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**GOLF’S PREEMINENT CHAMPIONSHIP – THE FEDEXCUP – IS THE GAME’S MOST DIFFICULT TROPHY TO WIN…**

**AS THE ODDS ARE ASTRONOMICALLY SMALL – WITH ONLY 13 DIFFERENT PLAYERS WINNING THE TITLE OUT OF MORE THAN 2,700 WHO TEED IT UP ON TOUR SINCE THE CUP’S INCEPTION IN 2007…**

**BROKEN DOWN BY SEASON, THE ODDS ARE EVEN LESS, WITH A 0.15% CHANCE TO WIN THE SEASON-LONG RACE…**

**BUT IMPOSSIBLE IS WHAT THEY PLAY FOR…**

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: It would be a ton of fun to win the FedExCup…

ANNC: The Scheffler victory train just keeps on rollin’!

**THE REIGNING CHAMPION PROVED THAT IMPOSSIBLE IS JUST A WORD…**

ANNC: Rory McIlroy wins a third FedExCup title!

RORY McILROY: I would put that up with some of the biggest achievements I've had in the game.

**SO WHY *THEM*? WHY WILL *THEY* BEAT THE ODDS AND ENGRAIN THEMSELVES IN THE HISTORY OF THE CUP – ADDING TO NOT ONLY THEIR PROFILE, BUT THEIR COUNTRY’S…**

JON RAHM: It would be amazing to be the first player from Spain.

ANNC: Jon Rahm wins again! He’s making it a habit!

ANNC: From Oslo to Ohio…victory for Viktor at the Memorial Tournament!

VIKTOR HOVLAND: I feel like we're going in the right direction.

ANNC: Canada has yet another winner on the PGA TOUR this season!

NICK TAYLOR: Every week there’s a Canadian flag up near the leaderboard. I feel like we're better than we ever have been.

ANNC: Oh, my goodness! Glorious!

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: To not yet having a player from Asia, win the Tour Championship is something that motivates me.

ANNC: Tom Kim is a two-time winner before the age of 21!

TOM KIM: It's a big goal of mine. I'm really up for the challenge and I can't wait for the playoffs.

**THOUGH THE PROBABILITIES ARE SLIM FOR SOME, IT’S NOT IMPROBABLE. WILL THERE BE A 14TH DIFFERENT PLAYER WHO BEATS THE ODDS?**

*MEMPHIS IN BUMP*

ANNC: Simply the best have made their way to Memphis.

ANNC: Memphis, Tennessee home with of blues, rock and roll, Elvis Presley.

ANNC: This is where the PGA TOUR has been coming this city for 66 straight years. Late 80s here at the TPC Southwind.

ANNC: Best in the game on the PGA TOUR playing here.

*FEDEX ST. JUDE CHAMPIONSHIP OPENING ROUNDS*

ANNC: Get comfortable because the playoffs have started.

ANNC: Rory, Rahm, and Scheffler not only are they the top three players in the FEDEXCUP at the moment, but statistically, they’re the three best ball strikers on TOUR as well.

**JON RAHM, THE FEDEXCUP LEADER, STRUGGLES WITH A 3 OVER OPENING ROUND THAT LEAVES HIM TIED FOR 65th ... WHILE RORY MCILROY AND SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER FIND THEMSELVES IN THE MIX EARLY.**

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER SOT: I'm treating this year more as trying to build up for East Lake. I am kind of trying to build my way into that tournament. You know I didn't come here to Memphis to finish 20th and be ecstatic with it. We've got a lot of guys out here that are playing well, and it should be an exciting finish to the year.

**FOR THE TOP THREE, IT’S A LOCK TO MOVE ON, BUT FOR OTHERS LIKE HIDEKI MATSUYAMA, MACKENZIE HUGHES, AND CAM DAVIS … THE NEAR IMPOSSIBLE FEAT TO ADVANCE IN THE PLAYOFFS LOOMS.**

ANNC: Hideki Matsuyama, big week for him. Trying to make it to Chicago. This on an aggressive line. That’s perfect right there.

ANNC: Good stroke there, Hughes finishes the day 5-under

ANNC: That stretch of holes birdie, eagle, birdie now.

CAM DAVIS SOT: I had a little hot stretch on the back nine there for a few holes, so it was a good start to the tournament, good start to the week. More of that would be good.

**MATSUYAMA, HUGHES, AND DAVIS ARE ABLE TO POSITION THEMSELVES TO MAKE A MOVE OVER THE WEEKEND. BUT NOT LONG AGO, DAVIS’S GAME WAS AT A STANDSTILL.**

*CAM DAVIS FEATURE*

ANNC: Cam Davis who was right there on the bubble.

**WITH ONLY THE 3M OPEN AND THE WYNDHAM CHAMPIONSHIP TO GET INTO, AND STAY, WITHIN THE TOP 70, CAM DAVIS PLAYED FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE AND ROSE UP THE RANKINGS FROM SEVENTY-SEVENTH TO SIXTY-SECOND…**

ANNC: Just go on in. Cameron Davis for a two.

**…TO SECURE A TEE TIME AT THE FEDEX ST JUDE CHAMPIONSHIP.**

CAM DAVIS SOT: I've been in a situation the last three weeks now of just having to play good golf if you want to keep moving forward. And in some regards, that's kind of freeing. I'm not protecting anything. I'm not playing scared. I need to play aggressive golf and keep my pedal to the metal.

CAM DAVIS SOT: I just didn't have much energy for the first couple of months of the year. I kind of had a cold that just wouldn't go away.

ANNC: He’s pushed this one as well. Yeah, a little mental check out here.

CAM DAVIS SOT: The lack of energy and lack of ability to focus for extended periods of times just made it really difficult to play and I tried to play through it which was a mistake.

ANNC: That was the full 360 treatment which you very rarely see. That won't send you off in the greatest of moods.

CAM DAVIS SOT: Feeling healthy was a big, big starting point for me to start playing well again.

CAM DAVIS SOT: Mentally, I'm starting to figure out what works for me.

ANNC: He’s played well in some big events.

CAM DAVIS SOT: I had my best finish in a major. I had my best finish in the Players Championship as well by a long way.

