat quite a bit. I could tell he had a real love for golf and that was great.

I think he first started playing Summit View, and then he started coming to The Habitat more often. Bill or Cathy would drop him off at the golf course and he’d be with me all day long.

He wanted to go to work and I couldn't hire him because he's 15 years old and that's when he went to The Majors. I was happy for Billy because Steve had played the TOUR and I had never played the TOUR. And I knew that would be information that could help Billy if he had that desire.

LAMONTANGE: The Majors from the very back tee is a very demanding golf course. It had five sets of tees so you could kind of maneuver your way into a little better scoring as obviously you move forward.

HORSCHEL: Another teacher there that I got to befriend was Steve Lamontagne, who played out here on the PGA TOUR, who was a Florida Gator, and he's one of the reasons why I was able to go to the University of Florida and play golf there.

LAMONTANGE: I met him in his sophomore year. He was out playing and practicing, and he started taking lessons with me. Literally almost worked with him every single day. He wanted to do this for a living, you could tell.

We sat down and I said, Billy, where would you want to go to school? And he goes, “you know what, I really want to be a Gator.” My connection at Florida at that time was Buddy Alexander. I called him up and I said, “Buddy, how many times have I called you for a player that I think ought to go play at University of Florida?” He goes, “you haven't done it, Steve” and I said, “I've got one now.”

HORSCHEL: I think the courses shaped me in a sense that you know, being dropped off as an eight, nine, ten-year-old at the golf course, interacting with the golfers, the older adults on the golf course. You learn how to communicate and share commonalities in the game of golf and in life and I think it made me more mature person at an earlier age.

ANNC: Billy Horschel is the winner of the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday!

YURIGAN: People come in all the time. Hey, how's Billy doing today? What's going on, did he make the cut? What's going on? And it's kind of neat to see how everybody is really into what's going on. Seeing somebody local make it, it's really neat and it's fun and his dad has been a great supporter of Golf Brevard.

LAMONTANGE: It gives a lot of kids something to shoot for and say, you know what, this this can happen here at Satellite High School or Bayside High School.

ROMANOFF: I'm proud of the game, the way he plays, but I'm more proud of the person he's become. He's a good father. He's a good husband. He works well in his community. Those are great things.

TOUR PLAYLIST

**BILLY HORSCHEL WILL TRY TO DEFEND HIS TITLE IN DUBLIN, OHIO STARTING THURSDAY AGAINST AN IMPRESSIVE FIELD THAT INCLUDES 15 OF THE TOP 20 PLAYERS IN THE WORLD.**

TOURNAMENT INSIGHTS

**TOURNAMENT INSIGHTS FOR THE MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT PRESENTED BY WORKDAY.**

ANNC: This golf course is long, it is strong, and it is amped up. Renovations have strengthened it. It’s got a little bite back.

**THE PGA TOUR RETURNS TO MUIRFIELD VILLAGE WHICH ALREADY SERVED AS A DEMANDING TEST FOR GOLFERS BUT FOLLOWING A RENOVATION IN 2020 HAS FOUND ITSELF IN THE TOP TEN OF TOUGHEST COURSES ON TOUR IN THE TWO SEASONS SINCE.**

HORSCHEL: Putting the ball in the fairway is crucial. Having control of your, your second shot, it’s a very second shot golf course.

CANTLAY: A lot of the golf course is, is still the same old golf course and so it’s still a place I feel very comfortable.

**THIS WEEK PATRICK CANTLAY COULD BECOME THE 3RD PLAYER TO WIN THE MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT PRESENTED BY WORKDAY 3 OR MORE TIMES JOINING KENNY PERRY AND TIGER WOODS.**

ANNC: It might go in. It is in! Ha ha ha! That was incredible!

WOODS: I just feel comfortable on this golf course. For some reason over the course of my career, I just have a good feeling of how to play the golf course.

**TOURNAMENT HOST JACK NICKLAUS WILL ONCE AGAIN OPEN THE DOORS TO MUIRFIELD VILLAGE AND PREPARE TO CROWN THE 48TH CHAMPION OF THE MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT PRESENTED BY WORKDAY AT THE 8TH DESIGNATED EVENT OF THE SEASON.**

RULES CORNER: ZACH JOHNSON @ 2012 CHARLES SCHWAB CHALLENGE

ANNC: All you had to avoid was doing anything crazy and instead he hits just a superb shot.