ANNC: Trying to join the party of chasers. Nicely done by Davis. Yeah, that's nice. This guy came in here missing five cuts in a row.

CAM DAVIS SOT: It's the first time in a long time where all parts of my game have been in a pretty good place.

CAM DAVIS SOT: The season has come down to the putting kind of trending in a good direction and now I need to maintain it and keep improving it.

ANNC: So, Cam Davis parred the first nine holes and has now gone birdie eagle to get to minus eight.

CAM DAVIS SOT: I've got a good system working now that I'm doing week in week out. I think I'm giving myself a better and better chance. I'm looking for that week where everything works 100% all the way through and you know, maybe this week's the week. We'll have to wait and see, but hopefully it's not too far away.

*FESJ OPENING ROUNDS PART 2*

**LIKE DAVIS, THERE ARE OTHERS WHO HOPE TO MAKE THIS WEEK… \**THEIR\** WEEK**

ANNC: Nobody has matched Jordan Spieth to this point working his magic at 16 from off the green.

**AFTER AN OPENING ROUND 63 AND A ONE-SHOT LEAD, JORDAN SPIETH FOLLOWS IT UP WITH A 68 AND SITS SECOND AT THE HALFWAY POINT.**

ANNC: Lucas Glover, this for Eagle at sixteen. Coming off a win and a 66 yesterday.

**MEANWHILE, LUCAS GLOVER STAYS HOT ON FRIDAY AND CARDS A 64 TO GO INTO SATURDAY AT THE TOP OF THE LEADERBOARD.**

LUCAS GLOVER SOT: Playing well, and executing pretty much what I'm seeing, so don't over think it and no need to change anything, just keep riding it.

ANNC: And we’ve got a beautiful leaderboard. Meritorious for an event like this.

*FEDEX ST. JUDE CHAMPIONSHIP THIRD ROUND*

ANNC: We’ve got similar conditions to what we’ve seen the first two rounds, so I think it’s just going to be; take aim.

**TAKING AIM ON MOVING DAY, IS THIRD RANKED RORY MCILROY.**

ANNC: Trying to get out of here with a bogey. How about that 3? No big deal.

**HIS PAR SAVE ON 14 SHIFTS HIS MOMENTUM.**

RORY MCILROY SOT: That chip-in for par on 14 was big for me and then to birdie the next three holes was huge. Five back going into tomorrow, I could catch fire and hopefully make a run.

**FOR OTHERS JOCKEYING FOR BETTER POSTITIONS,** **THEY’RE TRYING TO KEEP THAT IMPOSSIBLE DREAM ALIVE.**

ANNC: For the second straight day, it’s going to be 68 for Jordan. Building a little cushion for himself to get into the TOUR Championship.

**STILL RIGHT ON THE NUMBER IS MACKENZIE HUGHES.**

ANNC: 4th birdie of the day but 5 over par. It looks like that birdie is going to keep him at 50th in the projections. There’s just so many players right at that spot right now.

**ALSO CONTINUING THE FIGHT IS CAM DAVIS…**

ANNC: It was a bit of a grind today. Hung in there well, had a little stretch on the back nine to get myself back sort of in it.

ANNC: Yes, that’s the way. So, Davis needed it too.

**HIS BACK-NINE HOWEVER DOESN’T HELP HIS CAUSE.**

ANNC: Cam Davis is gonna surrender a shot here. 8-under par, just outside top 10. He’s going to be a guy that has a lot of pressure on that round tomorrow. Top 50 get in, he’s projected 48th at the moment.

CAM DAVIS SOT: I'll put my head down, try to make as many birdies as I can and see what happens at the end of that.

**VIKTOR HOVLAND, SEVENTH IN THE STANDINGS, AIMS FOR THE TOP OF THE LEADERBOARD.**

ANNC: Viktor Hovland making a move, this for eagle.

**BUT A DOUBLE BOGEY ON THE 18TH HOLE STALLS THE NORWEGIAN…**

ANNC: For a bogey. Oh my gosh, heartbreak. You shoot now 65 and what are you feeling like tonight after you double-bogey the last hole?

**THREE CONSECUTIVE ROUNDS OF 66 PUTS TOMMY FLEETWOOD IN POSITION TO CHALLENGE FOR THE TITLE.**

ANNC: A birdie for Tommy. Can Tommy Fleetwood make his first win on the PGA TOUR a FEDEXCUP Playoff event.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD SOT: Everything I’m doing is going really really well. It’s just about going into tomorrow and focusing having another good day and winning the day. And we’ll see where we end up at the end of it.

**HE’S STILL CHASING LUCAS GLOVER, WHO IS IN POSITION FOR A 2ND STRAIGHT WIN.**

ANNC: Lucas Glover, the hot streak continues, look at the way that ball is rolling.

LUCAS GLOVER SOT: I felt really good today, and that's good leading up for tomorrow because they're coming. You know best players in the world are right behind me. If I take care of myself and do what I think I can and know I can, then I think I'll have a good chance come tomorrow afternoon.

ANNC: It’s going to be a great day. The course is going to be receptive. The scores are going to be low; we’ve got some huge names chasing.

*SEGMENT 2*

*FEDEX ST. JUDE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL ROUND*

ANNC: Lucas Glover looking to do something special here but at least those down at 9-under have a chance.

**TOMMY FLEETWOOD ENTERS THE DAY IN THIRD AT 12 UNDER, AND TWO SHOTS BACK…WHILE VIKTOR HOVLAND, RORY MCILROY AND PATRICK CANTLAY START AT MINUS NINE AND IN A TIE FOR SIXTH.**

**HOVLAND COOLS OFF –**

**MCILROY, FLEETWOOD AND CANTLAY TURN UP THE HEAT.**

ANNC: And now the lead change. Cantlay does get it to 15.

**ONLY TWO WEEKS REMOVED FROM BEING 112TH IN THE STANDINGS, GLOVER CONTINUES TO KEEP PACE WITH A FEW INCREDIBLE STROKES OF THE FLAT STICK.**

ANNC: Can he make two in a row? Yes, he can. What a putt for Glover. I’m a believer. 20ft at the 13th. 30ft for bogey here at 14.

**AND THE TWO AT THE TOP OF THE RANKINGS STRUGGLE….**

ANNC: Rahm struggled off the tee. Scheffler 62nd out of the 70 players in putting.

**AS OTHERS, LIKE HIDEKI MATSUYAMA, NEED TO MAKE A MOVE OR FACE THEIR SEASON’S END.**

ANNC: That was way up in the air with it. Oh yeah, Jim this is fantastic.

ANNC: So, Matsuyama’s not giving up on going to Chicago.

ANNC: Matsuyama is going to make it for the 10th straight year. 5 under the last 6 holes including an eagle.

**CAM DAVIS HAS A SENSATIONAL FINISH HIMSELF TO KEEP HIS DREAMS OF PLAYING FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE ALIVE.**

ANNC: He will be Chicago-bound. Four rounds in the 60s.

CAM DAVIS SOT: It's really satisfying to be able to know that I've got a tee time next week.

**BUT FOR MACKENZIE HUGHES MOVING INTO NEXT WEEK IS STILL UNCERTAIN.**

MACKENZIE HUGHES SOT: Today I was pretty proud of my effort, and it may or may not be enough, but I tried as hard as I could.

ANNC: Your work might be complete, but certainly your day is not. You’ve got to wait to find out whether you’re going to make it.

MACKENZIE HUGHES SOT: So, we'll see. A few guys are behind me finishing now. If they have a great finish, they can jump me.

ANNC: Mackenzie Hughes now whose been most of the day inside of it, he’s 51st.

**THE SEASON ENDS FOR HUGHES. AS PLAYERS RISE AND FALL ON THE BUBBLE, THE BATTLE FOR THE WIN CONTINUES FOR MCILROY AND FLEETWOOD WHO PULLS WITHIN ONE SHOT OF THE LEADER ON THE 16TH.**

ANNC: Tommy can get to 14. Taps that one in and does.

**ARE TWO PARS FOR FLEETWOOD AND A BIRDIE FOR MCILROY ENOUGH?**

ANNC: For birdie, yes. Mcilroy finishes with an amazing three at the 18th. He shoots 65 and you still have two golfers ahead of you.

**MCILROY FINISHES ONE BACK WITH MORE GOLF TO PLAY.**

**PATRICK CANTLAY CONTINUES TO STRIPE THE BALL IN ROUTE TO A CLEAN SCORECARD.**

ANNC: 64 for Patrick. Incredible play, six birdies 12 pars.

**BUT HE MUST WAIT TO SEE IF ITS ENOUGH AS GLOVER HAS A PRESSURE-FILLED PUTT ON THE 72ND.**

ANNC: This is for his 6th win. Get there. Boy, he had the read too. It was right in the heart.

ANNC: Two men will battle it out in Memphis.

**CANTLAY TEES IT UP FIRST AND TAKES A RISK THAT ISN’T REWARDED.**

ANNC: This is a bullet that is dangerous up the left side. Carry. Woah, woah, woah. And it tumbles in.

ANNC: Has to make it or Glover is the champion. Got a chance. Oh, singe the edge. And Lucas Glover goes back-to-back.

LUCAS GLOVER SOT: Ten years up until this run, I've underachieved and knew it, it was just believing in myself.

ANNC: He has fought his way through all sorts of adversity back to the top. It is going to be a fun couple of weeks watching to see if he can keep this going.

*LEADERBOARD*

**WITH HIS 2ND CONSECUTIVE VICTORY, LUCAS GLOVER JUMPS 45 SPOTS TO 4TH THANKS TO HARD WORK AND A RECENT EQUIPMENT CHANGE.**

*LUCAS GLOVER FEATURE*

NATS: What's the process been like changing putters, what feels different?

SOT GLOVER: Everything. I think that's what I needed, just a massive wholesale change.

ANNC: That is just 2 foot 6 inches, not good.

ANNC: His putting is letting him down a little bit.

SOT GLOVER: I made up my mind that something was going to change, and I was going to try the long one, and then if that didn't feel good, I was gonna try left-handed. That's how far down the road I was. Nothing I did worked, nothing I practiced worked. Brain was just fried. Ten years of dealing with it and not understanding it, and not realizing that I could just lose all feeling over a 10-inch putt. Fax and I been working together a little bit, and he finally said, 'you know, I think you need to try this'. So, I did*,* I just ordered one and asked for Adam Scott's specs from the putter rep. I said we're about the same height, I don't want to know anything else, and I'll teach myself how to do this. Spent a couple days in the garage and figured out how to stand, and then took it to the practice green and spent about ten days working on it.

ANNC: Go ahead and make it. Turn, turn, turn. That's what he does! The man from Greenville is a winner in Greensboro.

ANNC: Oh, he's done it!

SOT GLOVER: Still doing what I've always done well, and I'm putting like I should have all those years too so, to be here where I started the season, pretty gratifying.

*CHICAGO IN BUMP*

ANNC: The golfing pride on the South Side.

RAHM SOT:The point of coming to the playoffs is to give yourself the best chance to get to East Lake on the number one spot.

ANNC: This course, this club, this town has a reputation of being tough; let the grind continue.

*BMW CHAMPIONSHIP OPENING ROUNDS PART 1*

ANNC: Second round of the playoffs, top 50 in the FedEx cup race competing here trying to get into the top 30 and advance to east lake in the tour championship. Beautiful right now but it didn't look like this obviously couple hours ago.

**THE CONDITIONS ONLY ADD TO THE INTENSITY OF THE TASK AT HAND. POSITIONS 27 TO 33 ARE SEPARATED BY A MERE 180 POINTS, AND BIG NAMES ARE FIGHTING FOR THE FINAL SPOTS- LIKE JORDAN SPIETH, SAM BURNS, AND SAHITH THEEGALA.**

ANNC:Sahith Theegala, playing well. A hop, a spin, back in!

THEEGALA SOT:I think it’s impossible to ignore everyone would be lying if they didn't know exactly where they stood. I'm just going to try and put my best foot forward.

ANNC: Everyone knows about this talent in golf, from Chino Hills California just east of Los Angeles.