MUTCH: In 2012 Zach Johnson came to the 18th hole with a three-shot lead, thank God. He had a five-foot par putt, Jason Dufner asked him to move the ball to the side, which is very common.

JOHNSON: I told my caddie, I want to win this thing. I'm going to make this thing I'm going to make it one by three and get out of here.

ANNC: That's a par and a win! Zach Johnson, he's gonna celebrate this.

MUTCH: We had at the time an official watching it on TV in our office and he said, you might want to go get with Zack as soon as you can to make sure he put the ball back.  
  
JOHNSON: Rules official comes out to me and he said, “hey, did you move your mark?” I’m like, yes, I did move my mark. “Did you move it back?” And I said, “no, I did not move it back.”  
  
MUTCH: Zack looked at me and his face turned stone and he said, “now what?” I said, “Zack, it's a two-shot penalty. Fortunately, it's not a serious breach. We just need you to sign for the right score for the hole and you should win by one.”

JOHNSON: You're thinking so much of, the tournaments over in my mind, and it shouldn't be but it is and I just it was a complete brain fart.

MUTCH: When they put the plaid jacket on him on the 18th green, all the results were final. If we had not gotten to him in 2012 and he signed for a lower score, he would have been disqualified. In 2019 the rules of golf changed, if that were to happen, he would just get the applicable penalty of two shots, and he still would have won by one.

That one incident actually spurred onto our committee how important it was for us to have somebody watching the broadcast. Now we have somebody in there watching it all day long, extremely important with the amount of money that we're paying for out here.

VINCENT NORRMAN

ANNC: That’s Vincent Norrman, PGA TOUR Rookie. He was 23rd on the Korn Ferry Tour money list in the regular season to earn his PGA TOUR card for the very first time and here he is, playing very, very well.

NORRMAN: It's been a lot of fun. I’m learning a ton here every week, I feel like. I got off to a slow start, but now I think we're getting in the groove of things and playing better golf. I don't even know what I'm doing different. It's just clicking and it's putting a score up.

It's tougher. Your small misses, you’re getting way more punished for it here with the rough being up and usually firmer greens and stuff. So, it's more of a grind I'd say, but it's that's why we play I think. I love it. I think it's how it should be.

ANNC: He maintained his spot in The 25 with a top 40 finish this week, enjoy that walk. Ladies and Gentlemen from Stockholm, Sweden, Vincent Normann.

NORRMAN: I didn't expect it. I wanted it, but I mean, I guess I didn't really expect it. I guess it's not many people that do that, especially through the regular season. I mean it's pretty cool.

Most of the Korn Ferry guys come straight out here and compete. Looking at the points on the Korn Ferry throughout the year, it's so close to getting your card or just missing out and it really prepares you to step up and play good golf and put a score on the score card. Korn Ferry’s very underrated with the talent they got.

ANNC: He’s really been playing nicely, 4 top 25s in his last 6 events, this will be 5 out of 7. His best result on the PGA TOUR to date. Some money in the back pocket and some FedExCup points to elevate that standing.

NORRMAN: It’s been so much fun. I just can't wait to go back there and relive those moments. It's that's why I want to be here and play and it's so cool to play with some of those guys, too that I've always looked up to my whole life and then you’re there in one of the final pairings and you're like, this is pretty cool.

NORRMAN: Most of the Swedes have been super nice to me, good friends with Alex Noren, which I grew up on the same course as and all he did I try to just mimic. So, he's been super nice to me too out here and it's helped me a lot with just small stuff, getting comfortable and having a good time.

ANNC: Chance to get to 13 for Norrman, he grabs it as well! Nice round of golf Vincent Norrman’s got going today.

NORRMAN: Always been some sort of a ball striker my whole career and then the last few weeks the putter has been starting to get a little hotter, a little better. I think that's where my good play’s come from.

I've learned a lot, just being there and I think you have to be in those moments and kind of get used to it before you know what's going on with your mind and your emotions and stuff and you just put yourself there enough, sooner or later it has to happen.