*SAHITH THEEGALA FEATURE*

SAHITH NAT: I definitely get my protein in when I'm at home.

SAHITH SOT: There was a switch, definitely at some point my golf where it went from like, okay you just have to win to going to more like you have to do your best and have fun and, that's when both my parents were very encouraging.

MURLI NAT: Now that we see him less now, we kind of know what to prepare for him because we know it's like a short stay.

SAHITH NAT: I'm so lucky.

KURANA SOT: It's so hard for them because they're growing up here in American culture and I want to instill my values, my Indian roots, the closeness I had with my family. Here's my baby.

SAHITH NAT: Nineteen, still called baby all the time.

SAHITH SOT: For Indian people in general to see someone that looks like them be able to compete at the highest level.

ANNC: A huge save it is for Theegala.

SAHITH SOT: I'm just really happy I can kind of lead as an example for that. Just knowing that it's been done by other Indian golfers such as myself is definitely inspiration for the next generation, which is really, really cool.

SAHITH SOT: I’m gonna be learning no matter how long I play on TOUR. Hopefully it’s a long career but every step of the way I’m gonna be learning.

FAN NAT: Thank you, sir, appreciate it.

SAHITH NAT: Yeah, yeah, yeah, for sure. See ya. All right. Thank you, guys. See ya.

SAHITH SOT: I've only been on TOUR. Just over a year, but people are adding me to that list of Southern California golfers.

ANNC: His success on TOUR is really unfolding before our eyes.

SAHITH SOT: Both my parents came from India with nothing. And then my dad, he just wanted to give me the best opportunity possible. He's the reason I'm here.

MURLI SOT: There's something special in him. There's an intangible thing where you can't put a finger and say what it is.

ANNC: If you are Theegala, everyone knows who you are now, what's on the line. The chants through the tunnels.

MURLI SOT: Everyone chanting Theegala, Theegala.

SAHITH SOT: And then one of the lowest lows in my golf career at the end there. Finishing one short of the playoff there and hitting water on 17.

ANNC: Disappointment for the young man.

MURLI SOT: PGA TOUR is not easy. Sometimes you've got to get your breaks. He didn't get his breaks, but I think he played with the best players in the world the last few days, he didn't even blink.

ANNC: That's big when you're trying to get your status out here.

SAHITH SOT: All the emotions let loose and a lot of it was seemingly not golf related to me it was just like seeing my family there after, and seeing my mom and dad and brother and just that whole deal.

MURLI SOT: I'm very proud of him. He knows now he belongs here. His time will come. Like I said it's a marathon not a sprint.

ANNC: And more to come, for years to come.

ANNC: I love this guy. He’s one of the most enthusiastic golfers on the TOUR. He’s so exciting to watch.

SAHITH SOT: I’ve had another really, really good season. Started off hot. I kind of joked that I’ve been on a two-year heater. I felt like every week I was playing well.

SAHITH SOT: Golf's just a tough game. You never know when it's going to stop being good to you so I'm taking every moment as it comes. I'm just very thankful.

*OPENING ROUNDS PART 1 CONTINUED*

**THEEGALA FINISHES ROUND ONE TIED FOR 3RD…**

**MATT FITZPATRICK, NUMBER 40 IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS, ALSO NEEDS A STRONG FINISH TO ADVANCE.**

ANNC**:** Matthew Fitzpatrick for the solo lead here at 13… and gets it!

FITZPATRICK SOT**:** I feel like we turned the corner last Sunday. Really. And on and last few days with my driving.

ANNC**:** How about the projected bubble, by the way?  Sepp Straka at number 30 at the moment. Well, the big move to Fitzpatrick, but at the moment, you know, he's guaranteed a lot of points because he's in that logjam of four under.

**THIRD RANKED RORY MCILROY RISES ABOVE THAT LOGJAM AFTER A RISK PAYS OFF.**

ANNC:Through that gap towards the 17 behind the green, this is a big risk here.

MCILROY SOT:It was a bit of a hit and a hope. Just trying to thread that needle**.**

ANNC:Comes out great, got a chance, lookout. That was wild.

MCILROY SOT:it's only Thursday, I thought, what the heck, I'll take it on.

*BMW CHAMPIONSHIP OPENING ROUNDS PART 2*

ANNC: Still 54 holes remaining. Anything can happen in Chicago at the BMW Championship.

ANNC**:** Hideki Matsuyama, who did such great work late in the final round last week to get into the top 50, withdrew before the second round with a back injury.

**WHILE ONE STAR EXITS, ANOTHER SPRINGS TO THE TOP.**

ANNC: 2,000 points to the winner this week and projected to this man right now.

ANNC: The lowest round we've seen through the years at Olympia Fields. 62 for Max Homa, to ten under overall!

HOMASOT: Obviously, I holed a lot of putts, which you have to do to make ten birdies, but I felt like I was able to attack all day.

**MATT FITZPATRICK KEEPS HIMSELF IN POSITION TO ADVANCE AND REMAINS TIED FOR 3RD. HE’S 3 SHOTS BACK AT 7 UNDER.**

MATT FITZPATRICK: Yeah, I'm delighted. I know where I need to be in that top 5 or 6, I think, to make East Lake. That's obviously one goal. These two rounds are sort of a really positive step in where I want it to be and going forward.

**FELLOW ENGLISHMAN, JUSTIN ROSE, TWO SPOTS OUTSIDE THE BUBBLE, HAS PLENTY RIDING ON THE WEEKEND.**

ANNC: Back-to-back finish slowing working his way up that list.

JUSTIN ROSE SOT: I'm 32. I'm on the outside looking in. I know the projections will change, but you can't cash a check until Sunday, so this is a huge championship to win. So, keep focused on the here and now.

**ROSE BOUNCES BACK FRIDAY WITH A 65 TO MEET RORY MCILROY IN A TIE FOR FIFTH. ONLY 36 HOLES REMAIN TO PROVE IMPOSSIBLE IS JUST A WORD.**

*SEGMENT 3*

*BMW CHAMPIONSHIP THIRD ROUND*

ANNC:The stakes couldn't be higher as players aim for glory and a coveted spot at next week's Tour championship.

**MOVING DAY AT OLYMPIA FIELDS AND PLAYERS ARE JOCKEYING FOR POSITION.**

ANNC:Sam Burns, he tied the course record today, which had been set just 24 hours prior by Max Homa, 62 for Sam Burns, rising up into the top ten.

BURNS SOT:I just want to go out there and play with confidence, play free, and see what happens.

**SECOND ROUND LEADER, MAX HOMA, FOLLOWED UP HIS 62 YESTERDAY, WITH A ONE OVER 71.**

ANNC: You got to give him a lot of credit it has not been pretty, but he hasn’t given up, he’s scratched and clawed for everything.

MAX HOMA SOT: I was proud of how I hung in there but I'm only a few back. I'm going to need some help, but I obviously know I can play this golf course well, and my game feels good.

ANNC: To tie the lead, three in a row oh beautiful.

**SCHEFFLER, WHO STARTED THE DAY TIED FOR FIFTH, VAULTS TO THE TOP OF THE LEADERBOARD.**

ANNC: If Scottie starts making putts you better lookout.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER SOT: At this point in the year, I'm definitely very tired but at the same time I didn't work this hard and for this long to just cash in the last two weeks. Just out here to put my best foot forward and continue to trend in the right direction.

**ALSO HEADING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION IS VIKTOR HOVLAND, WHO STARTED THE DAY TIED FOR 13TH.**

ANNC: Par five. Viktor Hovland for eagle and that is the first eagle on a par five this week.

**ALL EYES SHIFT FOCUS MIDWAY THROUGH TO THAT TOP 30 BUBBLE AND ONLY TWO, JUSTIN ROSE AND MATT FITZPATRICK, ARE PROJECTED TO MOVE IN.**

ANNC:Does it help him this week this to tie the lead… yes sir!

**ON SITE TO HELP SUPPORT FITZPATRICK’S SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE TASK ARE HIS FORMER COLLEGE ROOMATES.**

*FAVORITE ENGLISH MUFFIN FAN FEATURE*

QUINN BAKER NAT: Let’s go Fitzy.

ANNC: Fitzpatrick actually started college at Northwestern.

NATHAN TAPHORN SOT: I was the only basketball player coming in. He was the only golfer coming in at Northwestern and it turned out him and I had a class together. I said, “Are you Matt?” He goes, are you Nate?” and I was like, “yeah”, so then we kind of just stayed in touch ever since.

QUINN BAKER SOT: I was walk-on on the football team. I got notified that there was an odd number of freshman football players. I’d actually be living with a golfer. And at first, I was like, a golfer. I looked him up and he is the number one amateur in the world. At that point. I was pretty pumped to be living with him. Then, we met freshman year in the dorm. He lasted about nine weeks with me, but we’ve stayed friends.

NATHAN TAPHORN NAT: Get close.

QUINN BAKER NAT: Run up there.

NATHAN TAPHORN NAT: Go, go go. Kick left. Right there. Whoa.

QUINN BAKER NAT: Do it do it. Gah.

NATHAN TAPHORN SOT: So, my brother and I were here Thursday, and he was struggling first for the first like five or six holes. And we started taking the hats off, tucking shirts in, and drinking certain drinks and then all of a sudden, he started making birdies and we're like we got to stick with this.

ANNC: And gets it putting together a really nice opening day here.

NATHAN TAPHORN NAT: Pins in, bucket hats off, birdie switch on.

NATHAN TAPHORN NAT: Go, go. Go. Go. Turn, turn, turn.

QUINN BAKER NAT: Come on.

NATHAN TAPHORN NAT: That’s a dang good, that’s a lag that's a good lag there.

QUINN BAKER NAT: Good pace, good pace.

NATHAN TAPHORN NAT: I like that. That's pretty good.

NATHAN TAPHORN NAT: Hey buddy! How are you?

FAN NAT: Good day so far, huh?

NATHAN TAPHORN NAT: Dude, we’ve got to get some more birdies.

NATHAN TAPHORN NAT: Oh, be so good. Spin back. Right on the pin. Yeah. Yeah, Matt.

QUINN BAKER NAT: Let’s go!

NATHAN TAPHORN SOT: He's really, really funny. He's got a ton of great one-liners.

QUINN BAKER SOT: We had dinner with him on Thursday and we were probably just dying laughing the entire time. We don't get to spend too much time with him but when we do, we make the most of it.

QUINN BAKER NAT: He’s just our favorite little English muffin.

NATHAN TAPHORN NAT: That’s true.

*BMW CHAMPIONSHIP THIRD ROUND CONTINUED*

**MATT’S MATES WATCH AS HE MOVES TO THE TOP OF THE LEADERBOARD HEADING INTO THE FINAL ROUND.**

ANNC: He’s gone 66, 67, 66. That is some consistent great play, he shares the lead with Scheffler.

MATT FITZPATRICK SOT: There's no guarantee I'm in Atlanta yet. I've got to tap in on Sunday and in a good position. Happy to give myself at least a chance going into tomorrow. Definitely felt comfortable again out there, and just trying to build on it.

**VIKTOR HOVLAND STEADILY BUILDS MOMENTUM AND MOVES INTO A TIE FOR 5TH.**

ANNC**:** Can he cash in this time? Oh yeah! Hovy getting better every day… 69-68-65!

HOVLAND SOT**:** I feel like I'm never out of the tournament because of me cleaning up a couple of things that haven't been so good in the past.

ANNC: Look out tomorrow… it’s going to be all the way down to the wire.

*BMW CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL ROUND*

ANNC: Well it’s the warmest day of the week at the BMW Championship. It’s sticky but it’s also going to be riveting today.

NATS: Why not you, Scottie? Why not you? This is your day!

ANNC: We now have one round to go to figure out the final 30 to head to Atlanta and the TOUR Championship.

ANNC: You don’t think these guys are aware of how important every shot is!? That finality to your season possibly ending is wearing on them!

ANNC: Today is going to be fun!

**HOVERING ON THE BUBBLE OF THE TOP 30 IS MORE COMPLEX THAN IT APPEARS – AND AN EXPERT IS ON SITE TO EXPLAIN PROBABLE OUTCOMES.**

ALTER SOT: Today I'll be advising players on who will be advancing in the FedEx Cup into the Tour championship and the final 30. I'll be talking to them after they get out of scoring. And there's a handful of players, four on each side, four who are on the cusp of getting in, four on the cusp or are just on the outside looking in.

**THE WAIT FOR THE FINISH ONLY MAKES IT HARDER.**

TOM ALTER NATS: Jason, you're currently 26, but you're virtually a lock to go to Atlanta. Tom, You're currently projected 16th. There are three guys here. They all can have a chance to jump in, but that's three because that's not going to bother you because you're 27, then you're going to be in good shape. Okay, See you next week.

**WHILE PLAYERS VIE FOR A COVETED SPOT, SAHITH THEEGALA’S PLAYOFF RUN HANGS IN THE BALANCE WITH A BOGEY ON HIS FINAL HOLE.**

THEEGALA NATS: I figured if I made the one on the last, I’d be good.

TOM ALTER NATS: Yeah, you were there inside before that putt.

**FOR SEPP STRAKA, AFTER STRUGGING THE FIRST THREE ROUNDS, A FINAL ROUND 66 LEAVES HIM HOVERING RIGHT AROUND THE BUBBLE AND WAITS TO LEARN HIS FATE.**

SEPP STRAKA: I feel like that bogey on the last was pretty costly. Yeah, no clue. I haven't really looked a whole lot. It's tough out there, I just knew that every shot was really important.

ALTER NATS: Right now, you’re projected 32. But you’re only 20 points out. There’s a chance that some guys could fall back, and you can kind of sneak back into the top 30.

ANNC: Things are kind of changing by the second based on what’s happening on both sides, ahead of you, behind you…

TOM KIM SOT: So, Jordan is?

ALTER NATS: He’s on the inside right now, by three points. Jordan’s still at 30th, he’s in by three points.

ANNC: We know how massive this is. Jordan for par. Full outside the cup I would’ve bet that was in. Oh wow. Back-to-back bogeys to finish. It’s gonna be a long afternoon watching that bubble.

ALTER NATS: Schenk needs to make two birdies coming in to take away those points. The thing is, you’re only in by one point right now.

SPIETH NATS: He has to make two birdies?

ALTER NATS: Two birdies.

**SCHENK DOESN’T CONVERT. WHEN THE DUST SETTLES FROM A ROLLERCOASTER AFTERNOON, ROSE IS OUT, AND SPIETH FINDS HIMSELF IN 29TH AND ON HIS WAY TO EAST LAKE.**

ANNC: Odd man out is Theegala at 31. If Theegala had made par at 18, he would be inside, and Straka would be out.

**THANKS TO HIS STRONG PLAY, MATT FITZPATRICK IS THE ONLY COMPETITOR STARTING OUTSIDE THE TOP 30 TO MAKE IT IN.**

MATT FITZPATRICK SOT: I feel like my game is definitely in better shape than it was, and yeah, looking forward to getting to next week and working on it some more, and hopefully still progressing.

ANNC: The world number one is putting on a clinic tee to green on.

**IT’S NOW A PLAY FOR THE TOP OF THE STANDINGS AND AN ADVANTAGE TO START THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP…**

ANNC: He didn't miss that! Huge putt at the right time. And a little separation!

**MAKING HIS MOVE IS VIKTOR HOVLAND.**

ANNC: Banged it in the back! Hovland moves to 16-under tied with Scheffler with one to go.

ANNC: Five under for the round. But you kind of feel like he still left some out there.

SCHEFFLER SOT: I was just kind of trying to stay in my own little world. I know he's playing really well and yeah; I was just trying to do my best to keep pushing forward.

ANNC: Looks like a good line. Oh, my. Does it ever? Right next to the hole!

ANNC: Looking for his 12th three of the day and a course record. And who knows? Maybe a trophy.

HOVLAND: I just kept on focusing. Shot for shot and got closer to Fitzy and Scottie and just kept pouring it on.

ANNC: Course record for the lead. It's just your everyday six and a half footer. Up to the moment, Viktor Hovland at his absolute best. Started the day three behind throws a little 61 at it.

SCHEFFLER SOT: 61 is a pretty fantastic round, especially on Sunday pressure and Viktor went out and really just beat me today.

MATT FITZPATRICK: Can't do anything about 61. But for me, I played really well final round in contention with World No. 1, and I didn't lose it. Someone else came from behind and won it.

HOVLAND SOT: To win at a place like this amongst the best players in the world, to do it that way, making seven birdies the last nine holes and to beat those guys. It was pretty cool.

*FINAL LEADERBOARD/FINAL STANDINGS*

**HOVLAND’S 61 IS THE LOWEST FINAL ROUND IN THE HISTORY OF THE FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS. AND WITH HIS VICTORY, THE NORWEGIAN MOVES UP FIVE PLACES INTO SECOND BEHIND SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS HEADING TO EAST LAKE.**

HOVLAND SOT: It's so important to be not too many shots behind the lead going into East Lake. And now I'm chasing down the leader and I've got a whole lot of guys behind me as well, so it'll be a little different setting, but so just got to play golf.

HOVLAND NATS: Ladies and gentlemen, it is such an honor. Thanks for coming out so far today. And it's been a very special week and special moment for me. So, thanks for being a part of that.

NATS: Cheers for the boys.

*SEGMENT 4*

*ATLANTA IN BUMP*

ANNC: It’s where the road for the PGA TOUR season has ended the past couple of decades. Atlanta: the stakes are as big as they get on the PGA TOUR this year… The TOUR Championship, the FedExCup on the line.

*TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP OPENING ROUNDS*

ANNC: FedExCup finale from historic East Lake in Atlanta, deep into August brings heat. Call it sweat equity. Biggest prize in professional golf will have been hard earned. Fifth year using the starting strokes format, Scottie Scheffler beginning at 10 under par.

SOT SCHEFFLER: I try to approach each round the same way, but I mean yeah, it is a bit weird starting a tournament with the lead.

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER DOESN’T HOLD THE LEAD FOR LONG, AS THE WORLD NUMBER ONE STUMBLES OUT OF THE GATE, POSTING A ONE OVER 71.**

ANNC: It's hot out here and you gotta wonder if the concentration level's waning a bit with this heat.

**FRESH OFF HIS WIN IN CHICAGO, VIKTOR HOVLAND CONTINUES HIS SCORCHING PLAY AND GRABS A SHARE OF THE LEAD WITH A STRESS-FREE OPENING ROUND.**

SOT HOVLAND: Bogey-free is always nice, especially around this track. I felt like I played a little bit better than the score, but hopefully that comes tomorrow or the rest of the week.

**KEEGAN BRADLEY JOINS HOVLAND ATOP THE LEADERBOARD WITH A 7 UNDER 63.**

SOT KEEGAN: I played great. I've been playing this last month under so much pressure every week, it seems like, and to go out there and shoot a round like that felt really nice.

**BUT THE LOW ROUND OF THE DAY BELONGS TO COLLIN MORIKAWA, WHO FIRES A CAREER-BEST 61 AFTER STARTING THE DAY NINE SHOTS BACK.**

ANNC: That is some round of golf for Collin Morikawa! His lowest ever round on the PGA TOUR.

SOT MORIKAWA: It feels great. No better time, I guess, than our TOUR Championship to show up and start playing some golf.

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER RESPONDS WITH A STRONG FRIDAY SHOWING, FINDING HIS GROOVE ON THE GREENS.**

ANNC: And there’s Scottie Scheffler rolling the rock today. Credit to the bounce back too.

**ALSO CHARGING UP THE LEADERBOARD ARE A COUPLE OF PROVEN CHAMPIONS AT EAST LAKE.**

ANNC: Rory for 67. Good finish. Rory with a chance to become the first ever to win back-to-back FedExCup titles.

ANNC: 64 here today for Xander Schauffele. Never once shot over par here.

SOT XANDER: Just trying to give myself a chance, yeah. I was pretty far back to start. If you're golfing your ball, you can make it happen.

**BUT MATCHING SCHAUFFELE’S LOW ROUND IS CO-LEADER VIKTOR HOVLAND.**

SOT HOVLAND: if you're constantly in the fairway on this golf course, you can really be aggressive with some of the iron shots in there. Just been able to give myself a lot of looks.

ANNC: No one has driven it better than Viktor so far through 36 holes. He looks like the guy to beat right now.

**COLLIN MORIKAWA KEEPS PACE WITH THE NORWEGIAN AND CARDS HIS SECOND STRAIGHT BOGEY-FREE ROUND.**

ANNC: How about that start to the championship Frank. Yeah 61, 64 beats his best by five shots for 36 holes. Great playing.

SOT MORIKAWA: I know that there's still 36 holes left to golf. The best players in the world don't shy away from these moments. Get ready you know; it's not going to be a breeze to just finish this off.

*COLLIN MORIKAWA FEATURE*

**MORIKAWA’S STRONG PLAY IS NOT ONLY TIMELY FOR A CRACK AT THE ULTIMATE PRIZE, BUT HIS PERSONAL CONNECTION TO MAUI, WHERE TRAGIC WILDFIRES SWEPT THROUGH THE ISLAND IN AUGUST.**

SOT MORIKAWA: It hits my heart and my family pretty deep. My entire dad’s side of the family, my grandparents were both born in Maui, especially in Lahaina. That's kind of where they all grew up. We used to have the Morikawa Restaurant on Front Street. When you see us play the Sentry Tournament of Champions, it's one of the most special places we get to go in the entire world.

**IN AN EFFORT TO RAISE MONEY AND AWARENESS, MORIKAWA PLEDGED TO DONATE $1,000 PER BIRDIE IN THE FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS.**

ANNC: Since the start of the playoffs, 44 birdies, $44,000 to the relief efforts in Maui.

SOT MORIKAWA: I know they're fighting out there and they're going to do what they can to get back and stronger. But, you know, there's a lot of history on that front street. I think that week we’ll be playing for the people there.

*TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP THIRD ROUND*

ANNC: Atlanta, Georgia, and East Lake Golf Club. It’s round three with a leaderboard to behold.

ANNC: Can Hovland go back-to-back in a field that’s loaded with nothing but stars? It’s going to be a fun weekend for us.

**ON A HOT AND HUMID MOVING DAY, MANY OF THE GAME’S BIGGEST STARS BEGIN TO WILT.**

ANNC: Rahm just going with a fairway wood for accuracy. That was desperate, that’s found the water.

ANNC: Morikawa, what a difference a day makes. He did not like the strike at all Ian. Short, in the bunker. That will not be good.

ANNC: This one is dangerous. Careful. Wow, bounced back into the water. Oh boy. He has just been all out of sorts today.

**JON RAHM, SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER AND COLLIN MORIKAWA ALL SHOOT OVER PAR ON SATURDAY. KEEGAN BRADLEY HOLDS STEADY AT EVEN PAR… BUT FAILS TO MAKE UP GROUND ON THE LEADERS.**

ANNC: He definitely needs to see one go in. We’re not seeing anyone make anything.

**XANDER SCHAUFFELE SEIZES THE OPPORTUNITY TO CLIMB UP THE LEADERBOARD.**

ANNC: Oh yeah, Xander Schauffele now three under for the day through seven holes and second alone.

**BUT VIKTOR HOVLAND CONTINUES TO ADD TO HIS LEAD.**

ANNC: He’s the guy on top of the board, he plays it straight in the hole. Suddenly four in front.

ANNC: Six it will be going into Sunday. It will be Hovland and Schauffele last out.

SOT: I know what I need to do. I need to go out and try and put as much pressure on him tomorrow on that front nine as I can and hope for the best.

SOT HOVLAND: The list of names that's been on that trophy is pretty special. It's just a great list of names that's won the tournament, and it would be awesome to have my name on there.

ANNC: Viktor Hovland, boy he dazzled everyone last week in Chicago. He’ll be out to do it again tomorrow in Atlanta.

*SEGMENT 5*

*TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL ROUND PART 1*

ANNC: It’s all about Viktor Hovland. Has this 54-hole lead of six. We saw a big comeback last year by Rory with six down going into the last round so, one never knows.

NATS: Now on the first tee, from Oslo, Norway, please welcome Viktor Hovland.

SOT HOVLAND: The game plan was trying to play as boring as possible. You know, just trying to play like Tiger back in the day when he would post a 69 or a 70 in a major championship and walk away with a victory.

ANNC: Dead center. Viktor Hovland, no letting up. Nice early statement there.

ANNC: He seems to always answer, so I expect a brilliant shot here. That’s what we’re talking about. How impressive was that shot?

**HOVLAND RACKS UP FOUR BIRDIES ON THE FRONT NINE, BUT SCHAUFFELE IS UNRELENTING, ATTACKING THE NEAR IMPOSSIBLE DEFECIT.**

SOT HOVLAND: I was 4-under through 6, and even then Xander just kept pouring it on.

ANNC: Oh yes, back-to-back. And what a start for him, has not missed a shot.

ANNC: Great birdie. Five under thru eight. Man, we are being treated to some great golf.

SOT XANDER: I'm sure we would have messed up a few best ball groups today if him and I were on the same team. I can tell you that much.

**THE FINAL ROUND QUICKLY BECOMES A TWO-HORSE RACE, BUT HOVLAND REFUSES TO GIVE IN.**

ANNC: He gives up nothing. Doesn’t give an inch. So, the margin stays at five, and now Xander is three clear of third.

ANNC: Second in greens-in-regulation, second in proximity, one in scrambling. Boy, he’s turned that around. You’d often see him chunking chips, just lost all confidence. Now, it’s a weapon.

*HOVLAND SHORT GAME FEATURE*

VIKTOR HOVLAND SOT: If you don't have a short game, that is a big disadvantage.

ANNC: Pretty straightforward pitch here. That was off the hozzle. That was a cold shank.

VIKTOR HOVLAND NAT: Finally working on my short game, pretty much dead last on TOUR. But now it’s going to change.

VIKTOR HOVLAND SOT: The tricky part of about short game is that you can make improvements, but you never have the same shot.

JOE MAYO SOT: When you're dealing with a player of that caliber, how can you tell me that a player can put a four iron on the back of the ball at 105 miles an hour and hit a four iron to a flag 250 yards away, but he can't chip the ball. I never accepted that. And he is showing to you now, he had it all along.

ANNC: Look out! His coach Joseph Mayo said his bunker play is better. I didn't believe it. I do now.

VIKTOR HOVLAND SOT: You're still gonna miss a green. It's inevitable. That's what's gonna happen at these big-time events. Having a better understanding of how to hit the shots that I need to hit. Understanding how and why it didn't work before.

JOE MAYO SOT: I just showed him the math and he's a very, very smart kid. And he understands the math behind a steep angle of attack, so he knew mathematically it was correct. We did not even start short game until Tuesday of Riviera. Tuesday of Riviera was just the first conversation, and then I immediately put in the steeper angle of attack moving forward and he started ripping ship shots off on day one.

VIKTOR HOVLAND SOT: It's been great to have someone kind of look at my game from a completely different standpoint.

ANNC: Is it another hole-out from Viktor? Yes!

VIKTOR HOVLAND SOT: I feel like now with my good ball striking and my short game I can rely on I feel like these hard golf course should suit me a lot better than they have in the past.

ANNC: From Oslo, to Ohio, Viktor Hovland is the Champion!

JOE MAYO SOT: From PLAYERS to Memphis, Victor is gaining point one seven six shots per round, which is actually above average. It puts him at about 55th. When I came on board, he was like 150th, and that's not my brilliant teaching. You're looking at an amazing player. And all he needed was just a little bit of good math, a little bit of good science, and he has taken it and he's running with it.

*TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL ROUND PART 2*

**WHILE HIS SHORT GAME IS DIALED IN, HIS PUTTER LEAVES HIM HANGING MID-ROUND.**

ANNC: Wow. Wow another near miss there. He knows he’s gotta keep making birdies.

**…WHILE SCHAUFFELE’S PUTTER STAYS HOT.**

ANNC: Beautiful, just beautiful. So, you’re saying there’s a chance? Oh yeah there is. Viktor watching his lead shrink. Game on.

SOT HOVLAND: After I missed those couple of short birdie putts early on the back nine, suddenly the lead was at three, and if I miss that putt on 14, it's suddenly two.

ANNC: If he makes this putt, it will be the longest putt he’s made all week. What a putt for Hovland! Just when you feel like things might be slipping the other way. A huge fist pump.

SOT XANDER: I had a chance to get to two and he made that bomb, which really hurt. I was charging all day and I felt like that really put a stop to me.

SOT HOVLAND: What he was doing today was very special and certainly it made this day a lot more stressful than I felt like it should have been after that start.

ANNC: He can ice the deal here. You can start the engraving if this goes in. Oh, Viktor! Four up, two to play.

SOT XANDER: I thought 62 would have let me get close to him, but I think the closest I got to was three shots back. He played unbelievably well. He made important putts and he's just played like a champ.

ANNC: The first Norwegian to play in The Masters, first to play in the Ryder Cup, first to win on TOUR, A lot of firsts for Viktor Hovland. The first Norwegian to win the FedExCup.

ANNC: You go to the upper reaches of Norway and you’re on top of the world. And now Viktor is too.

*SPEED DRONE*

ANNC: He’s the season long victor! He’s 25 and he’s a phenom. Viktor is victorious in HOTlanta! What a performance!

NORWEGIAN ANNC: We’re going to take that clenching fist home. A calm, beautiful, nice, FedExCup victory clench.

ANNC: A historic day for Hovland.

NATS: And that front nine, even though I was four under par, I had to make a lot of five six-footers for par that were downhill that broke a lot.

ANNC: What a season, what a champion. Viktor Hovland is Norway’s first FedExCup champion.

SOT HOVLAND: Even though I had the game to compete, I never truly believed it. I've just gotten better and better every single year, and with that comes the belief and I feel like the belief was the last missing piece.

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**VIKTOR HOVLAND BEAT THE ODDS AND BECAME THE 14TH DIFFERENT FEDEXCUP CHAMPION.**

**IMPOSSIBLE ACCOMPLISHED.**